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## FOREWORD

The PDP-11 COBOL User's Guide is intended primarily for reference use. It is a companion guide to the PDP-11 COBOL Language Reference Manual. Because it is not a tutorial guide for beginning programmers, you should have a working knowledge of the COBOL language.

This guide describes the COBOL file structures, data formats, some of the features of the PDP-11 COBOL Version 3 compiler, error messages generated by the compiler and run-time systems, I/O devices available with the system, some hints on good programming practices, some techniques for debugging source programs, and a description of the PDP-11 COBOL utility programs COBRG and REFORMAT.

Those wishing to learn the COBOL language are referred to the following tutorial manuals:

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New Jersey, Prentice Hall, Inc., 1968.

McCameron, Fritz A., COBOL Logic and Programming,  
Homewood, Illinois, Richard D. Irwin, Inc., 1970

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A Guide to COBOL Programming, Second Edition,  
New York, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1970

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These publication dates are the latest available. They will all probably be revised to reflect ANS-74 standards.

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler accepts COBOL language elements that are a true subset of ANS-74 COBOL. The PDP-11 COBOL Reference Manual and the PDP-11 COBOL Reference Card both use shading to indicate extensions to the standard. This guide gives all extensions with explanations of the extension without shading. Appendix A of this guide (COBOL Formats), however, does use shading to indicate extensions.





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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

Before a program can be run on a computer, it must be translated from the form that a person can understand (near-English) into a form that a computer can understand (machine language). This translation is performed by COBOL compiler systems. Because each manufacturer's system has its own unique machine language, each system has its own COBOL compiler. The COBOL compiler for the PDP-11 system is the PDP-11 COBOL compiler.

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler translates ANS-74 COBOL source programs into relocatable object modules. The compiler runs under the supervision of the following PDP-11 operating systems and conforms to all the conventions and restrictions of the system in control.

- RSTS/E
- RSX-11M
- IAS

The compiler itself requires disk storage space for its work file system and temporary files. (The work file system requires a minimum of 128 blocks to a maximum of 512 blocks. The temporary file and object program file requirements grow in proportion to the size of the source program.)

To run a COBOL program, you follow a five-step process:

- Prepare a source program
- Compile a source program
- Merge or prepare an overlay description file (optional)
- Task-build object modules into an executable task
- Execute the task

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler accepts COBOL source statements from source input files. This means that you must manually enter your source statements onto an acceptable medium prior to the compilation process (Section 2.1, Choosing a Reference Format; and Section 2.2 Choosing an Input Medium).

Once you have decided upon an input medium and format for your source input files and have created them, you compile the source program.

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler reads source statements from the source input file, translates them into object code modules consisting of program sections (PSECTS), and produces the following files:

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- Listing (LST)
- Object (OBJ)
- Overlay Description Language (ODL)

The listing file (LST) contains a listing of the source statements in the order in which they were compiled, any diagnostic error messages, and any optional special format listings, e.g., cross-reference listings and data and procedure maps. You obtain special format listings by appending an appropriate switch to the COBOL command line at compile-time, (see Section 2.5.3, Compiler Switches).

The object file (OBJ) contains a collection of program sections called PSECTS which are not executable. They must be linked into an executable task image by an operating system task called Task Builder. The ability to compile COBOL subprograms to produce linkable object files independently, enables you to create modular programs.

The Overlay Description Language (ODL) file contains directives that describe the overlay structure of the object module generated from the COBOL source program. ODL directives are generated into the ODL file for each overlayable object module program section.

The ODL file generated by the compiler is not a complete ODL file. You must either hand-tailor command information into it, build your own specialized version, or specify the compiler-generated ODL file as input to the Merge Utility to complete the file (see Section 2.6, Using the Merge Utility; Chapter 11, Hand-Tailoring ODL Files).

The compiler can compile only one source program or subprogram per command string execution. Therefore, a program which consists of a main program plus one or more subprograms requires multiple executions of the compiler. Each compilation generates a separate listing, ODL, and object file. The ODL files, in this instance, must be merged together into a single ODL file to be submitted as input to the Task Builder.

To accomplish this, you use the Merge Utility, which performs the following functions:

1. merges the ODL statements from one or more ODL files into a single ODL file
2. analyzes the I/O requirements for the entire task and provides directives to include only those I/O routines required
3. inserts the missing but required ODL directives not provided by the compiler

Whether you have a large segmented program, a main program plus subroutines, or a small stand-alone program, the ODL files generated by the compiler require merging or modification. You are advised to use the Merge Utility to perform this merging/modification, although you can hand-tailor your own ODL file.

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Do not attempt to hand-tailor your own ODL file unless you have in-depth knowledge of your operating system and PDP-11 COBOL. The following references will provide you with the information required to hand-tailor ODL files:

- Your system Task Builder Manual
- Standard ODL file Format  
Chapter 12 of this manual
- COBOL Segmentation  
Chapter 10 of this manual
- Code PSECT Naming Conventions  
Appendix D of this manual
- Interprogram Communications  
Chapter 11 of this manual

When you have a single ODL file that contains all of the required overlay descriptor language, you can execute the Task Builder.

Task Builder provides you with a facility for linking separately compiled object modules into an executable task image. You can, depending on your knowledge of your operating system and PDP-11 COBOL, link object modules created by another programming language into your COBOL task image. Task Builder also allows you to take full advantage of the COBOL system library to selectively link into your COBOL task only those runtime support routines actually needed to run your task.

The Task Builder, using the ODL file as a guide, provides the facility to build large amounts of code into a task by careful use of code segments that overlay each other. Careful use of segmentation or calls to subprograms within your COBOL source program will allow you to compile and execute large and complex COBOL programs. If you add some functionality to an existing COBOL program and find that, after task-building, the resulting task will not fit in memory, you have an alternative other than reprogramming: you can segment the program or make subprograms out of some of the existing procedures, replacing these procedures with CALL statements to the newly created subprograms. When the source program has been compiled, the ODL file merged, and task-building accomplished, the task is ready to be executed (Section 2.8, Executing a COBOL Task).

Figure 1-1 shows the process of preparing a COBOL program for execution:



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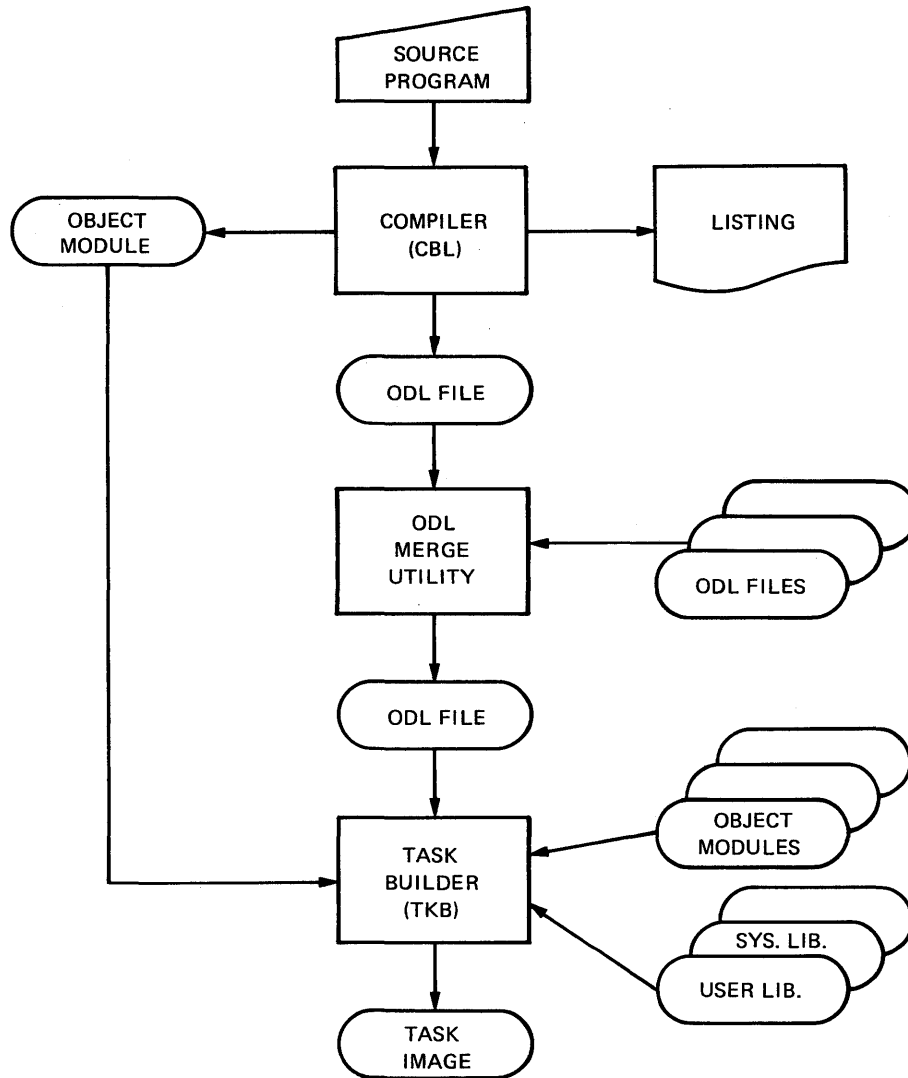


Figure 1-1 Building A COBOL Task Image

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### 1.1 THE COBOL SOURCE PROGRAM

A COBOL source program consists of four major divisions, which must appear in the following order:

1. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
2. ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
3. DATA DIVISION.
4. PROCEDURE DIVISION.

Each of the COBOL divisions is further divided into sections that may be divided into paragraphs. Paragraphs contain COBOL sentences. Sentences contain COBOL statements. The following subsections (1.1.1 through 1.1.4) individually discuss each division and its major sections.

#### 1.1.1 The Identification Division

The Identification Division identifies the COBOL program and contains such optional documentary information as the name of the programmer, the name of the installation, and the date the program was written and last compiled.

#### 1.1.2 The Environment Division

The Environment Division identifies the hardware configuration of the system that is compiling the program (SOURCE-COMPUTER) and the hardware configuration of the system that is running the program (OBJECT-COMPUTER). The division is divided into the following two major sections:

- Configuration Section -- This section is required and contains the names of the source and object computers and any mnemonic names that are to be assigned to devices.
- Input-Output Section -- This section is optional and contains descriptions of all the external files being manipulated by the program. The section is required if there are external files.

#### 1.1.3 The Data Division

The Data Division contains complete descriptions of all data to be processed by the program. In this division, the programmer must assign a data-name to and describe every data item referred to in the Procedure Division.

The Data Division is composed of three optional major sections:

- File Section -- Contains the descriptions of all input and output files and their records.
- Working-Storage Section -- Contains the descriptions of temporary records and data items.

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- Linkage Section -- Describes the data that is available to a called program and is referenced in both the calling and called program.

### 1.1.4 The Procedure Division

The Procedure Division contains the program's procedural statements. Within this division, the program specifies manipulation of the data items described in the Data Division.

The Procedure Division may begin with the DECLARATIVES, which contain USE procedure declarative sections for processing I/O errors (Section 12.3).

The programmer may divide the Procedure Division into sections and paragraphs that each perform a function.

The Procedure Division makes COBOL's advantages (excellent documentation and programming simplicity) most apparent. Figure 1-2 (sample Procedure Division coding) illustrates the documentation capabilities of COBOL programs:

```
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
  
BEGIN.  
  
    OPEN INPUT TRANSACTION-FILE.  
  
    OPEN OUTPUT MASTER-FILE.  
  
READ-A-RECORD.  
  
    READ TRANSACTION-FILE NEXT RECORD  
        AT END GO TO CLOSE-ROUTINE.  
  
    READ MASTER-FILE NEXT RECORD  
        AT END GO TO CLOSE-ROUTINE.  
  
PROCESS-A-RECORD.  
  
    IF TRANS-ACCT-NUMBER IS GREATER THAN MAST-ACCT-NUMBER  
        GO TO READ-MAS-RECORD.  
  
    IF TRANS-ACCT-NUMBER IS LESS THAN MAST-ACCT-NUMBER  
        GO TO ERROR-ROUTINE.  
  
    .  
    .  
    .
```

Figure 1-2 Sample COBOL Procedural Coding

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### 1.2 THE COBOL UTILITY PROGRAMS

PDP-11 COBOL offers three utility programs:

- COBRG -- Produces report-generating COBOL programs.
- REFORMAT -- Converts PDP-11 terminal format COBOL programs into conventional format ANSI COBOL programs.
- MERGE -- Merges ODL file(s) created by one or more COBOL compilations into a single ODL file to be submitted as input to the Task Builder.

The following subsections (1.2.1, 1.2.2, and 1.2.3) describe these utility programs. Chapter 8 in this manual discusses the use of COBRG and REFORMAT in detail. The SORT utility is discussed in the PDP-11 SORT Reference Manual.

#### 1.2.1 COBRG

COBRG generates a report-writing source program ready for compilation. The user specifies certain parameters, and COBRG builds a COBOL program that produces a tailored report when it is compiled, task-built, and run.

#### 1.2.2 REFORMAT

PDP-11 COBOL accepts source programs that were coded using either the ANSI 80-column card reference format or the shorter, terminal-oriented PDP-11 reference format. The REFORMAT utility program reads source programs that were coded in the PDP-11 terminal format and converts them to 80-column ANSI-compatible source programs (Section 2.1, Choosing A Reference Format, discusses the two reference formats).

#### 1.2.3 MERGE

The Merge Utility program merges ODL files generated by COBOL compilations into a single ODL file. This file is submitted as input to the Task Builder. It describes the overlay structure of the resulting task image.



CHAPTER 2  
USING THE PDP-11 COBOL SYSTEM

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Choosing a reference format
- Choosing an input medium
- Creating a source input file
- Using the library facility (COPY statement)
- Using the COBOL compiler
- Using the MERGE Utility
- Using the Task Builder
- Executing a COBOL task

The order of topic presentation is designed to give you a step-by-step approach to preparing a COBOL program for execution. The chapter provides an in-depth description of each step in the process and lists, where applicable, alternate methods for achieving the same goal.

### 2.1 CHOOSING A REFERENCE FORMAT

PDP-11 COBOL provides two formats for coding your source programs, conventional and terminal. Both formats are described in terms of character positions in a line on an input medium.

NOTE

The rules for spacing given in this discussion of reference formats take precedence over all other rules for spacing.

The conventional format is based on the traditional COBOL format as applied to an 80-column punched card. The terminal format is a DEC specified format and allows a source line to be shortened through the use of horizontal tabs and carriage returns. The terminal format is very convenient for use with a text editor and an on-line computer terminal.



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### NOTE

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler assumes the terminal format as a default when compiling, but is capable of compiling either format (Section 2.5.3, the /CVF Switch).

A reformatting program (REFORMAT) reformats terminal format programs into conventional format for ease in transporting source programs to other COBOL compilers. The REFORMAT program is described in Chapter 8.

#### 2.1.1 Conventional Reference Format

The conventional reference format is based on the traditional COBOL format as applied to an 80-column punched card. If you choose this format, you will probably code your source program on a standard COBOL coding form (Figure 2-1 COBOL Programming Form).



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**2.1.1.1 Sequence Numbers** - Character positions 1 through 6 of the standard format are reserved for source line sequence numbers. This sequence number field serves only to assist you in locating and editing source lines within a source file or listing. Sequence numbers are ignored by the compiler.

**2.1.1.2 Continuation/Comment Indicator Area** - Character position 7 can be used to direct the compiler to process the source line as specified by the character in this column. Your options are:

Option	Results
blank ( )	Default - The source line is treated normally.
hyphen (-)	Continuation line - The compiler processes this line as a continuation of the previous source line (see Section 2.1.1.6, Continuation of Lines).
asterisk (*)	Comment line - The compiler transfers the contents of this line, as is, to the source listing. No syntax checking is performed on this line (see Section 2.1.1.8, Comment Lines).
slash (/)	Comment line - The compiler treats the line as though it were a comment line except it advances the source listing to the top of the next page before printing the contents of the line.

**2.1.1.3 Area A** - Character positions 8 through 11 constitute Area A of the conventional format. This area is reserved for the beginning of division headings, section-names, paragraph-names, level-indicators, and certain level-numbers.

**2.1.1.4 Area B** - Character positions 12 through 72 constitute Area B of the conventional format. This area is reserved for all other COBOL text.

**2.1.1.5 Identification Field** - Character position 73 through 80 constitute the identification field. This field is for documentation purposes only and has no effect on compilation.

**2.1.1.6 Continuation of Lines** - Any sentence or entry that requires more than one line must be continued in Area B of the next line.

When you break a word or numeric literal from one line to the next, you must place a hyphen (-) in character position 7 of the continuation line. The first nonblank character that you enter in Area B will become the next character of the word or numeric literal being continued.

When you break an alphanumeric literal from one line to the next, you must place a hyphen in character position 7 of the continuation line, and you must also precede the first character of the continuation literal with a quotation mark. The literal may begin anywhere within area B of the continuation line. Consider the following example:

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```
000008 WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.  
001010 01 CONTINUATION-NUMERIC.  
001020     02 NUMERIC-LITERAL          PIC 9(18) VALUE IS 12345678912345  
001030-     6789.  
001040 01 CONTINUATION-ALPHANUMERIC.  
001050     02 ALPHANUMERIC-LITERAL    PIC X(26) VALUE IS "ABCDEFGHJKLM  
001060-     "NOPGRSTUVWXYZ".  
001070 PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
001080 CONTINUATION-SENTENCE.  
001090     IF NUMERIC-LITERAL NOT EQUAL TO ALPHANUMERIC-LITERAL  
001100         GO TO END-PROGRAM  
001110         ELSE GO TO CONTINUATION-SENTENCE.  
001120 END-PROGRAM.  
001130     STOP RUN.
```

Source lines 001010 through 001030 show how a numeric literal can be continued onto another line. Source lines 001040 through 001060 show how an alphanumeric literal can be continued onto another line. Source lines 001090 through 001110 show how a sentence can be continued onto successive lines.

**2.1.1.7 Blank Lines** - A blank line is one that is blank from character position 7 through 72. A blank line can not immediately precede a continuation line. Otherwise, a blank line can appear anywhere in the source program.

**2.1.1.8 Comment Lines** - A comment line is any line with an asterisk (\*) in character position 7. A comment line can not precede the Identification Division header. Otherwise, a comment line may appear anywhere in a source program.

A comment line may be composed of any of the characters from the full COBOL character set. Comments can begin in Area A or B of the source line. Each comment line is reproduced on the source listing, but serves as documentation only. Successive comment lines are allowed, but each must contain an asterisk in character position 7.

### NOTE

If a slash character (/) is used instead of an asterisk (\*), the results are the same except the source listing is advanced to the top of the next page before the comment entry is printed.

**2.1.1.9 Short Lines and Tab Characters** - Conventional format source lines may be shortened if a medium other than punched cards is used. This is accomplished by terminating the line by a carriage return or by inserting tab characters within the line to replace space characters, or a combination of both.

The compiler treats a carriage return character as a redefinition of character position 72. When a tab character is encountered, the compiler generates the required number of space characters consistent with the tab character's position on the line. Tab stops are set, within the compiler, at character positions 7, 8, 12, 20, 28, 36, 44, 52, 60, 68, and 73. Consider the following example:

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### NOTE

(RET) = carriage return character  
(TAB) = tab character

Shortened conventional source line:

```
000130 01 (TAB) FILE-A. (RET)
000140 (TAB) 02 DATA-FIELD-A. (RET)
000150 (TAB) (TAB) 03 DESCRIPTION-A (TAB) PIC X(20). (RET)
000160 (TAB) (TAB) 03 DESCRIPTION-B (TAB) PIC X(20). (RET)
000170 (TAB) (TAB) 03 DESCRIPTION-C (TAB) PIC X(20). (RET)
```

Source line as interpreted by the compiler:

```
00015 000130 01 FILE-A.
00016 000140 02 DATA-FIELD-A.
00017 000150 03 DESCRIPTION-A PIC X(20).
00018 000160 03 DESCRIPTION-B PIC X(20).
00019 000170 03 DESCRIPTION-C PIC X(20).
```

### 2.1.2 Terminal Reference Format

Terminal reference format is the PDP-11 COBOL default format. It makes your life easier by providing you with a format which is easy to use with a computer terminal. Terminal format is shorter and less space consuming than its conventional counterpart. The sequence number and identification fields are eliminated and the indicator field is the first character position within Area A.

Tab characters can be used to position source entries within a line, and a line ends at the first occurrence of a carriage return character.

The terminal reference format for a source line is represented as follows:

Character Position	Contents
1 through 4	Area A
5 through 65	Area B

### NOTE

Continuation line (-), comment line (\*), and skip to top of page (/) indicator characters, when used, must be placed in character position 1.

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Area A and Area B, for the terminal format, contain the same kinds of source entries as their conventional format counterparts (see Sections 2.1.1.3, Area A and 2.1.1.4, Area B).

As with the conventional format, tab characters, when encountered by the compiler, generate a number of spaces commensurate with the tab character's position on the line. Tab stops are set to character positions 5, 13, 21, 29, 37, 45, 53, 61, and 66.

### 2.2 CHOOSING AN INPUT MEDIUM

The input medium you select is dependent on the devices you have at your disposal. The PDP-11 COBOL compiler accepts source input from any of the following devices:

- Card Reader
- Magnetic Tape
- DEctape
- Disk
- Terminal

### 2.3 CREATING A SOURCE FILE

Using text editors under PDP-11 operating systems generally makes program preparation, modification, and storage from a console terminal simpler than using punched cards.

#### NOTE

RSTS/E users:

See the following manuals,

- RSTS-11 System User's Guide
- PDP-11 EDIT Text Editor

RSX-11M users:

See the RSX-11D Utility Program Procedures Manual.

IAS users:

See the IAS Editing Utilities Reference Manual.

When creating source programs at the terminal, use the appropriate text editor to create source files on disk, DEctape, or magtape. When entering them under other PDP-11 operating systems that do not support COBOL, write them on DEctape or magtape first and use the Filex (FLX) utility program to read them into the operating system (DOS DEctape and ANSI magtape are common media among PDP-11 operating systems).

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The following suggestion makes editing a source program from a terminal even more convenient:

Use the terminal reference format (Section 2.1.2). The terminal format is designed for use at a terminal and eliminates the conventional COBOL fields in columns 1-6 and 73-80. It allows the line to be further shortened by use of the horizontal tab character to vertically align similar statements or phrases, and by the use of the carriage return to terminate the line. A typical conventional format line can often be reduced to less than 40 characters in terminal format with no loss in source text readability.

### 2.4 USING THE LIBRARY FACILITY (COPY)

The PDP-11 COBOL library facility provides you with a means of copying COBOL source language text from a library of source material into a COBOL program during compilation. One COPY statement can place large amounts of library source text into a source program, thereby saving repetitious coding. The compiler treats the copied material as though it were part of the program being compiled. The copied material, however, does not physically alter the source program file in any way.

The COBOL library facility provides two important benefits:

#### 1. Standardization of File and Coding Conventions

A typical data file is processed by more than one program, and each processing program must describe the characteristics of that file (file-name, blocking factor, field names, etc.). Often the programs are written by one programmer, then maintained and updated by another programmer, who has to try to understand a program that was written by someone else. Since this situation arises at most sites, it is good practice to design a standardized file description (keeping in mind the programs that process that file) and place it in the library. Then a COPY statement in each processing program can merge it into the program at compile-time.

This technique applies as well to any procedure that is used in many different applications. For example, the library could contain a standardized routine that converts calendar dates to Julian dates to be merged into each source program that uses this function.

#### 2. Time Savings for Initial Coding and Updating

Defining and coding file and record descriptions is a time-consuming chore. If the descriptions exist in the library, a single COPY statement will save the time required to code those entries into programs using them.

Changing a file format is another time-consuming chore. Typically, when a file format changes, you must change and recompile all the programs that use that file. If the file description is in a library file, the programmer has to change only the library file. The source programs, of course, still have to be recompiled but require no individual coding changes.

Putting commonly used Procedure Division procedures in a library file yields the same time-saving benefits.

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### 2.4.1 Creating a COBOL Library File

Each line of a COBOL library file must be in a form such that, when it is merged into the source program, it forms a syntactically correct COBOL clause, phrase, or sentence. It can meet this condition either by being syntactically correct itself, or by becoming so when it is merged with the source program.

The library text must conform to the rules for the COBOL reference format (Library Module in the PDP-11 COBOL Reference Manual). You may write it in either the conventional (with page-line numbers) or the terminal (without page-line numbers) format. However, the library file and the source programs it is merged into must be in the same format. (A conventional format library file cannot be merged properly into a terminal format source program and vice-versa.)

When writing text for library files in the terminal format, place at least four space characters or a tab character before any entry that normally begins in Area B of the COBOL source program. Left justify, without space characters, entries that normally begin in Area A or at character position 0.

Since each library file contains all the source language text to be merged into a source program by one COPY statement, the COPY statement text-name must refer to the library file-name.

To create the library file, either punch it into cards and use PIP to put it on DEctape or disk or enter it directly onto one of these media via a terminal. The operating system provides a text editor for accomplishing this function. There is no method for updating COBOL library files on magtape. The available media for these files are DEctape and disk storage.

### 2.4.2 The COPY Statement

The COPY statement is a compile-time function that merges a COBOL library file into a COBOL source program.

The statement must begin with the word COPY and end with a period. The compiler logically replaces the COPY statement (including the period) with the library file named by the statement. However, both the COPY statement and the library text material appear in the source listing (Section 2.4.4, The Source Listing). The statement may appear anywhere in a source program that a COBOL word is allowed. The simplest form of the statement is:

COPY text-name.

Text-name must specify either a file-name or a alphanumeric literal. If a file-name is specified, the compiler assumes standard file specification defaults and copies the text from the latest version of that file into the source program.

The format for the full file specification is:

device:[UIC]file-name.file-type;version-number



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The specification defaults are:

device:	-- the standard system device or the device specified in the batch JCL
[user-identification]	-- the UIC that you are logged in under
file-name	-- (no default)
.file-type	-- .LIB
;version-number	-- the latest version. Note: RSTS/E does not support the version number feature.

For example, the following text-name entry copies a library file named BILBOS.LIB from the system disk to the source program:

```
COPY BILBOS.
```

This text-name entry causes the compiler to search the system disk for a file named BILBOS.LIB. This search takes place in the user's directory only.

If a alphanumeric literal is entered, it may specify the full file specification for that file. For example, the following entry copies the library file BILBOS.LIB from DK1 into the source program:

```
COPY "DK1:BILBOS.LIB".
```

This text-name entry causes the software to search DK1 for the file named BILBOS.LIB.

Only four situations require the use of the alphanumeric literal option to indicate the full file specification for the COPY statement:

1. when the library has a file type other than .LIB
2. when there is more than one device containing a library file
3. when the RSX-11M or IAS library (not RSTS/E) contains more than one version of the file and you want to copy a version other than the latest
4. when the library file is in another directory

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The following examples use only the file-name option:

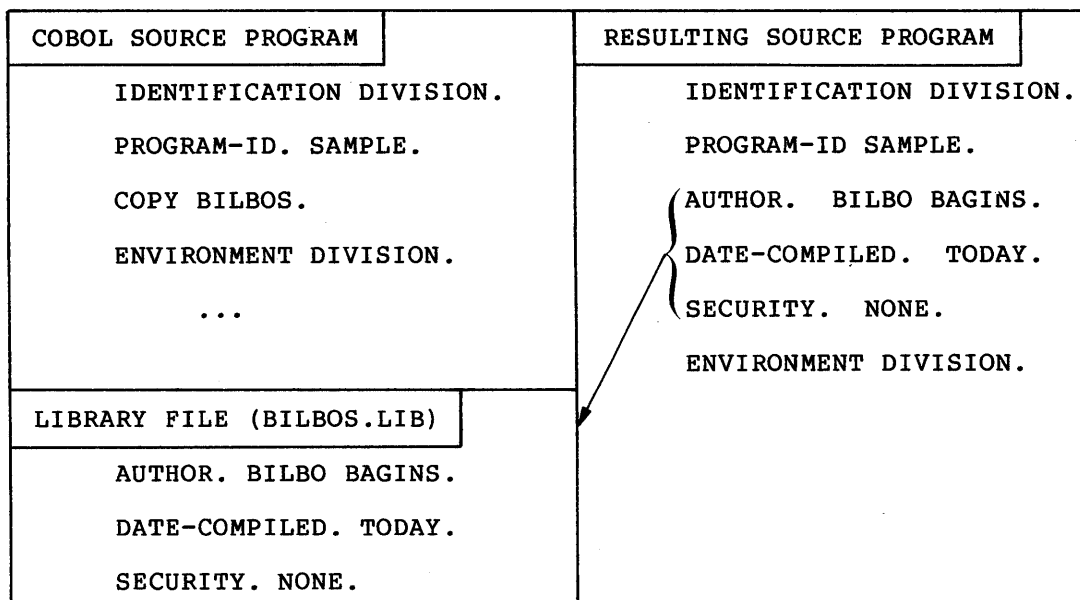


Figure 2-2 Merging a Library File

The library file in Figure 2-3 is formatted (four spaces before each entry) so that when it is merged into the source program, each entry begins in Area B. If the four spaces are not there, the text is moved into Area A and syntax errors result (Area A is reserved for division headers, paragraph headers, etc.).

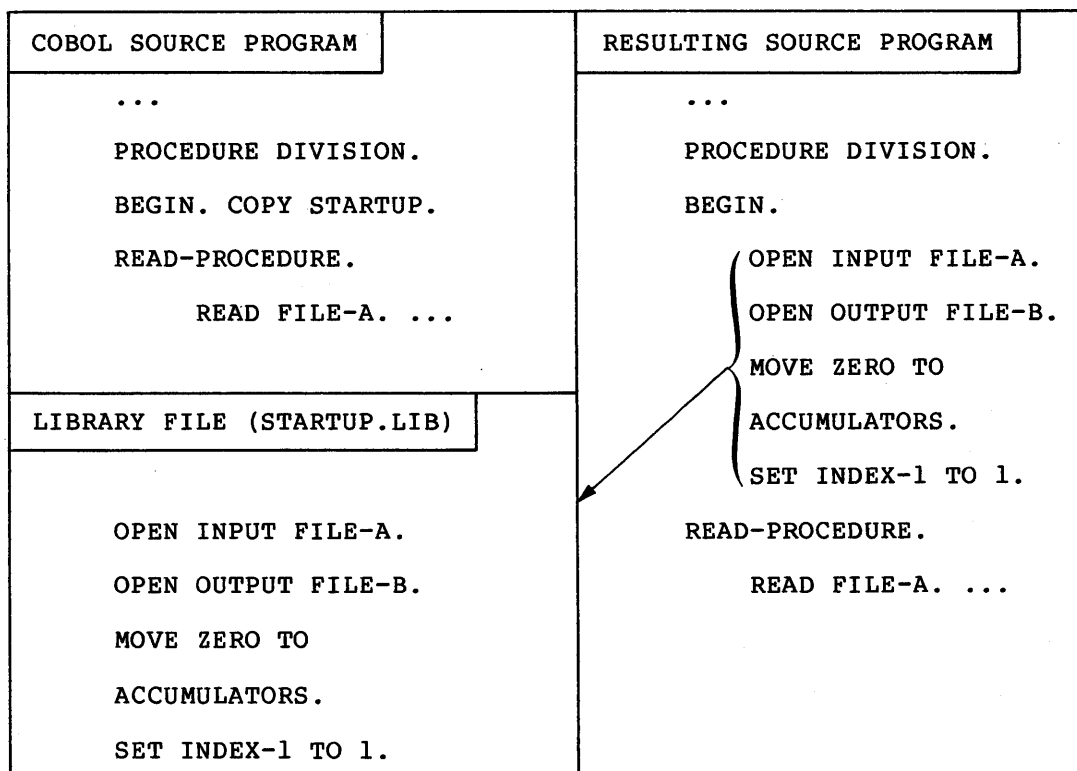


Figure 2-3 Merging a Library File Area B

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Since the COPY statement may appear anywhere in a source program that a COBOL word is allowed, it can be used in various ways to solve a particular programming problem. For example, if a library file named DRACULA contains the single entry BLOOD-RATE, the entry could be used in the Data Division as follows:

SOURCE COPY STATEMENT	RESULTING SOURCE STATEMENT
02 COPY DRACULA. PIC 99V99.	02 BLOOD-RATE PIC 99V99.

Figure 2-4 Using the COPY Statement in a Data Description

The entry could be used in the Procedure Division as follows:

SOURCE COPY STATEMENT	RESULTING SOURCE STATEMENT
MULTIPLY 40 BY COPY DRACULA. GIVING PLASMA.	MULTIPLY 40 BY BLOOD-RATE GIVING PLASMA.

Figure 2-5 Using the COPY Statement in a Procedural Statement

The periods terminating the COPY statements in both these examples are replaced by the text file. No periods appear in the resulting source program unless they are in the text file (if a source statement needs a period, the text file must have a period at the required place).

### NOTE

The preceding two examples are not recommended uses of the COPY statement. This chapter includes them only to illustrate the mechanics of the PDP-11 COBOL library facility.

### 2.4.3 The COPY REPLACING Statement

Sometimes it may be necessary to tailor library text material for use in a particular program, for example, if a data description in the library text has level numbers incremented by 1 -- 01, 02, etc. and you want them incremented by four -- 01, 05, etc. The COPY statement can replace, during the copying process, all occurrences of a given literal or word with an alternate literal or word. A sample COPY REPLACING statement is:

```
COPY WALDEN REPLACING 02 BY 05.
```

This sample statement causes the compiler to scan the library file WALDEN searching for 02. Wherever it finds a 02, it replaces it with a 05. A match occurs only if the compiler finds a 02 (not just a 0 or just a 2). The REPLACING character string, which may be a literal or a word, must compare equally, character for character, with the entire character string in the library text. The following table shows some successful (YES) and unsuccessful (NO) matches:

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Table 2-1  
Successful and Unsuccessful Replacing Matches

GIVEN LITERAL OR WORD	LIBRARY TEXT	MATCH?
"ABC"	"ABCD"	NO
HRLY-RATE	HRLY-RATE	YES
1	1	YES
"2"	2	NO
" 15"	"15"	NO
"012"	"12"	NO
012	12	NO
SUBTRACT	SUBTRACT	YES
"012"	"012"	YES

2.4.3.1 Examples, COPY REPLACING - The following examples of the COPY REPLACING statement all refer to the library file named NEWSBOY:

NEWSBOY (library filename)

```

01 A.
    02 B PIC 99.
    02 C PIC 99 VALUE 2.
    02 D PIC X(5) VALUE "ABCDE".
    02 E PIC 99V99 VALUE 3.75.
    02 F PIC 99 VALUE 02.
    
```

Example 1

COPY NEWSBOY REPLACING B BY X.

This statement merges the entire file named NEWSBOY into the source program and changes data-name B to X. It does not change the character B in the character string of data-name D because it is part of a nonmatching character string. This statement causes the compiler to merge the following text into the source program:

```

01 A.
    02 X PIC 99.
    02 C PIC 99 VALUE 2.
    02 D PIC X(5) VALUE "ABCDE".
    ...
    
```

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### Example 2

COPY NEWSBOY REPLACING 2 BY 6.

This statement merges the entire file named NEWSBOY into the source program and changes the 2 in the entry for data-name C to a 6. It does not change the 02 in the literal entry for data-name F nor any of the 02 level numbers because they contain a nonmatching character 0. This statement causes the compiler to merge the following text into the source program:

```
01 A.  
    02 B PIC 99.  
    02 C PIC 99 VALUE 6.  
    02 D PIC X(5) VALUE "ABCDE".  
    02 E PIC 99V99 VALUE 3.75.  
    02 F PIC 99 VALUE 02.
```

### Example 3

COPY NEWSBOY REPLACING 02 BY 63.

This statement merges the entire file named NEWSBOY into the source program and changes not only the 02 literal entry in data-name F, but also all of the 02 level numbers to 63. Since level number 63 is illegal, this causes the compiler to produce syntax errors. The replacing process is not sensitive to the syntax of the text. The string of characters in the library may be literals, level-numbers, data-names, etc.; if they match the REPLACING string, character for character, the compiler replaces them. Consider the results of this statement:

```
01 A.  
    63 B PIC 99.  
    63 C PIC 99 VALUE 2.  
    ...  
    63 F PIC 99 VALUE 63.
```

### Example 4

```
COPY NEWSBOY REPLACING B BY X,  
                    "ABCDE" BY "HIJKL",  
                    3.75 BY 4.23.
```

This statement shows how a single COPY statement can replace more than one literal or word. It causes the compiler to merge the following text into the source program:

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```
01 A.  
    02 X PIC 99.  
    02 C PIC 99 VALUE 2.  
    02 D PIC X(5) VALUE "HIJKL".  
    02 E PIC 99V99 VALUE 4.23.  
    02 F PIC 99 VALUE 02.
```

### 2.4.4 The Source Listing

Depending on how the COPY statement is written, the PDP-11 COBOL compiler lists library text material either before or after the COPY statement (Figure 2-6).

2.4.4.1 Before the COPY Statement - If other source material (including spaces) follows the COPY statement on the same source line, the compiler lists the library text before the COPY statement (see Figure 2-6).

SOURCE LINE	SOURCE LISTING
...	...
COPY CHANGES. ADD A TO B.	text-line-1 text-line-2 text-line-3 COPY CHANGES. ADD A TO B.

Figure 2-6 Placing the Library Text Before the COPY Statement

The compiler does not print a source line until it has scanned the entire line. Therefore, in Figure 2-6 (CHANGES), the compiler takes the following steps, in order:

1. scans the COPY statement
2. recognizes that the COPY statement is followed by more information on the same line
3. prints the library text
4. scans the rest of the line
5. prints the entire source line

This results in a somewhat confusing listing and should be avoided. When the library text follows the COPY statement, a much more readable listing is produced.

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2.4.4.2 After the COPY Statement - If the COPY statement terminates the source line, the compiler merges the library text after the COPY statement. Consider Figure 2-7:

SOURCE LINE	SOURCE LISTING
...	...
COPY CHANGES.	COPY CHANGES.
ADD A TO B.	text-line-1
	text-line-2
	text-line-3
	ADD A TO B.

Figure 2-7 Placing the Library Text After the COPY Statement

In this case, the compiler takes the following steps, in order:

1. scans the COPY statement
2. prints the COPY statement
3. prints the library text
4. prints the next sequential statement

### 2.4.5 Common Errors in Using the Library Facility

Common errors to avoid when using the library facility are:

- Failing to follow the rules for COBOL reference format when creating the library file
- Writing the library file in one format (conventional or terminal) and the source program in the other
- Forgetting to terminate the COPY statement with a period
- Using data-names in the library file that also appear in the source program, thus causing duplicate names
- Writing the library text so that when it is merged into the source program, it becomes syntactically incorrect
- Merging the wrong library file, either because multiple versions exist or because of misspelling
- Writing other source material on the same line following the COPY statement, thus causing confusion in the source program listing
- Forgetting that numeric literals (such as 02, 77, etc.) used in the REPLACING option replace level-numbers, picture descriptions, and paragraph or section names, when they find matches.

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- Forgetting that a period must appear in the text file if it is to appear in the source program (the period that terminates the COPY statement is replaced by the text).

### 2.5 USING THE COBOL COMPILER

The compilation process begins by invoking the PDP-11 COBOL compiler and giving it a command line to process.

#### NOTE

The compiler is invoked in response to an operating system prompting message or code (Table 2-2).

#### 2.5.1 Invoking the PDP-11 COBOL Compiler

The compiler can be invoked in either of two ways:

1. Enter the compiler name followed by a carriage return to allow multiple executions of the compiler

or

2. Enter the compiler name followed by a COBOL command line and a carriage return, to execute the compiler only once

Table 2-2 depicts the system prompting message and compiler name for each of the supported operating systems:

Table 2-2  
Operating System Prompt/Compiler Name

Operating System	Prompt	Compiler Name
RSX-11M	>	CBL
IAS	PDS>	COBOL
RSTS/E	READY	COBOL

For example:

If you are running on a RSTS/E operating system, and you want to execute the compiler for a number of consecutive compilations, enter the following command in response to the system READY prompt:

COBOL (RET)

When the compiler is ready to process command lines, it issues the following prompt:

CBL>



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Enter the COBOL command line for the first compilation to be performed as follows:

```
CBL> command-line (RET)
```

When the compilation is completed, the compiler reissues the CBL> prompt; you can now enter another command line.

To terminate the compiler, enter a CNTRL Z as follows:

```
CBL>^Z
```

To execute the compiler only once, enter the following command in response to the system READY prompt:

```
COBOL command-line (RET)
```

When the compilation is completed, the operating system issues the READY prompt.

### 2.5.2 COBOL Command Line

The COBOL command line has the following format:

```
Object-file, Listing-file = Source-file
```

or

```
@Command-file
```

where:

Object-file	is the file specification for the file that is to contain the compiler-generated object file.
Listing-file	is the file specification for the file that is to contain the compiler-generated listing file.
Source-file	is the file specification for the file that contains the COBOL source program to be compiled.
Command-file	is the file specification for the file that contains the COBOL command line(s) to be processed. Up to two levels of indirect command files are permitted.

Each file specification identifies a file to be used as an output or input file by the compiler.

#### NOTE

File specifications for IAS differ in syntax from RSX-11M and RSTS/E. Refer to the User's Guide manuals for your particular operating system for specific syntax rules. For the purposes of this discussion, RSTS/E syntax is used.

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Each file specification has the following syntactical format:

```
dev:[account]filename.typ/sw.../sw
```

where:

- dev: = The unit on which the volume containing the desired file is mounted, e.g., DK0:. The name consists of two ASCII characters followed by an optional 1- or 2-digit octal (decimal for RSTS/E) unit number and a colon. The default value is SY:, the system disk.
- [account] = The account number under which the file is stored. In RSTS/E, this number is referred to as the project-programmer number (PPN). In RSX-11M and IAS, it is referred to as the user identification code (UIC). The default value is the account under which the system program is running.
- file-name = The name of the file. A file-name can contain up to six alphanumeric characters.
- .typ = A file type (or extension) can contain up to three alphanumeric characters. System programs default the file type to an appropriate standard type, (e.g., CBL).
- /sw = One or more ASCII characters, preceded by a slash, specifying a switch option (see Section 2.5.3 for a complete description of the PDP-11 COBOL Compiler Switches).

A command line in the syntax appropriate for your operating system is used to specify output and input files to the compiler. A maximum of two output files (object and listing) and one input (source) can be specified. The generation of either of the output files can be inhibited by omitting its file specification from the command line. Default file types are assigned to the compiler-generated output files. Table 2-3 shows the default file types expected or generated by the compiler.

Table 2-3  
PDP-11 COBOL Compiler Default File Types

File	Default Type	Compiler Usage
Object	OBJ	Output
Listing	LST	Output
Source	CBL	Input
Command	CMD	Input
Overlay Description Language	ODL	Output

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Figure 2-8 contains samples of how the PDP-11 COBOL compiler is invoked and executed on each of the supported operating systems.

RSX-11M	> CBL (RET) <u>CBL</u> > OBJECT,LIST=SOURCE (RET) <u>CBL</u> >~Z
RSTS/E	<u>READY</u> COBOL (RET) <u>CBL</u> > OBJECT,LIST=SOURCE (RET) <u>CBL</u> >~Z
IAS	<u>PDS</u> > COBOL (RET) <u>CBL</u> > OBJECT:OBJECT/LIST:LIST SOURCE (RET) <u>CBL</u> >~Z

Figure 2-8 Sample COBOL Command Sequence

Each command line in Figure 2-8 directs the compiler to perform the following:

1. Compile the source program contained on source file SOURCE.CBL
2. Produce a compilation listing on file LIST.LST
3. Store the relocatable object modules on file OBJECT.OBJ
4. Generate an overlay description language file on file OBJECT.ODL

### NOTE

An ODL file is generated whenever an object file is generated except when it is explicitly suppressed via the /-ODL switch. The file specification of the ODL file is the same as the file specification of the object file except that the extension for the ODL file is .ODL.

Either of the output files can be omitted by omitting its file specification from the command line. For example:

```
CBL> OBJECT=SOURCE (RET)
```

produces OBJECT.OBJ and OBJECT.ODL on the system device but no listing file is produced;

```
CBL> ,LIST=SOURCE (RET)
```

produces a listing file (LIST.LST) but no object module or overlay description language output files.

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In IAS, if an object file-name is not given, the default is to use the input file-name with the extension .OBJ. If a listing file-name is not given, the listing file is automatically printed on the system line printer. The generated list file is automatically deleted after printing.

### 2.5.3 Compiler Switches

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler provides a series of compile-time switches. You may tailor your compilation listing and assign particular characteristics to the generated object modules via these switches. Table 2-4 provides a list of the compiler switches and their meanings:

Table 2-4  
COBOL Compiler Switches

Switch	Meaning
/ACC:n	<p>Produce an object program only if the source program contains diagnostics with severities equal to or less than n. The range of n must be <math>0 &lt; n &lt; 2</math>,</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0 = Informational diagnostics</li><li>1 = Warning diagnostics</li><li>2 = Fatal diagnostics</li></ul> <p>The default is /ACC:1.</p>
/CREF	<p>Include a cross-reference listing as part of the listing file output. When /CREF is specified, data-names, procedure-names, and source line numbers are sorted into ascending order and appended to the end of the compilation listing. The symbol # is used to indicate the line in which the referenced name is defined.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE</p> <p>The use of /CREF significantly slows down the compilation of large programs.</p>
/CSEG:nnnn	<p>Allows you to specify the maximum size procedural code PSECT to be produced by the compiler where nnnn is the maximum size procedural code PSECT, in decimal bytes. The minimum value of nnnn is 100.</p>

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Table 2-4 (Cont.)  
COBOL Compiler Switches

Switch	Meaning
/CVF	Indicates to the compiler that the source program is in conventional format (i.e., 80-character images with Area A beginning in character position 8).
/ERR:n	<p>Suppress the printing of diagnostics with a severity number less than n. The range of n must be 0&lt;n&lt;2.</p> <p>Where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">0 = Informational diagnostics 1 = Warning diagnostics 2 = Fatal diagnostics</p> <p>The switch cannot suppress severity 2 (fatal) diagnostics. (An entry of 2 suppresses the printing of all severity numbers that are less than 2.) The default is /ERR:0.</p>
/HELP	Display on the user terminal information about how to use the compiler switches.
/KER:kk	<p>Instruct the compiler to generate PSECT names using the two-character kernel specified by kk to make them unique to this compilation, where kk is a two character string that may contain the numbers 0 through 9 and the letters A through Z.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE</p> <p>The sample program listed in Figure 2-9 was compiled using the /KER:kk switch. See Figure 2-12 which contains the Procedure Map generated for this program. Notice that the PSECTs generated all contain the two character kernel XX.</p>
/MAP	<p>Produce the following special map listings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Data Division (Figure 2-11)</li> <li>● Procedure Map (Figure 2-12)</li> <li>● External Subprograms Referenced (Figure 2-17)</li> <li>● Data and Control PSECTs (Figures 2-14 and 2-16)</li> <li>● OTS Routines Referenced (Figure 2-15)</li> <li>● Segmentation Map (Figure 2-13)</li> </ul>
/NL	Instruct the compiler not to list the source statements copied from a library file. The resultant source listing contains only the COPY statement.

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Table 2-4 (Cont.)  
COBOL Compiler Switches

Switch	Meaning
/OBJ	Print the object location in which the code for each verb of the program is located. The information is listed on the line preceding the source statement it describes (Figure 2-13).
/ODL	Instruct the compiler to generate an ODL file (default condition). To override the default condition, enter /-ODL.
/OV	Instruct the compiler to make all procedural PSECTs (segments) overlayable. Therefore, the root or main program will contain no procedural statements.
/PFM:nn	Allows you to define the maximum number of nested PERFORM statements in the program being compiled. If specified, the compiler generates a nested PERFORM stack equal in depth to the decimal number specified by nn. The default nested perform size is 10. It is to your advantage to use this switch to adjust the nested PERFORM stack size to the exact number required. This assures maximum utilization of memory in that only the exact amount of PERFORM stack space is generated.
/PLT	Directs the COBOL compiler to automatically pool literals to minimize the memory required to store them (default condition). Pooling of literals, however, slows down compiler execution speed. To bypass literal pooling for increased compiler speed, enter /-PLT.
/RO	Directs the compiler to generate read-only PSECTs for the Procedure Division object modules. The default status is read/write.
/SYM:n	Allows you to obtain more symbol table space for the compilation, where "n" (an integer in the range of 1 through 4) specifies the space required for the maximum number of data-names and procedure-names allowed in the compilation. See Table 2-5 for the correspondence between the integer specified by n, and the number of data-names and procedure-names assigned.

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Table 2-5  
/SYM:n Switch Values

n	Maximum Data-Names	Maximum Procedure-Names
1	761	761 (default)
2	1021	1021
3	1531	1531
4	2039	2039

The following Figures 2-9 through 2-20 show and describe sample output produced by the COBOL compiler:

```

COBOL  3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0                05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 001

CMD:MAP,MAP/MAP=MAP/KER:XX
IDENT: 005160

00001      IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
00002      PROGRAM-ID. MAP.
00003      *
00004      *      EXERCISE COMPILER MAP PROCESSORS.
00005      *
00006      ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
00007      CONFIGURATION SECTION.
00008      SOURCE-COMPUTER. PDP-11.
00009      OBJECT-COMPUTER. PDP-11.
00010
00011      DATA DIVISION.
00012      WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
00013      77 DEC PIC 9(4).
00014      77 BIN PIC 9(4) USAGE COMP.
00015      77 CHR PIC X(4).
00016      LINKAGE SECTION.
00017      77 L1 PIC X.
00018      77 L2 PIC X.
00019      77 L3 PIC X.
00020      77 L4 PIC X.
00021      PROCEDURE DIVISION USING L1 L3 .
00022      S0 SECTION.
00023      P0.
00024      STOP RUN.
00025      P1.
00026      DISPLAY L3.
00027      DISPLAY "ABC".
00028      S1 SECTION.
00029      P2.
00030      MOVE DEC TO DEC.
00031      MOVE DEC TO BIN.
00032      MOVE BIN TO BIN.
00033      MOVE BIN TO DEC.
00034      MOVE CHR TO CHR.
00035      MOVE ALL SPACES TO CHR.
00036      MOVE DEC TO CHR.

```

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```
00037      ADD DEC TO DEC.
00038      ADD DEC TO DEC ROUNDED.
00039      SUBTRACT DEC FROM DEC.
00040      SUBTRACT DEC FROM DEC ROUNDED.
00041      SUBTRACT BIN FROM BIN.
00042      SUBTRACT BIN FROM BIN ROUNDED.
00043      MULTIPLY BIN BY BIN GIVING BIN.

I 00043 0371 POSSIBLE HIGH ORDER RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION.

00044      MULTIPLY DEC BY DEC GIVING DEC.

I 00044 0371 POSSIBLE HIGH ORDER RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION.

00045      DIVIDE BIN BY BIN GIVING BIN.
00046      DIVIDE DEC BY DEC GIVING DEC.
00047      DIVIDE DEC BY DEC GIVING DEC ROUNDED.
00048      DIVIDE BIN BY BIN GIVING BIN ROUNDED.

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00049      P4.
00050      CALL "A"
00051      CALL "AB".
00052      CALL "ABC".
00053      CALL "ABC000".
00054      CALL "ABC001".
00055      CALL "ABC002".
00056      CALL "ABC003".
00057      CALL "ABC004".
00058      CALL "ABC005".
00059      CALL "ABC006".
00060      CALL "ABC007".
00061      CALL "ABC008".
00062      CALL "ABC009".
00063      CALL "ABC010".
00064      CALL "ABC011".
00065      CALL "ABC012".
```

Figure 2-9 (Cont.) Sample Source Program Listing



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FILE-TO-LUN ASSIGNMENT TABLE

NAME	SOURCE	RELATIVE
	LINE	LUN
SQ-FS1	00019	00001.
IX-FS1	00025	00002.
RL-FS1	00033	00003.

where:

NAME is a file-name that appears in the SELECT clause in the Input-Output Section. The file names appear in the order in which they occur in the Input-Output Section.

SOURCE LINE is the line on which the File Definition appears.

RELATIVE LUN is the relative logical unit number (LUN) assigned, beginning with 1.

Figure 2-10 File-to-Relative-LUN Assignment Table

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DATA MAP

LEVEL	NAME	SOURCE LINE	DDIV LOCN	DIR LOC	USAGE	CLASS	OCC	LEN
01	DEC	00013	000224	000000	DSP	NUM	00	0004
01	BIN	00014	000230	000006	CMP	NUM	00	0002
01	CHR	00015	000232	000014	DSP	AN	00	0004
L 01	LS-ALPHA-DATA	00036	000000	*****	DSP	AN	00	0066
L 05	LA1	00037	000000	000000	DSP	AN	00	0006
L 05	LA2	00038	000006	000006	DSP	AN	00	0008
L 05	LA3	00039	000016	000014	DSP	AN	00	0010
L 05	LA4	00040	000030	000022	DSP	AN	00	0012
L 05	LA5	00041	000044	000030	DSP	AN	00	0014
L 05	LA6	00042	000062	000036	DSP	AN	00	0016
L 01	LS-NUM-DISP-DATA	00043	000000	*****	DSP	AN	00	0021
L 05	LN1	00044	000000	000044	DSP	NUM	00	0004
L 05	LN2	00045	000004	000052	DSP	NUM	00	0005
L 05	LN3	00046	000011	000060	DSP	NUM	00	0005
L 05	LN4	00047	000016	000066	DSP	NUM	00	0002
L 05	LN5	00048	000020	000074	DSP	NUM	00	0002
L 05	LN6	00049	000022	000102	DSP	NUM	00	0003
L 01	LS-COMP-DATA	00050	000000	*****	DSP	AN	00	0020
L 05	LC1	00051	000000	000110	CMP	NUM	00	0002
L 02	LC2	00052	000002	000116	CMP	NUM	00	0002
L 05	LC3	00053	000004	000124	CMP	NUM	00	0004
L 05	LC4	00054	000010	000132	CMP	NUM	00	0004
L 05	LC5	00055	000014	000140	CMP	NUM	00	0004
L 05	LC6	00056	000020	000146	CMP	NUM	00	0004

COLUMN

CONTENTS

L Data-item is defined in linkage section

LEVEL Level number of data-item

NAME Data-item name

SOURCE Source line number where data-item is defined  
LINE

DDIV Octal byte offset of data-item in data storage  
LOCN PSECT (program section).

NOTE: 1. For Linkage Section items, this offset is always relative to the 01 entry.

2. For non-Linkage Section items, this offset is relative to data PSECT \$KKDAT (KK=kernel).

Figure 2-11 Sample Data Map

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COLUMN	CONTENTS
DIR LOC	Octal byte offset of data-item's directory in a directory PSECT.  NOTE: 1. For Linkage Section items, this offset is relative to data PSECT \$KKARG (KK=kernel). 2. For non-Linkage Section items, this offset is relative to data PSECT \$KKDDD (KK=kernel). 3. If data-item is not referenced, no directory is allocated and ***** appears.
USAGE	One of the following abbreviations: DSP - Display CMP - Computational NDX - Index
CLASS	One of the following abbreviations: ALPHA - Alphabetic NUM - Numeric AN - Alphanumeric ANEDIT - Alphanumeric edited NMEDIT - Numeric edited
OCC	The number of subscripts associated with this data-item.
LEN	The length in bytes of data-item.

Figure 2-11 (Cont.) Sample Data Map

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PROCEDURE NAME MAP						
NAME	SOURCE LINE	PSECT	OFFSET	SEG	SECT	PARA
S0	00022	\$XX001	000024	00	S	
P0	00023	\$XX001	000024	00		P
P1	00025	\$XX001	000036	00		P
S1	00028	\$XX002	000024	00	S	
P2	00029	\$XX002	000024	00		P
P4	00049	\$XX002	000312	00		P

Column	Contents
NAME	Procedure-name
SOURCE LINE	Source line number where procedure appears
PSECT	Executable code PSECT name (program section) which contains the procedure
OFFSET	Octal byte offset of procedure in its executable code PSECT
SEG	The segment-number of the section containing the procedure
SECT	If the procedure is a section, an S will appear in this column
PARA	If the procedure is a paragraph, a P will appear in this column

Figure 2-12 Sample Procedure-Name Map

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COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 005		
SEGMENTATION MAP				
	SECTION NAME	SEGMENT NO.	NAME	SIZE
	S0	00	\$XX001	000116 00039
	S1	00	\$XX002	000532 00173

Column	Contents
SECTION NAME	The section-name.
SEGMENT NO.	The segment-number assigned to the section.
NAME	The name of the executable procedural PSECT (program section) generated for this section. If the executable code generated for a section exceeds the code segment limit (see /CSEG switch), more than one procedural PSECT is generated for the section. If this happens, the multiple PSECT names will appear in a vertical column.
SIZE	The size of the procedural psect, octal bytes followed by decimal words.

Figure 2-13 Sample Segmentation Map

COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 006	
COMPILER GENERATED PSECTS			
	NAME	SIZE	
	\$XXENT	000036 00015	
	\$XX003	000046 00019	

Column	Contents
NAME	The name of the compiler-generated psect.
SIZE	The size of the PSECT: octal bytes followed by decimal words.

NOTE: This map lists those executable PSECTS (program sections) that are generated by the compiler. These PSECTS are not the result of anything in the Procedure Division, but are generated to provide for runtime execution initialization.

Figure 2-14 Sample of Compiler-Generated PSECT Map

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COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 007					
REFERENCED OTS ROUTINES							
\$XMBB	\$XMDD	\$XMDB	\$XMDBD	\$XMCC	\$XMAL	\$XADDD	\$XADDR
\$XSUBD	\$XSUBR	\$XMULB	\$XSUBB	\$XSBBR	\$XMULB	\$XDIVB	\$XDIVR
\$XEDIS	\$XGO	\$XENDP	\$XSTPR	\$XABRT	\$XCALL	\$XEXIT	\$XSUBK
\$XINIT							
Contents							
This map contains the names of all COBOL OTS (Object Time System) routines that are referenced by the code generated by the compiler.							

Figure 2-15 Sample Map of Referenced OTS Routines

COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 008	
DATA PSECT MAP			
NAME	SIZE		
\$XXDAT	000236	00079	
\$XXDDD	000022	00009	
\$XXPDT	000014	00006	
\$XXARG	000006	00003	
\$XXWRK	000102	00033	
\$XXLIT	000006	00003	
\$XXLTD	000014	00006	
\$XXLST	000002	00001	
\$XXPFM	000214	00070	
\$XXSDT	000040	00016	
\$XXADT	000000	00000	
\$XXUSE	000030	00012	
\$CBIOT	000126	00043	
\$CBFAL	000000	00000	
\$CBXAL	000000	00000	
\$XXIOB	000000	00000	
\$CBIF1	000000	00000	
\$CBIR1	000000	00000	
\$CBKD1	000000	00000	
\$CBBD1	000000	00000	
\$CBKB1	000000	00000	
\$CBFD1	000000	00000	
\$CBSWT	000002	00001	
Column	Contents		
NAME	The name of the data PSECT generated by the compiler.		
SIZE	The size of the data PSECT, in octal bytes, followed by decimal words.		
NOTE: This map lists the data (nonexecutable) PSECTs generated by the compiler. See Appendix D for a description of the Data PSECTs generated for each compilation.			

Figure 2-16 Sample Data PSECT MAP

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COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 009					
EXTERNAL SUBPROGRAM REFERENCES							
A	AB	ABC	ABC000	ABC001	ABC002	ABC003	ABC004
ABC009	ABC010	ABC011	ABC012				
Contents							
This map contains the names of all external subprograms referenced by CALL statements in the COBOL source program.							

Figure 2-17 Sample Map of External Subprogram References MAP

COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0		05-JAN-77 16:05:40 PAGE 010	
SEVERITY	ERROR COUNT		
I	9		
W	4		
F	2		
Column	Contents		
SEVERITY	Contains the error severity code. The following list contains the possible severity codes:		
	I = Information		
	W = Warning		
	F = Fatal		
ERROR COUNT	Contains the number of errors encountered.		
NOTE: This listing is generated for every COBOL compilation.			

Figure 2-18 Sample Compilation Error Count Listing

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```

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      COMPILER GENERATED ODL FILE

;COBOL STANDARD ODL FILE GENERATED ON: 05-JAN-77 16:05:40
;COBOBJ=MAP.OBJ
;COBKER=XX
      .NAME XX$050,GBL
      .PSECT $XX003,GBL,I,RW,CON
XX050$: .FCTR *XX$050-$XX003
XXOVR$: .FCTR          XX050$
    
```

---

NOTE

This listing is generated whenever an object file is generated.

Figure 2-19 Sample Compiler-Generated ODL File Listing

```

00110          MOVE REPETITIONS(POWER) TO REPS.
PERFORM       : 001 000104
00111          PERFORM TEST1 REPS TIMES.
MOVE          : 001 000122
00112          MOVE TESTDELTA(TESTNUMBER) TO BASETIME(POWER) PEOPLE
DISPLAY      : 001 000160
00113          DISPLAY "10**" POWER " REPETITIONS TOOK "
00114          PEOPLETIME " HUNDREDTHS OF SECONDS.".
ADD           : 001 000206
00115          ADD 1 TO POWER.
IF            : 001 000220
GO            : 001 000254
00116          IF POWER NOT > POWERLIMIT GO TO I5.
GO            : 001 000264
00117          GO TO I10.
    
```

---

For each COBOL verb, a line of the following format appears in the listing, preceding the source line that contains the verb:

VERB: PPP AAAAAA

where:

1. VERB is the verb name
2. PPP is the decimal number of the code PSECT containing the object code generated for the verb.
3. AAAAAA is the octal byte offset within the PSECT at which the object code is generated.

Figure 2-20 Sample Output Using OBJ Switch



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### 2.5.4 Examples of the COBOL Command Line

#### Example 1

```
CBL> BILBO,BILBO=BILBO (RET)
```

This command line instructs the compiler to compile source program BILBO.CBL and write the compilation listing to a file named BILBO.LST. It produces an object file named BILBO.OBJ, and an overlay description language file named BILBO.ODL. The source program BILBO.CBL exists on the system device and is expected to be in terminal format. All output files exist or will be created on the system device.

#### Example 2

```
CBL> DK1:BILBO.OBJ,LP:=DT0:BILBO/CVF/MAP (RET)
```

This command line instructs the compiler to compile source program BILBO.CBL. The compiler expects the source program to reside on DECTape 0 and be in conventional format. This command line also instructs the compiler to generate a compiler listing and the following map listings on the system line printer:

- Data
- Procedure
- External Subprogram Reference
- Segmentation
- Data and Code PSECT
- OTS Routines

An overlay description language (ODL) file named BILBO.ODL and an object module (OBJ) file named BILBO.OBJ are to be created or replaced on disk device DK1:.

#### Example 3

```
CBL> BILBO,BILBO=BILBO/KE:BB (RET)
```

This command line instructs the compiler to compile source program BILBO.CBL which resides in terminal format on the system device. The output listing is to be spooled to a file named BILBO.LST. An object file (BILBO.OBJ) and an overlay description language file (BILBO.ODL) are to be generated and stored on the system device. The PSECT names generated by the compiler for the object modules all begin with the characters \$BB.

#### Example 4

```
CBL> BILBO.OBJ/KE:BB,BILBO.LST/MAP=BILBO.CBL/CVF (RET)
```

This command line instructs the compiler to compile program BILBO.CBL, which, is coded in conventional format and resides on the system device. A listing file (BILBO.LST), created on the system device, contains the following maps:

- Data
- Procedure

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- External Subprogram Reference
- Segmentation
- Data and Code PSECT
- OTS Routines

An object file (BILBO.OBJ) and an overlay description language file (BILBO.ODL) are generated and stored on the system device. The PSECT names generated during this execution of the compiler begin with the characters \$BB.

### 2.5.5 Error Message Summary

If any errors were detected during compilation, the compiler generates an error message summary and prints it on the user terminal. This summary contains the number of errors encountered. The error message summary has the following format:

CBL -- NNNNN ERROR(S), NNNNN FATAL

Where:

NNNNN is the number of errors encountered.

#### NOTE

If fatal errors are encountered, no object file is generated, unless specifically requested via the /ACC switch. (See Section 2.5.3, Compiler Switches).

### 2.5.6 Common Entry Errors, COBOL Command String

Common errors to avoid when entering the COBOL command string are:

- omitting the /CVF switch for programs that are in the conventional format, and causing a system error
- leaving the colon off the LP: specification, causing the listing to be spooled to a file named LP.LST
- turning ON switches that contradict the file specification parameters, e.g., entering the command string BILBO=BILBO/MAP, which does not request a listing file, yet does request a Data Division map
- omitting version numbers from one or more of the file specifications, causing the system to create a new version or to compile the wrong version (IAS or RSX-11M).

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### 2.6 USING THE MERGE UTILITY

To convert the ODL file generated by the compiler into a complete ODL file, or to merge ODL files from more than one compilation into a single ODL file, you use the Merge Utility.

#### 2.6.1 Invoking the Merge Utility

To invoke the Merge Utility, type MRG in response to a system prompt (Section 2.5, Using the COBOL Compiler). When the Merge Utility is loaded and ready to accept input specifications, it issues the following message:

PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR OUTPUT FILE

Enter the file specification for the file that is to receive the merged ODL file. For example:

PLEASE ENTER THE FILE SPECIFICATION FOR OUTPUT FILE

BILBO.ODL RET

When the output file specification is received, Merge issues another prompt:

DO YOU WANT AN ABBREVIATED OR MERGED ODL FILE?

PLEASE ANSWER A (ABBREVIATED) OR M (MERGED)

If you enter M, the Merge Utility generates a file that is a concatenation of all the input ODL files. If you enter an A, an ODL file containing indirect command file specifications for each input ODL file is generated.

Input ODL Files	Merged ODL	Abbreviated ODL
BILBO1.ODL ⋮	BILBO1.ODL ⋮	@BILBO1.ODL
BILBO2.ODL ⋮	BILBO2.ODL ⋮	@BILBO2.ODL
BILBO3.ODL ⋮	BILBO3.ODL ⋮	@BILBO3.ODL
	Merge supplied ODL statements	Merge supplied ODL statements

Figure 2-21 Merged vs. Abbreviated ODL File

For example, the following results in the generation of an abbreviated file:

DO YOU WANT AN ABBREVIATED OR MERGED ODL FILE?

PLEASE ANSWER A (ABBREVIATED) OR M (MERGED) A RET

Following the A or M specification, Merge make the following request:

DO YOU WANT TO OVERLAY I/O SUPPORT ROUTINES?

PLEASE ANSWER Y(ES) OR N(O)

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Simply enter Y for yes and N for no, followed by a carriage return.

Merge now requests that you enter the file specification for the first or only ODL file to be merged. The following message is issued:

PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR INPUT ODL FILE

Enter the input ODL file specification in response to this message as follows:

file-specification

For example:

PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR INPUT ODL FILE

BILB01.ODL

When Merge has completed processing this input file, it requests you to enter the device and directory under which the associated object file is stored. The following message is issued:

OBJECT PROGRAM REFERENCED IN ODL FILE IS:

object-filename.ext

PLEASE ENTER OBJECT FILE DEVICE AND PPN IN

THE FORMAT: DEV:[PROJECT,PROGRAMMER]

Enter the device code and PPN if different from the system default assignment. Otherwise, enter a carriage return only, e.g.:

OBJECT PROGRAM REFERENCED IN ODL FILE IS:

BILB01.OBJ

PLEASE ENTER OBJECT FILE DEVICE AND PPN IN

THE FORMAT: DEV:[PROJECT,PROGRAMMER]

The processing of the input ODL file is complete. Merge now issues the following message:

ANY MORE INPUT ODL FILES?  
PLEASE ANSWER Y(ES) OR N(O)

Enter Y for yes and N for no followed by a carriage return. If Y is entered, Merge reissues the PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR INPUT ODL FILE message, and the merging procedure is repeated. If N is entered, the output file is completed, and the following message is issued:

ODL MERGE IS COMPLETE  
MERGED ODL FILE IS file-specification

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Figure 2-22 shows a sample ODL file merge dialogue.

```
RUN MRG (RET)
PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR OUTPUT FILE
DIVA.ODL (RET)
DO YOU WANT AN ABBREVIATED OR MERGED ODL FILE?
PLEASE ANSWER A(BBREVIATED) OR M(ERGED) M (RET)
DO YOU WANT TO OVERLAY I/O SUPPORT ROUTINES?
PLEASE ANSWER Y(ES) OR N(O) N (RET)
PLEASE ENTER FILE SPECIFICATION FOR INPUT ODL FILE
DIVBUG.ODL (RET)
OBJECT PROGRAM REFERENCED IN ODL FILE IS:
    DIVBUG.OBJ
PLEASE ENTER OBJECT FILE DEVICE AND UIC IN THE FORMAT:
DEV: [GROUP, MEMBER]
(RET)
ANY MORE INPUT ODL FILES?
PLEASE ANSWER Y(ES) OR N(O) N (RET)
ODL FILE MERGE COMPLETE
MERGED ODL FILE IS: DIVA.ODL
CBL -- 15: STOP RUN
```

Figure 2-22 Sample ODL File Merge Dialogue

### 2.6.2 Merge Utility Error Messages

Whenever the Merge Utility encounters an error in processing, it issues an error message to the user terminal. These error messages are listed in Table 2-6.

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Table 2-6  
Merge Error Messages

BAD FORMAT PPN:[p,p]	
Description	The PPN you specified does not conform to system standard syntax.
User Action	Respecify the PPN using the correct syntax.
THIS ODL FILE CONTAINS A ;COBMAIN LINE  A ;COBMAIN LINE HAS ALREADY OCCURRED  THIS ODL FILE IS IGNORED	
Description	A ;COBMAIN line in an ODL file identifies the object program as a main program. This message is telling you that Merge has already processed an ODL file that contained a ;COBMAIN line. Since a task image can only contain one main program, this ODL file is ignored.
MULTIPLE ;COBKER HEADER LINE DETECTED  THIS ODL FILE IS IGNORED	
Description	A ;COBKER line in an ODL file specifies the 2 character kernel used to identify PSECTs for the object file corresponding to this ODL file. Only one ;COBKER line per ODL file is allowed. This ODL file is ignored.
MULTIPLE ;COBOBJ HEADER LINE DETECTED  THIS ODL FILE IS IGNORED	
Description	A ;COBOBJ line in an ODL file identifies the object file for which the ODL file was generated. Only one such object file specification is allowed in a compiler-generated ODL file. This ODL file is ignored.
NOT STANDARD COBOL ODL FILE  FILE IS IGNORED	
Description	The ODL file contains nonstandard ODL lines. See Chapter 11 for ODL file format.
OPEN UNSUCCESSFUL	
Description	One of the following conditions exists:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The device is not on line</li> <li>2. The device is not mounted</li> <li>3. The hardware has failed</li> <li>4. The file does not exist</li> <li>5. The user is not allowed access to the file</li> </ol>
User Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine which condition exists</li> <li>2. Rectify the condition</li> <li>3. Reenter the command</li> </ol>

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Table 2-6 (Cont.)  
Merge Error Messages

READ ERROR -- MUST ABORT	
Description	An unrecoverable read error occurred when the Merge Utility attempted to read the input ODL file. The input and output ODL files are closed, and the Merge Utility terminates.  One of the following conditions exists:  1. The device is not on line 2. The device is not mounted 3. The hardware has failed 4. The volume is full
User Action	1. Determine which condition exists 2. Rectify the condition 3. Reenter the command

### 2.7 USING THE TASK BUILDER

The Task Builder (TKB) is a system program that links relocatable object modules to create a task image. Invoke the Task Builder by specifying TKB in response to an RSX-11M or RSTS/E operating system prompt, or by specifying LINK in response to an IAS operating system prompt. For example, you invoke TKB on a RSTS/E system as follows:

READY

TKB (RET)

When invoked, the Task Builder issues the following prompt:

TKB>

You can now enter the TKB command line using the following format.

task file, map file = ODL file/MP

where:

task file is the file specification for the task image file to be generated.

map file is optional; if specified, it is the specification for the file that is to receive the memory map listing.

ODL file is the file specification for an Overlay Description Language file.

/MP is a switch which identifies the preceding file specification as an ODL file.

When TKB receives the command string, it issues the following message:

ENTER OPTIONS:

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The RSTS/E user enters HISEG=RMS11 followed by a carriage return in response to this prompt. The IAS or RSX-11M user enters / followed by a carriage return unless other options are to be entered first. When appropriate, the UNITS and ASG options should be entered here. (See Section 6.5.3, Files and Logical Units.)

TKB then issues the following prompt:

TKB>

Enter // in response to this prompt.

Consider the following example of running TKB on a RSTS/E operating system:

TKB (RET)

TKB>DIVBUR,DIVBUG=DIVA/MP (RET)

ENTER OPTIONS:

TKB>HISEG=RMS11 (RET)

TKB>// (RET)

### 2.7.1 Task Building COBOL Programs Using Direct Input

If your task does not contain calls to subprograms or segmentation and is composed of only a few object modules, you may want to bypass the Merge Utility process and enter a dialogue with TKB. The format of the command line is:

task,map=object1,object2,...,[1,1]COBLIB/LB,[1,1]RMSLIB/LB

Where:

task	is the file specification for the task image file to be generated.
map	(optional) is the file specification for the file to receive the memory map listing.
object	is one or more object file specifications for the file(s) containing the object modules to be task-built.
[1,1]COBLIB	is the exact file specification for the COBOL library file. This file contains the COBOL object time system.
[1,1]RMSLIB	is the exact file specification for the RMS-11 library file. This file contains the RMS I/O routines.
/LB	is the Task Builder switch that describes the file as being a library file.

TKB is invoked and the options following the ENTER OPTIONS prompt are specified in the same manner as specified in Section 2.7.



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The following dialogue shows TKB commands to task-build using object module(s) and libraries.

TKB (RET)

TKB>DIVBUG, DIVBUG=DIVBUG, SUBA, [1,1]COBLIB/LB, [1,1]RMSLIB/LB (RET)

TKB>/ (RET)

ENTER OPTIONS:

TKB>HISEG=RMS11 (RET)

TKB>// (RET)

### 2.7.2 Task Building and COBOL Program Size

The size of a COBOL object module created from a COBOL source file depends on the amount of memory required for the following elements:

1. data-items in the Working-Storage Section
2. number of files in the File Section
3. amount of code generated for the Procedure Division
4. number and length of all unique numeric and non-numeric literals used in the Procedure Division
5. total size of all runtime modules needed to support the executing program (includes such code as arithmetic support, I/O support, segmentation support, etc.)
6. push-down stack space required to support the executable code
7. directories for all referenced data-items and literals

The maximum size of a program task on the PDP-11 is 64K bytes. On systems that support PDP-11 COBOL, the maximum task is 56K bytes, where the remaining 8K bytes are reserved for sharable file system code to support I/O. A COBOL program, therefore, cannot occupy more than 56K bytes of memory.

Some programs may exceed the allowable storage byte limit. In this case, TKB issues a diagnostic and does not build your task. You may take either of two corrective measures:

1. create program overlays by using the COBOL segmentation facility (Chapter 9, Segmentation)
2. break up your program into a main program and one or more subprograms (Chapter 10, Interprogram Communication).

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### 2.8 EXECUTING A COBOL TASK

Once a task image has been built, you execute it by entering the following command in response to a system prompt:

```
RUN filespec 
```

where: filespec is the task image file specification.

#### 2.8.1 COBOL Switch Setting

If you specified SWITCH ON or OFF in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of your source program, at execution time the OTS will issue the following message to your terminal:

```
SPECIFY "ON" SWITCHES...
```

Enter a response in the following format:

```
N1,N2,N3,...,NK
```

where

N1,N2,N3,...,NK are decimal numbers in the range 1 thru 16 that specify the switch you want turned on.

For example:

```
SPECIFY "ON" SWITCHES ...
```

```
1,9,16 
```

This example causes switches 1, 9, and 16 to be set on.

If you enter an asterisk (\*) in response to the switch message, all switches are set on.



## CHAPTER 3

### NON-NUMERIC CHARACTER HANDLING

#### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

COBOL programs hold their data in fields whose sizes are described in their source programs. These fields are thus "fixed" during compilation to remain the same size throughout the lifespan of the resulting object program.

The data descriptions of the fields in a COBOL program describe them as belonging to any of three data classes -- alphanumeric, alphabetic, or numeric class. Numeric class data items contain only numeric values, alphabetic class only A-Z and space, but alphanumeric class data items may contain values that are all alphabetic, all numeric, or a mixture of alphabetic bytes, numeric bytes, or, in fact, any character from the ASCII character set.

Further, these three classes are subdivided into five categories: alphabetic, numeric, numeric edited, alphanumeric edited, and alphanumeric. Every elementary item except for an index data item belongs to one of the classes and further to one of the categories. The class of a group item is treated at object time as alphanumeric regardless of the classes of subordinate elementary items.

For alphabetic and numeric (data items) class and category are synonymous.

An alphabetic field is a field declared to contain only alphabetic (A-Z and space) characters.

An alphanumeric class field that is declared to contain any ASCII character is called an alphanumeric category field.

If the data description of an alphanumeric class field specifies that certain editing operations will be performed on any value that is moved into it, that field is called an alphanumeric or numeric edited category field.

When reading the following sections of this chapter, this distinction between the class or category of a data item and the actual value that the item contains should always be kept in mind.

Sometimes the text refers to alphabetic, alphanumeric, and alphanumeric edited data items as non-numeric data items. This is to distinguish them from items that are specifically described as numeric items.

Regardless of the class of an item, it is usually possible to store a value in the item, at object time, that is "illegal". Thus, non-numeric ASCII characters can be placed into a field described as numeric class, and an alphabetic class field may be loaded with non-alphabetic characters.

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To increase readability, the following sections occasionally omit the word "class" when describing an item; however, the reader should regard the descriptive word, numeric, alphabetic, or alphanumeric, as referring to the class of an item unless it applies specifically to the value in the item.

This chapter discusses non-numeric class data and the non-arithmetic, non-input-output operations that manipulate this type of data.

### 3.2 DATA ORGANIZATION

Usually, the data areas in a COBOL program are organized into group items with subordinate elementary items. A group item is a data item that is followed by one or more data items (elementary items) with higher valued level numbers. An elementary item has no higher valued subordinate level number.

All of the data areas used by COBOL programs (except for certain registers and switches) must be described in the Data Division of the source program. The compiler allocates memory space for these fields and fixes them in size at compilation time.

The following sub-sections (3.2.1 and 3.2.2) discuss, on a general level, how the compiler handles group and elementary data items.

#### 3.2.1 Group Items

The size of a group item is the total size of the data area occupied by its subordinate elementary items. The compiler considers group items to be alphanumeric DISPLAY items. Thus, the software manipulates group items as if they had been described as PIC X() items, and ignores the structure of the data contained within them.

#### 3.2.2 Elementary Items

The size of an elementary item is determined by the number of allowable symbols it contains that represent character positions. For example, consider the following fields:

```
01 TRANREC.  
   03 FIELD-1 PIC X(7).  
   03 FIELD-2 PIC S9(5)V99.
```

Figure 3-1  
Field Sizes

Both fields consume seven bytes of memory; however, FIELD-1 contains seven alphanumeric bytes while FIELD-2 contains decimal digits and an operational sign. Although certain verbs handle these two classes of data differently, the data, in either case, occupies seven bytes of PDP-11 memory. COBOL operations on such fields are independent of the mapping of the field into PDP-11 memory words (16-bit words that hold two 8-bit bytes). Thus, a field may begin in the left or right-hand byte of a word with no effect on the function of any operations that may refer to that field.

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In effect, the compiler sees memory as a continuous array of bytes, not words. This becomes particularly important when declaring a table with the OCCURS clause (see Chapter 5, Table Handling).

Records (a 01 level entry and all of its subordinate entries) and data items that have a level number of 77 and all literal values given in the Procedure Division automatically begin on even byte addresses.

I/O verbs require that records be aligned on word boundaries because the PDP-11 COBOL file system reads and writes integral numbers of words.

Non-input-output verbs do not require alignment of the data. However, when two fields are aligned identically, the processing verb can sometimes increase its efficiency by processing them a word at a time rather than a byte at a time.

In all cases, automatic word alignment of literals, records, and/or 77 items increase the opportunity for more efficient processing.

### 3.3 SPECIAL CHARACTERS

COBOL allows the user to manipulate any of the 128 characters of the ASCII character set as alphanumeric data even though many of the characters are control characters, which usually control input/output devices. Generally, alphanumeric data manipulations are performed in a manner that attaches no "meaning" to an 8-bit byte. Thus, the user can move and compare these control characters in the same manner as alphabetic and numeric characters.

Although the object program can manipulate all ASCII characters, certain control characters cannot appear in non-numeric literals since the compiler uses them to delimit the source text. Further, the keyboards of the console and keypunch devices have no convenient input key for many of the special characters, thus making it difficult to place them into non-numeric literals.

Special characters may be placed into data fields of the object program by placing the binary value of the special character into a numeric COMP field and redefining that field as alphanumeric DISPLAY. Consider the following example of redefinition. (Keep in mind that the even byte of a word corresponds to the low-order bits of a binary word.)

```
01 LF-COMP PIC 999 COMP VALUE 10.  
01 LF REDEFINES LF-COMP PIC X.  
01 HT-COMP PIC 999 COMP VALUE 9.  
01 TAB REDEFINES HT-COMP PIC X.  
01 CR-COMP PIC 999 COMP VALUE 13.  
01 CR REDEFINES CR-COMP PIC X.
```

Figure 3-2  
Redefining Special Characters

The sample coding in Figure 3-2 introduces each character as a 1-word COMP item with a decimal value, then redefines it as a single byte. (The second byte of the redefinition need not be described at the 01 level, since redefinition at this level does not require identically sized fields.)

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The following ASCII code chart may be used to determine the decimal value for any ASCII character. To use the chart, find the desired character; then add its row and column values together to determine the decimal integer to be supplied as a VALUE for the computational item.

Column Value Row Value	000	008	016	024	032	040	048	056	064	072	080	088	096	104	112	120
0	NUL	BS	DLE	CAN	space	(	0	8	@	H	P	X	grave	h	p	x
1	SOH	HT	DC1	EM	!	)	1	9	A	I	Q	Y	a	i	q	y
2	STX	LF	DC2	SUB	"	*	2	:	B	J	R	Z	b	j	r	z
3	ETX	VT	DC3	ESC	#	+	3	;	C	K	S	[	c	k	s	{
4	EOT	FF	DC4	FS	\$	.	4	<	D	L	T	\	d	l	t	
5	ENQ	CR	NAK	GS	%	,	5	=	E	M	U	]	e	m	u	} (ESC)
6	ACK	SO	SYN	RS	&	.	6	>	F	N	V	(^)	f	n	v	~
7	BEL	SI	ETB	US	apos	/	7	?	G	O	W	(±)	g	o	w	DEL

Figure 3-3  
ASCII Code Chart

### 3.4 TESTING NON-NUMERIC FIELDS

#### 3.4.1 Relation Tests

An IF statement that contains a relation condition (greater-than, less-than, equal-to, etc.) can compare the value in a non-numeric data item with another value and use the result to alter the flow of control in the program.

An IF statement with a relation condition compares two operands, either of which may be an identifier or a literal, except that both cannot be literals. If the relation exists between the two operands, the relation condition has a truth value of true.

Figure 3-4 illustrates the general format of a relation condition. (The relational characters ">," "<," and "=", although required, are not underlined to avoid confusion with other symbols such as greater-than-or-equal-to.)

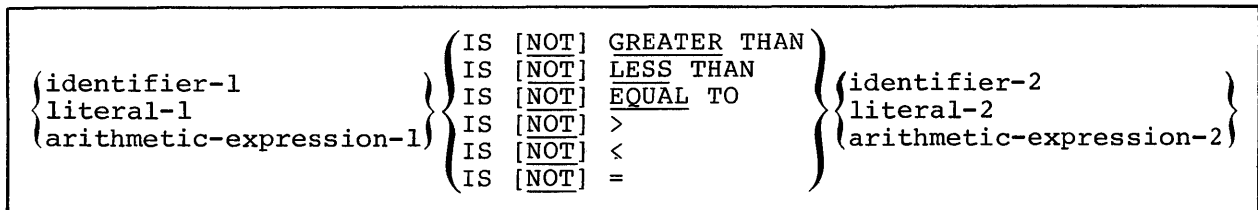


Figure 3-4  
Relation Condition

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When coding a relational operator, leave a space before and after each reserved word. When the reserved word NOT is present, the software considers it and the next key word or relational character to be one relational operator that defines the comparison. Figure 3-5 shows the meanings of the relational operators.

OPERATOR	MEANING
IS [NOT] GREATER THAN IS [NOT] >	The first operand is greater than (or not greater than) the second operand.
IS [NOT] LESS THAN IS [NOT] <	The first operand is less than (or not less than) the second operand.
IS [NOT] EQUAL TO IS [NOT] =	The first operand is equal to (or not equal to) the second operand.

Figure 3-5  
The Meanings of the Relational Operators

3.4.1.1 **Classes of Data** - COBOL allows comparison of both numeric class operands and non-numeric class operands; however, it handles each class of data slightly differently. For example, it allows a comparison of two numeric operands regardless of the formats specified in their respective USAGE clauses, but requires that all other comparisons (including comparisons of any group items) be between operands with the same usage. It compares numeric class operands with respect to their algebraic values and non-numeric (or a numeric and a non-numeric) class operands with respect to a specified collating sequence.

If only one of the operands is numeric, it must be an integer data item or an integer literal and it must be DISPLAY usage; further, the manner in which the software handles numeric operands depends on the non-numeric operand. Consider the following two types of non-numeric operands:

1. If the non-numeric operand is an elementary item or a literal, the software treats the numeric operand as if it had been moved into an alphanumeric data item (which is the same size as the numeric operand) and then compared. This causes any operational sign, whether carried as a separate character or as an overpunch, to be stripped from the numeric item; thus, it appears to be an unsigned quantity. In addition, if the picture-string of the numeric item contains trailing P characters indicating that there are assumed integer positions that are not actually present, these are filled with zero digits during the operation of stripping any sign that is present. Thus, an item with a picture-string of S9999PPP is moved to a temporary location where it is described with a picture-string of 9999999. If its value is 432J (-4321), the value in the temporary location will be 4321000. The numeric digits, stored as ASCII bytes, take part in the comparison.
2. If the non-numeric operand is a group item, the software treats the numeric operand as if it had been moved into a group item (which is the same size as the numeric operand) and then compared. This is equivalent to a "group move". The software ignores the description of the numeric field (except for length) and, therefore, includes any operational sign, whether carried as a separate character or as an



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overpunch, in its length. (Overpunched characters are never ASCII numeric digits, but characters in the range of from A through R, {, or }.) Thus, the sign and the digits, stored as ASCII bytes, take part in the comparison, and zeroes are not supplied for P characters in the picture-string.

The compiler will not accept a comparison between a non-integer numeric operand and a non-numeric operand, and any attempt to compare these two items will cause a diagnostic message at compile time.

3.4.1.2 The Comparison Operation - If the two operands are acceptable, the software compares them byte for byte starting at their left-hand end. It proceeds from left to right, comparing the characters in corresponding character positions until it either encounters a pair of unequal characters or reaches the right-hand end of the longer operand.

If the software encounters a pair of unequal characters, it considers their relative position in the collating sequence. The operand with the character that is positioned higher in the collating sequence is the greater operand.

If the operands have different lengths, the comparison proceeds as though the shorter operand were extended on the right by sufficient ASCII spaces (040) to make them both the same length.

If all of the pairs of characters compare equally, the operands are equal.

### 3.4.2 Class Tests

An IF statement that contains a class condition (NUMERIC or ALPHABETIC) can test the value in a non-numeric data item (USAGE DISPLAY only) to determine if it contains numeric or alphabetic data and use the result to alter the flow of control in the program.

Figure 3-6 illustrates the general format of a class condition. If the data item consists entirely of the ASCII characters 0123456789 with or without the operational sign, the class condition would determine that it is NUMERIC. If the item consists entirely of the ASCII characters A through Z and space, the class condition would determine that it is ALPHABETIC.

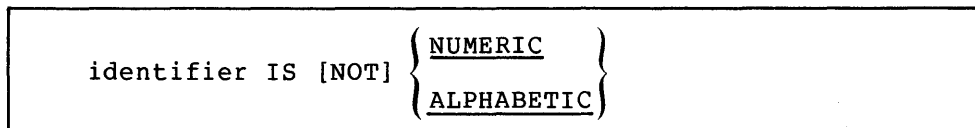


Figure 3-6  
Class Condition, General Format

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When the reserved word, NOT, is present, the software considers it and the next key word as one class condition that defines the class test to be executed; for example, NOT NUMERIC is a truth test for determining if an operand contains at least one non-numeric byte.

If the item being tested was described as a numeric data item, it may only be tested as NUMERIC or NOT NUMERIC. (For further information on using class conditions with numeric items, see Chapter 4.) The NUMERIC test cannot examine an item that was described either as alphabetic or as a group item containing elementary items whose data descriptions indicate the presence of operational signs.

### 3.5 DATA MOVEMENT

COBOL provides three statements (MOVE, STRING, and UNSTRING) that perform most of the data movement operations required by business-oriented programs. The MOVE statement simply moves data from one field to another. The STRING statement concatenates a series of sending fields into a single receiving field. The UNSTRING statement disperses a single sending field into multiple receiving fields. Each has its uses and its limitations. This section discusses data movement situations which take advantage of the versatility of these statements.

The MOVE statement handles the majority of data movement operations on character strings. However, the MOVE statement has limitations in its ability to handle multiple fields; for example, it cannot, by itself, concatenate a series of sending fields into a single receiving field or disperse a single sending field into several receiving fields.

Two MOVE statements will, however, bring the contents of two fields together into a third (receiving) field if the receiving field has been "subdivided" with subordinate elementary items that match the two sending fields in size. If other fields are to be concatenated into the third field and they differ in size from the first two fields, then the receiving field will require additional subdivisions (through redefinition).

Another method of concatenation with the MOVE statement is to subdivide the receiving field into single character fields, creating a "table" of a single character field that occurs as many times as there are characters in the receiving field, and execute a data movement loop which moves each sending field, a character at a time, using a subscript that moves continuously across the receiving field.

Two MOVE statements can also be used to disperse the contents of one sending field to several receiving fields. The first MOVE statement can move the left-most end of the sending field to a receiving field; then the second MOVE statement can move the right-most end of the sending field to another receiving field. (The second receiving field must first be described with the JUSTIFIED clause.) Characters from the middle of the sending field cannot easily be moved to any receiving field without extensive redefinitions of the sending field or a character-by-character movement loop (as with concatenation).

The concatenation and dispersion limitations of the MOVE statement are handled quite easily by the STRING and UNSTRING statements. The following sections (3.6, 3.7, and 3.8) discuss these three statements in detail.

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The MOVE statement moves the contents of one field into another. The following illustration shows the two formats of the MOVE statement.

<p><u>Format 1</u></p> <p>MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2</p> <p><u>Format 2</u></p> <p>MOVE CORRESPONDING FIELD1 TO FIELD2</p> <p>NOTE</p> <p>Format 2 is discussed in Section 3.6.6.</p>
--

FIELD1 is the name of the sending field and FIELD2 is the name of the receiving field. The statement causes the software to move the contents of FIELD1 into FIELD2. The two fields need not be the same size, class, or usage; and they may be either group or elementary items. If the two fields are not the same length, the software will align them on one end or the other -- and will truncate or pad (with spaces) the other end. The movement of group items and non-numeric elementary items is discussed below.

A point to remember when using the MOVE statement is that it will alter the contents of every character position in the receiving field.

#### 3.6.1 Group Moves

If either the sending or receiving field is a group item, the software considers the move to be a group move. It treats both the sending and receiving fields in a group move as if they were alphanumeric class fields. If the sending field is a group item and the receiving field is an elementary item, the software ignores the receiving field description (except for the size description, in bytes, and any JUSTIFIED clause); therefore, the software conducts no conversion or editing on the receiving field.

#### 3.6.2 Elementary Moves

If both fields of a MOVE statement are elementary items, their data description clauses control their data movement. (If the receiving field was described as numeric or numeric edited, the rules for numeric moves -- see Chapter 4, Numeric Character Handling -- control the data movement.)

The following table shows the legal (and illegal) non-numeric elementary moves.

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Table 3-1  
Legal Non-Numeric Elementary Moves

SENDING FIELD CATEGORY	RECEIVING FIELD CATEGORY	
	ALPHABETIC	ALPHANUMERIC ALPHANUMERIC EDITED
ALPHABETIC	Legal	Legal
ALPHANUMERIC	Legal	Legal
ALPHANUMERIC EDITED	Legal	Legal
NUMERIC INTEGER (DISPLAY ONLY)	Illegal	Legal
NUMERIC EDITED	Illegal	Legal

In all of the legal moves shown above, the software treats the sending field as though it had been described as PIC X(). If the sending field description contains a JUSTIFIED clause, the clause will have no effect on the move. If the sending field picture-string contains editing characters, the software uses them only to determine the field's size.

Numeric class data must be in DISPLAY (byte) format and must be an integer.

If the description of the numeric data item indicates the presence of an operational sign (either as a character or an overpunch) or if there are P characters in the picture-string of the numeric data item, the software first moves the item to a temporary location. During this move, it removes the sign and fills out any P character positions with zero digits. It then uses the temporary value (which may be shorter than the original if a separate sign were removed, or longer if P character positions were filled in with zeroes) as the sending field as if it had been described as PIC X(), that is, as if its category were alphanumeric.

If the sending item is an unsigned numeric class field with no P characters in its picture-string, the software does not move the item to a temporary location.

A numeric integer data item sending field has no effect on the justification of the receiving field. If the numeric sending field is shorter than the receiving field, the software fills the receiving field with spaces.

In legal, non-numeric elementary moves, the receiving field actually controls the movement of data. All of the following items, in the receiving field, affect the move: (1) the size, (2) the presence of editing characters in its description, and (3) the presence of the JUSTIFIED RIGHT clause in its description. The JUSTIFIED clause and editing characters are mutually exclusive; therefore, the two classes are discussed separately below.

When a field that contains no editing characters or JUSTIFIED clause in its description is used as the receiving field of a non-numeric elementary MOVE statement, the statement moves the characters by starting at the left-hand end of the fields and scanning across, character-by-character to the right. If the sending item is shorter

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than the receiving item, the software fills the remaining character positions with spaces.

3.6.2.1 **Edited Moves** - Alphabetic or alphanumeric fields may contain editing characters. Consider the following insertion editing characters. Alphabetic fields will accept only the B character; however, alphanumeric fields will accept all three characters.

- B -- blank insertion position
- 0 -- zero insertion position
- / -- slash insertion position.

When a field that contains an insertion editing character in its picture-string is used as the receiving field of a non-numeric elementary MOVE statement, each receiving character position that corresponds to an editing character receives the insertion byte value. Figure 3-7 illustrates the use of such symbols with the statement, MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2. (Assume that FIELD1 was described as PIC X(7).)

FIELD1	FIELD2	
	PICTURE-STRING	CONTENTS AFTER MOVE
070476	XX/99/XX	07/04/76
04JUL76	99BAAAB99	04 JUL 76
2351212	XXXBXXXX/XX/	235 1212/ /
123456	0XB0XB0XB0X	01 02 03 04

Figure 3-7  
Data Movement with Editing Symbols

Data movement always begins at the left end of the sending field, and moves only to the byte positions described as A, 9, or X in the receiving field picture-string. When the sending field is exhausted, the software supplies space characters to fill any remaining character positions (not insertion positions) in the receiving field. If the receiving field becomes exhausted before the last character is moved from the sending field, the software ignores the remaining sending field characters.

3.6.2.2 **Justified Moves** - A JUSTIFIED RIGHT clause in the data description of the receiving field causes the software to reverse its usual data movement conventions. (It starts with the right-hand characters of both fields and proceeds from right to left.) If the sending field is shorter than the receiving field, the software fills the remaining left-hand character positions with spaces. Figure 3-8 illustrates various data description situations for the statement, MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2, with no editing.

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FIELD1		FIELD2	
PICTURE-STRING	CONTENTS	PICTURE-STRING (AND JUST CLAUSE)	CONTENTS AFTER MOVE
XXX	ABC	XX	AB
		XXXXX	ABC
		XX JUST	BC
		XXXXX JUST	ABC

Figure 3-8  
Data Movement with No Editing

### 3.6.3 Multiple Receiving Fields

If a MOVE statement is written with more than one receiving field, it moves the same sending field value to each of the receiving fields. It has essentially the same effect as a series of separate MOVE statements that all have the same sending field. (For information on subscripted fields, see section 3.6.4.)

The receiving fields need have no relationship to each other. The software checks the legality of each one independently, and performs an independent move operation on each one.

Multiple receiving fields on MOVE statements provide a convenient way to set many fields equal to the same value, such as during initialization code at the beginning of a section of processing. For example:

```
MOVE SPACES TO LIST-LINE, EXCEPTION-LINE, NAME-FLD.
```

```
MOVE ZEROES TO EOL-FLAG, EXCEPT-FLAG, NAME-FLAG.
```

```
MOVE 1 TO COUNT-1, CHAR-PTR, CURSOR.
```

### 3.6.4 Subscripted Moves

Any field of a MOVE statement may be subscripted and the referenced field may also be used to subscript another name in the same statement.

When more than one receiving field is named in the same MOVE statement, the order in which the software evaluates the subscripts affects the results of the move. Consider the following two situations:

```
Situation 1 MOVE FIELD1(FIELD2) TO FIELD2 FIELD3.
```

```
Situation 2 MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2 FIELD3(FIELD2).
```

Figure 3-9  
Subscripted MOVE Statements

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In situation 1, the software evaluates FIELD1(FIELD2) only once, before it moves any data to the receiving fields. In effect it is as if the statement were replaced with the following statements:

```
MOVE FIELD1(FIELD2) TO TEMP.
```

```
MOVE TEMP TO FIELD2.
```

```
MOVE TEMP TO FIELD3.
```

In situation 2, the software evaluates FIELD3(FIELD2) immediately before moving the data into it (but after moving the data from FIELD1 to FIELD2). Thus, it uses the newly stored value of FIELD2 as the subscript value. In effect, it is as if the statement were replaced with the following statements:

```
MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2.
```

```
MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD3(FIELD2).
```

### 3.6.5 Common Errors, MOVE Statement

A most important thing to remember when writing MOVE statements is that the compiler considers any MOVE statement that contains a group item to be a group move. It is easy to forget this fact when moving a group item to an elementary item, and the elementary item contains editing characters, or a numeric integer. These attributes of the receiving field (which would determine the action of an elementary move) have no effect on the action of a group move.

### 3.6.6 Format 2 - MOVE CORRESPONDING

Format 2 of the MOVE statement allows the programmer to move multiple elementary items from one group item to another, by using a single MOVE statement. When the corresponding phrase is used, selected elementary items in the sending field are moved to those elementary items in the receiving field whose data-names are identical. For example:

```
01 A-GROUP                01 B-GROUP
    02 FIELD1              02 FIELD2
        03 A PIC x          03 A PIC x
        03 B PIC 9          03 C PIC xx
        03 C PIC xx         03 E PIC xxx
        03 D PIC 99
        03 E PIC xxx

MOVE CORRESPONDING A-GROUP TO B-GROUP

OR

MOVE CORRESPONDING FIELD1 TO FIELD2
```

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The above examples are equivalent to the following series of MOVE statements:

```
MOVE A OF FIELD1 TO A OF FIELD2  
MOVE C OF FIELD1 TO C OF FIELD 2  
MOVE E OF FIELD1 TO E OF FIELD2
```

### 3.7 THE STRING STATEMENT

The STRING statement concatenates the contents of two or more sending fields into a single field.

The statement has many forms; the simplest is equivalent, in function, to a non-numeric MOVE statement. Consider the following illustration; if the two fields are the same size, or if the sending field (FIELD1) is larger, the statement is equivalent to the statement, MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2.

```
STRING1 FIELD1 DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO FIELD2.
```

Figure 3-10  
Sample STRING Statement

If the sending field is shorter than the receiving field, an important difference between the STRING and MOVE statements emerges: the software does not fill the receiving field with spaces. Thus, the STRING statement may leave some portion of the receiving field unchanged.

Additionally, the receiving field must be an elementary alphanumeric field with no JUSTIFIED clause or editing characters in its description. Thus, the data movement of the STRING statement always fills the receiving field from left-to-right with no editing insertions.

#### 3.7.1 Multiple Sending Fields

An important characteristic of the STRING statement is its ability to concatenate a series of sending fields into one receiving field. Consider the following example of the STRING statement:

```
STRING FIELD1A FIELD1B FIELD1C DELIMITED BY SIZE  
INTO FIELD2.
```

Figure 3-11  
Concatenation with the STRING Statement

In this sample STRING statement, FIELD1A, FIELD1B, and FIELD1C are all sending fields. The software moves them to the receiving field (FIELD2) in the order in which they appear in the statement, from left to right, resulting in the concatenation of their values.



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If FIELD2 is not large enough to hold all three items, the operation stops when it is full. If this occurs while moving one of the sending fields, the software ignores the remaining characters of that field and any other sending fields not yet processed. For example, if FIELD2 became full while receiving FIELD1B, the software would ignore the rest of FIELD1B and all of FIELD1C.

If the sending fields do not fill the receiving field, the operation stops with the movement of the last character of the last sending item (FIELD1C in Figure 3-11). The software does not alter the contents nor space-fill the remaining character positions of the receiving field.

The sending fields may be non-numeric literals and figurative constants (except for ALL literal). For example, the following statement sets up an address label with the literal period and space between the STATE and ZIP fields:

```
STRING CITY SPACE STATE ". " ZIP
      DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO ADDRESS-LINE.
```

Figure 3-12  
Literals as Sending Fields

Sending fields may also be subscripted. For example, the following statement uses subscripts to concatenate the elements of a table (A-TABLE) into a single field (A-FOUR). (I, of course, must be a subscript or an index-name.)

```
STRING A-TABLE(I) A-TABLE(I+1) A-TABLE(I+2) A-TABLE(I+3)
      DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO A-FOUR.
```

Figure 3-13  
Indexed Sending Fields

### 3.7.2 The POINTER Phrase

Although the STRING statement normally starts at the left-hand end of the receiving field, with the POINTER phrase it is possible to start it scanning at another point within the field. (The scanning, however, remains left-to-right.)

```
MOVE 5 TO P.
STRING FIELD1A FIELD1B DELIMITED BY SIZE
      INTO FIELD2 WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-14  
Sample POINTER Phrase

When the POINTER phrase is used, the value of P determines the starting character position in the receiving field. In Figure 3-14, the 5 in P causes the software to move the first character of FIELD1A into character position 5 of FIELD2 (the left-most character position of the receiving field is character position 1) and leave positions 1 through 4 unchanged.

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When the STRING operation is complete, the software leaves P pointing to one character position beyond the last character replaced in the receiving field. If FIELD1A and FIELD1B in Figure 3-14 are both four characters long, P will contain a value of 13 (5+4+4) when the operation is complete (assuming that FIELD2 is at least 12 characters long).

### 3.7.3 The DELIMITED BY Phrase

Although the sending fields of the STRING statement are fixed in size at compile time, they frequently contain variable-length items that are padded with spaces. For example, a 20-character city field may contain only the word MAYNARD and 13 spaces. A valuable feature of the STRING statement is that it may be used to move only the useful data from the left-hand end of the sending field. The DELIMITED BY phrase, written with a data-name or literal, instead of the word SIZE, performs this operation. (The delimiter may be a literal, a data item, a figurative constant, or the word SIZE. It may not be ALL literal since ALL literal has an indefinite length. When the phrase contains the word SIZE, the software moves each sending field, in total, until it either exhausts the sending field, or fills the receiving field.)

Consider the following example:

```
STRING CITY SPACE STATE " " ZIP
      DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO ADDRESS-LINE.
```

Figure 3-15  
Delimiting with the Word SIZE

If CITY is a 20-character field, the result of the STRING operation shown in Figure 3-15 might look like the following:

```
AYER_____MA. 01432
      ^
      |
      | 16 spaces
```

A far more attractive printout can be produced by having the STRING operation produce the following:

```
AYER, MA. 01432
```

To accomplish this, use the figurative constant SPACE as a delimiter on the sending field; thus,

```
MOVE 1 TO P.
STRING CITY DELIMITED BY SPACE
      INTO ADDRESS-LINE WITH POINTER P.
STRING " , " STATE " " ZIP
      DELIMITED BY SIZE
      INTO ADDRESS-LINE WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-16  
SPACE as a Delimiter

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This sample coding uses the pointer's characteristic of pointing to one character position beyond the last character replaced in the receiving field to enable the second STRING statement to begin at a position one character past where the first STRING statement stopped. (The first STRING statement moves data characters until it encounters a space character -- a match of the delimiter SPACE. The second STRING statement adds the literal, the 2-character STATE field, another literal, and the 5-character ZIP field.)

The delimiter can be varied for each field within a single STRING statement by repeating the DELIMITED BY phrase after the sending field names to which it applies. Thus, the following shorter statement has the same effect as the preceding example. (Placing the operands on separate source lines, as shown in this example, has no effect on the operation of the statement, but improves program readability and simplifies debugging.)

```
STRING CITY DELIMITED BY SPACE
      ", " STATE ". "
      ZIP DELIMITED BY SIZE
      INTO ADDRESS-LINE.
```

Figure 3-17  
Repeating the DELIMITED BY Phrase

The sample STRING statement in Figure 3-17 cannot handle 2-word city names, such as New York, since the software would consider the space between the two words as a match for the delimiter SPACE. A longer delimiter, such as two or three spaces (non-numeric literal), can solve this problem. Only when a sequence of characters matches the delimiter will the movement stop for that data item. With a 2-byte delimiter, the same statement can be rewritten in a simpler form:

```
STRING CITY " , " STATE ". " ZIP
      DELIMITED BY " " " INTO ADDRESS-LINE.
```

Figure 3-18  
Delimiting with More Than One Space Character

Since only the CITY field may contain two consecutive spaces (the entire STATE field is only two bytes long), the delimiter's search of the other fields will always be unsuccessful and the effect is the same as moving the full field (delimiting by SIZE).

Data movement under control of a data-name or literal is generally slower in execution speed than movement delimited by SIZE.

The example in Figure 3-18 illustrates a frequent source of error in the use of STRING statements to concatenate fields. The remainder of the receiving field is not space-filled as with a MOVE statement. If ADDRESS-LINE is to be printed on a mailing label, for example, the STRING statement should be preceded by the statement, MOVE SPACES TO ADDRESS-LINE. This guarantees a space fill to the right of the concatenated result. Alternatively, the last field concatenated by the STRING statement can be a field previously set to SPACES. (This sending field must be moved under control of a delimiter other than SPACE, of course.)

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### 3.7.4 The OVERFLOW Phrase

When the SIZE option of the DELIMITED BY phrase controls the STRING operation and the pointer value is either known or the POINTER phrase is not used, the programmer can tell, by simple addition, if the receiving field is large enough to hold the sending fields. However, if the DELIMITED BY phrase contains a literal or an identifier, or if the pointer value is not predictable, it may be difficult to tell whether the size of the receiving field is adequate, and an overflow may occur.

Overflow occurs when the receiving field is full and the software is either about to move a character from a sending field or is considering a new sending field. Overflow may also occur if, during the initialization of the statement, the pointer contains a value that is either less than 1 or greater than the length of the receiving field. In this case, the software moves no data to the receiving field and terminates the operation immediately.

The ON OVERFLOW phrase at the end of the STRING statement tests for an overflow condition:

```
STRING FIELD1A FIELD1B DELIMITED BY "C"
      INTO FIELD2 WITH POINTER PNTR
      ON OVERFLOW GO TO PN57.
```

Figure 3-19  
The ON OVERFLOW Phrase

The ON OVERFLOW phrase cannot distinguish the overflow caused by a bad initial value in pointer PNTR from the overflow caused by a receiving field that is too short. Only a separate test, preceding the STRING statement, can distinguish between the two.

The following examples illustrate the overflow condition:

DATA DIVISION.

```
...
01 FIELD1A PIC XXX VALUE "ABC".
01 FIELD2 PIC XXXX.
```

PROCEDURE DIVISION.

- ```
...
1. STRING FIELD1A QUOTE DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO FIELD2.
2. STRING FIELD1A FIELD1A DELIMITED BY SIZE INTO FIELD2.
3. STRING FIELD1A FIELD1A DELIMITED BY "C" INTO FIELD2.
4. STRING FIELD1A FIELD1A FIELD1A FIELD1A
   DELIMITED BY "B" INTO FIELD2.
5. STRING FIELD1A FIELD1A "C" DELIMITED BY "C"
   INTO FIELD2.
6. MOVE 2 TO P.
   STRING FIELD1A "AC" DELIMITED BY "C"
   INTO FIELD2 WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-20  
Various STRING Statements  
Illustrating the Overflow Condition

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The results of executing the numbered statements follow:

Table 3-2  
Results of the  
Preceding Sample Statements

| Value of FIELD2 after the STRING operation | Overflow? |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. ABC"                                    | NO        |
| 2. ABCA                                    | YES       |
| 3. ABAB                                    | NO        |
| 4. AAAA                                    | NO        |
| 5. ABAB                                    | YES       |
| 6. AABA                                    | NO        |

### 3.7.5 Subscripted Fields in STRING Statements

All data-names used in the STRING statement may be subscripted, and the pointer value may be used as a subscript.

Since the pointer value might be used as a subscript on one or more of the fields in the statement, it is important to understand the order in which the software evaluates the subscripts and exactly when it updates the pointer. (The use of the pointer as a subscript is not specified by ANS-74 COBOL. Before using it, read the note at the end of this subsection.)

The software updates the pointer after it moves the last character out of each sending field. Consider the following sample coding:

```
MOVE 1 TO P.  
STRING "ABC"  
  SPACE  
  "DEF" DELIMITED BY SIZE  
  INTO R WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-21  
STRING Statement with Pointer

During the movement of "ABC" into the receiving field (R), the pointer value remains at 1. After the move, the software increases the pointer value by 3 (the size of the sending field literal "ABC") and it takes on the value 4. The software then moves the figurative constant SPACE and increases the pointer value by 1 and it takes on the value 5. "DEF" is then moved and, on completion of the move, the software increases the pointer to its final value for this operation, 8.

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Now, consider the updating characteristics of the pointer when applied to subscripting:

```
MOVE 1 TO P.  
STRING CHAR(P)  
      CHAR(P)  
      CHAR(P)  
      CHAR(P) DELIMITED BY SIZE  
      INTO R WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-22  
Subscripting with the Pointer

If CHAR is a 1-character field in a table, the pointer increases by one after each field has been moved and the software will move them into R as if they had been subscripted as CHAR(1), CHAR(2), CHAR(3), and CHAR(4). If CHAR is a 2-character field, the pointer increases by two after each field has been moved and the fields will move into R as if they had been subscripted as CHAR(1), CHAR(3), CHAR(5), and CHAR(7).

Thus, the software evaluates the subscript of a sending item once, immediately before it considers the item as a sending item.

The software evaluates the subscript of a receiving item only once, at the start of the STRING operation. Therefore, if the pointer is used as a subscript on the receiving field, changes occurring to the pointer during the execution of the STRING statement will not alter the choice of which receiving string is altered.

Even the delimiter field can be subscripted, and it too can be subscripted with the pointer. The software re-evaluates the delimiter subscript once for each sending field, immediately before it compares the delimiter to the field. Thus, by subscripting it with the pointer value, the delimiter can be changed for each sending field. This has the peculiar effect of choosing the next sending field's delimiter based on the position, in the receiving field, into which its first character will fall. For example, consider the following sample coding:

```
01 DTABLE.  
  03 D PIC X OCCURS 7 TIMES.  
      )  
MOVE 1 TO P. )  
STRING "ABC"  
      "ABC"  
      "ABC" DELIMITED BY D(P)  
      INTO R WITH POINTER P.
```

Figure 3-23  
Subscripting the Delimiter

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The following table shows the value that will arrive in the receiving field (R) from the three "ABC" literals if DTABLE contains the values shown in the left-hand column:

Table 3-3  
Results of the  
Preceding Sample Statements

| DTABLE Value | R Value     |
|--------------|-------------|
| ABCDEFGF     | (Unchanged) |
| BCDEFGH      | AABABC      |
| CDEFGHI      | ABABCABC    |
| CCCCCCC      | ABABAB      |

### NOTE

The rules in this section, concerning subscripts in the STRING statement, are rules that are not specified by 1974 American National Standard COBOL. Dependence on these rules, particularly those involving the use of the pointer field as a subscript, may produce programs that will not perform the same way on other COBOL compilers.

If the pointer field is not used as a subscript on any of the fields in the statement, the point at which the software evaluates the subscripts is immaterial to the execution of the statement. Thus, by avoiding the use of the pointer as a subscript, uniform results can be expected from all COBOL compilers that adhere to 1974 ANS COBOL.

### 3.7.6 Common Errors, STRING Statement

The most common errors made when writing STRING statements are:

- using the word "TO" instead of "INTO"
- forgetting to write "DELIMITED BY SIZE";
- forgetting to initialize the pointer;
- initializing the pointer to 0 instead of 1;
- forgetting to provide for space fill of the receiving field when it is desirable.

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### 3.8 THE UNSTRING STATEMENT

The UNSTRING statement disperses the contents of a single sending field into multiple receiving fields.

The statement has many forms; the simplest is equivalent in function to a non-numeric MOVE statement. Consider the following illustration; the sample statement is equivalent to MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2, regardless of the relative sizes of the two fields.

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 INTO FIELD2.
```

Figure 3-24  
Sample UNSTRING Statement

The sending field (FIELD1) may be either a group item or an alphanumeric, or alphanumeric edited elementary item. The receiving field (FIELD2) may be alphabetic, alphanumeric, or numeric, but it cannot specify any type of editing.

If the receiving field is numeric, it must be DISPLAY usage. The picture-string of a numeric receiving field may contain any of the legal numeric description characters except for P and, of course, the editing characters. The UNSTRING statement moves the sending field to numeric receiving fields as if the sending field had been described as an unsigned integer; further, it automatically truncates or zero fills as required.

If the receiving field is not numeric, the software follows the rules for elementary non-numeric MOVE statements. It left-justifies the data in the receiving field, truncating or space-filling as required. (If the data-description of the receiving field contains a JUSTIFIED clause, the software right-justifies the data, truncating or space-filling to the left as required.)

#### 3.8.1 Multiple Receiving Fields

An important characteristic of the UNSTRING statement is its ability to disperse one sending field into several receiving fields. Consider the following example of the UNSTRING statement written with multiple receiving fields:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 INTO  
FIELD2A FIELD2B FIELD2C.
```

Figure 3-25  
Multiple Receiving Fields

In this sample statement, FIELD1 is the sending field. The software performs the UNSTRING operation by scanning across FIELD1 from left to right. When the number of characters scanned is equal to the number of characters in the receiving field, the software moves the scanned characters into the receiving field and begins scanning the next group of characters for the next receiving field.



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Assume that each of the receiving fields in the preceding illustration (FIELD2A, FIELD2B, and FIELD2C) is five characters long, and that FIELD1 is 15 characters long. The size of FIELD2A determines the number of characters for the first move. The software scans across FIELD1 until the number of characters scanned equals the size of FIELD2A (5). It then moves those first five characters to FIELD2A, and sets the scanner to the next (sixth) character position in FIELD1. The size of FIELD2B determines the size of the next move. The software begins this move by scanning across FIELD1 from character position six, until the number of scanned characters equals the size of FIELD2B (5). It then moves the sixth through the tenth characters to FIELD2B, and sets the scanner to the next (eleventh) character position in FIELD1. FIELD2C determines the size of the last move (for this example) and causes characters 11 through 15 of FIELD1 to be moved into FIELD2C, thus terminating this UNSTRING operation.

Each data movement acts as an individual MOVE statement, the sending field of which is an alphanumeric field equal in size to the receiving field. If the receiving field is numeric, the move operation will convert the data to the numeric form. For example, consider what would happen if the fields under discussion had the data descriptions and were manipulating the values shown in the following table:

Table 3-4  
Values Moved Into the Receiving Fields  
Based on the Value in the Sending Field

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(15).<br>VALUE IS: | FIELD2A<br>PIC X(5) | FIELD2B<br>PIC S9(5)<br>LEADING SEPARATE | FIELD2C<br>PIC S999V99 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ABCDE1234512345                   | ABCDE               | +12345                                   | 3450                   |
| XXXXX0000100123                   | XXXXX               | +00001                                   | 1230                   |

FIELD2A is an alphanumeric field and, therefore, the software simply conducts an elementary non-numeric move with the first five characters.

FIELD2B, however, has a leading separate sign that is not included in its size. Thus, the software moves only five numeric characters and generates a positive sign in the separate sign position.

FIELD2C has an implied decimal point with two character positions to the right of it, plus an overpunched sign on the low-order digit. The sending field should supply five numeric digits; but, since the sending field is alphanumeric, the software treats it as an unsigned integer; it truncates the two high-order digits and supplies two zero digits for the decimal positions. Further, it supplies a positive overpunch sign, making the low-order digit a +0 (or the ASCII character, { ). (There is no simple way to have UNSTRING recognize a sign character or a decimal point in the sending field.)

If the sending field is shorter than the sum of the sizes of the receiving fields, the software ignores the remaining receiving fields. If it reaches the end of the sending field before it reaches the end of one of the receiving fields, the software moves the scanned characters into that receiving field. It left-justifies and fills the remaining character positions with spaces for alphanumeric data, or decimal point aligns and zero fills the remaining character positions

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for numeric data. Consider the following examples of a sending field that is too short. (The statement is UNSTRING FIELD1 INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B. FIELD2A is a 3-character alphanumeric field, and receives the first three characters of FIELD1 (ABC) in every operation. FIELD2B, however, runs out of characters every time before filling. Since FIELD2A always contains the characters ABC, it is not shown.)

Table 3-5  
Handling a Sending Field that is Too Short

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(6)<br>VALUE IS: | FIELD2B<br>PICTURE IS: | FIELD2B<br>Value after UNSTRING Operation |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| ABCDEF                          | XXXXX                  | DEF                                       |
| ABC246                          | S99999                 | 0024F                                     |
|                                 | S9V999                 | 600                                       |
|                                 | S9999                  | +0246                                     |
|                                 | LEADING SEPARATE       |                                           |

### 3.8.2 The DELIMITED BY Phrase

The size of the data to be moved can be controlled by a delimiter, rather than by the size of the receiving field. The DELIMITED BY phrase supplies the delimiter characters.

UNSTRING delimiters are quite flexible; they can be literals, figurative constants (including ALL literal), or identifiers (identifiers may even be subscripted data-names). This sub-section discusses the use of these three types of delimiters. Subsequent sections cover multiple delimiters, the COUNT phrase, and the DELIMITER phrase. Subscripting delimiters is discussed at the end of this section under Subscripted Fields in UNSTRING Statements.

Consider the following sample UNSTRING statement; it uses the figurative constant, SPACE, as a delimiter:

UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY SPACE INTO FIELD2.

Figure 3-26  
Delimiting with a Space Character

In this example, the software scans the sending field (FIELD1), searching for a space character. If it encounters a space, it moves all of the scanned (non-space) characters that precede that space to the receiving field (FIELD2). If it finds no space character, it moves the entire sending field. When it has determined the size of the sending field, the software moves the contents of that field following the rules for the MOVE Statement, truncating or zero filling as required.

The following table shows the results of an UNSTRING operation that delimits with a literal asterisk (UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "\*" INTO FIELD2).

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Table 3-6  
Results of Delimiting with an Asterisk

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(6)<br>VALUE IS: | FIELD2<br>PICTURE IS:      | FIELD2<br>VALUE AFTER<br>UNSTRING |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ABCDEF                          | XXX                        | ABC                               |
|                                 | X(7)                       | ABCDEF                            |
|                                 | XXX JUSTIFIED              | DEF                               |
| *****                           | XXX                        | ΔΔΔ                               |
| *ABCDE                          | XXX                        | ΔΔΔ                               |
| A*****                          | XXX JUSTIFIED              | ΔΔΔ                               |
| 246***                          | S9999                      | 024F                              |
| 12345*                          | S9999 SEPARATE<br>TRAILING | 2345+                             |
| 2468**                          | S999V9 SEPARATE<br>LEADING | +4680                             |
| *246**                          | 9999                       | 0000                              |

If the delimiter matches the first character in the sending field, the software considers the size of the sending field to be zero. The movement operation still takes place, however, and fills the receiving field with spaces or zeroes depending on its class.

A delimiter may also be applied to an UNSTRING statement that has multiple receiving fields:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY SPACE
      INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B.
```

Figure 3-27  
Delimiting with Multiple Receiving Fields

The sample instruction in Figure 3-27 causes the software to scan FIELD1 searching for a character that matches the delimiter. If it finds a match, it moves the scanned characters to FIELD2A and sets the scanner to the next character position to the right of the character that matched. It then resumes scanning FIELD1 for a character that matches the delimiter. If it finds a match, it moves all of the characters that lie between the character that first matched the delimiter and the character that matched on the second scan, and sets the scanner to the next character position to the right of the character that matched. (The DELIMITED BY phrase could handle additional receiving fields in the same manner as it handled FIELD2B.)

The following table shows the results of an UNSTRING operation that applies a delimiter to multiple receiving fields (UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "\*" INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B).

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Table 3-7  
Results of Delimiting  
Multiple Receiving Fields

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(8)<br>VALUE IS: | VALUES AFTER UNSTRING OPERATION |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | FIELD2A<br>PIC X(3)             | FIELD2B<br>PIC X(3) |
| ABC*DEF*                        | ABC                             | DEF                 |
| ABCDE*FG                        | ABC                             | FGΔ                 |
| A*B*****                        | AΔΔ                             | BΔΔ                 |
| *AB*CD**                        | ΔΔΔ                             | ABΔ                 |
| **ABCDEF                        | ΔΔΔ                             | ΔΔΔ                 |
| A*BCDEFG                        | AΔΔ                             | BCD                 |
| ABC**DEF                        | ABC                             | ΔΔΔ                 |
| A*****B                         | AΔΔ                             | ΔΔΔ                 |

The last two examples illustrate the limitations of a single character delimiter. Accordingly, the delimiter may be longer than one character and it may be preceded by the word ALL.

The following table shows the results of an UNSTRING operation that uses a 2-character delimiter (UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "\*\*\*" INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B):

Table 3-8  
Results of Delimiting  
with Two Asterisks

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(8)<br>VALUE IS: | VALUES AFTER UNSTRING OPERATION |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                 | FIELD2A<br>PIC XXX              | FIELD2B<br>PIC XXX<br>JUSTIFIED |
| ABC**DEF                        | ABC                             | DEF                             |
| A*B*C*D*                        | A*B                             | ΔΔΔ                             |
| AB***C*D                        | ABΔ                             | C*D                             |
| AB**C*D*                        | ABΔ                             | *D*                             |
| AB**CD**                        | ABΔ                             | ΔCD                             |
| AB***CD*                        | ABΔ                             | CD*                             |
| AB*****CD                       | ABΔ                             | ΔΔΔ                             |

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Unlike the STRING statement, the UNSTRING statement accepts the ALL literal as a delimiter. When the word ALL precedes the delimiter, the action of the UNSTRING statement remains essentially the same as with one delimiter until the scanning operation finds a match. At this point, the software scans farther, looking for additional consecutive strings of characters that also match the delimiter item. It considers the "ALL delimiter" to be one, two, three, or more adjacent repetitions of the delimiter item.

The following table illustrates the results of an UNSTRING operation that uses an ALL delimiter (UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY ALL "\*" INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B).

Table 3-9  
Results of Delimiting  
with ALL Asterisks

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(8)<br>VALUE IS: | VALUES AFTER UNSTRING OPERATION |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                 | FIELD2A<br>PIC XXX              | FIELD2B<br>PIC XXX<br>JUSTIFIED |
| ABC*DEF*                        | ABC                             | DEF                             |
| ABC**DEF                        | ABC                             | DEF                             |
| A*****F                         | AΔΔ                             | ΔΔF                             |
| A*F*****                        | AΔΔ                             | ΔΔF                             |
| A*CDEFG                         | AΔΔ                             | EFG                             |

The next table illustrates the results of an UNSTRING operation that combines ALL with a 2-character delimiter (UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY ALL "\*\*" INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B).

Table 3-10  
Results of Delimiting with  
ALL Double Asterisks

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(8)<br>VALUE IS: | VALUES AFTER UNSTRING OPERATION |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                 | PIC XXX                         | PIC XXX<br>JUSTIFIED |
| ABC**DEF                        | ABC                             | DEF                  |
| AB**DE**                        | ABΔ                             | ΔDE                  |
| A***D***                        | AΔΔ                             | Δ*D                  |
| A*****                          | AΔΔ                             | ΔΔ*                  |

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In addition to unchangeable delimiters, such as literals and figurative constants, delimiters may be designated by identifiers. Identifiers (which may even be subscripted data-names) permit variable delimiting. Consider the following sample statement:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY DEL1
      INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B.
```

Figure 3-28  
Delimiting with an Identifier

The data-name, DEL1, must be alphanumeric. It may be a group or elementary item, and it may be edited. (Since the delimiter is not a receiving field, any editing characters will not effect its use, other than contributing to the size of the item.)

If the delimiter contains a subscript, the subscript may be varied as a side effect of the UNSTRING operation. The evaluation of subscripts is discussed later in this section.

**3.8.2.1 Multiple Delimiters** - The UNSTRING statement has the ability to scan a sending field, searching for a match from a list of delimiters. This list may contain ALL delimiters and delimiters of various sizes. The only requirement of the list is that delimiters must be connected by the word OR.

The following sample statement separates a sending field into three receiving fields. The sending field consists of three strings separated by the following: (1) any number of spaces, or (2) a comma followed by a single space, or (3) a single comma, or (4) a tab character, or (5) a carriage return character. (The ", " must precede the ", " in the list if it is ever to be recognized.)

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY
      ALL SPACE OR
      ", " OR
      ", " OR
      TAB OR
      CR
      INTO FIELD2A FIELD2B FIELD2C.
```

Figure 3-29  
Multiple Delimiters

The following table illustrates the potential of this statement. The tab (represented by the letter t) and carriage return (represented by the letter r) characters represent single character fields containing the ASCII horizontal tab and carriage return characters.

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Table 3-11  
Results of the Multiple Delimiters  
Shown in Figure 3-29

| FIELD1<br>PIC X(12) | FIELD2A<br>PIC XXX | FIELD2B<br>PIC 9999 | FIELD2C<br>PIC XXX |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| A,0,Cr              | AΔΔ                | 0000                | CΔΔ                |
| At456,ΔE            | AΔΔ                | 0456                | EΔΔ                |
| AΔΔΔ 3ΔΔΔ9          | AΔΔ                | 0003                | 9ΔΔ                |
| AttBr               | AΔΔ                | 0000                | BΔΔ                |
| A,,C                | AΔΔ                | 0000                | CΔΔ                |
| ABCD,Δ4321,Z        | ABC                | 4321                | ZΔΔ                |

t--tab character, r--carriage return character

3.8.3 The COUNT Phrase

The COUNT phrase keeps track of the size of the sending string and stores the length in a user-supplied data area.

The length of a delimited sending field may vary widely (from zero to the full length of the field) and some programs may require knowledge of this length. For example, if it exceeds the size of the receiving field (which is fixed in size) some data may be truncated and the program's logic may require this information.

To use the phrase, simply follow the receiving field name with the words COUNT IN and an identifier. Consider the following sample statement:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY ALL "*"
      INTO FIELD2A COUNT IN COUNT2A
      FIELD2B COUNT IN COUNT2B
      FIELD2C.
```

Figure 3-30  
The COUNT Phrase

In this sample statement, the software will count the number of characters between the left-hand end of FIELD1 and the first asterisk in FIELD1 and place that value into COUNT2A; thus, COUNT2A contains the size of the first sending string. The software does not include the delimiter in the count (as it is not a part of the string).

The software then counts the number of characters in the second sending field and places that value into COUNT2B.

The phrase should be used only where needed; in this example the length of the string moved to FIELD2C is not needed, so no COUNT phrase follows it.

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If the receiving field is shorter than the value placed in the count field, the software truncates the sending string. (If the number of integer positions in a numeric field is smaller than the value placed into the count field, high-order numeric digits have been lost.)

If the software finds a delimiter match on the first character it examines, it places a zero in the count field.

The count field must be described as a numeric integer, either COMP or DISPLAY usage, with no editing symbols nor the character P in its picture-string. The software moves the count value into the count field according to the rules for an elementary numeric MOVE statement

The COUNT phrase may be used only in conjunction with the DELIMITED BY phrase.

### 3.8.4 The DELIMITER Phrase

The DELIMITER phrase causes the actual character or characters that delimited the sending field to be stored in a user-supplied data area. This phrase is most useful when: (1) the statement contains a delimiter list, (2) any one of the items in the list might have delimited the field, and (3) program logic flow depends on which one found a match. In fact, the DELIMITER and COUNT phrases could be used together and program logic flow could depend on both the size of the sending string and the delimiter character that terminated it.

To use the DELIMITER phrase, simply follow the receiving field name with the words DELIMITER IN and an identifier. (The software places the delimiter character in the area named by the identifier.) Consider the following sample UNSTRING statement:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "," OR TAB OR
ALL SPACE OR CR
INTO FIELD2A DELIMITER IN DELIMA
FIELD2B DELIMITER IN DELIMB
FIELD2C.
```

Figure 3-31  
The DELIMITER Phrase

After moving the first sending string to FIELD2A, the software takes the character (or characters) that delimited that string and places it in DELIMA. DELIMA, then, contains a comma, or a tab, or a carriage return, or any number of spaces. Since the delimiter string is moved under the rules of the elementary non-numeric MOVE statement, the software truncates or space fills with left or right justification (depending on its data description).

The software then moves the second sending string to FIELD2B and places its delimiting character into DELIMB.

When a sending string is delimited by the end of the sending field (rather than a match on a delimiter) the delimiter string is of zero length. This causes the DELIMITER item to be space filled. The phrase should be used only where needed; in this example, the character that delimits the last sending string is not needed, so no DELIMITER phrase follows FIELD2C.



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The data item named in the DELIMITER phrase must be described as an alphanumeric item. It may contain editing characters and it may even be a group item.

When the DELIMITER and COUNT phrases are used together, they must appear in the correct order (DELIMITER phrase preceding the COUNT phrase). Both of the data items named in these phrases may be subscripted or indexed. If they are subscripted, the subscript may be varied as a side effect of the UNSTRING operation. (The evaluation of subscripts is discussed in section 3.8.8.)

### 3.8.5 The POINTER Phrase

Although the UNSTRING statement normally starts at the left-hand end of the sending field, the POINTER phrase permits the user to select a character position in the sending field for the software to begin scanning. (The scanning, however, remains left-to-right.)

When a sending field is to be dispersed into multiple receiving fields, it often happens that the choice of delimiters, the size of subsequent receiving fields, etc. depend on the value in the first sending string or the character that delimited that string. Thus, the program may need to move the first field, hold its place in the sending field, and examine the results of the operation to determine how to handle the sending items that follow. This is done by using an UNSTRING statement with a POINTER phrase that fills only the first receiving field. When the first string has been moved to a receiving item, the software updates the pointer data item with a new position (one character beyond the delimiter that caused the interruption) to begin the next scanning operation. The program may then examine the new position, the receiving field, the delimiter value, the sending string size, and resume the scanning operation by executing another UNSTRING statement with the same sending field and pointer data item. Thus, the UNSTRING statement can move one sending string at a time, with the form of each move being dependent on the context of the preceding string of data.

The POINTER phrase must follow the last receiving item in the statement. Consider the following two UNSTRING statements with their accompanying POINTER phrases and tests:

```
MOVE 1 TO P.  
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY  
    ":" OR TAB OR CR OR ALL SPACE  
    INTO FIELD2A  
    DELIMITER IN DELIMA  
    COUNT IN LSIZEA  
    WITH POINTER PNTR.  
IF LSIZEA = 0 GO TO NO-LABEL-PROCESS.  
IF DELIMA = ":"  
    IF PNTR > 8 GO TO BIG-LABEL-PROCESS  
    ELSE GO TO LABEL-PROCESS.  
IF DELIMA = TAB GO TO BAD-LABEL PROCESS.  
  
...  
  
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY ... WITH POINTER PNTR.
```

Figure 3-32  
The POINTER Phrase

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PNTR contains the current position of the scanner in the sending field. The second UNSTRING statement uses PNTR to begin scanning the additional sending strings in FIELD1.

Since the software considers the left-most character to be character position one, the value returned by PNTR may be used to examine the next character. To do this, simply use PNTR as a subscript on the sending field (providing that the sending field is also described as a table of characters). For example, consider the following sample coding:

```
01 FIELD1.  
02 FIELD1-CHAR OCCURS 40 TIMES.  
  
...  
  
UNSTRING FIELD1  
...  
WITH POINTER PNTR.  
IF FIELD1-CHAR(PNTR) = "X" ...
```

Figure 3-33  
Examining the Next Character  
By Using the Pointer Data  
Item as a Subscript

Another way to examine the next character of the sending field is to use the UNSTRING statement to move it to a 1-character receiving field. Consider the following sample coding:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1  
...  
WITH POINTER PNTR.  
UNSTRING FIELD1 INTO CHAR1 WITH POINTER PNTR.  
SUBTRACT 1 FROM PNTR.  
IF CHAR1 = "X" ...
```

Figure 3-34  
Examining the Next Character  
By Placing It Into a 1-Character Field

The program must decrement PNTR in order for this case to work like the one illustrated in Figure 3-33, since the second UNSTRING statement will increment the pointer value by 1.

The program must initialize the POINTER phrase data item before the UNSTRING statement uses it. The software will terminate the UNSTRING operation if the initial value of the pointer is less than one or greater than the length of the sending field. (A pointer value that is less than one or greater than the length of the sending field causes an overflow condition. Overflow conditions are discussed in section 3.8.7.)

The POINTER and TALLYING phrases may be used together in the same UNSTRING statement; but, when both are used, the POINTER phrase must precede the TALLYING phrase.

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### 3.8.6 The TALLYING Phrase

The TALLYING phrase counts the number of receiving fields that received data from the sending field.

When an UNSTRING statement contains several receiving fields, the possibility exists that there may not always be as many sending strings as there are receiving fields. The TALLYING phrase provides a convenient method for keeping a count of how many fields were acted upon.

```
MOVE 0 TO RCOUNT.  
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "," OR ALL SPACE  
    INTO FIELD2A  
        FIELD2B  
        FIELD2C  
        FIELD2D  
        FIELD2E  
TALLYING IN RCOUNT.
```

Figure 3-35  
The TALLYING Phrase

If the software has moved only three sending strings when it reaches the end of FIELD1, it adds 3 to RCOUNT. The first three fields (FIELD2A, FIELD2B, and FIELD2C) contain data from the operation, and the last two (FIELD2D and FIELD2E) do not.

The TALLYING data item always contains the sum of its initial contents plus the number of sending strings acted upon by the UNSTRING command just executed. Thus, the programmer may want to initialize the tally count before each use.

When used in the same statement with a POINTER phrase, the TALLYING phrase must follow the POINTER phrase and both phrases must follow all of the field names, the DELIMITER and COUNT phrases. The data items for both phrases must contain numeric integers, that is, be without editing characters or the letter P in their picture-strings; both data items may be either COMP or DISPLAY usage. They may be signed or unsigned and, if they are DISPLAY usage, they may contain any desired sign option.

The data items for both phrases may be subscripted or indexed, or they may be used as subscripts on other fields in the statement. (The evaluation of subscripts is discussed in section 3.8.8.) A convenient use of the TALLYING phrase data item is as a subscript of a receiving field. Consider the following sample coding, which causes program control to execute the UNSTRING statement repeatedly until it exhausts the sending field.

```
MOVE 1 TO PNTR, TLY.  
PAR1. UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "," OR CR  
    INTO FIELD2(TLY)  
        DELIMITER IN DEL2  
        WITH POINTER PNTR  
        TALLYING IN TLY.  
IF DEL2 = "," GO TO PAR1.
```

Figure 3-36  
The POINTER and TALLYING Phrases  
Used Together

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This sample coding causes program control to loop through the UNSTRING statement, using the pointer, PNTR, to scan across FIELD1 with successive executions. Each comma isolates a sending string until control reaches either a carriage return character or the end of FIELD1. If it reaches the end of the field without encountering a carriage return character, the software places a space into the delimiter field, DEL2, and control falls through the IF statement and out of the loop.

Since the TALLYING data item, TLY, is increased by 1 after each data movement, it serves as a subscript on the receiving field. In effect this causes the software to unpack the value in FIELD1 into an array of fixed-size fields. Further, an array of COUNT data items can be supplied and loaded by the UNSTRING/TALLYING statement by adding the following phrase to the coding in Figure 3-36:

COUNT IN C(TLY)

Figure 3-37  
Subscripting the COUNT Phrase  
With the TALLYING Data Item

The TALLYING data item, in the above example, is one greater than the number of receiving fields acted upon by the UNSTRING operation. This is because the data item must be initialized to a value of one in order to be used as a subscript for the first receiving item.

### 3.8.7 The OVERFLOW Phrase

The OVERFLOW phrase detects the overflow condition and provides an imperative statement to be executed when it detects the condition. An overflow condition exists when either of the following two situations occurs:

1. The UNSTRING statement is about to be executed and its pointer data item contains a value of less than one or greater than the size of the sending field. When it detects this situation, the software executes the OVERFLOW phrase before it moves any data. Thus, the values of all of the receiving fields remain unchanged.
2. The UNSTRING statement has filled all of the receiving fields and data still remains in the sending field that has not been matched as a delimiter or included in a sending string. When it detects this situation, the software executes the OVERFLOW phrase after it has executed the UNSTRING statement. Thus, the values of all of the receiving fields are updated, but some data has not been moved.

If the UNSTRING operation causes the scanner to move off the end of the sending field (thus exhausting it), the software will not execute the OVERFLOW phrase.

Consider the following set of instructions, which cause program control to execute the UNSTRING statement repeatedly until it exhausts the sending field. The TALLYING data item is a subscript indexing the receiving field. (Compare this loop with the one in Figure 3-36, which accomplishes the same thing.)

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```
MOVE 1 TO TLY PNTR.  
PAR1. UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY "," OR CR  
      INTO FIELD2(TLY)  
      WITH POINTER PNTR  
      TALLYING IN TLY  
      ON OVERFLOW GO TO PAR1.
```

Figure 3-38  
Using the OVERFLOW Phrase

### NOTE

The overflow condition also occurs if the value of a pointer data item lies outside the sending field at the start of execution of the UNSTRING statement. (The pointer value must not be less than 1, nor greater than the length of the sending field.) This type of overflow is not distinguishable from the overflow condition described at the start of this section, except that this condition causes the UNSTRING statement to terminate before any data movement takes place. Then, the values of all receiving fields remain unchanged.

### 3.8.8 Subscripted Fields in UNSTRING Statements

Since the flexibility of the UNSTRING statement is enhanced by subscripting and indexing and particularly by subscripting with other fields within the statement (such as subscripting the receiving field with the TALLYING data item as discussed above), it is important to understand how often and exactly when the software evaluates these subscripts and indexes. This sub-section discusses the frequency and times of subscript evaluation.

The software evaluates subscripts and indexes on the following items only once, at the initiation of the UNSTRING statement; thus, any change in subscript values during the execution of the statement has no effect on these fields:

1. Sending field,
2. POINTER data item,
3. TALLYING data item.

The software evaluates subscripts and indexes on the following items immediately before it moves data into the item. It moves the data to these items in the order in which they are listed in the statement (which is the same order as below):

1. Receiving field,
2. DELIMITER data item,
3. COUNT data item.

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The software evaluates any subscripts and indexes on the data-names in the DELIMITED BY phrase (delimiters) immediately before it scans each sending string looking for a delimiter match. Thus, it re-evaluates these data-names once for each receiving field in the statement.

If any of the following items are used as subscripts on any receiving fields, the programmer must be aware of the point at which these items are updated:

- POINTER data-item,
- TALLYING data-item,
- COUNT data-item,
- Another receiving field.

Figure 3-39 illustrates, with a flow chart, the sequence of evaluation operations:

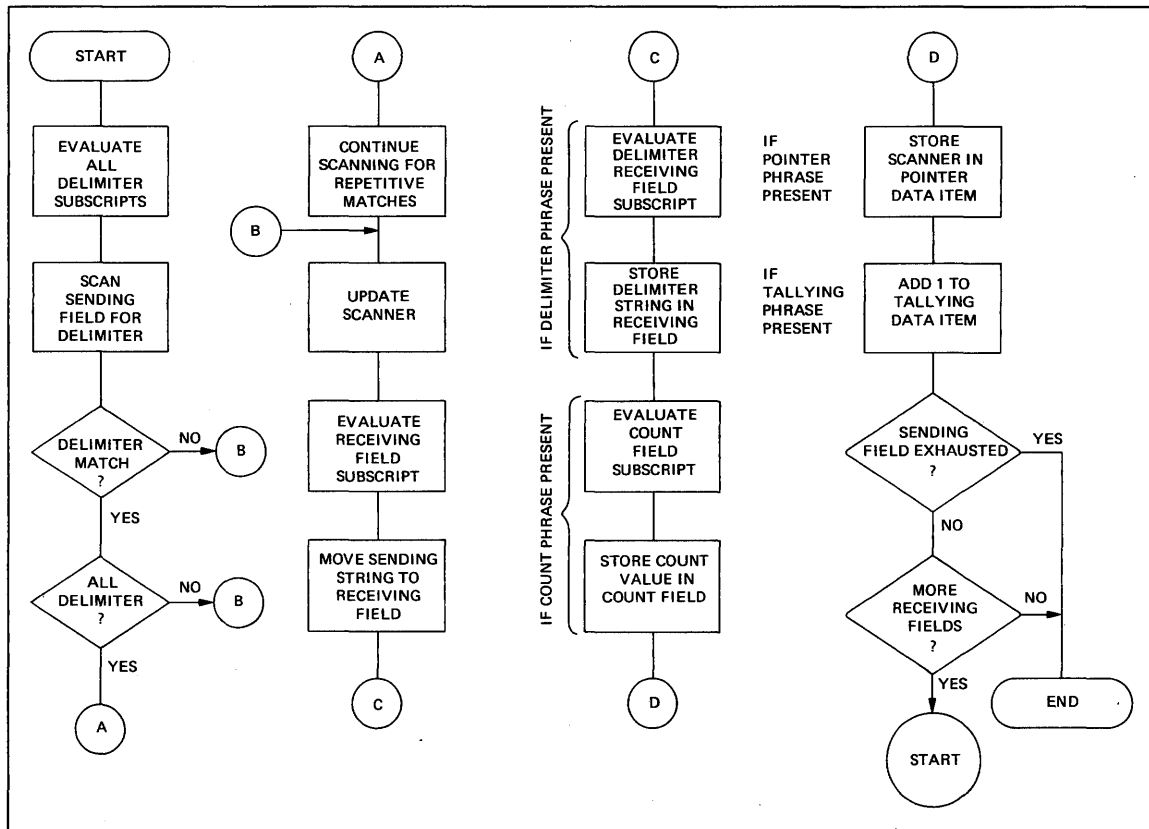


Figure 3-39  
Sequence of Subscript Evaluation

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### NOTE

The rules in this section concerning the exact point at which the software evaluates the identifiers in the DELIMITED BY phrase and the point at which it updates the POINTER and TALLYING data items, are rules that are specified by 1974 American National Standard COBOL, as opposed to the STRING statement where these are not so specified.

### 3.8.9 Common Errors, UNSTRING Statement

The most common errors made when writing UNSTRING statements are:

- Leaving the OR connector out of a delimiter list;
- Misspelling or interchanging the words, DELIMITED and DELIMITER;
- Writing the DELIMITER and COUNT phrases in the wrong order when both are present (DELIMITER must precede COUNT);
- Leaving out the word INTO or writing it as TO;
- Repeating the word INTO where it is not needed; thus:

```
UNSTRING FIELD1 DELIMITED BY SPACE OR TAB
      INTO FIELD2A DELIMITER IN DELIMA
      INTO FIELD2B DELIMITER IN DELIMB
      INTO FIELD2C DELIMITER IN DELIMC.
```

Figure 3-40  
Erroneously Repeating the Word INTO

- Writing the POINTER and TALLYING phrases in the wrong order (POINTER must precede TALLYING).

### 3.9 THE INSPECT STATEMENT

The INSPECT statement examines the character positions in a field and counts or replaces certain characters (or groups of characters) in that field.

Like the STRING and UNSTRING operations, INSPECT operations scan across the field from left to right; further, like those two statements, the INSPECT statement features a phrase which allows it to begin or terminate the scanning operation with a delimiter match. (Thus, the operation can begin within the field instead of at the left-hand end, or it may begin at the left-hand end and terminate within the field.)

The TALLYING operation (which counts certain characters in the field) and the REPLACING operation (which replaces certain characters in the field) are quite versatile and may be applied to all of the characters in the delimited area of the field being inspected, or they may be applied only to those characters that match a given character string

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under stated conditions. Consider the following sample statements, which both cause a scan of the complete field:

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY FOR ALL "B".
```

Figure 3-41  
Sample INSPECT...TALLYING Statement

This statement scans FIELD1 looking for the character B. Each time it finds a B, it increments TLY by 1.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 REPLACING ALL SPACE BY ZERO.
```

Figure 3-42  
Sample INSPECT...REPLACING Statement

This statement scans FIELD1 looking for space characters. Wherever it finds a space character, it replaces it with zero.

One INSPECT statement can contain both a TALLYING phrase and a REPLACING phrase. However, when used together, the TALLYING phrase must precede the REPLACING phrase. An INSPECT statement with both phrases is equivalent to two separate INSPECT statements and, in fact, the software compiles such a statement into two distinct INSPECT statements. (To simplify debugging, therefore, it is best to initially write the two phrases in separate INSPECT statements.)

### 3.9.1 The BEFORE/AFTER Phrase

The BEFORE/AFTER phrase acts as a delimiter and (possibly) restricts the area of the field being inspected.

The following sample statement would count only the zeroes that precede the percent sign (%) in FIELD1.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY  
FOR ALL ZEROES BEFORE "%".
```

Figure 3-43  
Sample INSPECT...BEFORE Statement

The delimiter (the percent sign in the preceding sample statement) can be a single character, a string of characters, or any figurative constant. Further, it can be either an identifier or a literal.

- If the delimiter is an identifier, it must be an elementary data item of DISPLAY usage. It may be alphabetic, alphanumeric, or numeric, and, it may contain editing characters. The compiler always treats the item as if it had been described as an alphanumeric string. (It does this by implicit redefinition of the item, as described in Section 3.9.2.)
- If the delimiter is a literal, it must be non-numeric.



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The software repeatedly compares the delimiter characters against an equal number of characters in the field being inspected. If none of the characters matches the delimiter, or if insufficient characters remain in the field for a full comparison (at the right-hand end), the software considers the comparison to be unequal.

The examples of the INSPECT statement in Figure 3-44, illustrate the way the delimiter character finds a match in the field being inspected. (The portion of the field the statement ignores as a result of the BEFORE/AFTER phrase delimiters is crossed out with a slash, and the portion it inspects is underlined.)

| INSTRUCTION                                                               | FIELD1 VALUE                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| INSPECT FIELD1...BEFORE "E".<br>INSPECT FIELD1...AFTER "E".               | <del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u><br><del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u> I   |
| INSPECT FIELD1...BEFORE "K".<br>INSPECT FIELD1...AFTER "K".               | ABC <u>DEFGHI</u><br><del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u> I             |
| INSPECT FIELD1...BEFORE "AB".<br>INSPECT FIELD1...AFTER "AB".             | <del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u><br><del>ABC</del> <u>DEFGHI</u>    |
| INSPECT FIELD1...BEFORE "HI".<br>INSPECT FIELD1...AFTER "HI".             | ABC <u>DEFG</u> <del>HI</del><br><del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u> I |
| INSPECT FIELD1...BEFORE "IA".<br>INSPECT FIELD1...AFTER "IA".             | ABC <u>DEFGHI</u><br><del>ABCDEF</del> <u>GH</u> I             |
| The ellipsis represents the position of the TALLYING or REPLACING phrase. |                                                                |

Figure 3-44  
Matching the Delimiter Characters  
to the Characters in a Field

The software scans the field for a delimiter match before it scans for the inspection operation (TALLYING or REPLACING), thus establishing the limits of the operation before beginning the actual inspection. The importance of the separate scan is discussed further in Section 3.9.3.

### 3.9.2 Implicit Redefinition

The software requires that certain fields referred to by the INSPECT statement be alphanumeric fields. If one of these fields was described as another data class, the compiler redefines that field so the INSPECT statement can handle it as a simple alphanumeric string. This implicit redefinition is conducted as follows:

- If the field was described as alphabetic, alphanumeric edited, or unsigned numeric, the compiler simply redefines it as alphanumeric. This is a compile-time operation; no data movement occurs at object-time.
- If the field was described as signed numeric, the compiler first removes the sign and then redefines the field as alphanumeric. If the sign is a separate character, the compiler ignores that character, essentially shortening the

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field, and that character does not participate in the implicit redefinition. If the sign is an "overpunch" on the leading or trailing digit, the compiler actually removes the sign value and leaves the character with only the numeric value that was stored in it. The compiler alters the digit position containing the sign before beginning the INSPECT operation and restores it to its former value after the operation. If the sign's digit position does not contain a valid ASCII signed numeric digit, the action of the redefinition causes the value to change. Table 3-12 shows these original, altered, and restored values.

The compiler never moves an implicitly redefined item from its storage position. All redefinition occurs in place.

The position of an implied decimal point on numeric quantities does not affect implicit redefinition.

Table 3-12  
Original, Altered, and Restored Values Resulting  
from Implicit Redefinition

| ORIGINAL VALUE   | ALTERED VALUE | RESTORED VALUE |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| } (173)          | 0 (60)        | } (173)        |
| A (101)          | 1 (61)        | A (101)        |
| B (102)          | 2 (62)        | B (102)        |
| C (103)          | 3 (63)        | C (103)        |
| D (104)          | 4 (64)        | D (104)        |
| E (105)          | 5 (65)        | E (105)        |
| F (106)          | 6 (66)        | F (106)        |
| G (107)          | 7 (67)        | G (107)        |
| H (110)          | 8 (70)        | H (110)        |
| I (111)          | 9 (71)        | I (111)        |
| { (175)          | 0 (60)        | { (175)        |
| J (112)          | 1 (61)        | J (112)        |
| K (113)          | 2 (62)        | K (113)        |
| L (114)          | 3 (63)        | L (114)        |
| M (115)          | 4 (64)        | M (115)        |
| N (116)          | 5 (65)        | N (116)        |
| O (117)          | 6 (66)        | O (117)        |
| P (120)          | 7 (67)        | P (120)        |
| Q (121)          | 8 (70)        | Q (121)        |
| R (122)          | 9 (71)        | R (122)        |
| 0 (60)           | 0 (60)        | } (173)        |
| 1 (61)           | 1 (61)        | A (101)        |
| 2 (62)           | 2 (62)        | B (102)        |
| 3 (63)           | 3 (63)        | C (103)        |
| 4 (64)           | 4 (64)        | D (104)        |
| 5 (65)           | 5 (65)        | E (105)        |
| 6 (66)           | 6 (66)        | F (106)        |
| 7 (67)           | 7 (67)        | G (107)        |
| 8 (70)           | 8 (70)        | H (110)        |
| 9 (71)           | 9 (71)        | I (111)        |
| All other values | 0 (60)        | } (173)        |

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### 3.9.3 The INSPECT Operation

Regardless of the type of inspection (TALLYING or REPLACING), the INSPECT statement has only one method for inspecting the characters in the field. This section describes this method.

However, before discussing how the inspection operation is conducted, let's analyze the INSPECT statement itself:

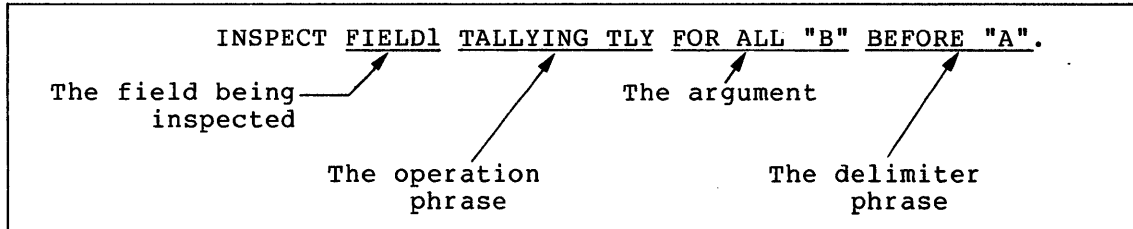


Figure 3-45  
Sample INSPECT Statement

The format of the INSPECT statement requires that a field be named which is to be inspected (FIELD1 above); the field name must be followed by an operation phrase (TALLYING TLY above); and, that phrase must be followed by one or more identifiers or literals ("B" above). These identifiers or literals comprise the "arguments" (items to be compared to the field being inspected). More than one argument makes up the "argument list".

- TALLYING Arguments

Each argument in an argument list can have other fields associated with it. Thus, each argument that is used in a TALLYING operation must have a tally counter (TLY above) associated with it. The software increments the tally counter each time it matches the argument with a character or group of characters in the field being inspected.

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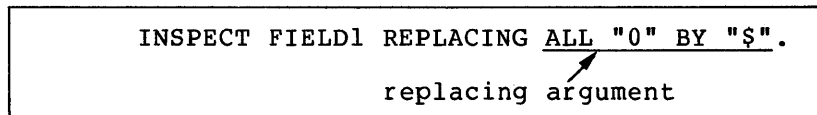


Figure 3-46  
Sample REPLACING Argument

Each argument in an argument list that is used in a REPLACING operation must have a replacement item (\$) above) associated with it. The software uses the replacement item to replace each string of characters in the field that matches the argument.

Each argument in an argument list (that is used with either a TALLYING or REPLACING operation) may have a delimiter field (BEFORE/AFTER phrase) associated with it. If the delimiter field is not present, the software applies the argument to the entire field. If the delimiter field is present, the software applies the argument only to that portion of the field specified by the BEFORE/AFTER phrase.

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3.9.3.1 **Setting the Scanner** - The INSPECT operation begins by setting the scanner to the leftmost character position of the field being inspected. It remains on this character until an argument has been matched with a character (or characters) or until all arguments have failed to find a match at that position.

3.9.3.2 **Active/Inactive Arguments** - When an argument has a BEFORE/AFTER phrase associated with it, that argument has a delimiter and may not be eligible to participate in a comparison at every position of the scanner. Thus, each argument in the argument list has an active/inactive status at any given setting of the scanner.

For example, an argument that has an AFTER phrase associated with it starts the INSPECT operation in an inactive state. The delimiter of the AFTER phrase must find a match before the argument can participate in the comparison. When the delimiter finds a match, the software retains the character position beyond the matched character string; then, when the scanner reaches or passes this position, the argument becomes active.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY
      FOR ALL "B" AFTER "X".
```

Figure 3-47  
Sample AFTER Delimiter Phrase

If FIELD1 in Figure 3-47 has a value of "ABABXZBA", the argument B remains inactive until the scanner finds a match for the delimiter X. Thus, argument B remains inactive while the software scans character positions 1 through 5. At character position 5, the delimiter X finds a match, and since the character position beyond the matched delimiter character is the point at which the argument becomes active, argument B is compared for the first time at character position 6. It finds a successful match at character position 7 and this causes TLY to be incremented by 1.

The examples in Figure 3-48 illustrate other situations where the arguments and/or the delimiters are longer than one character. (Consider the sample statement to be an INSPECT...TALLYING statement that is scanning FIELD1, tallying in TLY, and looking for the arguments and delimiters in the left-hand column. Assume that TLY is initialized to 0.)

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| ARGUMENT AND DELIMITER | FIELD1 VALUE | ARGUMENT ACTIVE AT POSITION | CONTENTS OF TLY AFTER SCAN |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| "B" AFTER "XX"         | BXBXXXXBB    | 6                           | 2                          |
|                        | XXXXXXXX     | 3                           | 0                          |
|                        | BXB BBBBXX   | never                       | 0                          |
| "X" AFTER "XX"         | BXBXXBXXB    | 6                           | 2                          |
|                        | XXXXXXXX     | 3                           | 6                          |
|                        | BBBBBBXX     | never                       | 0                          |
| "B" AFTER "XB"         | BXYBXXBXX    | 7                           | 0                          |
|                        | XBXXBXXB     | 3                           | 3                          |
|                        | BBBBBBXB     | never                       | 0                          |
| "BX" AFTER "XB"        | XXXXBXXXX    | 6                           | 0                          |
|                        | XXXXBBXXX    | 6                           | 1                          |
|                        | XXBXXXXBX    | 4                           | 1                          |

Figure 3-48  
Where Arguments Become Active in a Field

When an argument has an associated BEFORE delimiter, the inactive/active states reverse roles: the argument is in an active state when the scanning begins, and becomes inactive at the character position that matches the delimiter. Additionally, regardless of the presence of the BEFORE delimiter, an argument becomes inactive when the scanner approaches the right-hand end of the field and the remaining characters are fewer in number than the characters in the argument. (In such a case, the argument cannot possibly find a match in the field so it becomes inactive.)

Since the BEFORE/AFTER delimiters are found on a separate scan of the field, the software recognizes and sets up the delimiter boundaries before it scans for an argument match; therefore, the same characters can be used as arguments and delimiters in the same phrase.

**3.9.3.3 Finding an Argument Match** - The software selects arguments from the argument list in the order in which they appear in the list. If the first one it selects is an active argument and the conditions stated in the INSPECT statement allow a comparison, the software compares it to the character at the position of the scanner. If the active argument does not find a match, the software takes the next active argument from the list and compares that to the same character. If none of the active arguments finds a match, the scanner moves one position to the right and begins the inspection operation again with the first active argument in the list. The inspection operation terminates at the right-hand end of the field.

When an active argument does find a match, the software ignores any remaining arguments in the list and conducts the TALLYING or REPLACING operation on the character. The scanner moves to a new position and the next inspection operation begins with the first argument in the list. (The INSPECT statement may contain additional conditions, which are described later in this section; this discussion, however, assumes that the argument match is allowed to take place and that inspection is allowed to continue following the match.)

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The software updates the scanner by adding the size of the matching argument to it. This moves the scanner to the next character beyond the string of characters that matched the argument. Thus, once an active argument matches a string of characters, the statement does not inspect those character positions again unless program control executes the entire statement again.

### 3.9.4 Subscripted Fields in INSPECT Statements

Any identifier named in an INSPECT statement may be subscripted or indexed.

The software evaluates all subscripts in an INSPECT statement once, before the inspection begins; therefore, if the action of the INSPECT statement alters one of the subscripts, the new subscript value has no effect on the selection of operands during that inspection operation. For example, consider the following illustration:

```
MOVE 1 TO TLY.  
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY  
FOR ALL X(TLY).
```

Figure 3-49  
Sample Subscripted Argument

In this sample statement, the software evaluates the address of X(TLY) only once, before it begins inspecting the field; hence, it will evaluate X(TLY) as X(1). The alteration of TLY by the action of inspecting and tallying has no effect on the choice of the X operand. (X(1) will be used throughout the operation.)

#### NOTE

When subscripting an INSPECT statement that contains both a TALLYING and a REPLACING phrase, keep in mind that the statement will be compiled into two separate INSPECT statements. Therefore, any field that is altered by the action of the INSPECT...TALLYING statement will be in its altered state if used as a subscript by the INSPECT...REPLACING statement.

### 3.9.5 The TALLYING Phrase

An INSPECT statement that contains a TALLYING phrase counts the occurrence of various character strings under certain stated conditions. It keeps the count in a user-designated field called, here, a tally counter.

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3.9.5.1 **The Tally Counter** - The identifier that follows the word TALLYING designates the tally counter. The identifier may be subscripted or indexed. The data item must be a numeric integer with no editing or P characters; it may be COMP or DISPLAY usage, and it may be signed (separate or overpunched).

Each time the tally argument matches the delimited string being inspected, the software adds 1 to the tally counter.

The programmer can initialize the tally counter to any numeric value. (The INSPECT statement does not initialize it.)

3.9.5.2 **The Tally Argument** - The tally argument specifies a character-string and a condition under which that string should be compared to the delimited string being inspected. The following figure shows the format of the tally argument:

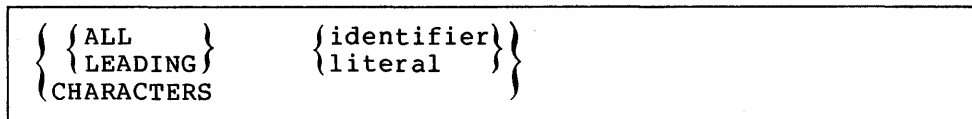


Figure 3-50  
Format of the Tally Argument

The CHARACTERS form of the tally argument specifies that every character in the delimited string being inspected should be considered to match an imaginary character that serves as the tally argument. This increments the tally counter by a value that equals the size of the delimited string. For example, the statement in the following illustration causes TLY to be incremented by the number of characters that precede the first comma, regardless of what those characters might be.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY FOR  
CHARACTERS BEFORE ",".
```

Figure 3-51  
CHARACTERS Form of the Tally Argument

The ALL and LEADING forms of the tally argument specify a particular character string, which may be represented by either a literal or an identifier. The tally argument character string may be any length; however, each character of the argument must match a character in the delimited string before the software considers the argument matched.

- A literal character string must be either non-numeric or a figurative constant (other than ALL literal). A figurative constant, such as SPACE, ZERO, etc., represents a single character and can be written as " ", or "0", etc., with the same effect.
- An identifier must be an elementary item of DISPLAY usage. It may be any data class. However, if it is other than alphanumeric, the software performs an implicit redefinition of the item. (This redefinition is identical to the BEFORE/AFTER delimiter redefinition discussed earlier in Section 3.9.1.)

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The words ALL and LEADING supply conditions that further delimit the inspection operation.

- The word ALL specifies that every match that the search argument finds in the delimited character string be counted in the tally counter. When a literal follows the word ALL, it does not have the same meaning as the figurative constant, ALL literal. (The ALL literal meaning of ALL "," is a string of consecutive commas, as many as the context of the statement requires.) ALL "," used as a tally argument means, "count each comma without regard to adjacent characters."
- The word LEADING specifies that only adjacent matches of the TALLY argument at the left-hand end of the delimited character string be counted. At the first failure to match the tally argument, the software terminates counting and causes the argument to become inactive. Consider the examples in Figure 3-52. (The sample statement is an INSPECT...TALLYING statement, scanning FIELD1, tallying in TLY, and looking for the arguments and delimiters in the left-hand column. Assume that the program initializes TLY to 0.)

| ARGUMENT AND DELIMITER   | FIELD1 VALUE | CONTENTS OF TLY AFTER SCAN |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| LEADING "*" AFTER "0".   | F***0**F     | 2                          |
|                          | F**0F**      | 0                          |
|                          | F**F**0      | 0                          |
|                          | 0***F**      | 3                          |
| LEADING "***" AFTER "0". | F**0**F***   | 1                          |
|                          | F***F0***F** | 1                          |
|                          | F**F0****F** | 2                          |
|                          | F**F**0*     | 0                          |

Figure 3-52  
Results of Counting with the  
LEADING Condition

3.9.5.3 The Tally Argument List - One INSPECT...TALLYING statement can contain more than one tally argument, and each argument can have a separate BEFORE/AFTER phrase and tally counter associated with it. These tally arguments with their associated tally counters and BEFORE/AFTER phrases form an argument list. The manner in which this list is processed affects the action of any given tally argument.

The following sample statements show INSPECT statements with argument lists. The text following each one tells how that list will be processed.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING T FOR
      ALL ","
      ALL "."
      ALL ";".
```

Figure 3-53  
Argument List Adding Into  
One Tally Counter



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These three tally arguments have the same tally counter, T, and are active over the entire field being inspected. Thus, this statement adds the total number of commas, periods, and semicolons in FIELD1 to the initial value of T.

```

INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
  T1 FOR ALL ","
  T2 FOR ALL "."
  T3 FOR ALL ";".
```

Figure 3-54  
Argument List Adding Into  
Separate Tally Counters

Each tally argument in this statement has its own tally counter, and is active over the entire field being inspected. Thus, the action of this statement is to add the total number of commas in FIELD1 to the initial value of T1, the total number of periods to the initial value of T2, and the number of semicolons to T3.

```

INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
  T1 FOR ALL "," AFTER "A"
  T2 FOR ALL "." BEFORE "B"
  T3 FOR ALL ";".
```

Figure 3-55  
Argument List (with Delimiters) Adding  
into Separate Tally Counters

Each tally argument in this statement has its own tally counter; the first two arguments have delimiter phrases, and the last one is active over the entire field being inspected. Thus, the first argument is initially inactive and becomes active only after the scanner encounters an A; the second argument begins the scan in the active state but becomes inactive after a B has been encountered; and the third argument is active during the entire scan of FIELD1.

Figure 3-56 shows various values of FIELD1 and the contents of the three tally counters after the scan. Assume that the counters are initialized to 0 before the INSPECT statement.

| FIELD1<br>VALUE | CONTENTS OF TALLY COUNTERS AFTER SCAN |    |    |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----|----|
|                 | T1                                    | T2 | T3 |
| A.C;D.E,F       | 1                                     | 2  | 1  |
| A.B.C.D         | 0                                     | 1  | 0  |
| A,B,C,D         | 3                                     | 0  | 0  |
| A;B;C;D         | 0                                     | 0  | 3  |
| *,B,C,D         | 0                                     | 0  | 0  |

Figure 3-56  
Results of the Scan in Figure 3-55

The BEFORE/AFTER phrase applies only to the argument that precedes it, and delimits the field for that argument only. Each BEFORE/AFTER phrase causes a separate scan of the field to determine the limits of the field for its corresponding argument.

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3.9.5.4 Interference in Tally Argument Lists - When several tally arguments contain one or more identical characters that are active at the same time, they may interfere with each other (i.e., when one of the arguments finds a match, the scanner is stepped past the matching character(s) which prevents those character(s) from being considered for any other match).

The example in Figure 3-57 illustrates two identical tally arguments that do not interfere with each other since they are not active at the same time. (The first A in FIELD1 causes the first argument to become inactive and the second argument to become active.)

```
MOVE 0 TO T1 T2.  
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
  T1 FOR ALL "," BEFORE "A"  
  T2 FOR ALL "," AFTER "A".
```

Figure 3-57  
Two Tallying Arguments that  
Do Not Interfere with Each Other

The two identical tally arguments in Figure 3-58 will interfere with each other since both are active at the same time. (For any given position of the scanner, the arguments are applied to FIELD1 in the order in which they appear in the statement. When one of them finds a match, the scanner moves to the next position and ignores the remaining arguments in the argument list.) Each comma in FIELD1 causes T1 to be incremented by 1 and the second argument to be ignored. Thus, T1 will always contain an accurate count of all of the commas in FIELD1, and T2 will always be unchanged.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
  T1 FOR ALL ","  
  T2 FOR ALL "," AFTER "A".
```

Figure 3-58  
Two Tallying Arguments that  
Do Interfere with Each Other

The following statement achieves the same results as the statement in Figure 3-57. The first argument does not become active until the scanner encounters an A. The second argument tallies all commas that precede the A. After the A, the first argument counts all commas and causes the second argument to be ignored. Thus, T1 contains the number of commas that precede the first A and T2 contains the number of commas that follow the first A. This statement works well as written, but could be more confusing to debug than the one in Figure 3-57.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
  T2 FOR ALL "," AFTER "A"  
  T1 FOR ALL ",".
```

Figure 3-59  
Two Tallying Arguments that,  
Because of their Positioning,  
Only Partially Interfere with  
Each Other

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The preceding three examples show that one INSPECT statement cannot count any character more than once. Thus, when using the same character in more than one argument of an argument list, consider the nature of the interference and choose the order of the arguments very carefully. The solution to the problem may require two or more INSPECT statements. Consider the following problem:

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
      T1 FOR ALL "AB"
      T2 FOR ALL "BC".
```

Figure 3-60  
An Attempt to Tally the Character B  
with Two Arguments

If FIELD1 contains "ABCABC", after the scan T1 will be incremented by a 2 and T2 will be unaltered. The successful matching of the argument includes each B in the field. Each match resets the scanner to the character position to the right of the B, and causes the second argument to never be successfully matched. Reversing the order of the arguments has no effect, the results remain the same. Only separate INSPECT statements can develop the desired counts.

Sometimes the programmer can use the interference characteristics of the INSPECT statement to good advantage. Consider the following sample argument list:

```
MOVE 0 TO T4 T3 T2 T1.
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
      T4 FOR ALL "****"
      T3 FOR ALL "***"
      T2 FOR ALL "**"
      T1 FOR ALL "*".
```

Figure 3-61  
Tallying Asterisk Groupings

The argument list in Figure 3-61 counts all of the asterisks in FIELD1 but in four different tally counters. T4 counts the number of times that four asterisks occur together; T3 counts the number of times three asterisks appear together; T2 counts double asterisks; and T1 counts singles.

If FIELD1 contains a string of more than four consecutive asterisks, the argument list breaks the string into groups of four, and counts them in T4. It then counts the less-than-four remainder in T3, T2, or T1.

Reversing the order of the arguments in this list causes T1 to count all of the asterisks and T2, T3, and T4 to remain unchanged.

When the LEADING condition is used with an argument in the argument list, that argument becomes inactive as soon as it fails to be matched in the field being inspected. Therefore, when two arguments in an argument list contain one or more identical characters and one of the arguments has a LEADING condition, the argument with the LEADING condition should appear first. Consider the following sample statement:

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```
MOVE 0 TO T1 T2.  
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
    T1 FOR LEADING "*"   
    T2 FOR ALL "*" .
```

Figure 3-62  
Placing the LEADING Condition  
in the Argument List

The placement of the LEADING condition in this sample statement causes T1 to count only leading asterisks in FIELD1; the occurrence of any other character stops this counting and causes the first tally argument to become inactive. T2 keeps a count of any remaining asterisks in FIELD1.

Reversing the order of the arguments in this statement results in an argument list that can never increment T1.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
    T2 FOR ALL "*"   
    T1 FOR LEADING "*" .
```

Figure 3-63  
Reversing the Argument  
List in Figure 3-62

If the first character in FIELD1 is not an asterisk, neither argument can match it and the second argument becomes inactive. If the first character in FIELD1 is an asterisk, the first argument matches and causes the second argument to be ignored. The first non-asterisk character in FIELD1 will fail to match the first argument and the second argument will become inactive. (The second argument becomes inactive because it has not found a match in all of the preceding characters.)

An argument with both a LEADING condition and a BEFORE phrase can sometimes successfully "delimit" the field being inspected:

```
MOVE 0 TO T1 T2.  
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING  
    T1 FOR LEADING SPACES  
    T2 FOR ALL " " BEFORE "."  
    T2 FOR ALL " " BEFORE "."  
    T2 FOR ALL " " BEFORE "."  
IF T2 > 0 ADD 1 TO T2.
```

Figure 3-64  
An Argument List that Counts  
Words in a Statement

The statements in Figure 3-64 count the number of "words" in the English statement in FIELD1. (This assumes that no more than three spaces separate the words in the sentence and that the sentence ends with a period.) When FIELD1 has been scanned, T2 contains the number of gaps between the words. Since a count of the gaps renders a number that is one less than the number of words, the conditional statement adds one to the count.

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The first argument removes any leading spaces, counting them in a different tally counter. This shortens FIELD1 by preventing the application of the second through the fourth arguments until the scanner finds a non-space character. The BEFORE phrase on each of the other arguments causes them to become inactive when the scanner reaches the period at the end of the sentence. Thus, the BEFORE phrases "shorten" FIELD1 by making the second through the fourth arguments inactive before the scanner reaches the right-hand end of FIELD1. If the sentence in FIELD1 is indented with tab characters instead of spaces, a second LEADING argument can count the tab characters. The following sample statement illustrates this technique:

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
  T1 FOR LEADING SPACES
  T1 FOR LEADING TAB
  T2 FOR ALL "    " etc.
```

Figure 3-65  
Counting Leading Tab or Space Characters

When an argument list contains a CHARACTERS argument, it should be the last argument in the list. Since the CHARACTERS argument always matches the field, it prevents the application of any of the following arguments in the list. However, as the last argument in an argument list, it can count the remaining characters in the field being inspected. Consider the following illustration.

```
MOVE 0 TO T1 T2 T3 T4 T5.
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING
  T1 FOR LEADING SPACES
  T2 FOR ALL "." BEFORE ","
  T3 FOR ALL "+" BEFORE ","
  T4 FOR ALL "-" BEFORE ","
  T5 FOR CHARACTERS BEFORE ",".
```

Figure 3-66  
Counting the Remaining Characters  
With the CHARACTERS Argument

If FIELD1 is known to contain a number in the form frequently used to input data, it may contain a plus or minus sign, and a decimal point; further, the number may possibly be preceded by spaces and terminated by a comma. If this statement were compiled and executed, it would deliver the following results:

- T1 would contain the number of leading spaces,
- T2 would contain the number of periods,
- T3 would contain the number of plus signs,
- T4 would contain the number of minus signs,
- T5 would contain the number of remaining characters (assumed to be numeric), and

the sum of T1 through T5 (plus 1) gives the character position occupied by the terminating comma.

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### 3.9.6 The REPLACING Phrase

When an INSPECT statement contains a REPLACING phrase, that statement selectively replaces characters or groups of characters in the designated field.

The REPLACING phrase names a search argument consisting of a character string of one or more characters and a condition under which the string may be applied to the field being inspected. Associated with the search argument is the replacement value, which must be the same length as the search argument. Each time the search argument finds a match in the field being inspected, under the condition stated, the replacement value replaces the matched characters.

A BEFORE/AFTER phrase may be used to delimit the area of the field being inspected. A search argument applies only to the delimited area of the field.

**3.9.6.1 The Search Argument** - The search argument of the REPLACING phrase names a character string and a condition under which the character string should be compared to the delimited string being inspected. Figure 3-67 shows the format of the search argument:

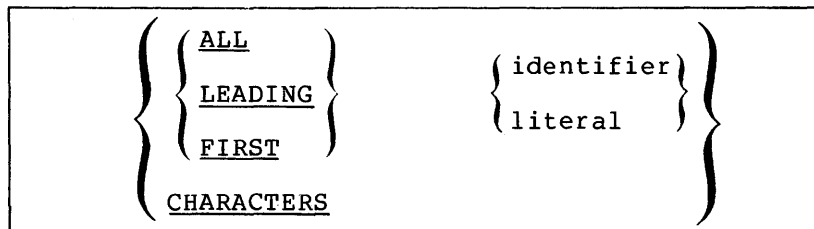


Figure 3-67  
Format of the Search Argument

The CHARACTERS form of the search argument specifies that every character in the delimited string being inspected should be considered to match an imaginary character that serves as the search argument. Thus, the replacement value replaces each character in the delimited string. (The replacement value, in this case, must be one character long.)

The ALL, LEADING, and FIRST forms of the search argument specify a particular character string, which may be represented by a literal or an identifier. The search argument character string may be any length. However, each character of the argument must match a character in the delimited string before the software considers the argument matched.

- A literal character string must be either non-numeric or a figurative constant (other than ALL literal). A figurative constant, such as SPACE, ZERO, etc., represents a single character and can be written as " ", "0", etc. with the same effect. Since a figurative constant represents a single character, the replacement value must be one character long.
- An identifier must represent an elementary item of DISPLAY usage. It may be any class. However, if it is other than alphabetic, the software performs an implicit redefinition of the item. (This redefinition is identical to the BEFORE/AFTER delimiter redefinition discussed in Section 3.9.1.)



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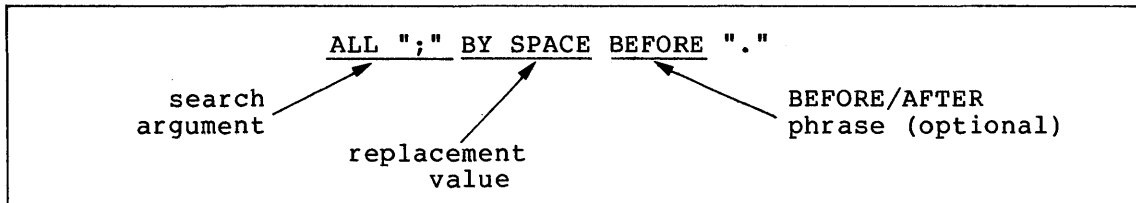


Figure 3-69  
The Replacement Argument

3.9.6.4 The Replacement Argument List - One `INSPECT...REPLACING` statement can contain more than one replacement argument. Several replacement arguments form an argument list, and the manner in which the list is processed affects the action of any given replacement argument.

The following examples show `INSPECT` statements with replacement argument lists. The text following each one tells how that list will be processed.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 REPLACING
ALL ", " BY SPACE
ALL ". " BY SPACE
ALL "; " BY SPACE.
```

Figure 3-70  
Replacement Argument List that is  
Active Over the Entire Field

These three replacement arguments all have the same replacement value, `SPACE`, and are active over the entire field being inspected.

Thus, this statement replaces all commas, periods, and semicolons with space characters; and leaves all other characters unchanged.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 REPLACING
ALL "0" BY "1"
ALL "1" BY "0".
```

Figure 3-71  
Replacement Argument List that  
"Swaps" Ones for Zeroes and Zeroes for Ones

Each of these two replacement arguments has its own replacement value, and is active over the entire field being inspected. This statement exchanges zeros for ones and ones for zeroes, and leaves all other characters unchanged.

### NOTE

When a search argument finds a match in the field being inspected, the software replaces that character string and scans to the next position beyond the replaced characters. It ignores the remaining arguments and applies the first argument in the list to the character string in



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the new position. Thus, it never inspects the new value that was supplied by the replacement operation. Because of this, the search arguments may have the same values as the replacement arguments with no chance of interference.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 REPLACING
ALL "0" BY "1" BEFORE SPACE
ALL "1" BY "0" BEFORE SPACE.
```

Figure 3-72  
Replacement Argument List that  
Becomes Inactive with the  
Occurrence of a Space Character

This sample statement is identical to the statement in Figure 3-71, except that, here, the first occurrence of a space character in FIELD1 causes both arguments to become inactive.

```
INSPECT FIELD1 REPLACING
ALL "0" BY "1" BEFORE SPACE
ALL "1" BY "0" BEFORE SPACE
CHARACTERS BY "*" BEFORE SPACE.
```

Figure 3-73  
Argument List with Three Arguments  
That Become Inactive with the  
Occurrence of a Space

Just as in the argument list in Figure 3-72, the first space character causes all of these replacement arguments to become inactive. This argument list exchanges zeroes for ones, ones for zeroes, and asterisks for all other characters that are in the delimited area.

If the BEFORE phrase is removed from the third argument, that argument will remain active across all of FIELD1. Within the area delimited by the first space character, the third argument replaces all characters except ones and zeroes with asterisks. Beyond this area, it replaces all characters (including the space that delimited FIELD1 for the first two arguments and any zeroes and ones) with asterisks.

**3.9.6.5 Interference in Replacement Argument Lists** - When several search arguments that are active at the same time contain one or more identical characters, they may interfere with each other, and consequently have an effect on the replacement operation. This interference of one search argument with the matching of other search arguments is similar to the interference that occurs between tally arguments.

The action of a search argument is never affected by the BEFORE/AFTER delimiters of other arguments, since the software scans for delimiter matches before it scans for replacement operations.

The action of a search argument is never affected by the characters of any replacement value, since the scanner does not inspect the replaced characters again during execution of the INSPECT statement.

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Interference between search arguments, therefore, depends on the order of the arguments, the values of the arguments, and the active-inactive status of the arguments. (The discussion in Section 3.9.5.4 Interference in Tally Argument Lists, applies, generally, to replacement arguments as well.)

The following rules will help minimize interference in replacement argument lists:

1. Place search arguments with LEADING or FIRST conditions at the start of the list;
2. Place several arguments with the CHARACTERS condition at the end of the list;
3. Consider, very carefully, the order of appearance of any search arguments that contain one or more identical characters.

### 3.9.7 Common Errors, INSPECT Statement

The most common errors made when writing INSPECT statements are:

- Leaving the FOR out of an INSPECT...TALLYING statement.
- Using the word "WITH" instead of "BY" in the REPLACING phrase.
- Failing to initialize the tally counter.
- Omitting the word "ALL" e.g.:

```
INSPECT FIELD1 TALLYING TLY FOR SPACES.
```



## CHAPTER 4

### NUMERIC CHARACTER HANDLING

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses numeric class data and the COBOL operations that may be performed on numeric class data. It is assumed that the reader has read Chapter 3, and understands the concept of COBOL data classes.

#### 4.2 USAGES, DISPLAY/COMP

The USAGE of a numeric class item specifies the form in which that item's data is held in memory. COBOL has two basic formats for data storage, DISPLAY and COMPUTATIONAL (DISPLAY, DISPLAY-6, and DISPLAY-7 are all equivalent):

- ANS-74 COBOL standards prescribe DISPLAY usage to be a string of characters or bytes in decimal radix, with an assumed decimal point location and various sign conventions.
- The same standards prescribe COMPUTATIONAL (COMP) usage to be a real number with the same range of values as a DISPLAY usage number. However, with COMP usage, the compiler implementor has the liberty of specifying the form in which that number is held in memory.

PDP-11 COBOL stores COMP usage fields as binary numbers in one, two, three or four words with an assumed decimal scaling position. Consider the following field description:

```
01 GEMINI PIC 99V99 COMP.
```

If this field contains the value 12.34, PDP-11 COBOL stores it as a 1-word binary number. The word contains the integer value 1234 and another location contains the scaling factor. In this example, the scaling factor records the fact that this integer has two decimal fractional positions associated with it. Thus, the COBOL OTS knows that the stored binary integer is 100 times larger than the programmer intends it to be.

If the compiler encounters the following statement:

```
ADD 1 TO GEMINI.
```

it generates instructions to add a 1 to the 1234 in GEMINI. The OTS, however, scales the literal 1 up by two decimal places and adds the resultant literal, 100, to the number in GEMINI. Thus, after the ADD operation, GEMINI contains the new value 1334 (which is actually 13.34 with the stored decimal scaling position).

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Thus, the PDP-11 COBOL compiler and OTS manipulate the data in both DISPLAY and COMP usage items in much the same way. Both usages have exactly the same accuracy and precision, and can be freely mixed in a program. If a DISPLAY usage number and a COMP usage number are both involved in the same arithmetic statement, the OTS converts them to a common radix, with no loss of information. It also converts the result (if necessary), before storing it, with no loss of significance.

The only effect of specifying the COMP usage is that it reduces the space required for most numbers and speeds up the execution of arithmetic statements.

### 4.2.1 Sign Conventions

DISPLAY or COMP usage numeric items may be signed or unsigned. Unsigned numbers may contain values that range from zero to the largest positive value allowed by their declared precision. Negative values are not allowed. All PDP-11 COBOL arithmetic operations yield signed results. When the OTS must store such a result, whether positive or negative, in an unsigned data item, it stores only the absolute value of the result. Thus, unsigned items always contain zero or positive values.

This guide does not recommend unsigned numbers for general use. They are usually a source of programming errors, and are handled less efficiently than signed quantities by the OTS.

Signed quantities always contain a numeric value and an operational sign. The OTS stores the sign with the numeric value in a variety of ways depending on the usage of the item and the presence of the SIGN clause.

#### NOTE

If numeric data is read into a field described using the picture character S, then that data must include an operational sign of the appropriate format to pass the NUMERIC test.

PDP-11 COBOL always stores signed COMP items in two's complement binary form. Thus, the high-order bit indicates the sign of the item.

PDP-11 COBOL always stores signed DISPLAY items as a sequence of byte positions containing numeric ASCII characters. It may include the sign in the high-order byte, the low-order byte, or as a separate, extra, byte on either the high-order or low-order end of the item.

When the OTS stores the sign as part of a byte that also contains a numeric digit, the sign causes a value change in that byte and, hence, changes the value of the numeric digit. Table 4-1 shows the actual ASCII character that results when a numeric value and a sign share the same byte.

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Table 4-1  
The Resulting ASCII Character From a  
Sign and Digit Sharing the Same Byte

|      |   | DIGIT VALUE |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|      |   | 0           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| SIGN | + | {           | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|      | - | }           | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R |

A byte containing a +0 stores as an octal 173, which prints as either a { or a [ depending on the printing device.

A byte containing a -0 stores as an octal 175, which prints as either a } or a ] depending on the printing device.

When the OTS stores the sign as a separate distinct character, the actual ASCII character that it stores is the graphic plus sign (octal 053) or the graphic minus sign (octal 055).

### 4.2.2 Illegal Values in Numeric Fields

All PDP-11 COBOL arithmetic operations store legal values in their result fields. However, it is possible, by reading invalid data or through redefinition and group moves, to store data in numeric fields that do not obey the descriptions of those fields. (For example, it is possible to place signed values into unsigned fields, and to place non-numeric or improperly signed data into signed numeric DISPLAY fields.) PDP-11 COBOL handles this data in the following manner.

#### NOTE

The following four compiler techniques are not specified by ANS-74 COBOL standards. Dependence on them may yield programs that are not compiler independent.

1. When a quantity described as unsigned enters into an arithmetic operation, the OTS treats it as a signed quantity. If it contains no sign, the OTS either considers the sign to be positive, or ignores the sign if the value of the field is zero. If the field does contain a legally constructed sign, the OTS interprets the sign as if the item had been described as a signed quantity.

Thus the OTS treats a negative value in an unsigned COMP item as a negative value. Likewise a negative sign, stored as J through R, in the rightmost digit of an unsigned DISPLAY item, causes the OTS to treat that value as a negative value.

When an arithmetic operation or legal elementary MOVE statement places its result in an unsigned item, that item receives the absolute value only (no sign information is encoded in the result).

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For example the following coding results in an unsigned value of 15 in field B:

```
.  
. .  
02 A PIC S99 VALUE IS 5  
02 C PIC XX VALUE IS "2 "  
02 B REDEFINES C PIC 99.  
. .  
ADD A TO B.
```

However, given the same original values in A and B, the following statement would result in a value of -15 in field A. (Field B remains at -20.)

```
ADD B TO A.
```

2. When a signed quantity enters into an arithmetic operation, the OTS interprets the sign as follows:

- If the item is COMP usage, the OTS takes the value as a two's complement number;
- If the item is DISPLAY usage and the sign is encoded within the leading or trailing digit position, the OTS takes the sign as positive if that position contains either a { (octal 173) or any ASCII byte that collates less than J. Thus, the OTS considers a space, 0 through 9, and A through I, to be positive. Further, it considers any ASCII character that collates equal-to or higher-than J (except { --octal 173) to be negative. (The OTS conducts this sign determination separately from the numeric value determination for the same byte.)

| <u>VALUE</u> | <u>SIGN DETERMINATION</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 000A         | +0001                     |
| 000J         | -0001                     |

- If the item is DISPLAY usage and the sign is encoded as a separate leading or trailing byte, the OTS takes the sign as negative only if that byte contains the ASCII character - (octal 055). The OTS considers that all other ASCII characters in the separate sign position indicate a positive field.
3. A COMP usage item may receive a value that is larger than the specified range. For example, the OTS stores a field described as PIC S9999 COMP as a 16-bit binary number. The declared range is four decimal digits, but the field has the capability of storing any value from -32,768 to +32,767 (decimal). The OTS stores the results of an arithmetic operation on such a field as a value modulo the declared decimal range. Thus, any value that exceeds 9,999 stores a modulo 10,000 value. (The binary value of 10,000 stores as a zero.)

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When a COMP usage field enters an arithmetic operation, however, the OTS uses the full binary number as the binary value of the field. Thus, a value stored in a COMP field by a group move may cause the field to contain a value that exceeds the declared range. Arithmetic operations will use that value as found.

4. A DISPLAY usage item may contain a value in which some or all of the numeric digit positions contain illegal values.

When a DISPLAY usage numeric item enters an arithmetic operation, the OTS converts each character to a binary value either before or during the operation. This conversion maps certain ASCII characters into the numeric values 0 through 9, and all other ASCII characters into the numeric value 0. Table 4-2 shows these conversion values:

Table 4-2  
Conversion Values

| ASCII CHARACTERS | BINARY VALUES |
|------------------|---------------|
| A J 1            | 0001 (1)      |
| B K 2            | 0010 (2)      |
| C L 3            | 0011 (3)      |
| D M 4            | 0100 (4)      |
| E N 5            | 0101 (5)      |
| F O 6            | 0110 (6)      |
| G P 7            | 0111 (7)      |
| H Q 8            | 1000 (8)      |
| I R 9            | 1001 (9)      |
| ALL OTHERS       | 0000 (0)      |

All arithmetic operations (including the numeric elementary MOVE) deliver the ASCII characters 1 through 9 and 0 into all digit positions of a numeric DISPLAY field. A digit position that also contains a sign value receives a correctly coded sign value as shown in Table 4-1.



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### 4.3 TESTING NUMERIC FIELDS

COBOL provides the following three kinds of tests for evaluating numeric fields:

1. Relation tests, that compare the field's contents to another numeric value;
2. Sign tests, that examine the field's sign to see if it is positive or negative; and,
3. Class tests, that inspect the field's digit positions for legal numeric values.

The following sub-sections explain these tests in detail.

#### 4.3.1 Relation Tests

A relation test compares two numeric quantities and determines if the specified relation between them is true. For example, the following statement compares FIELD1 to FIELD2 and determines if the numeric value of FIELD1 is greater than the numeric value of FIELD2. If so, the relation condition is true and program control takes the True path of the statement.

```
IF FIELD1 > FIELD2 ...
```

Either field in a relation test may be a numeric literal or the figurative constant, ZERO. (The numeric literals 0, 00, 0.0, or ZERO are all equivalent, both in meaning and in execution speed.)

The sizes of the fields in a numeric relation test do not have to be the same (this includes the sizes of numeric literals). The comparison operation aligns both fields on their assumed decimal positions (through actual scaling operations in temporary locations or by accessing the individual digits) and supplies leading or trailing (as required) zeroes to either or both fields.

The comparison operation always compares the signs of non-zero fields and considers positive fields to be greater than negative fields. However, since it does not compare them, positive zeroes and negative zeroes are equal. (A negative zero could arrive in a field through redefinition of the field or a MOVE to a group item.) Further, the operation considers unsigned numeric fields to be positive.

The form of representation of the number (COMP or DISPLAY usage) and the various methods of storing DISPLAY usage signs have no effect on numeric relation tests.

For comparison purposes, the operation converts any illegal characters stored in DISPLAY usage fields to zeroes. It does not, however, alter the actual values in those fields.

#### 4.3.2 Sign Tests

The sign test compares a numeric quantity to zero and determines if it is greater (positive), less (negative), or equal (zero). Both the relation test and the sign test can perform this function. For example, consider the following relation test:

```
IF FIELD1 > 0 ...
```

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Now consider the following sign test:

IF FIELD1 POSITIVE ...

Both of these tests accomplish the same thing and would always arrive at the same result. The sign test, however, shortens the statement and shows, at a glance, that it is testing the sign.

Table 4-3 shows the sign tests and their equivalent relation tests as applied to FIELD1.

Table 4-3  
The Sign Tests

| SIGN TEST                  | EQUIVALENT RELATION TEST |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| IF FIELD1 POSITIVE ...     | IF FIELD1 > 0 ...        |
| IF FIELD1 NOT POSITIVE ... | IF FIELD1 NOT > 0 ...    |
| IF FIELD1 NEGATIVE ...     | IF FIELD1 < 0 ...        |
| IF FIELD1 NOT NEGATIVE ... | IF FIELD1 NOT < 0 ...    |
| IF FIELD1 ZERO ...         | IF FIELD1 = 0 ...        |
| IF FIELD1 NOT ZERO ...     | IF FIELD1 NOT = 0 ...    |

Sign tests have no execution speed advantage over relation tests. The compiler actually substitutes the equivalent relation test for every correctly written sign test. (Sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 discuss the acceptable sign values and the treatment of illegal sign values.)

### 4.3.3 Class Tests

The class test interrogates a numeric field to determine if it contains numeric or alphabetic data, and uses the result to alter the flow of control in a program. For example, the following statement determines if FIELD1 contains numeric data. If so, the test condition is true and program control takes the true path of the statement.

IF FIELD1 IS NUMERIC ...

When reading in newly prepared data, it is often desirable to check certain fields for valid values. Relation tests and sign tests can only determine if the field's contents are within a certain range, and these tests both treat illegal characters in DISPLAY usage items as zeroes. Thus, some data preparation errors could pass both of these tests.

The NUMERIC class test checks numeric (or alphanumeric) DISPLAY usage fields for valid numeric digits.

If the field being tested contains a sign (whether carried as an overpunch or as a separate character), the test checks it for a valid sign value. If the character position carrying the sign contains an illegal sign value, the NUMERIC class test rejects the item and program control takes the false path of the IF statement. If the character position contains a valid sign and all digit positions in the field contain valid numeric digits, the NUMERIC class test passes the item and program control takes the true path of the IF statement.

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The ALPHABETIC class test checks alphabetic (or alphanumeric) fields for valid alphabetic characters and the space character. If all of the character positions of the field contain ASCII characters (A-Z or space), the item passes the ALPHABETIC class test and causes program control to take the true path of the IF statement. (For further information concerning the ALPHABETIC class test, see Chapter 3, Section 3.3.2.)

### 4.4 THE MOVE STATEMENT

The MOVE statement moves the contents of one field into another. The following sample MOVE statement moves the contents of FIELD1 into FIELD2.

```
MOVE FIELD1 TO FIELD2.
```

Section 3.5 discusses the basic MOVE statement. This section considers MOVE statements as applied to numeric fields. These MOVE statements can be grouped into the following three categories:

1. Group moves,
2. Elementary moves with numeric receiving fields, and
3. Elementary moves with numeric edited receiving fields.

The following three sub-sections (4.4.1, 4.4.2, and 4.4.3) discuss each of these categories separately.

#### 4.4.1 Group Moves

The software considers a move to be a group move if either the sending field or the receiving field is a group item. It treats both fields in a group move as alphanumeric class fields and performs the move as an alphanumeric to alphanumeric elementary move.

If either field in a group move is a numeric elementary item, the OTS treats the storage area occupied by that item as a field of alphanumeric bytes; thus, it ignores the USAGE, sign, and decimal point location characteristics of the numeric item.

Only the item's allocated size, in bytes, affects the move operation. The OTS considers a separate sign character to be part of the item and moves it with the numeric digit positions.

#### 4.4.2 Elementary Numeric Moves

If both fields of a MOVE statement are elementary items and the receiving field is numeric, the OTS considers the move to be an elementary numeric move. (The sending field may be either numeric or alphanumeric.) The numeric receiving field may be either DISPLAY or COMP usage. The elementary numeric move converts the data format of the sending field to the data format of the receiving field.

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An alphanumeric sending field may be either an elementary data item or any alphanumeric literal other than the figurative constants SPACE, QUOTE, LOW-VALUE, HIGH-VALUE, or ALL "literal". The elementary numeric move accepts the figurative constant ZERO and considers it to be equivalent to the numeric literal 0. It treats alphanumeric sending fields as unsigned integers of DISPLAY usage.

If necessary, the numeric move operation converts the sending field to the data format of the receiving field and aligns the sending field's decimal point on that of the receiving field. It then moves the sending field digits to their corresponding receiving field digits.

If the sending field has more digit positions than the receiving field, the decimal point alignment operation truncates the sending field, with the resultant loss of digits. The end truncated (high-order or low-order) depends upon the number of sending field digit positions that find matches on each side of the receiving field's decimal point. If the receiving field has fewer digit positions on both sides of the decimal point, the operation truncates both ends of the sending field. Thus, if a field described as PIC 999V999 is moved to a field described as PIC 99V99, it loses one digit from the left end and one from the right end. Figure 4-1 illustrates this alignment operation (the carat (^) indicates the stored decimal scaling position):

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 01 GANDALF PIC 99V99.    |       |
| ...                      |       |
| MOVE 123.321 TO GANDALF. |       |
| Before execution         | 00^00 |
| After execution          | 23^32 |

Figure 4-1  
Truncation Caused By Decimal Point Alignment

If the sending field has fewer digit positions than the receiving field, the move operation supplies zeroes for all unfilled digit positions. Figure 4-2 illustrates this alignment (the carat (^) indicates the stored decimal scaling position):

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 01 RIVENDELL PIC 999V99. |        |
| ...                      |        |
| MOVE 1 TO RIVENDELL.     |        |
| Before execution         | 000^00 |
| After execution          | 001^00 |

Figure 4-2  
Zero Filling Caused By Decimal Point Alignment

The following statement produces the same results:

```
MOVE 001.00 TO RIVENDELL.
```

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Consider the following two MOVE statements and their resultant truncating and zero-filling effects:

| <u>STATEMENT</u>          | <u>RIVENDELL AFTER EXECUTION</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MOVE 00100 TO RIVENDELL   | 100 00                           |
| MOVE "00100" TO RIVENDELL | 100 00                           |

Literals with leading or trailing zeroes have no significant advantage in space or execution speed with PDP-11 COBOL, and the zeroes are often lost by decimal point alignment.

The MOVE statement's receiving field dictates how the sign will be moved. A signed DISPLAY usage receiving field causes the sign to be moved as a separate quantity. An unsigned DISPLAY usage receiving field causes no sign movement. A COMP usage receiving field, whether signed or unsigned, causes the sign to be moved; however, if the receiving field is unsigned, the OTS sets its value to absolute.

### 4.4.3 Elementary Numeric Edited Moves

The PDP-11 COBOL object time system considers an elementary numeric move to a receiving field of the numeric edited category to be an elementary numeric edited move. The sending field of an elementary numeric edited move may be either numeric or alphanumeric and, if numeric, it can be either DISPLAY usage or COMP usage. The OTS treats alphanumeric sending fields in numeric edited moves as unsigned DISPLAY usage integers.

The OTS considers the receiving field to be numeric edited category if it is described with a BLANK WHEN ZERO clause, or a combination of the following symbols:

- B Space insertion position;
- P Decimal scaling position;
- V Location of assumed decimal point;
- Z Leading numeric character position to be replaced by a space if the position contains a zero;
- 0 Zero insertion position;
- 9 Position contains a numeric character;
- / Slash insertion position;
- , Comma insertion position;
- . Decimal point insertion position;
- \* Leading numeric character position to be replaced by an asterisk if the position contains a zero;
- + Positive editing sign control symbol;
- Negative editing sign control symbol;
- CR Credit editing sign control symbol;

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- DB Debit editing sign control symbol;
- cs Currency symbol (\$) insertion position.

A numeric edited field may contain 9, V, and P, but combinations of those symbols without an editing character do not make the field numeric edited.

The numeric edited move operation first converts the sending field to DISPLAY usage and aligns both fields on their decimal point locations, truncating or padding (with zeroes) the sending field until it contains the same number of digit positions on both sides of the decimal point as the receiving field. It then moves the resulting digit values to the receiving field digit positions following the COBOL editing rules.

The COBOL editing rules allow the numeric edited move operation to perform any of the following editing functions:

- Suppress leading zeroes with either spaces or asterisks;
- Float a currency sign and a plus or minus sign through suppressed zeroes, inserting the sign at either end of the field;
- Insert zeroes and spaces;
- Insert commas and a decimal point.

Figure 4-3 illustrates several of these functions with the statement, MOVE FRODO TO RIVENDELL. (Assume that FRODO is described as S9999V99.)

| FRODO   | RIVENDELL           |                     |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
|         | PICTURE STRING      | CONTENTS AFTER MOVE |
| 0023^00 | ZZZZ.99             | Δ Δ23.00            |
| 0085^90 | ++++.99             | Δ -85.96            |
| 1234^00 | Z,ZZZ.99            | 1,234.00            |
| 0012^34 | ,\$\$\$9.99         | Δ \$12.34           |
| 0000^34 | ,\$\$\$9.99         | Δ Δ\$0.34           |
| 1234^00 | \$\$,\$\$\$9.99     | \$1,234.00          |
| 0012^34 | \$\$9,999.99        | \$0,012.34          |
| 0012^34 | \$\$\$\$,\$\$\$9.99 | ΔΔΔΔ \$12.34        |
| 0000^00 | \$\$\$,\$\$\$.\$\$  | ΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔΔ          |
| 0012^3M | ++++.99             | -12.34              |
| 0012^34 | \$**,\$**9.99       | \$**1,234.00        |
| 0012^34 | \$**,\$**9.99       | \$*****12.34        |

Figure 4-3  
Numeric Editing

The currency symbol (\$) and the editing sign control symbols (+ -) are the only floating symbols. To float them, enter a string of two or more occurrences of the symbol.

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### 4.4.4 Common Errors, Numeric MOVE Statements

The most common errors made when writing numeric MOVE statements are:

- Placing an incorrect number of replacement characters in a numeric edited item.
- Moving non-numeric data into numeric fields with group moves.
- Trying to float the \$ or + insertion characters past the decimal point to force zero values to appear as .00 instead of spaces. (Use \$\$ .99 or ++.99.)
- Forgetting that the \$ or + insertion characters require an additional position on the leftmost end that cannot be replaced by a digit (unlike the \* insertion character which can be completely replaced).

### 4.5 THE ARITHMETIC STATEMENTS

The COBOL arithmetic statements, ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, DIVIDE, and COMPUTE allow COBOL programs to perform simple arithmetic operations on numeric data.

This section covers the use of the COBOL arithmetic statements. The first five sub-sections (4.5.1 through 4.5.5) discuss the common features of the statements and the last five (4.5.6 through 4.5.10) discuss the individual arithmetic statements themselves.

#### 4.5.1 Intermediate Results

Most forms of the arithmetic statements perform their operations in temporary work locations, then move the results to the receiving fields, aligning the decimal points and truncating or zero filling the resultant values.

This temporary work field, called the intermediate result field, has a maximum size of 18 numeric digits. The actual size of the intermediate result field varies for each statement, and is determined at compile time based on the sizes of the operands used by the statement.

When the compiler determines that the size of the intermediate result field exceeds 18 digits, it truncates the excess high-order digits. Thus, a program that requests a multiplication operation between the following two fields,

PIC 9(18) and PIC V99.

(which would otherwise cause the compiler to set up a 20-digit intermediate result field -- 9(18)V99) actually causes the following intermediate result field

PIC 9(16)V99.

PDP-11 COBOL truncates high-order digits or low-order digits to the right of the decimal point, based on the assumption that most large data declarations are larger than ever need be, so zeroes occupy most of their high-order digit positions. Numeric data may be declared as PIC 9(12) or PIC 9(15) but the values that are placed in these fields will probably not exceed nine digits of range (1 billion) in most applications.

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When using large numbers (or numbers with many decimal places) that are close to 18 digits long, examine all of the arithmetic operations that manipulate those numbers to determine if truncation will occur.

If truncation is a possibility, reduce the size of the number by dividing it by a power of 10 prior to the arithmetic operation. (This scaling down operation causes the low-order end to lose digits, but these are probably less critical.) Then, after the arithmetic operation, multiply the result by the same power of 10.

To save the low-order digits in such an operation, move the field to a temporary location before the scaling DIVIDE, perform separate, identical arithmetic operations on both the original and the temporary fields, then, after the scaling MULTIPLY, combine their results.

### 4.5.2 The ROUNDED Phrase

Rounding-off is an important tool with most arithmetic operations. The ROUNDED phrase causes the OTS to round-off the results of COBOL arithmetic operations.

The phrase may be used on any COBOL arithmetic statement. Rounding-off takes place only when the ROUNDED phrase requests it, and then only if the intermediate result has more low-order digits than the result field.

PDP-11 COBOL rounds-off by adding a 5 to the leftmost truncated digit of the absolute value of the intermediate result before it stores that result.

Consider the following illustration and assume an intermediate result of 54321.2468:

|                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Coding:                              | <pre> 01 BILBO PIC S9(5)V9999. 01 FRODO PIC S9(5)V99. ... ADD BILBO TO FRODO ROUNDED. ...                 </pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |
| Intermediate result field:           | <pre> PIC S9(6)V9999.                 </pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |
| The ROUNDED operation:               | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Intermediate result field: 054321.24</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">68</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">Truncated digits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROUNDED: (ADD) .00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">50</td> <td style="text-align: right;">LEFT-MOST truncated digit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FRODO's ROUNDED result: 054321.25</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">digit</td> </tr> </table> | Intermediate result field: 054321.24 | 68 | Truncated digits | ROUNDED: (ADD) .00 | 50 | LEFT-MOST truncated digit | FRODO's ROUNDED result: 054321.25 | 18 | digit |
| Intermediate result field: 054321.24 | 68                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Truncated digits                     |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |
| ROUNDED: (ADD) .00                   | 50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | LEFT-MOST truncated digit            |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |
| FRODO's ROUNDED result: 054321.25    | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | digit                                |    |                  |                    |    |                           |                                   |    |       |

Figure 4-4  
Rounding Truncated Decimal Point Positions

The following ROUNDING example rounds-off to the decimal scaling position (P). Assume an intermediate result of 24680. (Section 4.5.4 discusses the GIVING phrase in numeric operations.)



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|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----|--|--------------------------------|-----|--|
| <b>Coding:</b>                    | <pre> 01 GANDALF PIC 9999. 01 SARUMAN PIC 9999PP.  ... MULTIPLY GANDALF BY 10  GIVING SARUMAN ROUNDED. ... </pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                 |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |
| <b>Intermediate result field:</b> | PIC 9999999.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                 |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |
| <b>The ROUNDED operation:</b>     | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Intermediate result field: 0246</td> <td style="width: 5%; border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">80.</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">digits</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROUNDED (ADD):</td> <td style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">50.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SARUMAN's ROUNDED result: 0247</td> <td style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; text-align: center;">30.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Intermediate result field: 0246 | 80. | digits | ROUNDED (ADD): | 50. |  | SARUMAN's ROUNDED result: 0247 | 30. |  |
| Intermediate result field: 0246   | 80.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | digits                          |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |
| ROUNDED (ADD):                    | 50.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |
| SARUMAN's ROUNDED result: 0247    | 30.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |     |        |                |     |  |                                |     |  |

Figure 4-5  
Rounding Truncated Decimal Scaling Positions

4.5.3 The SIZE ERROR Phrase

The SIZE ERROR phrase detects the loss of high-order non-zero digits in the results of COBOL arithmetic operations.

The phrase may be used on any COBOL arithmetic statement.

When the execution of a statement with no SIZE ERROR phrase results in a size error, the OTS truncates the high-order digits and stores the result without notifying the user. When the execution of a statement with a SIZE ERROR phrase results in a size error, the OTS discards the entire result (it does not alter the receiving fields in any way) and executes the SIZE-ERROR imperative phrase.

If the statement contains both ROUNDED and SIZE ERROR phrases, the OTS rounds the result before it checks for a size error.

The phrase cannot be used on numeric MOVE statements. Thus, if a program moves a numeric quantity to a smaller numeric field, it may inadvertently lose high-order digits. For example, consider the following MOVE of a field to a smaller field:

```

01 BIGFOOT PIC 9(8)V99.
01 LITTLEFOOT PIC 9(4)V99.
...
MOVE BIGFOOT TO LITTLEFOOT.

```

This MOVE operation always loses four of BIGFOOT's high-order digits. Either of the following two statements could determine whether these digits are zero or non-zero, and could be tailored to any size field:

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1. IF BIGFOOT NOT > 9999.99  
MOVE BIGFOOT TO LITTLEFOOT  
ELSE ...
2. ADD ZERO TO BIGFOOT GIVING LITTLEFOOT  
ON SIZE ERROR ...

Both of these alternatives allow the MOVE operation to occur only if BIGFOOT loses no significant digits. If the value in BIGFOOT is too large, both alternatives avoid altering LITTLEFOOT and take the alternative execution path.

### 4.5.4 The GIVING Phrase

The GIVING phrase moves the intermediate result field of an arithmetic operation to a receiving field. (The phrase acts exactly like a MOVE statement with the intermediate result serving as a sending field and the data item following the word GIVING (in the statement) serving as a receiving field.)

The phrase may be used on the ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, and DIVIDE statements.

If the data item following the word GIVING is a numeric edited field, the OTS performs the editing the same way it does for MOVE statements.

### 4.5.5 Multiple Operands in ADD and SUBTRACT Statements

Both the ADD and SUBTRACT statements may contain a string of more than one operand preceding the word TO, FROM, or GIVING.

Multiple operands in either of these statements cause the OTS to add the string of operands together and use the intermediate result of that operation as a single operand to be added to or subtracted from, the receiving field.

The following three equivalent coding groups illustrate how the software executes the multiple operand statements:

1. Statement: ADD A B C D TO E F G H.  
Equivalent coding: ADD A B, GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP, C, GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP, D, GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP, E, GIVING E.  
ADD TEMP, F GIVING F.  
ADD TEMP, G GIVING G.  
ADD TEMP, H GIVING H.
2. Statement: SUBTRACT A, B, C, FROM D.  
Equivalent coding: ADD A, B, GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP, C GIVING TEMP.  
SUBTRACT TEMP FROM D GIVING D.
3. Statement: ADD A B C D GIVING E.  
Equivalent coding: ADD A B GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP C GIVING TEMP.  
ADD TEMP D GIVING E.

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(Just as with all COBOL statements, any commas in these statements are optional.)

Only statement 3 may have a numeric edited receiving field, since it is the only statement containing a GIVING phrase.

### 4.5.6 The ADD Statement

The ADD statement adds two or more operands together and stores the result.

The statement may contain multiple operands (with the exception of Format 3) and the ROUNDED and SIZE ERROR phrases. It may be written in one of the following formats:

Format 1.        ADD FIELD1 ...TO FIELD2 FIELD3 ... .

Format 2.        ADD FIELD1 FIELD2 ...GIVING FIELD3 FIELD4 ... .

Format 3.        ADD CORRESPONDING FIELD1 TO FIELD2.

In Format 1, the receiving fields (FIELD2, FIELD3) are one of the addends. These must not be in the numeric edited category.

In Format 2, the receiving fields (FIELD3, FIELD4) are not one of the addends. They may either be numeric or numeric edited. When using this format, omit the word TO.

In Format 3, the receiving field (FIELD2) is one of the addends. Both FIELD1 and FIELD2 must be group items. The corresponding elements of FIELD1 are added to the corresponding elements of FIELD2.

### 4.5.7 The SUBTRACT Statement

The SUBTRACT statement subtracts one, or the sum of two or more, operands from another operand and stores the result.

The statement may contain multiple operands (with the exception of Format 3) and the ROUNDED and SIZE ERROR phrases. It may be written in one of the following formats:

Format 1.        SUBTRACT FIELD1 ... FROM FIELD2 FIELD3 ... .

Format 2.        SUBTRACT FIELD1 ... FROM FIELD2  
                  GIVING FIELD3 FIELD4 ... .

Format 3.        SUBTRACT CORRESPONDING FIELD1 FROM FIELD2.

In Format 1, the receiving fields (FIELD2, FIELD3) are both the subtrahend and the difference (the result). These must not be in the numeric edited category.

In Format 2, the receiving fields (FIELD3, FIELD4) are used only to store the result. They may be either numeric or numeric edited.

In Format 3, the receiving field (FIELD2) is both the subtrahend and the difference (results). Both FIELD1 and FIELD2 must be group items. The corresponding elements of FIELD2.



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|                  |                                                           |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Format 1.</u> | DIVIDE FIELD1 INTO FIELD2 FIELD3 ... .                    |
| <u>Format 2.</u> | DIVIDE FIELD1 INTO FIELD2 GIVING FIELD3 FIELD4 ... .      |
| <u>Format 3.</u> | DIVIDE FIELD2 BY FIELD1 GIVING FIELD3 FIELD4 ... .        |
| <u>Format 4.</u> | DIVIDE FIELD1 INTO FIELD2 GIVING FIELD3 REMAINDER FIELD4. |
| <u>Format 5.</u> | DIVIDE FIELD1 BY FIELD2 GIVING FIELD3 REMAINDER FIELD4.   |

In Format 1, the receiving fields (FIELD2, FIELD3) are also the dividends. These must not be in the numeric edited category.

In Formats 2 and 3, the receiving fields (FIELD3, FIELD4 ... ) are neither dividends nor divisor. These may be either numeric or numeric edited.

In Formats 4 and 5, the receiving field (FIELD3) is neither a dividend nor a divisor. FIELD4 is the remainder. The receiving field and the remainder may be either numeric or numeric edited.

### 4.5.10 The COMPUTE Statement

The COMPUTE statement computes the value of an arithmetic expression and stores the value in the result.

The statement may contain the ROUNDED and SIZE ERROR phrases. It may contain multiple receiving operands. The COMPUTE statement has the following format:

```
COMPUTE FIELD1 FIELD2 ... = arithmetic-expression.
```

The receiving fields (FIELD1, FIELD2) may be either numeric or numeric edited.

### 4.5.11 Common Errors, Arithmetic Statements

The most common errors made when using arithmetic statements are:

- Using an alphanumeric class field in an arithmetic statement. The MOVE statement allows data movement between alphanumeric class fields and certain numeric class fields, but arithmetic statements require that all fields be numeric.
- Writing the ADD or SUBTRACT statements without the GIVING phrase, but attempting to put the result into a numeric edited field.
- Writing a Format 2 ADD statement with the word TO; For example:  

```
ADD A TO B GIVING C.
```
- Subtracting a 1 from a numeric counter that was described as an unsigned quantity, and testing for a value of less than zero.

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- Forgetting that the MULTIPLY statement, without the GIVING phrase, stores the result back into the second operand (multiplier).
- Performing a series of calculations in such a way as to generate an intermediate result that is larger than 18 digits when the final result will be fewer digits. (The programmer should be careful to intersperse divisions with multiplications or to drop non-significant digits that result from multiplying large numbers (or numbers with many decimal places)).
- Performing an operation on a field that contains a value greater than the precision of its data description. This can happen only if the field was disarranged by a group move or redefinition.
- Forgetting that, in an arithmetic statement containing multiple receiving fields, the ROUNDED phrase must be specified for each receiving field that is to be rounded.
- Forgetting that, in an arithmetic statement containing multiple receiving fields, the ON SIZE ERROR phrase, if specified, applies to all receiving fields. Only those receiving operands for which a size error condition is raised are left unaltered. The ON SIZE ERROR imperative statement is executed after all the receiving fields are processed by the OTS.

### 4.6 ARITHMETIC EXPRESSION PROCESSING

#### 4.6.1 Motivation for Intermediate Results

COBOL provides language facilities for manipulating user-defined data arithmetically. In particular, the language provides the arithmetic statements ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, and DIVIDE and the facilities of arithmetic expressions using the +, -, \*, /, and \*\* operators. In simple terms, a given arithmetic functionality may be expressed in one of several ways. For example, consider a COBOL application in which the total yearly sales of a salesman are to be computed as the sum of the four individual sales quarters. Figure 4-6 illustrates one method of expressing a solution to this problem in COBOL:

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```
.  
.   
.   
MOVE 0 TO TEMP.  
ADD 1ST-SALES TO TEMP.  
ADD 2ND-SALES TO TEMP.  
ADD 3RD-SALES TO TEMP.  
ADD 4TH-SALES TO TEMP GIVING TOTAL-SALES.  
.   
.   
.
```

Figure 4-6 Explicit Programmer-Defined Temporary Work Area

In figure 4-6, the COBOL programmer chooses to use a series of single ADD statements to develop the final value for TOTAL-SALES. In the process of computing TOTAL-SALES, a COBOL data-name, called TEMP, is used to develop the partial sums (i.e., intermediate results). The important point here is that the programmer explicitly defines and declares the temporary work area TEMP in the data division of the COBOL program. That is, the attributes (i.e., class, USAGE, number of integer and decimal places to be maintained) are specified explicitly by the COBOL programmer.

Figure 4-7 below illustrates another way of expressing a solution to the problem:

```
.   
.   
.   
ADD 1ST-SALES, 2ND-SALES, 3RD-SALES, 4TH-SALES  
GIVING TOTAL-SALES.  
.   
.   
.
```

Figure 4-7  
Arithmetic Statement Intermediate Result Field Attributes  
Determined from Composite of Operands

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In this example, the programmer chooses to compute TOTAL-SALES with a single ADD statement. Analogous to the previous example, an intermediate result field is required to develop the partial sums of the four quarterly sales quantities. In Figures 4-6, the programmer is cognizant of this requirement, but chose to define the intermediate result area TEMP explicitly in the data division of his COBOL program. However, for the example in Figure 4-7, the software defines the intermediate result field in a manner transparent to the COBOL source program. That is, the software allocates storage for and assigns various attributes to this "transparent" intermediate result field according to a well-defined set of rules defined by the COBOL language specification. In particular, the attributes of number-of-integer-places, number-of-decimal-places, and USAGE assigned by the software to the intermediate result field are a function of the composite of source operands in the ADD statement. (The reader should read the PDP-11 COBOL Reference Manual for details concerning the composite of operands for the arithmetic statements.) The important point here is that the ANS-74 COBOL language standard prescribes rules for determining the attributes of intermediate result fields for the arithmetic statements and the associated language processor (e.g., PDP-11 COBOL compiler) must implement those rules.

As a final example, consider the following solution to our problem:

```
.  
.   
.   
COMPUTE TOTAL-SALES = 1ST-SALES + 2ND-SALES + 3RD-SALES  
    + 4TH-SALES.  
.   
.   
. 
```

Figure 4-8  
Arithmetic Expression Intermediate Result Field  
Attributes Determined by Implementor-Defined Rules

In Figure 4-8, the programmer solves the problem by using a single COMPUTE statement with an embedded arithmetic expression. Again, an intermediate result field is required and, as in Figure 4-7, is defined by the software. However, in defining the attributes of intermediate result fields for COBOL arithmetic expressions, the ANS-74 COBOL language standard is not as helpful to the user as it could be. In fact, the COBOL language standard gives almost complete freedom to the implementor in defining the attributes of the arithmetic expression intermediate result fields. The only rules imposed by the ANS-74 COBOL language specifications are:

1. Arithmetic operations are to be combined without restrictions on the composite of operands and/or receiving fields.
2. Each implementor will indicate techniques used in handling arithmetic expressions.



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Thus, the user can and should expect differences between various implementations of ANS-74 COBOL. The purpose of the remainder of this section is to specify the conceptual algorithms used by the software to compute the attributes for the arithmetic expression intermediate result field; i.e., the number-of-integer-places and number-of-decimal-places to be maintained (for a given intermediate result field) as a function of a particular arithmetic operator and its associated operands.

### 4.6.2 Intermediate Results for Arithmetic Expressions

In the compile-time and object-time processing of arithmetic expressions, the software maintains a maximum precision of 18 decimal digits for intermediate result fields. One of the major compile-time functions in processing an arithmetic expression operator  $x$  is to determine the following attributes for the associated object-time intermediate result field  $IR(x)$ :

1. USAGE type,
2. number of integer places,  $I(IR(x))$ , to be maintained, and
3. number of decimal places,  $D(IR(x))$ , to be maintained.

All arithmetic expression intermediate result fields are treated as signed data. The software must determine the USAGE type for an intermediate result in order to determine the form of its internal representation; the number of integer places and decimal places are determined to know how much object-time storage is required for the intermediate result.

With the exception of the exponentiation operator (\*\*), all infix arithmetic operators yield an intermediate result field whose USAGE type is determined as a function of the USAGE types of its two source operands. That is, if both source operands are DISPLAY, the USAGE type for the intermediate result field is also DISPLAY. If one of the operands associated with an infix operator has a USAGE IS COMPUTATIONAL declaration, the USAGE type of the intermediate result field is also COMPUTATIONAL (i.e., the intermediate result is represented as COMPUTATIONAL data at object-time). The USAGE type of an intermediate result for the exponentiation operator is the same USAGE type as its first operand. Moreover, the only unary operator which requires an intermediate result field is the unary negate operator. In this case, the USAGE type of its intermediate result is the same as its singular operand. The unary plus operator is essentially a "no-op" operator and, thus, is ignored at compile-time and has no impact at object-time.

The process of determining the final number of integer places  $I(IR(x))$  and the final number of decimal places  $D(IR(x))$  to be maintained for an intermediate result field  $IR(x)$  resulting from an arithmetic expression operator  $x$  is conceptually the five step procedure outlined in Figure 4-9 below. In computing the final values for  $I(IR(x))$  and  $D(IR(x))$ , remember that these values are subject to the following criterion:

$$I \leq I(IR(x)) + D(IR(x)) \leq 18.$$

That is, a maximum precision of 18 decimal digits is maintained for an intermediate result field.

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1. Record the largest number of integer places,  $IMAX$ , declared for any source operand in an entire COBOL expression.
2. Record the largest number of decimal places,  $DMAX$ , declared for any source operand in an entire COBOL expression.
3. Compute the number of integer places,  $I(x)$ , and number of decimal places,  $D(x)$ , for an arithmetic expression operator  $x$  as a function of the operands associated with operator  $x$ .
4. Using  $IMAX$ ,  $DMAX$ ,  $I(x)$ , and  $D(x)$  computed above, apply the following criterion and redefinition:
  - a. If  $IMAX > I(x)$  then redefine  $I(x) = IMAX$ .
  - b. If  $DMAX > D(x)$  then redefine  $D(x) = DMAX$ .
5. Using the (possible redefined) values of  $I(x)$  and  $D(x)$  from step 4, apply truncation criterion to determine the final values  $I(IR(x))$  and  $D(IR(x))$ .

Figure 4-9 Procedure to Determine  $I(IR(x))$  and  $D(IR(x))$   
for an Arithmetic Expression Result Field  $IR$

Before pursuing the procedure outlined in Figure 4-9 in more depth, the following notational conventions are adopted to facilitate the subsequent discussion:

- |             |                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $x$         | - a COBOL expression operator from the set $+, -, *, /, **, \text{ and unary } -$ .                                            |
| $IR(x)$     | - Intermediate result field obtained from the execution of an arithmetic operation $x$ .                                       |
| $OP1(x)$    | - First operand in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                                                  |
| $OP2(x)$    | - Second operand in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                                                 |
| $I(OP1(x))$ | - Number of integer places declared for $OP1$ in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                    |
| $D(OP1(x))$ | - Number of decimal places declared for $OP1$ in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                    |
| $I(OP2(x))$ | - Number of integer places declared for $OP2$ in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                    |
| $D(OP2(x))$ | - Number of decimal places declared for $OP2$ in arithmetic operation $x$ .                                                    |
| $IMAX$      | - Maximum of number of integer places for any source operand (except for exponents) in a COBOL expression.                     |
| $DMAX$      | - Maximum number of decimal places for any source operand (except for exponents) in a COBOL expression.                        |
| $I(x)$      | - Number of integer places for an arithmetic expression operator $x$ computed as a function of the operator's source operands. |

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- D(x) - Number of decimal places for an arithmetic expression operator x computed as a function of the operator's source operand(s).
- I(IR(x)) - Final number of integer places to be maintained for an intermediate result IR obtained by the execution of operator x.
- D(IR(x)) - Final number of decimal places to be maintained for an intermediate result IR obtained by the execution of operator x.

To determine the values for IMAX and DMAX (i.e., steps 1 and 2, Figure 4-9), the compile-time software inspects the operands of arithmetic operators and all data-name references which are compared to an arithmetic expression in relation conditions. In the process of inspecting the operands of arithmetic expressions, the software ignores OP2 of the exponentiate (\*\*) operator. Moreover, since the software essentially "forgets" the presence of an unary plus operator, its singular operand has no role in the determination of IMAX and DMAX. Having determined the values of IMAX and DMAX, the software then iteratively applies steps 3 through 5 of the procedure to each arithmetic operator in an arithmetic expression. The algorithms for computing I(x) and D(x) are summarized below:

### Unary Negate (x = "-")

$$I(\text{unary } -) = I(\text{OP1}(\text{unary } -))$$

$$D(\text{unary } -) = D(\text{OP1}(\text{unary } -))$$

### Addition (x = "+")

$$I(+ ) = \text{MAX}(I(\text{OP1}(+)), I(\text{OP2}(+))) + 1$$

$$D(+ ) = \text{MAX}(D(\text{OP1}(+)), D(\text{OP2}(+)))$$

### Subtraction (x = "-")

$$I(-) = \text{MAX}(I(\text{OP1}(+)), I(\text{OP1}(-))) + 1$$

$$D(-) = \text{MAX}(D(\text{OP1}(-)), D(\text{OP1}(-)))$$

### Multiplication (x = "\*")

$$I(*) = I(\text{OP1}(*)) + I(\text{OP2}(*))$$

$$D(*) = D(\text{OP1}(*)) + D(\text{OP2}(*))$$

### Division (x = "/")

$$I(/) = I(\text{OP1}(/)) + D(\text{OP2}(/))$$

$$D(/) = \text{MAX}(D(\text{OP1}(/)), D(\text{OP2}(/))) + 1$$

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Exponentiation (x = "\*\*\*")

Case 1: OP2(\*\*) is a data-name exponent:

$$I(**) = I(OP1(**)) * F(I(OP2(**)))$$

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| where: I(OP2(**)) | F(I(OP2(**))) |
| 0 OR 1            | 9             |
| > 1               | 18            |

$$D(**) = DMAX$$

Case 2: OP2(\*\*) is a numeric integer literal exponent

$$I(**) = I(OP1(**)) * OP2(**)$$

$$D(**) = D(OP1(**)) * OP2(**)$$

With the values of I(x), D(x) IMAX, and DMAX known, the software applies step 4 of Figure 4-9 to possibly redefine the values of I(x) and D(x) in light of the known values of IMAX and DMAX. The purpose of step 4 is to ensure that the object-time software will maintain sufficient precision for intermediate field IR resulting from an arithmetic operation in the context in which that arithmetic operation occurs. Finally, step 5 applies the truncation criterion specified in Figure 4-9 to determine the final values of I(IR(x)) and D(IR(x)).

| I(x) + D(x) | D(x)         | I(x) + DMAX  | Compiler Action                                                                  |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <18<br>=18  | Any<br>Value | Any<br>Value | I(IR(x)) = I(x)<br>D(IR(x)) = D(x)                                               |
| >18         | < DMAX       | Any          | I(IR(x)) = 18 - D(x) [High order trunc]                                          |
|             | = DMAX       | Value        | D(IR(x)) = D(x)                                                                  |
|             | >DMAX        | <18          | I(IR(x)) = I(x)                                                                  |
|             |              | =18          | D(IR(x)) = 18 - I(x) [low order trunc]                                           |
|             |              | >18          | I(IR(x)) = 18 - DMAX [high order trunc]<br><br>D(IR(x)) = DMAX [Low order trunc] |

Figure 4-10  
Truncation Criterion and I(IR(x)) and D(IR(x)) Computation

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### 4.6.3 Example of Intermediate Result Fields

Figure 4-11 illustrates the application of the conceptual algorithms for computing the attributes of intermediate result fields.

```
.  
.   
.   
01  A  PIC  999V99  USAGE IS DISPLAY.  
01  B  PIC   99V9  USAGE IS COMPUTATIONAL.  
01  C  PIC  99V999  USAGE IS DISPLAY.  
.   
.   
.   
      IF A + 2 * B = C GO TO TAG-1.  
.   
.   
. 
```

Figure 4-11  
Example of Intermediate Results

The IF statement given in Figure 4-11 contains a relation condition which specifies the comparison of an arithmetic expression to a data-name. The arithmetic expression "A + 2 \* B" gives rise to the creation of the following intermediate result fields:

```
IR'(*) = 2 * B  
IR"(+) = A + IR'(+)
```

where the "primes" indicate the order in which the intermediate result fields are created. The major problem here is to determine the USAGE types of IR' and IR", respectively, and to determine the values of I(IR'(\*)), D(IR'(\*)), I(IR''(+)), and D(IR''(+)).

To begin the development of solution, we observe that the USAGE of IR'(\*) is COMPUTATIONAL since OP2(\*) = B has a COMPUTATIONAL USAGE. Then, it follows that the USAGE of IR''(+) is COMPUTATIONAL since OP2(+) = IR'(\*) has a COMPUTATIONAL USAGE type. Now, before applying the five step procedure in Figure 4-9, the following conditions are obtained from the declarations of A,B,C, and the specification of the IF statement in Figure 4-11:

```
I(OP1(*)) = 1 and D(OP1(*)) = 0 for OP1(*) = 2,  
I(OP2(*)) = 2 and D(OP2(*)) = 1 for OP2(*) = B,  
I(OP1(+)) = 3 and D(OP1(+)) = 2 for OP1(+) = A,  
I(C) = 2 and C(C) = 3 for the C dataname reference.
```

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It should be noted, that since  $OP2(+) = "2 * B"$  is not a data name or literal reference,  $OP2(+)$  does not enter into the specification of the initial conditions, and therefore into the computation of the values for  $IMAX$  and  $DMAX$ . Further, we note the values of  $I(C)$  and  $D(C)$  for the dataname  $C$  reference since the relation condition involves the comparison of an arithmetic expression to a data name reference. The values of  $I(C)$  and  $D(C)$  are needed for the subsequent calculation of  $IMAX$  and  $DMAX$  for the COBOL expression  $"A + 2 * B = C"$ .

Given these initial conditions, now apply step 1 and 2 of Figure 4-3 to calculate the values of  $IMAX$  and  $DMAX$ :

$$IMAX = \text{MAX}(I(OP1(+)), I(OP1(*)), I(OP2(*)), I(C))$$
$$IMAX = \text{MAX}(3, 1, 2, 2)$$
$$IMAX = 3$$
$$DMAX = \text{MAX}(D(OP1(+)), D(OP1(*)), D(OP2(*)), D(C))$$
$$DMAX = \text{MAX}(2, 0, 1, 3)$$
$$DMAX = 3$$

Therefore, from the application of steps 1 and 2,  $IMAX = 3$  and  $DMAX = 3$  for the COBOL expression  $"A + 2 * B = C"$ . Next, iteratively apply steps 3-5 to each arithmetic expression operator ( in the order in which the expression is evaluated at run time) to determine the values of  $I(IR'(*))$ ,  $D(IR'(*))$ ,  $I(IR'(+))$ , and  $D(IR'(+))$ . Thus, applying step 3 to  $OP1(*)$  and  $OP2(*)$ , we determine the following values for  $I(*)$  and  $D(*)$ :

$$I(*) = I(OP1(*) + I(OP2(*)))$$
$$I(*) = 1 + 2$$
$$I(*) = 3$$
$$D(*) = D(OP1(*) + D(OP2(*)))$$
$$D(*) = 0 + 1$$
$$D(*) = 1$$

With  $I(*) = 3$  and  $D(*) = 1$  determined from step 3, now apply step 4 to discover that  $I(*) = 3$  and  $D(*)$  is redefined to 3 since  $DMAX > D(*) = 1$ . Thus, step 4 yields the following values:

$$I(*) = 3$$
$$D(*) = 3$$

Finally, apply step 5 to the values of  $I(*)$  and  $D(*)$  to yield

$$I(IR'(*)) = 3$$
$$D(IR'(*)) = 3$$

since

$$I(*) + D(*) < 18.$$

Thus, the object-time software will maintain three integer places and three decimal places for  $IR'(*)$  resulting from the evaluation of  $"2 * B"$ .

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We wish to apply steps 3-5 to OP1(+) and OP2(+) to determine the values for I(IR''(+)) and D(IR''(+)). Note that, since OP2(+) = IR'(\*), we have the following values for I(OP2(+)) and D(OP2(+)):

$$I(OP2(+)) = I(IR'(*))$$

$$I(OP2(+)) = 3$$

$$D(OP2(+)) = D(IR'(*))$$

$$D(OP2(+)) = 3.$$

With I(+) = 4 and D(+) = 3 determined from step 3 of Figure 4-9, now apply step 4 to find that I(+) = 4 and D(+) = 3 remain unchanged since  $IMAX < I(+)$  and  $DMAX = D(+)$ . Finally, apply step 5 to the values of I(+) and D(+) to yield:

$$I(IR''(+)) = 4$$

$$D(IR''(+)) = 3$$

since

$$I(+) + D(+) < 18.$$

Hence, the object-time software will maintain four integer places and three decimal places for IR''(+) resulting from the evaluation of "A + 2 \* B = C".

## CHAPTER 5

### TABLE HANDLING

#### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

With COBOL, as with any other language, any data item to which the program refers must be uniquely identified. This unique identification of data items is usually accomplished by assigning a unique name to each item. However, in many applications this is tedious and inconvenient; often programs require too many names for items that have different names but contain the same type of information. Tables provide a simple solution to this problem. PDP-11 COBOL includes full table handling capabilities as outlined for standard COBOL in the 1974 ANSI Standards.

A table is a repetition of one item (element) in memory. This repetition is accomplished by the use of the OCCURS clause in the data description entry. The literal value in the OCCURS clause causes the software to duplicate the data description entry as many times as indicated by that value, thus creating a matrix or table.

The elements may be initialized with the VALUE clause or with a procedural instruction. They may contain synchronized or unsynchronized data. They may be accessed only with subscripted procedural instructions. A subscript is a parenthesized integer or data name (with an integer value). The integer value represents the desired occurrence of the element.

This chapter discusses how to set up tables and access them accurately and efficiently. It attempts to cover any problems that may be encountered while handling tables. Read it through carefully before setting up tables with PDP-11 COBOL. Section 6 of the PDP-11 COBOL Reference Manual for the PDP-11 contains reference information on the individual table handling instructions (OCCURS, USAGE IS INDEX, SET, and SEARCH).

#### 5.2 DEFINING TABLES

To define a table with PDP-11 COBOL, simply complete a standard data description for one element of the table and follow it with an OCCURS clause. The OCCURS clause contains an integer which dictates the number of times that element will be repeated in memory, thus creating a table.



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The OCCURS phrase has two formats:

### Format 1

OCCURS integer-2 TIMES

```
[ { ASCENDING } KEY IS data-name-2 [, data-name-3] ... ] ...  
[ { DESCENDING } ]  
[ INDEXED BY index-name-1 [, index-name-2] ... ]
```

### Format 2

OCCURS integer-1 TO integer-2 TIMES DEPENDING ON data-name-1

```
[ { ASCENDING } KEY IS data-name-2 [, data-name-3] ... ] ...  
[ { DESCENDING } ]  
[ INDEXED BY index-name-1 [, index-name-2] ... ]
```

In either format, the system generates a buffer large enough to accommodate integer-2 occurrences of the data description. Therefore, the amount of storage allocated in either case is equal to the amount of storage required to repeat the data entry integer-2 times.

The software will automatically map the elements into memory. When mapping a table into memory, the software follows the rules for mapping which depend on whether the element contains synchronized items or not. If they do not contain synchronized items, the software maps them into adjacent memory locations and the size of the table can be easily calculated by multiplying the size of the element times the number of occurrences (5X10 for the table illustrated in Figure 5-1, or 50 bytes of memory).

```
01 A-TABLE  
   03 A-GROUP PIC X(5) OCCURS 10 TIMES.
```

Figure 5-1  
Defining a Table

#### 5.2.1 The OCCURS Phrase - Format 1

When Format 1 is used, a fixed length table is generated, whose length (number of occurrences) is equal to the value specified by integer-2. This format is useful for storing large amounts of frequently used reference data whose size never changes. Tax tables, used in payroll deduction programs, are an excellent example of where a Format 1 (fixed length) table might be used.

#### 5.2.2 The OCCURS Phrase - Format 2

Format 2 is used to generate variable length tables. When used, a table whose length (number of occurrences) is equal to the value specified by data-name-1 is generated.

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### NOTE

Data-name-1 must always be a positive integer whose value is equal to or greater than integer-1 but not greater than integer-2.

Unlike format 1 tables, the number of occurrences of data items in format 2 tables can be dynamically expanded or reduced to satisfy user needs.

By generating a variable length table, the user is, in effect, saying; "build me a table that can contain at least integer-1 occurrences, but no more than integer-2 occurrences, and set its number of occurrences equal to the value specified by data-name-1".

Data-name-1 always reflects the number of occurrences available for user access. To expand the size (number of occurrences available for use) of a table, the user need only increase the value of data-name-1 accordingly.

Likewise, reducing the value in data-name-1 will reduce the number of occurrences available for user access.

### 5.3 MAPPING TABLE ELEMENTS

As mentioned in Section 5.2, when the software detects an OCCURS clause in an unsynchronized item, it maps the table elements into adjacent locations in memory. Consider the following data description of a simple table and the way it is mapped into memory:

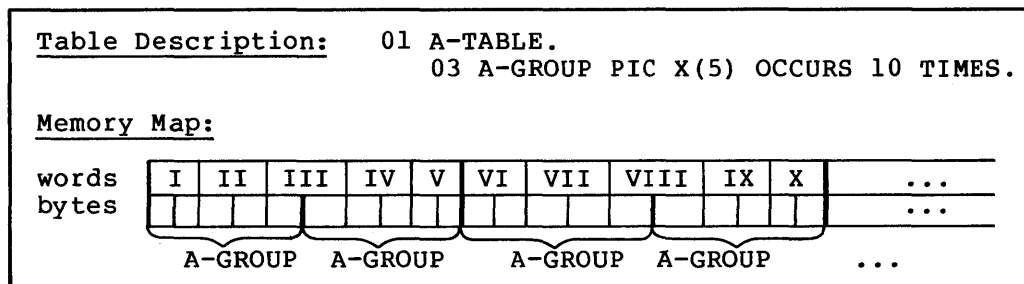


Figure 5-2  
Mapping a Table into Memory

The data description in Figure 5-2 causes the software to set up ten items of five bytes each (elements) and place them in adjacent ascending memory locations for a total of 50 character positions, thus creating a table. Since the length of each A-GROUP element is odd (5), the memory addresses of each subsequent element will alternate between odd and even locations.

The SYNCHRONIZED clause causes the software to add a fill byte to items that contain an odd number of bytes, thereby making the number of bytes in that item even. This ensures that each subsequent occurrence of the element will not alternate between odd and even addresses, but will map the same (odd or even) as the first repetition of that element.

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If the data description of A-GROUP contained a SYNCHRONIZED clause, the software would map it quite differently. If A-GROUP were synchronized, it would expand its length to three words. The item will, by default, be synchronized to the left occupying the first five characters of the three words. The software supplies a padding character to fill out the third word. This padding character is not a part of the A-GROUP element and table instructions referring to A-TABLE will not detect the presence or absence of the character.

The padding character does, however, affect the overall length of the group item and, hence, the table. Without the SYNCHRONIZED clause, A-TABLE required only 50 character positions; now, with the clause, it requires 60 character positions. (This length includes the last padding character -- following the tenth element in the table.)

Although the SYNCHRONIZED clause has little value when used with alphanumeric fields, an understanding of the concept is essential before attempting to use COMP and INDEX data items in tables. The software automatically synchronizes all COMP and INDEX usage data items, and will most probably alter the size of any table (often drastically) that contains these data types. Consider the following illustration of a synchronized data item being mapped by the software:

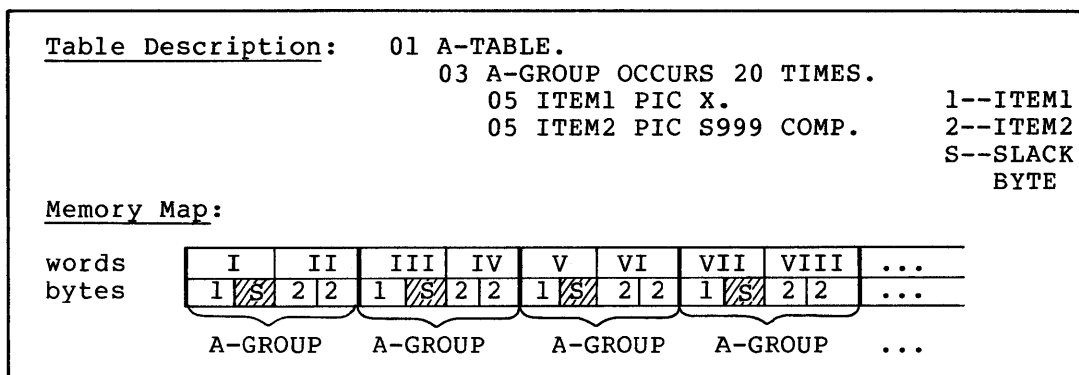


Figure 5-3  
Synchronized COMP Item in a Table

Since the software synchronizes the ITEM2 fields (COMP), these fields each occupy a single word in memory; thus, a slack byte follows each occurrence of ITEM1. Each repetition of A-GROUP consumes four bytes of memory -- one byte for ITEM1, one byte for the slack byte, and two bytes for ITEM2. A-TABLE, then, requires 80 bytes of memory (20 elements of four bytes each).

Now, consider the effect of adding a 1-byte field to A-TABLE. If we place the field between ITEM1 and ITEM2, it will take the space formerly occupied by the slack byte. This has the effect of adding a data byte but leaving the size of the table unchanged. Consider the following illustration:

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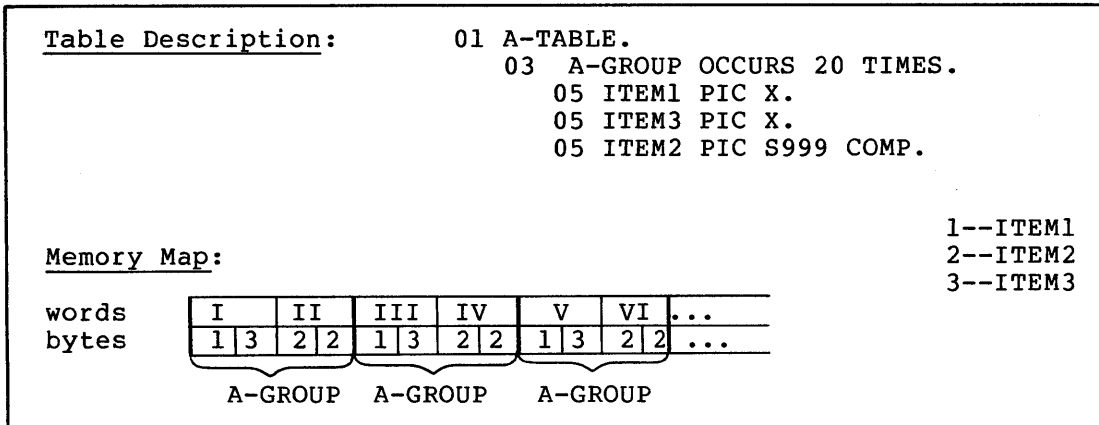


Figure 5-4  
 Adding a Field without Altering the Table Size

If, however, we place the 1-byte field after ITEM2, it has the effect of adding its own length plus another slack byte. Now, each element requires six full bytes and the complete table consumes 120 bytes of memory (6X20)! This is due to the fact that the first repetition of ITEM1 falls on an even byte and, in order to keep the mapping of each A-GROUP element the same, the software allocates each successive repetition of ITEM1 to an even byte address. Thus, it assigns ITEM3 to the even byte of the third word and adds a slack byte to guarantee that the next element begins on an even byte. Consider the following illustration:

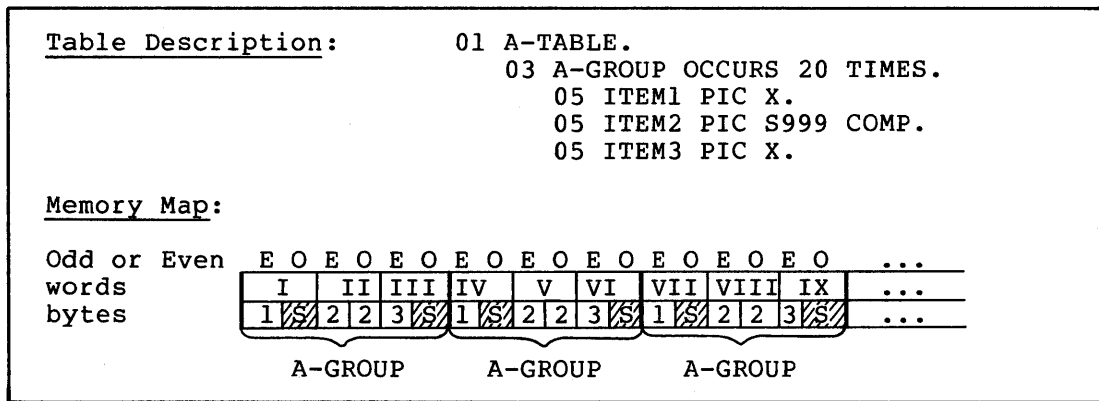


Figure 5-5  
 Adding One Byte which Adds Two Bytes to the Element Length

NOTE

The illustrations in this section show each byte with an even address (E) as the leftmost byte, and each byte with an odd address (O) as the rightmost byte. (The two bytes, odd and even, are reversed in actual memory.)

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If, however, we use a FILLER byte to force the first allocation of ITEM1 to occur on an odd byte, A-GROUP again requires only four bytes and no slack bytes. Figure 5-6 illustrates this. Since the FILLER item occupies the even byte of the first word, ITEM1 falls on an odd byte. The software requires that each repetition of ITEM1 must be an even number of bytes in length in order to guarantee that the synchronized item(s) will map onto word boundaries. No slack bytes are needed and A-GROUP elements are again only four bytes long, and A-TABLE requires only 81 bytes.

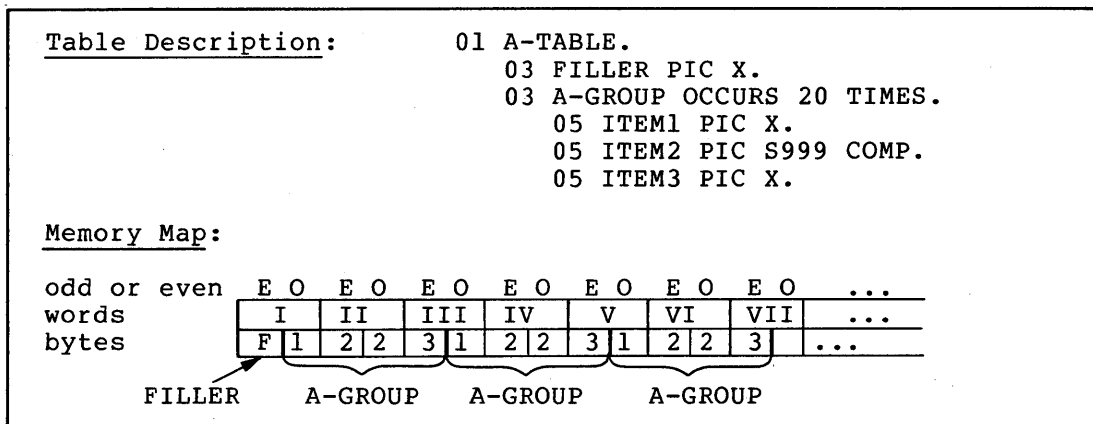


Figure 5-6  
Forcing an Odd Address By Adding a 1-Byte FILLER Item to the Head of the Table

If we try to force ITEM1 onto an odd byte with a SYNCHRONIZED RIGHT clause, the software maps ITEM1 into the odd byte, but prohibits all repetitions of the element from using the even byte. Thus, the first repetition of A-GROUP has a slack byte at its beginning and, so that the next element can begin (with a slack byte) at an even address, another slack byte (odd) following ITEM3. This expands the element length to six bytes and the table length to 120 bytes.

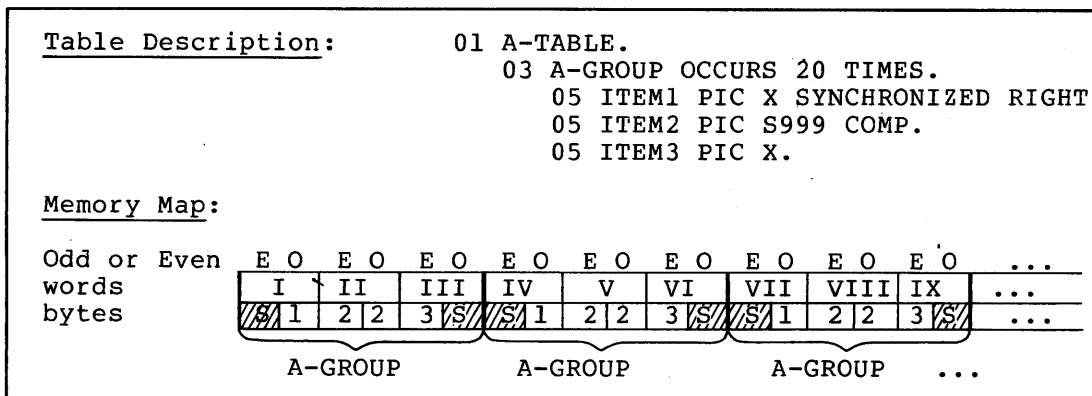


Figure 5-7  
The Effect of a SYNCHRONIZED RIGHT Clause Instead of a FILLER Item as shown in Figure 5-6

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To determine how the software will map a given table, apply the following two rules:

1. The software maps all items in the first repetition of a table element into memory words as with any item properly defined with a data description, obeying any implicit or explicit synchronization requirements.
2. If the first repetition contains any elementary items with implicit or explicit synchronization, the software maps each successive repetition of the element into memory words in the same way as the first repetition. It does this by adding one slack byte, if necessary, to make the size of the element even.

### 5.3.1 Initializing Tables

If a table contains only DISPLAY items, it can be set to any desired initial value (initialized). To initialize a table, simply specify a VALUE phrase on the record level preceding the item containing the OCCURS clause. The sample data definitions, below, will set up initialized tables:

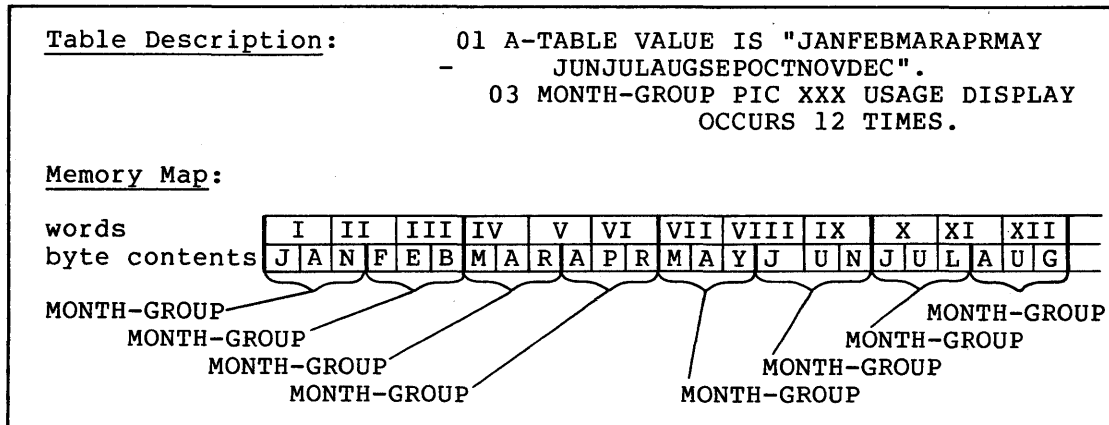


Figure 5-8  
Initializing Tables

Often a table is too long to initialize with a single literal, or it contains items that cannot be initialized (numeric, alphanumeric, or COMP). These items can be individually initialized by redefining the group level preceding the level that contains the OCCURS clause. Consider the following sample table descriptions:

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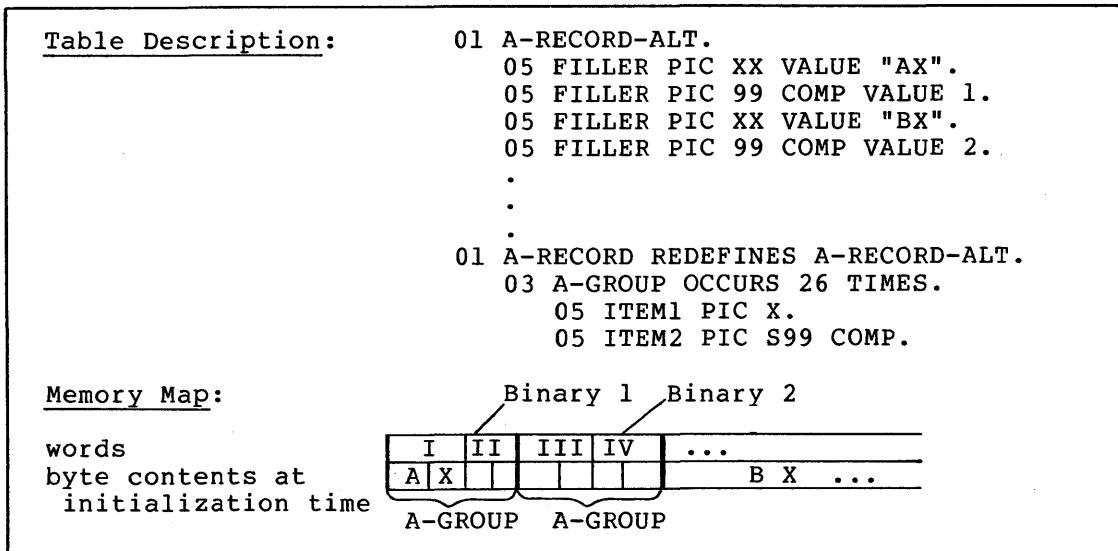


Figure 5-9  
 Initializing Mixed Usage Fields

In the preceding example, the slack bytes in the alphanumeric fields (ITEM1) are being initialized to X.

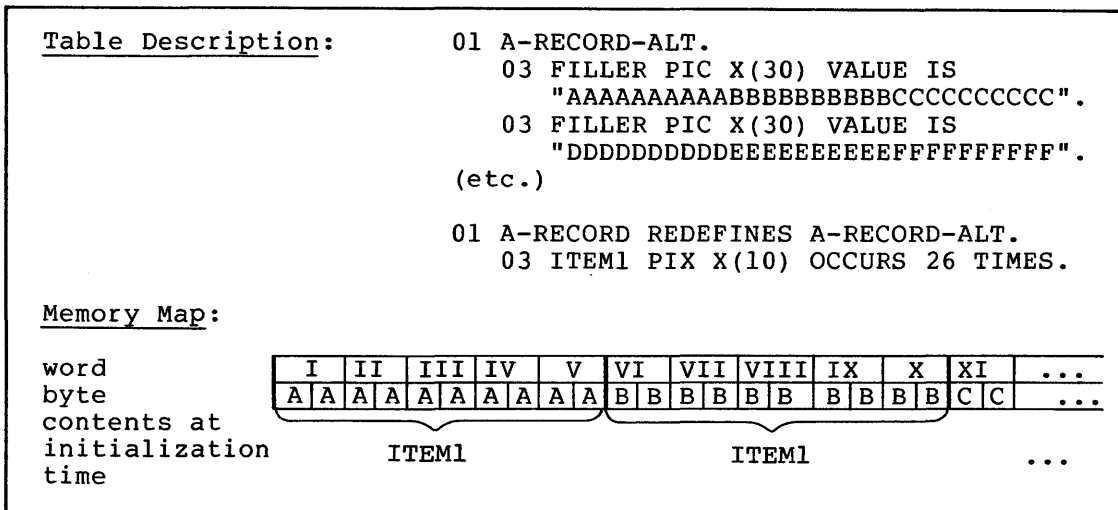


Figure 5-10  
 Initializing Alphanumeric Fields

In the preceding example, each FILLER item initializes three 10-byte table elements.

When redefining or initializing table elements, allow space for any slack bytes that may be added due to synchronization (implicit or explicit). The slack bytes do not have to be initialized; however, they may be and, if initialized to an uncommon value, they may even serve as a debugging aid for situations such as a statement referring to the record level above the OCCURS clause or another record redefining that level.

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Sometimes the length and format of table items are such that they would best be initialized by statements in the Procedure Division. This initialization coding could be executed once and then overlaid (due to the automatic segmentation feature) if the entire Procedure Division is too large to be held in memory at one time.

Once the OCCURS clauses have established the necessary tables, the program must be able to access the elements of those tables individually. Subscripting and indexing are the two methods provided by COBOL for accessing individual elements.

### 5.4 SUBSCRIPTING AND INDEXING

To refer to a particular element within a table, simply follow the name of the desired element with a parenthesized subscript or index. A subscript is an integer or a data-name that has an integer value; the integer value represents the desired occurrence of the element -- an integer value of 3, for example, refers to the third occurrence of the element. An index is a data-name that has been named in an INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause.

#### 5.4.1 Subscripting with Literals

A literal subscript is simply a parenthesized integer whose value represents the occurrence number of the desired element. In figure 5-11, the literal subscript in the MOVE instruction (2) causes the software to move the contents of the second element of the table, A-TABLE, to I-RECORD.

|                        |                                                        |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Table Description      | 01 A-TABLE.<br>03 A-GROUP PIC X(5)<br>OCCURS 10 TIMES. |
| Procedural Instruction | MOVE A-GROUP(2) TO I-RECORD.                           |

Figure 5-11  
Literal Subscripting

If the table has more than one level (or dimension), follow the name of the desired item with a list of subscripts, one for each OCCURS clause to which the item is subordinate. The first subscript in the list applies to the first OCCURS clause to which the item is subordinate. (This is the most encompassing level -- A-GROUP in the following example.) The second subscript in the list applies to the next most encompassing level, and the last subscript applies to the lowest level OCCURS clause being accessed (or the desired occurrence number of the item named in the procedural instruction -- ITEM5 in the following example).

Consider Figure 5-12; the subscripts (2,11,3) in the MOVE instruction cause the software to move the third repetition of ITEM5 in the eleventh repetition of ITEM3 in the second repetition of A-GROUP to I-FIELD5. (For illustration simplicity, I-FIELD5 is not defined.) (ITEM5(1,1,1) would refer to the first occurrence of ITEM5 in the table and ITEM5(5,20,4) would refer to the last occurrence of ITEM5.)



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|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table Description      | 01 A-TABLE.<br>03 A-GROUP OCCURS 5 TIMES.<br>05 ITEM1 PIC X.<br>05 ITEM2 PIC 99 COMP OCCURS 20<br>TIMES.<br>05 ITEM3 OCCURS 20 TIMES.<br>07 ITEM4 PIC X.<br>07 ITEM5 PIC XX OCCURS 4 TIMES. |
| Procedural Instruction | MOVE ITEM5(2, 11, 3) TO I-FIELD5.                                                                                                                                                           |

Figure 5-12  
Subscripting a Multi-Dimensional Table

NOTE

Since ITEM5 is not subordinate to ITEM2,  
an occurrence number for ITEM2 is not  
permitted in the subscript list.

Figure 5-13 summarizes the subscripting rules for each of the above items and shows the size of each field in bytes.

| NAME<br>OF<br>FIELD | NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTS<br>REQUIRED TO REFER TO<br>THE NAMED FIELD | SIZE<br>OF<br>FIELD |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| A-TABLE             | NONE                                                            | 1110                |
| A-GROUP             | ONE                                                             | 222                 |
| ITEM1               | ONE                                                             | 1*                  |
| ITEM2               | TWO                                                             | 2                   |
| ITEM3               | TWO                                                             | 9                   |
| ITEM4               | TWO                                                             | 1                   |
| ITEM5               | THREE                                                           | 2                   |
| * Plus a slack byte |                                                                 |                     |

Figure 5-13  
Subscripting Rules for a  
Multi-Dimensional Table

**5.4.2 Operations Performed by the Software**

When a literal subscript is used to refer to an item in a table, the software performs the following steps to determine the exact address of the item:

1. The compiler converts the literal to a 1-word binary value.
2. The compiler range checks the subscript value (the value must not be less than 1 nor greater than the number of repetitions specified by the OCCURS clause) and prints a diagnostic message if the value is out of range.
3. The compiler decrements the value of the subscript by 1 and multiplies it by the size of the item that contains the OCCURS clause corresponding to this subscript, thus forming an index value; it then stores this value, plus the literal subscript, in the object program.

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4. At object execution time for a fixed length table, the run time system adds the index value (from 3 above) to a base address, thus determining the address of the desired item. For a variable length table reference, the procedure for fixed length tables is preceded by the procedure described in Section 5.4.6.

### 5.4.3 Subscripting with Data-Names

As discussed earlier in this section, subscripts may also be specified using data-names instead of literals. To use a data-name as a subscript, simply define it as a numeric integer (COMP or DISPLAY). It may be signed, but the sign must be positive at the time it is used as a subscript.

The sample subscripts in figure 5-14 refer to the same element accessed in Figure 5-12, (2, 11, 3).

|                                              |                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data Descriptions<br>of Subscript data-names | 01 KEY1 PIC 99 USAGE DISPLAY.<br>01 KEY2 PIC 99 USAGE COMP.<br>01 KEY3 PIC S99.                                                      |
| Procedural Instructions                      | MOVE 2 TO KEY1.<br>MOVE 11 TO KEY2.<br>MOVE 3 TO KEY3.<br>GO TO TABLERTN.<br>TABLERTN.<br>MOVE ITEM5(KEY1 KEY2 KEY3) TO<br>I-FIELD5. |

Figure 5-14  
Subscripting with Data-Names

### 5.4.4 Operations Performed by the OTS

When a data-name subscript is used to refer to an item in a table, the OTS performs the following steps at object execution time:

1. If the data-name's data type is DISPLAY, the software converts it to a 1-word binary value.
2. For fixed length tables, the software range checks the subscript value (the value must not be less than 1 nor greater than the number of repetitions specified by the OCCURS clause) and terminates the object program (with a diagnostic message) if it is out of range. For variable length tables, the procedure described in Section 5.4.6 is followed.
3. The software decrements the value of the subscript by 1 and multiplies it by the size of the item that contains the OCCURS clause corresponding to this subscript, thus forming an index value.
4. The software adds the index value (from 3 above) to a base address, thus determining the address of the desired item.

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### 5.4.5 Subscripting with Indexes

The same rules apply for the specification of indexes as apply to subscripts except that the index must be named in the INDEXED BY phrase of the OCCURS clause.

An index-name item (an item named in the INDEXED BY phrase of the OCCURS clause) has the ability to hold an index value. (The index value is the product formed in step 3 of the operations performed by the software for literal or data-name subscripts -- the relative location, within the table, of the desired item.)

The compiler allocates a 2-part data item for each name that follows an INDEXED BY phrase. These index-name items cannot be accessed as normal data items; they cannot be moved about, redefined, written to a file, etc. However, the SET verb can change their values and relation tests can examine their values. One part of the 2-part index-name item contains a subscript value and the other part contains an index value. Consider the following illustration:

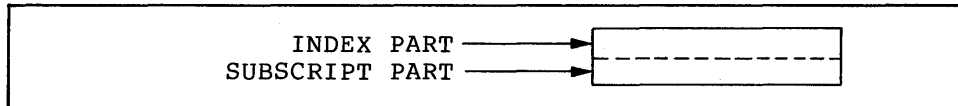


Figure 5-15  
Index-Name Item

Whenever a SET statement places a new value in the subscript part, the software performs an index value computation and stores the result in the index part. Only the subscript part of the item acts as a sending or receiving field. The index part is never altered by any other operation and is never moved to another item. It is used only when the index-name is used as an index referring to a table item. The sample MOVE statement in Figure 5-16 would move the contents of the third repetition of A-GROUP to I-FIELD. (For illustration simplicity, once again, I-FIELD is not defined.)

|                         |                                                                  |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Table Description       | 01 A-TABLE.<br>03 A-GROUP OCCURS 5 TIMES<br>INDEXED BY IND-NAME. |
| Procedural Instructions | SET IND-NAME TO 3.<br>MOVE A-GROUP (IND-NAME) TO I-FIELD.        |

Figure 5-16  
Subscripting With Index-name Items

### 5.4.6 Operations Performed by the OTS

The OTS performs the following steps when it executes the SET statement:

1. The OTS converts the contents of the sending field of the SET statement to a 1-word binary value.
2. The OTS range checks the value (the value must not be less than 1 nor greater than the number of repetitions specified in the OCCURS clause) and terminates the object program with a diagnostic message if it is out of range.

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3. The OTS decrements the value by 1 and multiplies it by the size of the item that contains the OCCURS clause, thus forming an index value.

For fixed length tables, once the SET statement has been executed and the software has encountered the index-name item as an index, it only has to add the index value (from 3 above) to a base address to determine the address of the desired item. Since this is the only action performed, the execution speed of a procedural statement with an indexed data-name is equivalent to a reference with a literal subscript.

For a variable length table, when the index-name is encountered as an index, the procedure described in Section 5.4.6 is invoked before following the fixed length table logic. However, the SET statement itself is not impacted by the fixed/variable characteristic of the associated table.

PDP-11 COBOL initializes the value of all index-name items to a subscript value of 1 (index value of 0), hence an attempt to use an index-name item as an index before it has been the receiving field of a SET verb will not result in an out-of-range termination.

### NOTE

Initialization of index-name items is an extension to the ANSI COBOL standards. Users concerned with writing COBOL programs that adhere to standard COBOL should not rely on this feature.

#### 5.4.7 Relative Indexing

To perform relative indexing, when referring to a table item, simply follow the index-name with a plus or minus sign and an integer literal. Relative indexing, albeit easy to use, causes additional overhead to be generated each time a table item is referenced in this fashion. At compile time, the compiler has to compute the index value corresponding to the specified literal; and transfer this index value to the object file. At object run time, the index value for the literal is added to (+) or subtracted from (-) the index value of the index-name. The resulting index value is stored in a temporary location. The OTS adds this temporary index value to the base address of the table to determine the address of the desired table item. At this point, a range check is performed on the temporary index value to insure that the resulting index is within the permissible range for the table.

For fixed length tables, this index manipulation is relatively straightforward. The size of the table is known at compilation time, and this size is passed along to the OTS in the object file. A simple compare against this fixed value is all that is required to determine if a given index value is within the permissible range for the table.

For a variable length table, however, the process is more involved. The current number of occurrences (data-name-1) for the table must be determined and range checked; the index value corresponding to the current number of occurrences must be calculated; then the temporary index value must be range checked using the current number of occurrence's index value.

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The object time overhead required for the relative indexing of variable length tables is significantly greater than that required for fixed length tables. In either case, the index portion of the index-name is not altered. If any of the range checks reveals an illegal (out of range) value, execution is terminated with an appropriate error message.

The sample MOVE instruction in Figure 5-17 moves the fourth repetition of A-GROUP to I-FIELD if IND-NAME has not been altered with a SET verb.

```
MOVE A-GROUP(IND-NAME + 3) TO I-FIELD.
```

Figure 5-17  
Relative Indexing

The actual operation of accessing a table element is shorter at run time since the compiler has calculated the index value of the literal at compile time and has stored it in the object program ready for use. Relative indexing, therefore, involves two additions and a range check during object execution. It leaves the index-name item unaltered.

### 5.4.8 Index Data Items

Often a program will require that the value of an index-name item be stored outside of that item. It is for this purpose that PDP-11 COBOL provides the index data item.

Index data items are 1-word binary integers with implicit synchronization. (The 1-word size corresponds to the subscript part of the index-name item.) They must be declared with a USAGE IS INDEX phrase and they may be modified (explicitly) only by the SET statement.

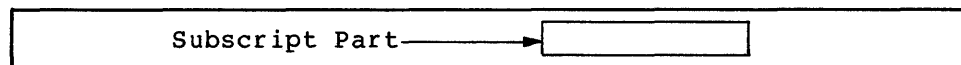


Figure 5-18  
Index Data Item

Since index data items are considered to contain only the subscript part of an index-name item, when a SET statement "moves" an index-name item to an index data item, only the subscript part is moved. Likewise, when a SET statement "moves" an index data item to an index-name item, a new index value is computed by the software. This is done to guarantee that an index-name item will always contain a good index value.

The only advantage gained by using index data items over numeric, COMP items is that the data description is shorter, easier to write, and more self-documenting. Further, the restrictions placed on access to index items may be useful in debugging the program.

### 5.4.9 The SET Statement

The SET statement alters the value of index-name items and copies their value into other items. When used without the UP BY/DOWN BY clause, it functions like a MOVE statement. Figure 5-19 illustrates the legal data movements that the SET statement can perform.

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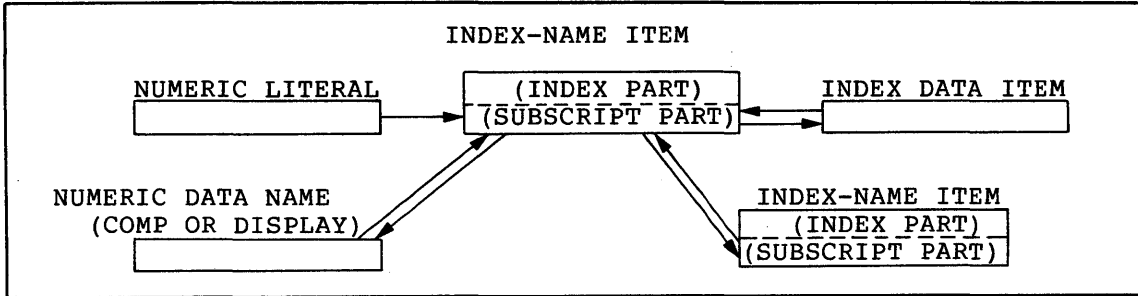


Figure 5-19  
Legal Data Movement with the SET Statement

The SET statement may be used with the UP BY/DOWN BY clause to alter the value of an index-name item arithmetically. The numeric literal is added to (UP BY) or subtracted from (DOWN BY) the subscript part, and the index part is recalculated by the software after the appropriate range check against the number of repetitions for the table. The SET statement is not affected by whether the table is fixed or variable length.

### 5.4.10 Referencing a Variable Length Table Element at OTS Time

At OTS time, when a procedural reference involves an element in a variable length table, the following procedure is used:

1. Determine the number of occurrences in the table (the value contained in data-name-1), and verify its legality.

(integer-1 <= data-name-1 <= integer-2)

2. Verify that the subscript is within the legal range.

(subscript <= data-name-1)

If any of the above checks fails, execution is terminated with an appropriate error message.

### 5.4.11 Referencing a Dynamic Group at OTS Time

A dynamic group is defined as a group item that contains a subordinate item that is a variable length table. At OTS time, when a dynamic group is referenced, the following procedures are followed:

1. The number of occurrences of the subordinate variable length table is determined, and checked for legality; i.e., integer-1 <= data-name-1 <= integer-2. If this check fails, execution terminates and the appropriate error message is issued.
2. The size of the dynamic group is calculated. The number of occurrences of the variable length table (data-name-1) is multiplied by the size of one table entry. The resulting number is then added to the fixed size of the dynamic group.

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### NOTE

The fixed size of a dynamic group is the size of the group up to but not including the variable length table.

#### 5.4.12 The SEARCH Verb

The SEARCH verb has two formats: Format 1, which performs a sequential search of the specified table beginning with the current index setting; and Format 2 which performs a selective (binary) search of the specified table, beginning with the middle of the table.

Both formats allow the programmer to specify imperative statements within the SEARCH verb. At OTS time, an imperative statement contained within a search verb is executed only when one of the exit paths (success or failure) is taken.

The failure path is defined either explicitly by the AT END statement, in which case the imperative statement which follows it is executed; or by default, in which case control is passed to the next procedural sentence. In either case (success or failure), after an imperative statement is executed, control is passed to the next procedural sentence.

#### 5.4.13 The SEARCH Verb - Format 1

Format 1 directs the OTS to search the indicated table sequentially. The OCCURS clause for the table being searched must contain the INDEXED by phrase. Unless otherwise specified in the SEARCH statement, the first index is the controlling index for the table search. The search begins with the current index setting, and progresses through the table, augmenting the index by one as each occurrence is interrogated. If any of the specified conditions is true (success), the associated imperative statement is executed; the search exits; and the index remains at the current setting.

If the possible number of occurrences for the table is exhausted before any of the specified conditions are met, the specified failure exit path is taken. That is, either the AT END exit path (if specified) is taken, or control is passed to the next procedural sentence.

Figure 5-20 contains an example of using the SEARCH verb to search a table in a serially.

Associated with Format 1 is the optional VARYING phrase. This phrase can be specified by using any of the following methods:

1. default - phrase omitted
2. VARYING index-name-n
3. VARYING identifier-2
4. VARYING index-name-2

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### NOTE

The following is true regardless of which of the above methods is used.

- a. An index name associated with the table is methodically augmented by one, by the OTS, for each cycle of the serial search. This controlling index, when compared to the allowable number of occurrences for the table, dictates the permissible range of search cycles at OTS time. When an exit occurs (success or failure), this index remains at the current setting.
- b. The OTS will not initialize the index when the search begins. It is the programmers responsibility to insure that the initial index setting is the appropriate one. The OTS will begin processing the table with the setting it finds when the search is initiated.

When method 1 is used, the first index name (index-name-1) associated with the table is used as the controlling index. Only this index is set to consecutive values by the OTS serial search processor. See Figure 5-20, Example 2, for an example of using method 1.

When method 2 is used, index-name-n is any index that is associated with the table being searched. It becomes the controlling index for the table. It alone is set to consecutive values by the OTS search processor. See Figure 5-20, Example 3, for an example of using method 2.

When method 3 is used, identifier-2 is augmented by one each time the first index (controlling index) for the table is augmented by one. Identifier-2 is not a substitute index. It merely allows the programmer to maintain an additional pointer to elements within a table. See Figure 5-20, Example 4, for an example of method 3.

When method 4 is used, index-name-2 is an index that is associated with a table other than the one being searched. Each time the controlling index (1st index for the table) of the searched table is augmented, index-name-2 is also augmented. See Figure 5-20, Example 5.

#### 5.4.14 The SEARCH Verb - Format 2

Format 2 is used to direct the OTS to search the indicated table selectively. The selective (binary) search is predicated upon the ASCENDING/DESCENDING KEY attributes of the table being searched. Therefore, an ASCENDING and/or DESCENDING KEY(s) must be specified in the OCCURS clause that defines the table, to inform the OTS that the keys are stored within the table in ascending or descending order.

The INDEXED BY phrase must also be specified. When the binary search is executed, the OTS uses the first or only index associated with the table as the controlling index for the search.



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The selective (binary) search is implemented in the OTS as follows:

1. The OTS examines the range of permissible values for the index of the table being searched; selects the median value; and assigns this median value to the index.
2. The OTS then proceeds to process the sequence of simple tests for equality, beginning with the first, with the index set to the median value.
3. If all of the tests for equality are true (success), the search is terminated; the associated imperative statement is executed; the search exits; and the index retains its current value.
4. If any of the tests for equality is false, the following results occur.
  - a. The OTS determines if all of the possible occurrences for the table have been tested. If the table has been exhausted, the imperative statement which accompanies the AT END statement (if specified) is executed. In either case, control is passed to the next procedural statement.
  - b. The OTS will now determine which half of the table is to be eliminated from further consideration. This determination is predicated on whether the key being tested is in ascending or descending order, and whether the test failed because of a greater than or less than comparison. For example, if the key values being tested are stored in ascending order, and the median table element being tested is greater than the value being tested for equality, the OTS will assume that all key elements following the one tested are also greater than the value being tested for equality. Therefore, the lower half of the table, those items which follow the current index setting, are no longer in contention.
  - c. Once the direction of search is determined, half of the table is eliminated from further consideration. A new range of permissible index values is computed from the remaining half of the table.
  - d. Processing begins all over again from step 1.

See Figure 5-20, Example 6, for an example of searching a table using Format 2 of the SEARCH verb.

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```

FED-TAX-TABLES.
02 ALLOWANCE-DATA.
    03 FILLER                                PIC X(70) VALUE
        "0001440
        "0202880
        "0304320
        "0405760
        "0507200
        "0608640
        "0710080
        "0811520
        "0912960
        "1014400".
02 ALLOWANCE-TABLE REDEFINES ALLOWANCE-DATA.
    03 FED-ALLOWANCES OCCURS 10 TIMES
        ASCENDING KEY IS ALLOWANCE-NUMBER
        INDEXED BY IND-1.
        04 ALLOWANCE-NUMBER                PIC XX.
        04 ALLOWANCE                        PIC 999V99.
02 SINGLES-DEDUCTION-DATA.
    03 FILLER                                PIC X(112) VALUE
        "0250006700000016
        "0670011500067220
        "1150018300163223
        "1830024000319621
        "2400027900439326
        "2790034600540730
        "3460099999741736".
02 SINGLES-DEDUCTION-TABLE REDEFINES SINGLES-DEDUCTION-DATA.
    03 SINGLES-TABLE OCCURS 7 TIMES
        ASCENDING KEY IS S-MIN-RANGE S-MAX-RANGE
        INDEXED BY IND-2, TEMP-INDEX.
        04 S-MIN-RANGE                      PIC 999V99.
        04 S-MAX-RANGE                      PIC 999V99.
        04 S-TAX                            PIC 99V99.
        04 S-PERCENT                        PIC V99.
02 MARRIED-DEDUCTION-DATA.
    03 FILLER                                PIC X(119) VALUE
        "0480009600000017
        "09600173000081620
        "17300264000235617
        "26400346000390325
        "34600433000595328
        "43300500000838932
        "50000999991053336".
02 MARRIED-DEDUCTION-TABLE REDEFINES MARRIED-DEDUCTION-DATA.
    03 MARRIED-TABLE OCCURS 7 TIMES
        ASCENDING KEY IS M-MIN-RANGE M-MAX-RANGE
        INDEXED BY IND-0, IND-3.
        04 M-MIN-RANGE                      PIC 999V99.
        04 M-MAX-RANGE                      PIC 999V99.
        04 M-TAX                            PIC 999V99.
        04 M-PERCENT                        PIC V99.
TEMP-INDEX                                USAGE INDEX.
    
```

Figure 5-20  
 Example of Using SEARCH  
 To Search a Table

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Example 1

SINGLE.

```

IF TAXABLE-INCOME < 02499
    GO TO END-FED-COMP.
SET IND-2 TO 1.
SEARCH SINGLES-TABLE VARYING IND-2 AT END
    GO TO TABLE-2-ERROR
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME = S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2)
        MOVE S-TAX(IND-2) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF
        OUTPUT-MASTER
        GO TO STORE-FED-TAX
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME < S-MAX-RANGE(IND-2)
        SUBTRACT S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2) FROM TAXABLE-INCOME
        MULTIPLY TAXABLE-INCOME BY S-PERCENT(IND-2) ROUNDED
        ADD TAXABLE-INCOME TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF
        OUTPUT-MASTER.
    
```

Example 2

SINGLE.

```

IF TAXABLE-INCOME < 02499
    GO TO END-FED-COMP.
SET IND-2 TO 1.
SEARCH SINGLES-TABLE VARYING IND-2 AT END
    GO TO TABLE-2-ERROR
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME = S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2)
        MOVE S-TAX(IND-2) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF
        OUTPUT-MASTER
        GO TO STORE-FED-TAX
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME < S-MAX-RANGE(IND-2)
        SUBTRACT S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2) FROM TAXABLE-INCOME
        MULTIPLY TAXABLE-INCOME BY S-PERCENT(IND-2) ROUNDED
        ADD TAXABLE-INCOME TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF
        OUTPUT-MASTER.
    
```

Example 3

MARRIED.

```

IF TAXABLE-INCOME < 04799
    MOVE ZEROS TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF OUTPUT-MASTER,
    GO TO END-FED-COMP.
SET IND-3 TO 1.
SEARCH MARRIED-TABLE VARYING IND-3
    AT END GO TO TABLE-3-ERROR
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME = M-MIN-RANGE(IND-3)
        MOVE M-TAX(IND-3) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF OUTPUT-MASTER,
        GO TO STORE-FED-TAX,
    WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME < M-MAX-RANGE(IND-3)
        MOVE M-TAX(IND-3) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF OUTPUT-MASTER,
        SUBTRACT M-MIN-RANGE(IND-3) FROM TAXABLE-INCOME ROUNDED,
        MULTIPLY TAXABLE-INCOME BY M-PERCENT(IND-3) ROUNDED,
        ADD TAXABLE-INCOME TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION
        OF OUTPUT-MASTER ROUNDED,
        GO TO STORE-FED-TAX,
    
```

Figure 5-20 (Cont.)  
 Example of Using SEARCH  
 To Search a Table

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Example 4

SINGLE.  
 IF TAXABLE-INCOME < 02499  
   GO TO END-FED-COMP.  
 SET IND-2 TO 1.  
 SEARCH SINGLES-TABLE VARYING TEMP-INDEX AT END  
   GO TO TABLE-2-ERROR  
 WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME = S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2)  
   MOVE S-TAX(IND-2) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF  
     OUTPUT-MASTER  
   GO TO STORE-FED-TAX  
 WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME < S-MAX-RANGE(IND-2)  
   SUBTRACT S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2) FROM TAXABLE-INCOME  
   MULTIPLY TAXABLE-INCOME BY S-PERCENT(IND-2) ROUNDED  
   ADD TAXABLE-INCOME TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF  
     OUTPUT-MASTER.

Example 5

SINGLE.  
 IF TAXABLE-INCOME < 02499  
   GO TO END-FED-COMP.  
 SET IND-2 TO 1.  
 SEARCH SINGLES-TABLE VARYING IND-0 AT END  
   GO TO TABLE-2-ERROR  
 WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME = S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2)  
   MOVE S-TAX(IND-2) TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF  
     OUTPUT-MASTER  
   GO TO STORE-FED-TAX  
 WHEN TAXABLE-INCOME < S-MAX-RANGE(IND-2)  
   SUBTRACT S-MIN-RANGE(IND-2) FROM TAXABLE-INCOME  
   MULTIPLY TAXABLE-INCOME BY S-PERCENT(IND-2) ROUNDED  
   ADD TAXABLE-INCOME TO FED-TAX-DEDUCTION OF  
     OUTPUT-MASTER.

Example 6

FED-DEDUCT-COMPUTATION.  
 SET IND-1 TO 1.  
 SEARCH ALL FED-ALLOWANCES AT END GO TO TABLE-1-ERROR  
 WHEN ALLOWANCE-NUMBER(IND-1) = NR-DEPENDENTS OF  
   OUTPUT-MASTER,  
   SUBTRACT ALLOWANCE(IND-1) FROM GROSS-WAGE OF OUTPUT-MASTER  
   GIVING TAXABLE-INCOME ROUNDED.  
 IF MARRITAL-STATUS OF OUTPUT-MASTER = "M"  
   GO TO MARRIED.

Figure 5-20 (Cont.)  
 Example of Using SEARCH  
 To Search a Table



CHAPTER 6  
FILE HANDLING

PDP-11 COBOL provides three ways to arrange the records in its files (file organization): sequential, relative, and indexed. The ORGANIZATION in the Environment Division clause specifies the file organization for COBOL files.

NOTE

Indexed file organization is available only to users with RMS-11K software.

PDP-11 COBOL provides three ways to process the records in its files (file access): sequential, random, and dynamic. The ACCESS MODE clause specifies the file access mode for each file used by COBOL programs. The following chart shows the three file organizations and the file access methods that apply to each of them:

| FILE ORGANIZATION | FILE ACCESS                     |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| SEQUENTIAL        | SEQUENTIAL                      |
| RELATIVE          | SEQUENTIAL<br>RANDOM<br>DYNAMIC |
| INDEXED           | SEQUENTIAL<br>RANDOM<br>DYNAMIC |

Once a program creates a file, all other programs that access it must describe it with the same file organization. For example, it is not possible to create a sequential file in one program and read it as a relative file with another program. However, programs can use different access methods to process records in the same file as long as the organization of the file supports the access method.

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The following table compares the different file organizations with their file manipulation capabilities.

Table 6-1  
COBOL File Types

| Access                           | File Type (Organization) |          |         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Capabilities                     | Sequential               | Relative | Indexed |
| Sequential                       | Yes                      | Yes      | Yes     |
| Random                           | No                       | Yes      | Yes     |
| Record Replacement               | Limited                  | Yes      | Yes     |
| Record Addition (at end of file) | Yes                      | Yes      | Yes     |
| Record Insertion                 | No                       | Limited  | Yes     |
| Record Deletion                  | No                       | Yes      | Yes     |

COBOL I/O statements allow COBOL programs to communicate with the system devices. These statements differ for sequential, relative, and indexed file organizations. Therefore, the COBOL I/O statements are discussed separately by file organization. Section 6.1 discusses sequential organization, Section 6.2 discusses relative organization, and Section 6.3 discusses indexed organization. All file processing is performed by the COBOL object time system (OTS), regardless of organization.

Table 6-2 shows which statements apply to each file organization methods:

Table 6-2  
I/O Statements

| Sequential I/O Statements | Relative and Indexed I/O Statements |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CLOSE                     | CLOSE                               |
| OPEN                      | DELETE                              |
| READ                      | OPEN                                |
| REWRITE                   | READ                                |
| WRITE                     | REWRITE                             |
|                           | START                               |
|                           | WRITE                               |

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### 6.1 SEQUENTIAL FILE ORGANIZATION

Sequential file organization arranges the records in a file serially; each record (except the first) has another record preceding it and each record (except the last) has another record following it. The records remain in the order in which they were written. Thus, COBOL statements cannot delete records from the file, insert new records between existing records, or alter the order of the existing records in any way. However, they can replace existing records (providing the length of the replacement record is identical to the original) and add new records onto the end of the file.

The opening operation for reading, writing, or updating sequential files must begin with the first record in the file and proceed by the prescribed order through the file. For example, to read a particular record in the file, say the 15th record, the program must open the file and successfully execute 14 READ statements before the 15th execution can read the desired record. The program can read all of the remaining records (from record 16 on), but it cannot read any record prior to record 16 without opening the file again and beginning with record 1.

Sequential files always contain an end-of-file mark that designates the end of the file. COBOL statements can write over the end-of-file mark and, thus, extend the length of a file. (The software inserts another end-of-file mark after the last record written.) Since the end-of-file mark indicates the end of useful data, PDP-11 COBOL provides no method for reading beyond the end-of-file mark; even though the amount of space reserved for the file exceeds the amount actually used. See Figure 6-1.

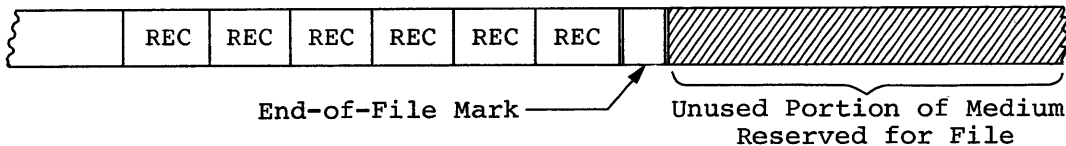


Figure 6-1 Placement of End-of-File Mark

Occasionally a file with sequential organization is so large that it requires more than one volume (such as a multi-reel magnetic tape file). An end-of-volume label marks the end of recorded information on each volume and signals the file system to switch to a new volume. On multi-volume files, the end-of-file mark appears once, at the end of the last record on the last volume. See Figure 6-2.

#### NOTE

RSTS/E does not support multi-volume files.



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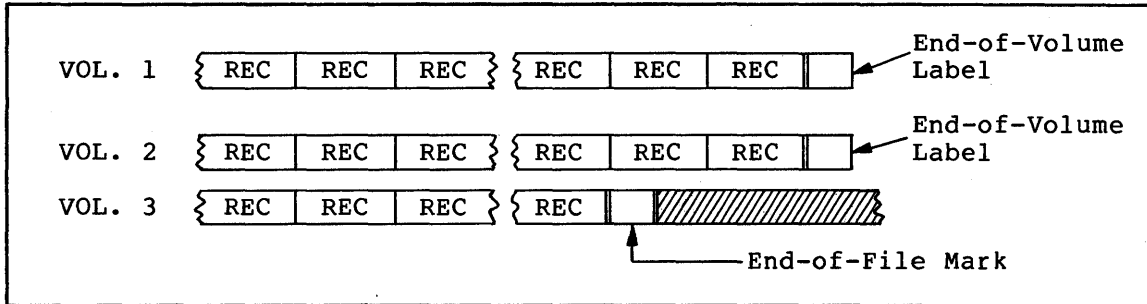
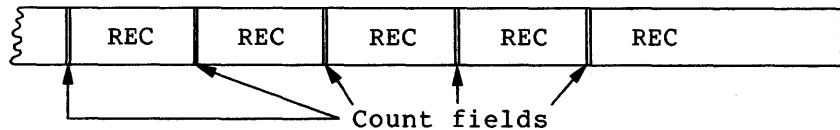


Figure 6-2 Placement of the End-of-Volume Label and End-of-File Mark in a Multi-Volume File

### 6.1.1 Record Size

If there is only one record description for a file or if there are more than one that describe the same length record, that file contains fixed-length records. If the data descriptions for a sequential file consist of more than one record description, which describe several different-sized records, that file contains variable-length records.

When a program creates a sequential file with variable-length records, the software places a count field in front of each record it writes into the file. This count field contains the number of character positions in the record. When a COBOL statement requests the record, the software releases a record whose length is that specified by the count field. The OTS creates and uses the count field automatically. COBOL statements cannot access it during input operations, and the 01 level record description entries must not describe it.



### 6.1.2 RECORD CONTAINS Clause

The RECORD CONTAINS clause, when specified without the "integer-1 TO" option, is for documentation purposes only. The compiler determines record size from the data descriptions. When the "integer-1 TO" option is specified, it forces the compiler to generate a variable length record file, even if the data descriptions describe fixed length records.

Conversely, if the data descriptions for a sequential file describe variable-length records, the software sets up variable sized records automatically and ignores this clause.

Even though the software ignores the values in the "integer-1 TO..." phrase, the clause may be used in any program to document record sizes.

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### 6.1.3 SAME RECORD AREA Clause

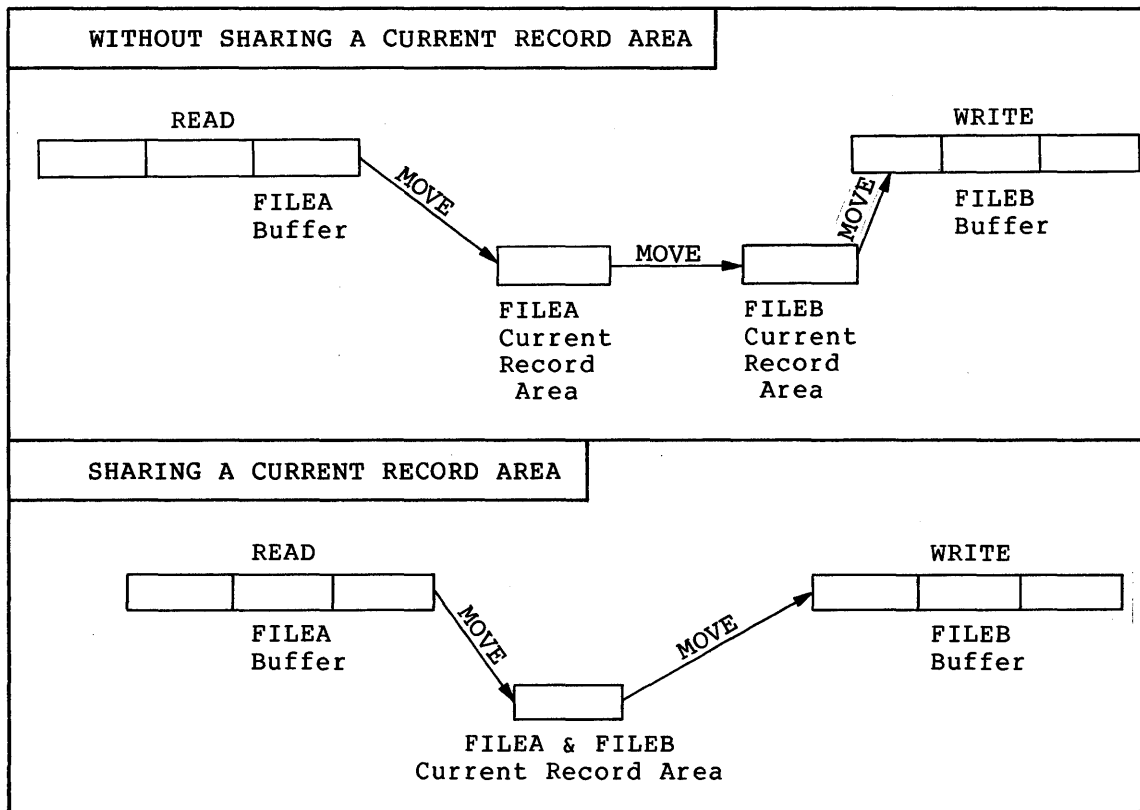
The file system reserves a record processing area in memory for each file. This area is the current record area. The system fixes the location of the current record area when it opens the file. It also reserves a byte preceding and following each current record area for possible print-control characters. The current record area always begins on an even byte boundary. Two or more files may share a current record area if a SAME RECORD AREA clause contains their file-names. This clause causes the system to begin the current record area of each file listed at a common location. (Thus, current record areas that share space are aligned on their leftmost bytes.) The records do not have to be the same size and the current record areas need not have the same maximum size. The following sample statement would cause FILEA and FILEB to share the same current record area:

I-O-CONTROL.

SAME RECORD AREA FOR FILEA FILEB

...

Since the system places a file's current record area in a separate location from its buffers, each READ, WRITE, and REWRITE operation causes a record to move between the buffers and the current record area. When a program reads a record from a file, modifies it, and writes it into another file, a SAME RECORD AREA clause, containing both file-names, can save an entire move of the record. The following illustration shows these record movements:



Record Movement Caused by  
Reading, Processing, and Writing  
Records in Two Files

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### 6.1.4 Print-Controlled Records

If a sequential file is described in a LINAGE IS clause, an APPLY PRINT-CONTROL clause, or is referenced in a WRITE statement with the ADVANCING clause specified, and the file is not going directly to a printing device (is going to be spooled), the software designates the file as a print-controlled file. Print-controlled files contain form advancing information with each record. Explicit forms control bytes are placed directly into the file. Therefore, any COBOL program trying to process a print-controlled file may have unpredictable results.

### 6.1.5 Record Blocking

The manner in which the file system blocks the records of sequential files depends on the device to which the file is assigned and the presence and format of the BLOCK CONTAINS clause.

COBOL programs can assign sequential files to disk which requires fixed-length virtual blocks, and to magnetic tape, which allows variable-length blocks.

The BLOCK CONTAINS clause of a COBOL program refers to a logical block size. For magnetic tape, the logical block size and virtual block size are the same. For disk, however, the logical block size is equal to one or more virtual blocks. (A virtual block on disk is 512 bytes).

For files assigned to disk, the OTS packs records together (end-to-end) until a logical block is filled. The logical block is written to disk, and any portion of the previously processed record that did not fit into the logical block is put into the next logical block. This process is called record spanning in that it allows records to span virtual block boundaries.

Record spanning is prohibited for files assigned to magnetic tape. For these files, only complete records (fixed or variable length) are placed end-to-end in a logical block. The OTS writes the logical block out to the file when it determines that the block is full to the extent that the next record will not fit into it.

There are three ways to specify block size in a COBOL program; by default; by using the BLOCK CONTAINS integer RECORDS clause; or by using the BLOCK CONTAINS integer CHARACTERS clause. The default philosophy is to make the logical block size as small as possible; thus minimizing the memory buffer space required. By using the BLOCK CONTAINS (integer RECORDS or integer CHARACTERS) clause, you can increase the memory buffer space required. Increasing the buffer space, allows for faster I/O by decreasing the number of I/O operations required to process a file. Use the BLOCK CONTAINS clause only if you can afford the price of additional memory buffer space for the ability to process your files faster. The following paragraphs further define the three blocking methods:

#### Default

By default, the logical block size is made equal to the record size (add four bytes for variable length records on magnetic tape or two bytes for variable length records on disk). For disk files, the logical block size is rounded up to the next even multiple of 512 bytes to make the logical block size an integral number of virtual blocks. For example:

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If the maximum record size for a disk file is 510 bytes, and the file contains variable length records, then the logical block size is 1024 bytes. (510 plus 4 for variable length records is 514, and 514 rounded up to the next even multiple of 512 is 1024.)

### BLOCK CONTAINS integer RECORDS

If this clause is used, the logical block size is equal to the record size (plus four bytes for variable length records on magnetic tape or two bytes for variable length records on disk) times the number of records per block. For disk files, the logical block size is rounded up to the next even multiple of 512 bytes to make the block size an integral number of virtual blocks. For example:

If the record size for a fixed-length disk file is 100 bytes and the clause BLOCK CONTAINS 10 RECORDS is specified, the logical block size is 1024 bytes. (100 times 10 is 1000, and 1000 rounded up to the next even multiple of 512 is 1024).

### BLOCK CONTAINS integer CHARACTERS

If this clause is used, the logical block size is equal to the number of characters given in the clause. If the specified number of characters is less than the actual record size (plus four bytes for variable-length records on magnetic tape or two bytes for variable length records on disk) the compiler generates a block size that is equal to the actual record size. For disk files, the specified number of characters must equal an even multiple of 512. If the number you specify is not correct, the OTS will round the logical block size it finds to the next even multiple of 512 bytes.

When a program assigns a file to magnetic tape, all programs that access the file must describe it the same way that the creating program described it in order to guarantee an accurate allocation of buffers.

Note: The previous discussion has used the following format:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS integer } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

If the following format is used:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS [integer-1 TO] integer-2 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

the compiler ignores integer-1, and integer-2 is used as the integer.

### 6.1.6 Buffering

When the system performs an input operation, it reads a block from the medium into the buffer, and moves a record from the buffer to the current record area. Each subsequent read operation moves a record from the buffer to the current record area. When it has exhausted the buffer (has read an entire block), the system reads another block into the buffer.

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When performing an output operation, each write operation moves a record from the file's current record area into the file's buffer. Each subsequent write operation moves a record from the current record area into the buffer. The system writes the block to the medium when it has filled the buffer.

The following subsections discuss the size of the buffers, the number of buffers, and the sharing of buffers.

**6.1.6.1 Buffer Size** - Buffer size depends on the size of the largest record in the file and on the blocking factor. For files with sequential organization, the buffer size will be at least 512 bytes.

**6.1.6.2 I-O Buffer Areas** - The RESERVE clause in the Environment Division specifies the number of I-O buffer areas to be allocated for each file. Each I-O area represents the space for one logical block. A minimum of one and a maximum of two are permitted for sequential files. One is the default. Since two I-O areas do not increase the speed of access and take additional memory space, it is recommended that this clause not be used.

**6.1.6.3 Buffer Space** - To calculate the total amount of buffer space required for each sequential file, the following algorithm may be used:

$$\text{Buffer space} = \text{record size} + (\text{logical blocksize} * \text{no. of areas}) \\ + 234$$

In addition there are 76 bytes of buffer space that are shared among all files.

**6.1.6.4 Sharing Buffer Space Among Files** - The SAME AREA clause provides a simple method of sharing buffer space among several files. Two or more files may share the same buffers if the SAME AREA clause contains their file-names and only one of them is open at any time during program execution. Further, since only one file is open at a time, the files will also share the same current record area. The size of the current record area is set to the size of the largest record description specified in the group.

If only one of these files is open at a time, the following sample statement causes them all to share the same buffer and current record area.

I/O-CONTROL.

SAME AREA FOR FILEA FILEB FILEC.

...

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### 6.1.7 Sequential I/O Statements

PDP-11 COBOL provides the following I/O statements for sequential files:

- CLOSE
- OPEN
- READ
- REWRITE
- WRITE

Before a COBOL program can access a file, it must open the file; then, when the program is finished with the file, it must close the file.

A COBOL program may open a sequential file in one of four modes, INPUT, OUTPUT, I-O (input/output), or EXTEND. In INPUT mode, records may be read from the file; in OUTPUT mode the file is created and records can only be written to it; in I-O mode, records can be read from the file and updated; in EXTEND mode, records may be added onto the end of the file. Table 6-3 shows which statements apply to the four different OPEN modes of sequential files. (The table does not include the OPEN and CLOSE statements since they apply to all modes.)

Table 6-3  
Sequential OPEN Modes

| Statement | Open Mode |        |              |        |
|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|
|           | Input     | Output | Input-Output | Extend |
| READ      | X         |        | X            |        |
| REWRITE   |           |        | X            |        |
| WRITE     |           | X      |              | X      |

6.1.7.1 Opening Sequential Files - The OPEN statement makes a file available for processing by a COBOL program. A program must execute an OPEN statement for a file before it executes any other I/O statement for that file. Consider the following sample OPEN statement. It opens the file named THOREAU for input/output. The program containing this statement could, after executing it, READ, REWRITE, and CLOSE THOREAU.

## FILE HANDLING

```
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.  
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.  
FILE-CONTROL.  
    SELECT THOREAU  
    ASSIGN TO "DK1:".
```

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.

.

```
DATA DIVISION.  
FILE SECTION.  
FD THOREAU
```

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.

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```
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
```

.

.

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```
    OPEN I-O THOREAU.
```

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.

.

The OPEN statement must refer to the file by the file-name appearing in both the SELECT clause in the Environment Division and the FD paragraph in the Data Division.

When the OTS executes an OPEN statement, it performs the following actions for the file named in the statement:

- If the file is already open, the OTS generates an error message and performs the USE procedure section (if specified). (Section 6.9 discusses USE procedures and Section 12.3 discusses error messages.)
- When opening an existing file, the attributes (i.e., record length, block size, etc.) of the file are used for accessing the file. Those specified in the program are ignored. Be sure that the attributes specified in the COBOL program agree with the actual attributes of the file.
- If the SELECT clause of the File-Control paragraph declares the file OPTIONAL, the OTS displays the following message:

```
"FILE nnn ... OPTIONAL FILE MOUNTED? Y OR N?"
```

(nnn represents the file-name.)

If the file is available for processing, type a Y. If not, type an N. If the file is not available (N), the OTS disables all I/O processing on the file except READ and CLOSE; a later READ statement causes program control to take the AT END imperative path.

- If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file and none of the other files named in the clause is open, the OTS allocates buffer space for the file.
- When the file has passed all of the preceding checks and is ready for opening, the OTS instructs the Record Management Services to open the file. If the Record Management Services fails to open the file, the OTS reports an error condition and performs any applicable USE procedure (if present).

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- If the program is creating the file (OPEN OUTPUT) and the file description specifies LINAGE or APPLY PRINT-CONTROL, the OTS initializes the LINAGE counters.
- Finally, depending on which statements apply to the open mode, the OTS enables or disables all of the program's I/O statements that refer to the file (see Table 6-3). For example, if the OPEN mode is INPUT, it enables all READ statements for that file and disables all REWRITE and WRITE statements for that file.

Since the EXTEND mode simply allows the WRITE statement to add records onto the end of the file, files opened in this mode must already exist on disk or tape (only the last file on magnetic tape can be extended). If the file does not exist, the OPEN statement fails and the OTS issues an error message.

6.1.7.2 Reading Sequential Files - The READ statement makes the next logical record of an open sequential file available to the program. If the preceding I/O operation was an OPEN, it makes the first record of the file available to the program.

Consider the following example. If the last I/O operation on the file named THOREAU was an OPEN, this statement would provide the program with the first record in the file THOREAU. Every time the statement is executed, it provides the program with the next sequential record in THOREAU. Program control transfers to the paragraph named LIBRARY when an end-of-file mark is encountered during the READ.

```
BEGIN. OPEN THOREAU.  
LOOP. READ THOREAU AT END GO TO LIBRARY.  
.  
.  
.  
GO TO LOOP.
```

If the file contains variable-length records, the program must determine the length of the record just read. No such information is supplied to the user program.

### NOTE

RSTS/E processes records from unit record devices as variable length records. This means that records read in from a card reader or paper tape reader will have trailing blanks deleted. For example, reading blank records will not change the user record area. To avoid problems, move blanks into the record area before each read.

If the file is open in the I-O mode, the successful execution of a READ statement enables any following REWRITE of the record just read. (For further information on the REWRITE statement, see the next subsection -- 6.1.7.3.)



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If the file has more than one record description, the records automatically share the same current record area. The OTS does not clear this area before it executes the READ statement (no blank filling, etc.). Therefore, if the record read by the latest READ statement does not fill the entire current record area, the area not overlaid by the incoming record remains unchanged. For example, if the file's record area contains ten 3's, and a READ operation moves in a 6-character record containing all 1's, the current record area then contains six 1's followed by four 3's. Consider the following example:

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Current Record Area with all 3's | 3333333333 |
| Next Record in the File          | 111111     |
| Current Record Area after READ   | 1111113333 |

**6.1.7.3 Rewriting Records into Sequential Files -** The REWRITE statement places the record just read from an input-output file back into its file on disk or magnetic tape. (The WRITE statement cannot access I-O files.) The following sample statement writes the record, RECL, back into its file. (RECL, of course, must be a record in the file read by the preceding READ for that file.)

```
REWRITE RECL
```

Before the REWRITE statement can refer to a record, the program containing the statement must meet the following conditions:

- The file containing the record must be open in the I-O mode;
- The last I/O operation on the file containing the record must have been a successful READ;
- The record length of the record to be rewritten must be the same as the record last read from the file.

**6.1.7.4 Writing Sequential Files -** The WRITE statement releases a logical record to an output file, thereby creating an entirely new record in the file.

The following sample WRITE statement releases the record PRINT-LINE to the device assigned to that record's file, then skips three lines. When it reaches the end of a page (as specified by the LINAGE clause), it causes program control to transfer to the subroutine, HEADER-RTN.

```
WRITE PRINT-LINE BEFORE ADVANCING 3 LINES
```

```
AT EOP GO TO HEADER-RTN.
```

Note that this produces two blank lines following every line printed.

The WRITE statement releases records to files that are open in either the output or extend mode. The following text discusses the two modes separately.

- OUTPUT Mode - The WRITE statement can create the following two kinds of files in the OUTPUT mode:

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1. Print-files - A print-file produces a listing on a printing device. The LINAGE clause, the APPLY PRINT-CONTROL clause, or a WRITE statement with the ADVANCING option included, designates a file as a print-file. One or more records containing carriage-control characters are written to perform line spacing. The WRITE statement does not have to release print-files directly to a printing device, but may also release them to a storage medium such as disk for printing at a later time.
2. Storage files - A storage file remains on disk or tape for future reference. All files that are not print-files are storage files. A sample storage file WRITE statement follows; this statement writes a record named WALDEN into a file:

WRITE WALDEN

- EXTEND Mode - A WRITE to a storage file opened in the EXTEND mode simply adds new records logically in sequence after the last record in the file. As the statement extends the file, the Record Management Services automatically handles requests for additional storage space. (Print-files on disk should only be opened for EXTEND if they are being opened as a print-file.)

6.1.7.5 Closing Sequential Files - The CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file referred to in the statement. The following sample CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file named THOREAU:

CLOSE THOREAU

When the CLOSE statement closes a file, no other I/O operation can access that file until another OPEN statement opens the file.

If the statement specifies the LOCK option, the program cannot open the file again in this run. The CLOSE statement with the LOCK clause is shown below:

CLOSE THOREAU WITH LOCK

The lock option has no effect on the physical device containing the file.

If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file just closed, the program may open one of the other files named in the clause.

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Relative file organization arranges the records of the file into numbered record positions. It assigns each record position a number that identifies that position relative to the beginning of the file (the first record position in the file has record number 1, the second has record number 2, etc.).

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|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ... |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|

Record Positions in a Relative File

When a program executes a random DELETE, REWRITE, READ or WRITE operation on a relative file, the value in the relative key is used to select records from these numbered record positions in the same way that a subscript selects an item in a table.

Thus, while sequential and relative files both arrange their record positions in a serial order, COBOL statements can address the record positions of a relative file by their position numbers, and successive accesses do not have to proceed through the file in a prescribed, serial, order.

Another significant feature of relative file organization is that each record position does not have to contain a valid record. Although each position actually occupies one record space, a byte preceding the record on the storage medium indicates whether or not that space contains a valid record. Thus, a file may have fewer records than it has record positions, and the indicated empty record positions may be anywhere in the file.

The numerical order of the record positions remains the same during all operations on a relative file; however, the accessing statements can move a record from one position to another, delete a record from a position, or insert new records into empty positions.

### 6.2.1 Record Size

A relative file may contain either fixed-length or variable-length records. (Fixed-length records have one or more record descriptions that describe the same size record. Variable-length records have more than one record description that describe several different sized records.) However, the COBOL compiler allocates a record area on the I/O device, equal to the largest record described plus one. This extra byte is an existence byte. It indicates whether the record area contains a valid record. For variable length records in a relative file, the software adds a two byte count field. On a write operation the actual record is written out to the I/O device not the maximum length record. The length of this record is placed in the two byte count field. On a read operation this two byte count field is used to determine the length of the record to be read in.

### 6.2.2 RECORD CONTAINS Clause

The RECORD CONTAINS clause, when specified without the "integer-1 TO" option, is for documentation purposes only. The compiler determines record size from the data descriptions. When the "integer-1 TO" option is specified, it forces the compiler to generate a variable length record file, even if the data descriptions describe fixed length records.

Conversely, if the data descriptions for a sequential file describe variable-length records, the software sets up variable sized records automatically and ignores this clause.

Even though the software ignores the values in the "integer-1 TO..." phrase, the clause may be used in any program to document record sizes.

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### 6.2.3 SAME RECORD AREA Clause

The SAME RECORD AREA clause is identical for all file organizations. See Section 6.1.3.

### 6.2.4 Record Blocking

The size of a file is expressed as an integral number of virtual blocks. Virtual blocks are physical storage structures. That is, each virtual block within a file is a unit of data whose size depends on the physical medium on which the file resides.

Relative files may reside only on disk. The size of virtual blocks within files on disk devices is always 512 bytes.

Relative files use a logical storage structure known as a logical block or bucket. A bucket consists of from 1 to 32 virtual blocks.

This distinction should be made clear. A virtual block is a physical entity which is fixed in size and cannot be changed. A bucket, however, is a logical entity. Its size is directly under your control. Records may span virtual block boundaries. They may never span bucket boundaries.

Increasing the bucket size increases the speed of sequential processing of a file because fewer I/O operations are needed to access the smaller number of buckets in the file. On the other hand, a larger bucket size means that more memory space is taken up by the I/O buffers. Increasing the bucket size may not increase the speed of random processing of a relative file.

There are three ways that the bucket size may be specified in a COBOL program; by default, by using the construct BLOCK CONTAINS integer RECORDS, or by using the construct BLOCK CONTAINS integer CHARACTERS.

The default is to make the bucket size as small as possible, to minimize the memory buffer space required. By using the BLOCK CONTAINS integer (RECORDS or integer CHARACTERS) clause, you can increase the memory buffer space required. Increasing the buffer space allows for faster I/O by decreasing the number of operations required to access a file. The following paragraphs further define the three blocking methods:

#### Default

The default philosophy is to make the bucket size as small as possible to minimize the memory buffer space required. The algorithms for calculating the bucket size follow:

$$\text{Bnum} = ((1 + \text{Rlen}) / 512) + 1 \quad \text{Fixed length record}$$
$$\text{Bnum} = ((3 + \text{Rmax}) / 512) + 1 \quad \text{Variable length record}$$

Where:

Bnum is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 9.

Rlen is the fixed record length (in bytes).

Rmax is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.

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The number 1 is for the existence byte. The number 3 is for the existence byte plus 2 bytes for the record length.

Table 6-4 gives the bucket size for possible record lengths.

Table 6-4  
Bucket Sizes for Possible Record Lengths

| Bnum | Rlen      | Rmax      |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | 1-511     | 1-509     |
| 2    | 512-1023  | 510-1021  |
| 3    | 1024-1535 | 1022-1533 |
| 4    | 1536-2047 | 1534-2045 |
| 5    | 2048-2559 | 2046-2557 |
| 6    | 2560-3071 | 2558-3069 |
| 7    | 3072-3583 | 3070-3581 |
| 8    | 3584-4095 | 3582-4093 |
| 9    |           | 4094-4095 |

### BLOCK CONTAINS Rnum RECORDS

If the BLOCK CONTAINS Rnum RECORDS clause is used, where Rnum is an integer, then the following algorithms are used to calculate the bucket size.

$$\text{Bnum} = ((\text{Rlen} + 1) * \text{Rnum}) / 512 + 1 \quad \text{Fixed length record}$$

or

$$\text{Bnum} = ((\text{Rmax} + 3) * \text{Rnum}) / 512 + 1 \quad \text{Variable length record}$$

Where:

- Bnum is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 32.
- Rlen is the fixed record length (in bytes).
- Rmax is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.
- Rnum is the number of records per bucket as given in the BLOCK CONTAINS clause.

### BLOCK CONTAINS Cnum CHARACTERS

If the BLOCK CONTAINS Cnum CHARACTERS clause is used, where Cnum is an integer, then Cnum is subject to the following constraints.

- (1) Cnum Rlen+1 for fixed length records  
       Cnum Rmax+3 or for variable length records
- (2) Cnum mod 512 = 0

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Based on CNUM, the bucket size is calculated as follows:

$$Bnum = Cnum / 512$$

where:

- Cnum is the number of characters per bucket as given in the BLOCK CONTAINS clause.
- Rlen is the fixed record length (in bytes).
- Rmax is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.
- Bnum is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 32.

Violation of constraint (1) causes a warning error and the default method is used to calculate the bucket size. Constraint (2) means that Cnum should be a multiple of 512. If not, a warning error is given and Cnum is increased to the next even multiple of 512.

The bucket size must be the same when the file is created and each time the file is accessed. Therefore, the BLOCK CONTAINS clause must never change for a particular file.

Note: The previous discussion has used the following format:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS integer } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

If the following format is used:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS [integer-1 TO] integer-2 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

the compiler ignores integer-1, and integer-2 is used as the integer.

### 6.2.5 Buffering

When the system performs a sequential or random input operation, it reads a bucket from the medium into the buffer, and moves a record from the buffer to the current record area. Any subsequent sequential read operations move a record from the buffer to the current record area. When it has exhausted the buffer (has read an entire bucket), the system reads another bucket into the buffer.

When performing a random read operation, the appropriate bucket is read into a file's buffer. The record is then moved from the buffer to the current record area.

When performing a sequential output operation, each write operation moves a record from the file's current record area into the file's buffer. Each subsequent sequential write operation moves a record from the current record area into the buffer. The system writes the bucket to the medium when it has filled the buffer.

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When performing a random output operation, the appropriate bucket is read and the record is moved from the file's current record area into the appropriate position in the file's buffer. The system writes the bucket back out to the medium before reading any additional blocks.

The following subsections discuss the size of the buffers, the number of buffers, and the sharing of buffers.

**6.2.5.1 Buffer Size** - Buffer size depends on the size of the largest record in the file and on the blocking factor. For relative files, buffer size must be some multiple of 256 words (512 bytes).

**6.2.5.2 I/O Buffer Areas** - The RESERVE clause in the Environment Division specifies the number of I/O buffer areas to be allocated for each file where an area represents the space for one bucket. A minimum of one and a maximum of two I/O areas are permitted for relative files. One is the default. It is recommended that this clause not be used, because two I/O areas do not increase the speed of access and take up additional space.

**6.2.5.3 Buffer Space** - To calculate the total amount of buffer space in bytes required for each Relative file, the following algorithm may be used:

$$\text{Buffer space} = \text{record size} + \text{bucket size} + 266$$

In addition, there are 76 bytes of buffer space that are shared among all files.

**6.2.5.4 Sharing Buffer Space Among Files** - The SAME AREA clause provides a simple method of sharing buffer space among several files. This clause is identical for all file organizations. See Section 6.1.6.4.

### 6.2.6 Relative I/O Statements

The COBOL I/O statements, CLOSE, DELETE, OPEN, READ, WRITE, REWRITE, and START can refer to relative files.

A COBOL program may open a relative file in one of three modes, INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O, and access an open relative file in one of three ways, sequentially, randomly, or dynamically. In INPUT mode, records may be read from the file; in OUTPUT mode, the file is created and records may be written to the file; in I-O mode, records may be read from the file, updated on the file, deleted from the file, or written to the file. The following table shows which statements and access methods apply to the three different OPEN modes of relative files.

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Table 6-5  
Relative OPEN Modes

| FILE ACCESS MODE | STATEMENT | OPEN MODE |        |     |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----|
|                  |           | INPUT     | OUTPUT | I-O |
| Sequential       | DELETE    |           |        | X   |
|                  | READ      | X         |        | X   |
|                  | REWRITE   |           |        | X   |
|                  | START     | X         |        | X   |
|                  | WRITE     |           | X      |     |
| Random           | DELETE    |           |        | X   |
|                  | READ      | X         |        | X   |
|                  | REWRITE   |           |        | X   |
|                  | START     |           |        |     |
|                  | WRITE     |           | X      | X   |
| Dynamic          | DELETE    |           |        | X   |
|                  | READ      | X         |        | X   |
|                  | READ NEXT | X         |        | X   |
|                  | REWRITE   |           |        | X   |
|                  | START     | X         |        | X   |
|                  | WRITE     |           | X      | X   |

### NOTE

The term, current record pointer, used in the following sections, refers to a location in the operating system used to determine the record number of the next available record in a file.

6.2.6.1 **Access Modes** - The ACCESS MODE clause in the File-Control paragraph dictates which of the three access modes may be used on that file.

When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies SEQUENTIAL, the I/O statements must refer to the records in the file sequentially, starting (after opening) with the first record and stepping through with each reference to the end of the file. The I/O statements ignore record positions that do not contain valid records.

When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies RANDOM, the I/O statements refer to the records in the file by record position. Thus, the statements may refer to record positions that do not contain valid records. The program must specify the desired record position number by placing a value in the file's relative key. If an I/O statement refers to a record position with the relative key, and that record position does not exist (either because the position does not contain a record or because it is beyond the end of the file), the INVALID KEY imperative statement may be executed depending on the particular I/O statement used. (The INVALID KEY imperative statement is explained with each of the relative I/O statements in this section.)



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When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies DYNAMIC, the I/O statements may refer to the records in the file either sequentially or randomly. The OTS determines which access method to use from the OPEN mode (INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O) and the form of the I/O statement. For example, if the statement READ ...INVALID KEY is to access an open input file dynamically, the OTS uses the relative key for random access; if the statement READ NEXT ... is to access an open input file dynamically, the OTS sequentially accesses the next existing record.

The following sections (6.2.5.2 through 6.2.5.8) on using the I/O statements themselves contain additional information about access modes.

**6.2.6.2 Opening Relative Files** - The OPEN statement for a relative file makes an INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O mode file available so the COBOL program can access the records in the file sequentially, randomly, or dynamically.

The OPEN statement sets the current record pointer for the file to zero.

For example, the following sample OPEN statement opens the file named ARTICHOKE for input, and sets ARTICHOKE's current record pointer to zero. The program containing this statement could, after executing the statement, access ARTICHOKE with READ and START statements in the sequential access mode, READ statements in the random access mode, or READ, READ NEXT, and START statements in the dynamic access mode.

```
OPEN INPUT ARTICHOKE.
```

When the OTS executes an OPEN statement, it performs the following actions for the file named in the statement:

- If the file is already open, the OTS generates an error message and performs the USE procedure section (if specified). (Section 6.9 discusses USE procedures and Section 12.3 discusses error messages.)
- When opening an existing file, the attributes (i.e., record length, block size, etc.) of the file are used for accessing the file. Those specified in the program are ignored. Be sure that the attributes specified in the COBOL program agree with the actual attributes of the file.
- If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file and none of the other files named in the clause is open, the OTS allocates buffers space for the file.
- When the file has passed all of the preceding checks and is ready for opening, the OTS instructs the Record Management Services to open the file. If the Record Management Services fails to open the file, the OTS reports an error condition and performs any applicable USE procedure (if present).
- Finally, depending on which statements apply to the open mode, the OTS enables or disables all of the program's I/O statements that refer to the file (see Table 6-5). For example, if the OPEN mode is INPUT, it enables all READ and START statements for that file and disables all REWRITE, DELETE and WRITE statements for that file.

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If the file is being accessed randomly or dynamically, the program must maintain a correct value in the relative key. If the file is being accessed sequentially, the OTS ignores the value of the relative key, but updates it to contain the position number of the record being accessed.

**6.2.6.3 Reading Relative Files -** When applied to a file being accessed sequentially, the READ statement makes the next logical record of an open file available to the program.

When applied to a file being accessed randomly, the READ statement selects a specified record from an open file and makes it available to the program. The value of the relative key for the file identifies the specific record.

When applied to a file being accessed dynamically, the READ statement has two formats so that it can either select the next logical record (sequentially) or select a specified record (randomly) and make it available to the program. The READ NEXT statement takes the number in the current record pointer and finds the next present record. The following sample READ statement reads the file named ARTICHOKE sequentially and, when it exhausts the file, causes program control to transfer to the subroutine named FILEOUT:

```
READ ARTICHOKE NEXT RECORD
      AT END GO TO FILEOUT.
```

For further information concerning the mechanics of the READ NEXT statement, see Section 6.2.5.7, Specifying the Next Record to be Read.

The READ with key takes the value in the relative key, moves it to the current record pointer, and reads the record being pointed to. The following READ (with key) statement reads the file named ARTICHOKE randomly, selecting records through the value in the file's relative key. If the relative key supplies a value that does not contain a valid record, the statement causes program control to transfer to the subroutine named NO-REC.

```
READ ARTICHOKE RECORD
      INVALID KEY GO TO NO-REC.
```

If the file has more than one record description, the records automatically share the same current record area. The OTS does not clear this area before it executes the READ statement (no blank filling, etc.). Therefore, if the record read by the latest READ statement does not fill the entire current record area, the area not overlaid by the incoming record remains unchanged. For example, if the file's record area contains ten 3's, and a READ operation moves in a 6-character record containing all 1's, the current record area then contains six 1's followed by four 3's. Consider the following example:

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Current Record Area with all 3's | 3333333333 |
| Next Record in the File          | 111111     |
| Current record Area after READ   | 1111113333 |

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6.2.6.4 **Rewriting Records into a Relative File** - The REWRITE statement places a record back into its file on disk or magnetic tape. The following sample statement writes the record, BREAKERS, back into its file.

```
REWRITE BREAKERS.
```

If the file is open in the sequential access mode, the statement rewrites the record just successfully read. If the file is open in either the random or dynamic access mode, the statement rewrites the record to the record position specified by the relative key.

6.2.6.5 **Writing Records in a Relative File** - The WRITE statement releases a logical record to a file. The following sample WRITE statement releases the record BREAKERS to the device assigned to that record's file. If the record already exists, program control transfers to the subroutine, WRITE-ERR.

```
WRITE BREAKERS  
INVALID KEY GO TO WRITE-ERR.
```

The WRITE statement releases records to files that are open in either the OUTPUT or I/O mode. The following text discusses the two modes separately:

- OUTPUT Mode - The WRITE statement's only function with output files is to place entirely new records into the file. If more space is required for new record positions, the Record Management Services automatically extends the file size, regardless of the access mode being employed.
- I/O Mode - The statement's function with input-output files is to place records in record positions that already exist and are empty. The length of the records must not exceed the maximum length record specified for the file when it was created.

The relative WRITE statement creates only storage files since print-files are sequential files. The following SAMPLE statement writes a record named BREAKERS into its file:

```
WRITE BREAKERS.
```

6.2.6.6 **Deleting Records from a Relative File** - The DELETE statement logically removes an existing record from a relative file. After a DELETE statement has successfully removed a record from a file, that record can no longer be accessed.

If the file is open in the sequential access mode, the statement removes the record just successfully read. For example, the following sample statement removes the record just read from the file named ARTICHOKE:

```
DELETE ARTICHOKE RECORD.
```

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If the file is open in either the random or dynamic access mode, the statement removes the record from the record position specified by the relative key. For example, the following sample statement deletes the record specified by the relative key from the file named ARTICHOKE; if the relative key supplies a value that does not contain a valid record, the statement transfers control to the subroutine named NO-REC.

```
DELETE ARTICHOKE RECORD
      INVALID KEY GO TO NO-REC.
```

**6.2.6.7 Specifying the Next Record to be Read** - The START statement specifies which record in a file will be the next one to be referenced sequentially.

A READ NEXT statement should follow the START statement since the READ NEXT statement reads the next record from the one being pointed to by the current record pointer.

If the data area, SOMETHING, in the following example contains a 30 and position 33 in the file contains the next present record, the START statement sets the current record pointer to one less than 33 (32). The READ NEXT statement would then find the next present record, which we know is 33.

```
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
77 SOMETHING PIC S99 VALUE 30.
77 ARTKEY PIC 99.
.
.
.
RD-SET.  MOVE SOMETHING TO ARTKEY.
          START ARTICHOKE
            KEY IS GREATER THAN ARTKEY
            INVALID KEY GO TO NEWKEY.

IN1.     READ ARTICHOKE NEXT RECORD
          AT END GO TO FILEOUT.
```

The value of the RELATIVE KEY data item specified in the statement (ARTKEY in the preceding example) together with the conditional phrase specified in the statement (IS GREATER THAN in the preceding example) determines which record in the file will be accessed by the READ NEXT statement.

The START statement uses the value in the RELATIVE KEY data item to set the current record pointer. If record positions 30 and 33 contain valid records and ARTKEY contains 30, the START statement would set the current record pointer and RELATIVE KEY data item as follows:

1. If the conditional phrase specifies KEY IS GREATER THAN ARTKEY, the statement sets the current record pointer to 32.
2. If the conditional phrase specifies KEY IS EQUAL TO ARTKEY or NOT LESS THAN ARTKEY, the statement sets the current record pointer to 29.

The READ NEXT statement takes the number in the current record pointer and finds the next present record from that number. (If the pointer contains a 30 and the next present record is in position 33, it finds record number 33). The READ NEXT statement gets that record and places its record position number (33) into the current record pointer and the relative key.

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A subsequent READ NEXT takes the number in the current record pointer, which is now 33 in our example, and finds the next present record. It fetches that record and places its record position number in the current record pointer and relative key.

**6.2.6.8 Closing Relative Files -** The CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file referred to in the statement. The following sample CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file named ARTICHOKE:

```
CLOSE ARTICHOKE.
```

When the statement closes a file, no other I/O operation can access that file until another OPEN statement opens the file.

If the statement specifies the LOCK option, the program cannot open the file again in that run.

If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file just closed, the program may open one of the other files named in the clause.

## 6.3 INDEXED FILE ORGANIZATION

### WARNING

Indexed file organization is available only to users having RMS-11K software.

Unlike the physical ordering of records in a sequential file or the relative positioning of records in a relative file, the location of records in the indexed file organization is transparent to your program. The presence of keys in the records of the file governs the placement of records in an indexed file.

A key is a character string present in every record of an indexed file. The location and length of this character string is identical in all records. When creating an indexed file, you decide which character string in the file's records is to be a key. By selecting such a character string, the contents (i.e., key value) of that string in any particular record written to the file can be used by a program to identify that record for subsequent retrieval.

You must define at least one key for an indexed file. This mandatory key is the primary key of the file. Optionally, you can define up to 255 additional keys (i.e., alternate keys). Each alternate key represents an additional character string in records of the file. The key value in any one of these additional strings can also be used as a means of identifying the record for retrieval.

As programs write records into an indexed file, the values contained in the primary and alternate keys are used to locate the record in the file. From the values in keys within records a tree-structured table known as an index is built. An index consists of a series of entries. Each entry contains a key value copied from a record that a program wrote into the file. With each key value is a pointer to the location in the file of the record from which the value was copied. A separate index is built and maintained for each key you define for the file. Each index is stored in the file. Thus, every indexed file contains

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at least one index, the primary key index. When you define alternate keys, an additional index is built and maintained for each alternate key. Figure 6-3 shows the general structure of an indexed file that has been defined with only a single key. Figure 6-4 depicts an indexed file defined with two keys, a primary key and one alternate key.

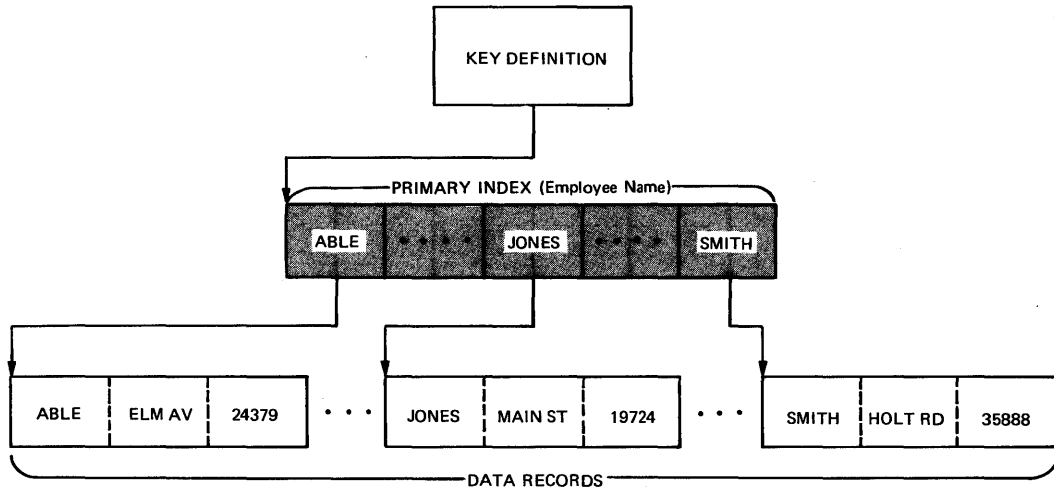


Figure 6-3 Single Key Indexed File Organization

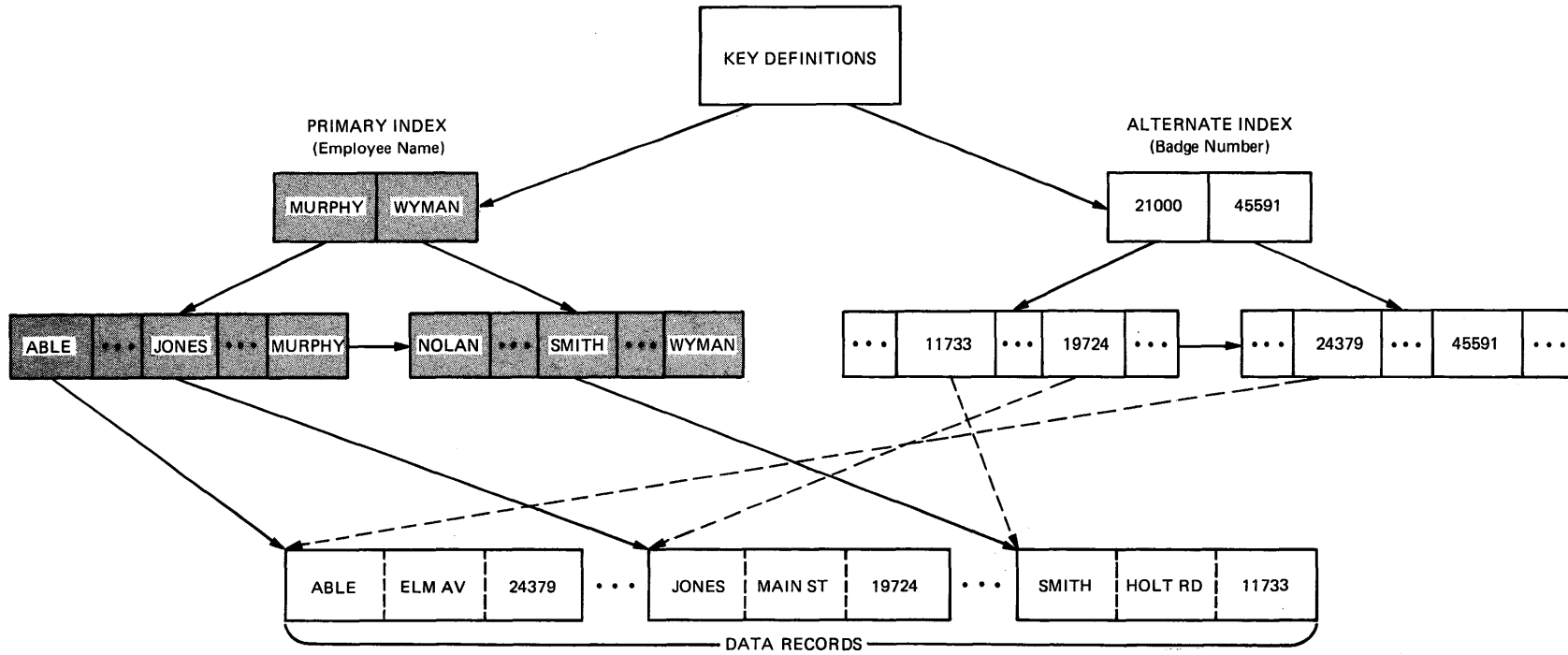


Figure 6-4 Multi-key Indexed File Organization

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### 6.3.1 Record Size

A relative file may contain either fixed-length or variable-length records. (Fixed-length records have one or more record descriptions that describe the same size record. Variable-length records have more than one record description that describe several different sized records.) For variable length records in an indexed file, the software adds a two byte count field. On a write operation the actual record is written out to the I/O device not the maximum length record. The length of this record is placed in the two byte count field. On a read operation this two byte count field is used to determine the length of the record to be read in.

### 6.3.2 RECORD CONTAINS Clause

The RECORD CONTAINS clause, when specified without the "integer-1 TO" option, is for documentation purposes only. The compiler determines record size from the data descriptions. When the "integer-1 TO" option is specified, it forces the compiler to generate a variable length record file, even if the data descriptions describe fixed length records.

Conversely, if the data descriptions for a sequential file describe variable-length records, the software sets up variable sized records automatically and ignores this clause.

Even though the software ignores the values in the "integer-1 TO..." phrase, the clause may be used in any program to document record sizes.

### 6.3.3 SAME RECORD AREA Clause

The SAME RECORD AREA clause is identical for all file organizations. See Section 6.1.3.

### 6.3.4 Record Blocking

The size of a file is expressed as an integral number of virtual blocks. Virtual blocks are physical storage structures. That is, each virtual block within a file is a unit of data whose size depends on the physical medium on which the file resides.

Indexed files may reside only on disk. The size of virtual blocks within files on disk devices is always 512 bytes.

Indexed files, like relative files, use a logical storage structure known as a logical block or bucket. A bucket consists of 1 to 32 virtual blocks. The user may specify the number of virtual blocks contained within each bucket by using the BLOCK CONTAINS clause. This distinction should be made clear. A virtual block is a physical entity which is fixed in size and cannot be changed by the user. A bucket is a logical entity and its size is directly under user control. Records may span virtual block boundaries. They may never span bucket boundaries.



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Increasing the bucket size increases the speed of processing of a file because fewer I/O operations are needed to access the smaller number of buckets in the file. On the other hand, a larger bucket size means that more memory space is taken up by the I/O buffers.

There are three ways that the bucket size may be specified by the user in a COBOL program: by default, by using the construct BLOCK CONTAINS integer RECORDS, or by using the construct BLOCK CONTAINS integer CHARACTERS.

The default is to make the bucket size as small as possible to minimize the memory buffer space required. By using the BLOCK CONTAINS (integer RECORD or integer CHARACTERS) clause, you can increase the memory buffer space required. Increasing the buffer space allows faster I/O by decreasing the number of operations to process a file. The following paragraphs further define the three blocking methods:

### Default

The default philosophy is to make the bucket size as small as possible to minimize the memory buffer space required. The algorithms for calculating the bucket size follow:

$Bnum = ((22 + Rlen) / 512) + 1$  Fixed length record

or

$Bnum = ((24 + Rmax) / 512) + 1$  Variable length record

where:

**Bnum** is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 9.

**Rlen** is the fixed record length (in bytes).

**Rmax** is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.

The number 22 comes from a bucket overhead of 15 bytes and a fixed length record header of 7 bytes; 24 comes from a bucket overhead of 15 bytes and a variable length record header of 9 bytes.

Table 6-6 gives the bucket size for possible record lengths.

Table 6-6  
Bucket Size for Possible Record Lengths

| Bnum | Rlen      | Rmax      |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | 1-490     | 1-488     |
| 2    | 490-1002  | 489-1000  |
| 3    | 1003-1514 | 1001-1512 |
| 4    | 1515-2026 | 1513-2024 |
| 5    | 2027-2538 | 2025-2536 |
| 6    | 2539-3050 | 2537-3048 |
| 7    | 3051-3562 | 3049-3560 |
| 8    | 3563-4074 | 3561-4072 |
| 9    | 4075-4095 | 4073-4095 |

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### BLOCK CONTAINS Rnum RECORDS

If the BLOCK CONTAINS num RECORDS clause is used, where num is an integer, then the following algorithms are used to calculate the bucket size.

$Bnum = ((15 + (Rlen + 7) * Rnum) / 512) + 1$  Fixed length record

or

$Bnum = ((15 + (Rlen + 9) * Rnum) / 512) + 1$  Variable length record

where:

Bnum is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 32.

Rlen is the fixed record length (in bytes).

Rmax is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.

Rnum is the number of records per bucket as given in the BLOCK CONTAINS clause.

The number 15 is bucket overhead, 7 is the fixed length record header and 9 is the variable length record header.

### BLOCK CONTAINS Cnum CHARACTERS

If the BLOCK CONTAINS Cnum CHARACTERS clause is used, where Cnum is an integer, then Cnum is subject to the following constraints.

(1)  $Cnum \geq Rlen + 1$  for fixed length records  
or  
 $Cnum \geq Rmax + 3$  for variable length records

(2)  $Cnum \bmod 512 = 0$

Based on Cnum, the bucket size is calculated as follows:

$Bnum = Cnum / 512$

where:

Cnum is the number of characters per bucket as given in the BLOCK CONTAINS clause.

Rlen is the fixed record length (in bytes).

Rmax is the maximum record length (in bytes) if the record length is variable.

Bnum is the number of virtual blocks per bucket, ranging from 1 to 32.

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Violation of constraint (1) causes a fatal error and the default method is used to calculate the bucket size. Constraint (2) means that Cnum should be a multiple of 512. If not, a warning error is given and Cnum is increased to the next even multiple of 512.

The bucket size must be the same when the file is created and each time the file is accessed. Therefore, the BLOCK CONTAINS clause must never change for a particular file.

Note: The previous discussion has used the following format:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS integer} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

If the following format is used:

$$\left[ \text{BLOCK CONTAINS [integer-1 TO]integer-2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORDS} \\ \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

the compiler ignores integer-1, and integer-2 is used as the integer.

### 6.3.5 Buffering

When the system performs a sequential or random input operation, one or more index buckets are read into the buffer area until the bucket containing the specified record is located. The bucket containing the record is then read into the buffer area. Any subsequent sequential read operations will use the current index buffer to locate and read subsequent records in the current or other record buckets. When it has exhausted the current index buffer (has read all the records identified in the bucket), the system reads the next index bucket into the buffer area.

When performing a sequential or random output operation, the system moves a record from the files current record area into the files buffer. Each subsequent write operation moves a record from the current record area into the buffer. The system writes the bucket to the medium when it has filled the buffer. Every output operation also causes the appropriate index bucket to be read into the buffer area, the indexes for each of the keys to be added to the appropriate buckets, and the buckets to be rewritten to the storage medium.

**6.3.5.1 Buffer Size** - Buffer size depends on the size of the largest record in the file and on the blocking factor. For indexed files, buffer size must be some multiple of 256 words (512 bytes).

**6.3.5.2 I/O Buffer Areas** - The RESERVE clause in the Environment Division specifies the number of I/O buffer areas to be allocated for each file. Each I/O area represents the space for one bucket. A minimum of two is required for an Indexed file (this is the default). Three areas will increase the speed of random access. Four areas will increase the speed of random access if the file is being accessed on two different keys. For each additional key, an additional area will increase the speed of access. Therefore, to speed up random access

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time, the optimum number of buffer areas is equal to the number of keys by which the file is being accessed plus two. Of course, each area means that more memory space is being taken up.

6.3.5.3 **Buffer Space** - To calculate the total amount of buffer space required for each Indexed file, the following algorithm may be used:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Buffer Space} &= \text{record size} + ((\text{bucket size} + 20) * \text{no. of areas}) \\ &+ (48 * \text{no. of keys in file}) + ((\text{MAXKSIZ} * 2 + \text{MAXNKEY} + 3) / 4 * 4) \\ &+ 272 \end{aligned}$$

where:

MAXKSIZ is the maximum key size in the program.

MAXNKEY is the maximum number of record keys for any file in the program.

Note that in the division, the result is truncated to the next lowest integer.

In addition to the above, there are 76 bytes of buffer space that are shared among all files and 44 times MAXNKEY bytes of buffer space that are shared among all indexed files.

6.3.5.4 **Sharing Buffer Space Among Files** - The SAME AREA clause provides a simple method of sharing buffer space among several files. This clause is identical for all file organizations and is described in Section 6.1.6.4.

### 6.3.6 Indexed I/O Statements

The COBOL I/O statements, CLOSE, DELETE, OPEN, READ, WRITE, REWRITE, and START can refer to indexed files.

A COBOL program may open an indexed file in one of three modes, INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O, and access an open indexed file in one of three ways, sequentially, randomly, or dynamically. In INPUT mode, records may be read from the file; in OUTPUT mode, the file is created and records may be written to the file; in I-O mode, records may be read from the file, updated on the file, deleted from the file, or written to the file. The following table shows which statements and access methods apply to the three different OPEN modes of indexed files.

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Table 6-7  
Indexed OPEN Modes

| File Access Mode                                                                                                                                                                                        | Statement                                                | Open Mode |        |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                          | Input     | Output | I-O                   |
| Sequential                                                                                                                                                                                              | DELETE<br>READ<br>REWRITE<br>START<br>WRITE              | X         | X      | X<br>X<br>X<br>X      |
| Random                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DELETE<br>READ<br>REWRITE<br>START<br>WRITE              | X         | X      | X<br>X<br>X<br>X      |
| Dynamic                                                                                                                                                                                                 | DELETE<br>READ<br>READ NEXT<br>REWRITE<br>START<br>WRITE | X<br>X    | X      | X<br>X<br>X<br>X<br>X |
| <p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>The term, current record pointer, used in the following sections, refers to a location in the operating system used to store the record number of available record in a file.</p> |                                                          |           |        |                       |

6.3.6.1 Access Mode - The ACCESS MODE clause in the File-Control paragraph indicates which of the three access modes may be used on that file. When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies SEQUENTIAL, the I/O statements must refer to the records in the file sequentially, starting (after opening) with the first record and stepping through with each reference to the end of the file.

When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies RANDOM, the I/O statements refer to the records in the file by the value of the key or keys. Usually the prime key is used unless a specific alternate key is designated. If an I/O statement refers to a record with a key, and that record does not exist, the INVALID KEY imperative statement may be executed depending on the particular I/O statement used. (The INVALID KEY imperative statement is explained with each of the indexed I/O statements in this section.)

When the ACCESS MODE clause specifies DYNAMIC, the I/O statements may refer to the records in the file either sequentially or randomly. The OTS determines which access method to use from the OPEN mode (INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O) and the form of the I/O statement. For example, if the statement READ ...INVALID KEY is to access an open input file dynamically, the OTS uses the designated key for random access. If the statement READ NEXT ... is to access an open input file dynamically, the OTS sequentially accesses the next existing record.

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The following sections (6.3.6.2 through 6.3.6.8) on using the I/O statements themselves contain additional information about access modes.

**6.3.6.2 Opening Indexed Files** - The OPEN statement for an indexed file makes an INPUT, OUTPUT, or I-O mode file available so the COBOL program can access the records in the file sequentially, randomly, or dynamically. Consider the following example:

### Example

The following sample OPEN statement opens the file named ARTICHOKE for input, and sets ARTICHOKE's current record pointer to the first record in the file. The program containing this statement could, after executing the statement, access ARTICHOKE with READ and START statements in the sequential access mode, READ statements in the random access mode, or READ, READ NEXT, and START statements in the dynamic access mode.

```
OPEN INPUT ARTICHOKE.
```

When the OTS executes an OPEN statement, it performs the following actions for the file named in the statement:

- If the file is already open, the OTS generates an error message and performs the USE procedure section (if specified). (Section 6.9 discusses USE procedures and Section 12.3 discusses error messages.)
- When opening an existing file, the attributes (i.e., record length, block size, etc.) of the file are used for accessing the file. Those specified in the program are ignored. Be sure that the attributes specified in the COBOL program agree with the actual attributes of the file.
- If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file and none of the other files named in the clause is open, the OTS allocates buffer space for the file.
- When the file has passed all of the preceding checks and is ready for opening, the OTS instructs the Record Management Services to open the file. If the Record Management Services fails to open the file, the OTS reports an error condition and performs any applicable USE procedure (if present).
- Finally, depending on which statements apply to the open mode, the OTS enables or disables all of the program's I/O statements that refer to the file (see Table 6-7). For example, if the OPEN mode is INPUT, it enables all READ and START statements for that file and disables all REWRITE, DELETE and WRITE statements for that file.

The OPEN statement sets the current record pointer for the file to the first existing record in the file as established by the prime record key. If the file is being accessed randomly or dynamically, the program should maintain correct values in the prime and alternate key fields.

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**6.3.6.3 Reading Indexed Files -** When applied to a file being accessed sequentially, the READ statement makes the next logical record of an open file available to the program. The information made available is based on positioning by the OPEN, START, or last READ operation.

When applied to a file being accessed randomly, the READ statement selects a specified record from an open file and makes it available to the program. The value of the specified key (prime key, if the no key is specified) identifies the record.

When applied to a file being accessed dynamically, the READ statement has two formats so that it can either select the next logical record (sequentially) or select a specified record (randomly) and make it available to the program. The READ NEXT statement takes the number in the current pointer and finds the next present record. The following sample READ statement reads the file named ARTICHOKE sequentially and, when it exhausts the file, causes program control to transfer to the subroutine named FILEOUT:

```
READ ARTICHOKE NEXT RECORD
      AT END GO TO FILEOUT.
```

For more information concerning the mechanics of the READ NEXT statement see Section 6.3.6.6, Specifying the Next Record To Be Read.

The READ with key takes the value in the specified key, moves it to the current record pointer, and reads the record being pointed to. The following READ (with key) statement reads the file named ARTICHOKE randomly, selecting records through the value in the file's primary key. If the designated key supplies a value that is not identified with a valid record, the statement causes program control to transfer to the subroutine named NO-REC.

```
READ ARTICHOKE RECORD
      INVALID KEY GO TO NO-REC.
```

Note: a random read repositions the current record pointer and thus effects further sequential reads.

If the file has more than one record description, the records automatically share the same current record area. The OTS does not clear this area before it executes the READ statement (no blank filling, etc.). Therefore, if the record read by the latest READ statement does not fill the entire current record area, the area not overlaid by the incoming record remains unchanged. For example, if the file's record area contains ten 3's, and a READ operation moves in a 6-character record containing all 1's, the current record area then contains six 1's followed by four 3's. Consider the following example:

|                                  |                                                        |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Current Record Area with all 3's | <table border="1"><tr><td>3333333333</td></tr></table> | 3333333333 |
| 3333333333                       |                                                        |            |
| Next Record in the File          | <table border="1"><tr><td>111111</td></tr></table>     | 111111     |
| 111111                           |                                                        |            |
| Current Record Area after READ   | <table border="1"><tr><td>1111113333</td></tr></table> | 1111113333 |
| 1111113333                       |                                                        |            |

**6.3.6.4 Rewriting Records into an Indexed File -** The REWRITE statement releases a logical record to an output or input-output file. In all of the access modes, the record is positioned based on the prime key, any alternate keys are also processed properly, including

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duplicate keys. If more space is required for new record positions, the Record Management Services automatically extends the file size, regardless of the access mode being employed.

If the file is open in sequential access mode and the records are not written in ascending order of the prime key values, an INVALID KEY condition exists. In any access mode an attempt to write an existing record having the same prime key value or an alternate key value where duplicates are not allowed, results in an INVALID KEY condition.

The following sample WRITE statement releases the record BREAKERS to the indexed file. If the record already exists, program control transfers to WRITE-ERR.

```
WRITE BREAKERS
      INVALID KEY GO TO WRITE-ERR.
```

The indexed WRITE statement creates only storage files because print-files are sequential files.

**6.3.6.5 Deleting Records from an Indexed File** - The DELETE statement logically removes an existing record from a file. After a DELETE statement has successfully removed a record from a file, that record can no longer be accessed.

If the file is open in the sequential access mode, the statement removes the record just successfully read. For example, the following sample statement removes the record just read from the file named ARTICHOKE:

```
DELETE ARTICHOKE RECORD.
```

If the file is open in either the random or dynamic access mode, the statement removes the record from the record specified by the prime key. For example, the following sample statement deletes the record specified by the prime key from the file named ARTICHOKE. If the prime key supplies a value that does not contain a valid record, the statement transfers control to NO-REC.

```
DELETE ARTICHOKE RECORD
      INVALID KEY GO TO NO-REC.
```

**6.3.6.6 Specifying the Next Record to be READ** - The START statement specifies which record will be the next record to be referenced sequentially in a file opened for INPUT or I-O processing. The START statement updates the current record pointer for future sequential READs.

Suppose we have the following START statement:

```
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-A.
```

SUB-KEY-A must be alphanumeric. In addition, SUB-KEY-A must be a record key or alternate record key or subordinate to a record key or alternate record key whose leftmost character position corresponded to its own leftmost character position. For example, if the following fields were defined in the record:



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```
02 KEY-A.  
  03 SUB-KEY-A.  
    04 SUB-KEY-A1 PIC XXX.  
    04 SUB-KEY-A2 PIC XX.  
  03 SUB-KEY-B PIC XXX.
```

and if KEY-A was a record key or alternate record key, then the following would be legal START statements:

```
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO KEY-A.  
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-A.  
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-A1.
```

The following START statements are illegal.

```
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-A2.  
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-B.
```

The leftmost character positions of SUB-KEY-A2 and SUB-KEY-B do not correspond to the leftmost character position of KEY-A.

The relational operator IS EQUAL TO (or IS =) means that the current record pointer is set to point to the record associated with the first key equal to SUB-KEY-A. If SUB-KEY-A is shorter than the record key or alternate record key, then the record keys or alternate record keys in the file are truncated on the right to the same length as SUB-KEY-A for the purposes of the comparison.

If the following START statement is used:

```
START FILE-A KEY IS GREATER THAN SUB-KEY-A.
```

or

```
START FILE-A KEY IS > SUB-KEY-A.
```

then the current record pointer is set to point to the record associated with the first key that is greater than SUB-KEY-A. Thus, if the file had records with the following keys:

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Record # | 743      | 629      | 015      | 891      | 233      | 371      |
| KEY-A    | ABCDDZZX | ABCDEABC | ABCDEXYZ | ABCDEZZZ | ABCDGAAA | ABCDGZZX |

and SUB-KEY-A contained ABCDE, then the current record pointer would be set to point to record number 233.

If the following START statement is used:

```
START FILE-A KEY IS NOT LESS THAN SUB-KEY-A.
```

or

```
START FILE-A KEY IS NOT < SUB-KEY-A.
```

then the current record pointer is set to point to the record associated with the first key that is greater than or equal to SUB-KEY-A. In the previous example that would be record number 629.

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If there is no record that satisfies the comparison, the invalid key exit is taken. In our example the following statement:

```
START FILE-A KEY IS EQUAL TO SUB-KEY-A.
```

would take the invalid key exit if SUB-KEY-A contained ABCDF.

If the comparison is satisfied and the current record pointer is set, then subsequent READS would update the current record pointer using KEY-A as the key of reference.

If the key phrase is not specified, then the default key is the prime record key and the default comparison is IS EQUAL TO.

**6.3.6.7 Closing Indexed Files** - The CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file referred to in the statement. The following sample CLOSE statement terminates processing on the file named ARTICHOKE:

```
CLOSE ARTICHOKE.
```

When the statement closes a file, no other I/O operation can access that file until another OPEN statement opens the file. If the statement specifies the LOCK option, the program cannot open the file again in that run. If a SAME AREA clause contains the name of the file just closed, the program may open one of the other files named in the clause.

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The PDP-11 COBOL object time system supports any devices supported by the Record Management Services. Table 6-8 contains a partial list of these devices:

Table 6-8  
Device Codes

| Device                    | Device Code |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Card Reader               | CR          |
| Disk (RK03/RK05)          | DK          |
| Disk (RF11/RS11)          | DF          |
| Disk (RS03/RS04)          | DS*         |
| Disk (RP11/RP02/RP03)     | DP          |
| Disk (RJP04)              | DB          |
| Line Printer              | LP          |
| Magnetic Tape (TU10/TS03) | MT          |
| Magnetic Tape (TU16/TU45) | MM          |

\*The DS device code applies to non-RSTS/E only.

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Some devices are better suited to certain uses than others. For example, since PDP-11 COBOL is a disk-oriented system, the disk provides COBOL files with the best performance and reliability. On the other hand, COBOL files on magnetic tape are limited to sequential organization.

The following subsections discuss the devices that are available and how to use them to best advantage.

### 6.4.1 Disk

The primary means for storage and processing of PDP-11 COBOL files is a disk. Several disk units are supported, including RK05, RF11, RP11/RP03, RP04 and RS04. Each device has its own file handling characteristics, and differs with respect to capacity, speed, and portability. The following table compares these characteristics. The values, low, mod (moderate), and high, describe the relative characteristics of the devices in the table. The efficiency characteristic combines the values of capacity, speed, and portability for that unit into a single value.

Table 6-9  
Comparison of PDP-11 Disk Devices

| Device      | RK05                        | RF11                    | RP11/RP03/RP04                                                  | RS04*                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CAPACITY    | LOW/MOD<br>(4800<br>BLOCKS) | LOW<br>(1024<br>BLOCKS) | VERY HIGH<br>(80,000<br>BLOCKS)<br><br>(RP04 160,000<br>BLOCKS) | LOW<br>(2048<br>BLOCKS) |
| SPEED       | MOD                         | HIGH                    | HIGH                                                            | HIGH                    |
| PORTABILITY | HIGH (EASY)                 | NONE                    | HIGH (BULKY)                                                    | NONE                    |
| EFFICIENCY  | HIGH                        | MOD                     | HIGH                                                            | MOD                     |

The characteristics of the devices in the table suggest suitable applications. Consider the following examples:

- The portable, moderate capacity RK05 is ideal for storage of COBOL source and object files as well as small data files;
- The fast, low capacity RF11 is ideal for scratch files requiring either random or sequential access;
- The high-capacity RP11/RP03/RP04 is excellent for large files requiring high volume access in either the random or sequential modes. Further, its portability makes it ideal for master file storage on multiple systems.

\*RSTS/E supports the RS04 only as a swapping device. It cannot be used for user files.

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### 6.4.2 Magnetic Tape

All PDP-11 operating systems support magnetic tape files; all COBOL operations concerned with magnetic tape are fully supported by the compiler, including the MULTIPLE-FILE TAPE clause and the CLOSE REEL [WITH NO REWIND] clause. (RSTS/E does not support multi-reel files.)

### 6.4.3 Card Reader and Line Printer

COBOL programs can use both the card reader and the line printer as I/O devices.

If these devices have been assigned logical names in the Special-Names paragraph of the Environment Division, the ACCEPT and DISPLAY statements can access them. For example, consider the following coding:

```
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.  
    ...  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    CARD-READER IS CARDS  
    LINE-PRINTER IS LOG.  
    ...  
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
    ...  
    ACCEPT INREC FROM CARDS.  
    ...  
    DISPLAY PRINTREC UPON LOG.  
    ...
```

Figure 6-5 Assigning Logical Names to the  
Card Reader and Line Printer

If filenames have been assigned to these devices in the SELECT clause of the File-Control paragraph, the READ and WRITE statements can access them for I/O files. For example, consider the following coding:

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```
...  
FILE-CONTROL.  
  SELECT INFILE ASSIGN TO "CR:".  
  SELECT OUTFILE ASSIGN TO "LP:".  
  
...  
FD OUTFILE  
  DATA RECORD IS OUTREC.  
  
...  
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
  
...  
  READ INFILE.  
  
...  
  WRITE OUTREC.
```

Figure 6-6 Assigning the Card Reader and Line Printer to Files

### 6.5 FILES AND FILENAMES

The OTS and the operating system use the device codes described in Section 6.4 to communicate with the devices. Further, the COBOL OTS uses the operating system's file specification and interfaces for all file manipulation with file storage devices (disk and magtape). The VALUE OF ID clause (discussed in the following subsection) in the FD entry describes the file specification to the OTS. The format for the full file specification follows:

```
dev:[uic] filename.typ;version/switches
```

where:

- dev: - device code
- [uic] - user's identification code or the code of the user for whom the file was created - the user directory ID. (The brackets [ ] are required.)
- filename - an alphanumeric field containing up to nine characters that identifies the file (RSTS/E allows a length of from one to six characters).
- typ - an alphanumeric field containing up to three characters that qualify the filename.
- version - a numeric field containing up to five octal digits that give the version number of the file. By specifying version numbers, the user can maintain several versions of the same file on a directory device. (Not available with RSTS/E.)
- switches - identifies certain actions for the operating system to perform for the file. (Subsection 6.5.1.1 discusses these switches.)

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These entries default as follows:

- dev: - the device code of the disk containing the operating system.
- [uic] - the user identification code of the user currently using the system.
- filename - null
- typ - null
- version - the version number defaults differently for IAS and RSX-11M input and output files.
  - input files - the highest numbered version of the file (thus selecting the latest version);
  - output files - one greater than that of the highest numbered version of the file (thus creating the latest version).
- switches - null

For example, the following sample file specification causes the file system to process version 3 of a file on disk named ARIES. The user has an identification code of 140,222.

```
DK:[140,222]ARIES;3
```

The following sample RSTS/E file specification causes the file system to process a file on disk named ARIES. The user has an identification code of 140,222. Note that RSTS/E does not support the version number feature.

```
DK:[140,222]ARIES.
```

### 6.5.1 Using Explicit Filenames (VALUE OF ID Clause)

The VALUE OF ID clause, in the FD entry, describes the file specification to the COBOL OTS. The VALUE OF ID clause is optional; however, the system requires it whenever the program refers to an explicit file unless a sufficient file description is provided in the ASSIGN clause. The clause accepts either a literal entry or an identifier entry. Consider the following sample literal form of the clause:

```
VALUE OF ID IS "DK:[140,222]ARIES;3"
```

Elements of the file specification appearing in the VALUE OF ID clause supersede their counterparts specified in the ASSIGN clause for the file. (Subsection 6.5.2 discusses the ASSIGN clause.)

When written in the literal form, the literal may be a complete file specification or a part of a file specification.

When written in the identifier form, the value of the identifier may be a complete or partial file specification.

The identifier form of this clause is especially useful when different runs of a program process different files. If a program must process different files in the same way on different runs, an ACCEPT statement

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in the Procedure Division can request a file specification from the user at the user's console or from a batch input stream.

The following example illustrates how a COBOL program could request a file specification from an interactive terminal:

```
DATA DIVISION.  
  
.  
.  
.  
FD FILEIN  
  VALUE OF ID IS INFILE.  
.  
.  
.  
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.  
  77 INFILE PIC X(20).  
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
  
.  
.  
.  
  DISPLAY "TYPE IN INPUT FILE SPEC".  
  ACCEPT INFILE.  
.  
.  
.  
  OPEN INPUT FILEIN.
```

This sample coding causes the following interaction between the program and the user (the message printed by the program is underlined):

```
TYPE IN INPUT FILE SPEC  
DK1:THOREAU (RET)
```

Following this interaction, the sample OPEN statement will open (for input) the file, THOREAU on DK1.

**6.5.1.1 Switches** - There are four optional switches which may qualify the file specification. These switches modify the processing performed by the COBOL OTS when it opens the file.

Table 6-10 contains a list of the file switches and their meanings to the OTS.

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Table 6-10  
File Specifier Switches

| SWITCH | MEANING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| /CL:n  | <p>Allocate disk space in clusters of n virtual blocks whenever the file needs additional storage space during output operations. (n may be any number from 1 to 256 in powers of 2.) If the number is followed by a decimal point, the software considers the number to be decimal; if it does not have a decimal point, it is considered to be octal).</p> <p>This switch would be used only when very large files are to be created and the output device can hold the entire file (i.e., an RP03 disk). The effect of this switch is to make file accessing faster when the file is being processed sequentially.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| /CO:n  | <p>(Not supported by RSTS/E) allocate a contiguous file of n disk blocks to the file when it is opened. This switch ensures that n blocks are available for the file prior to actual processing. (When many users are sharing the same disk, you can use this switch to ensure that your entire file will fit on the disk.) It applies only to output files being created. (If n applies to an RK type disk, the maximum value of n is 4000 (decimal). If a decimal point follows the number, the system considers it to be decimal; otherwise, octal.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| /SH    | <p>This file is shared for output or I/O mode, available for writing or altering by other tasks (or jobs) running concurrently with the COBOL program. The /SH switch must not be specified for sequential files. For all other files, the following rules apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The /SH switch should be used consistently among concurrently executing tasks. That is, if the /SH is specified for one task sharing the file, all tasks sharing the file should have it specified, and vice-versa.</li> <li>• If a file is being opened for OUTPUT or I/O with the /SH switch specified, all other tasks currently using the file must also have the /SH switch specified.</li> <li>• If a file is being opened for input without the /SH switch set, no other task can be using the file for output or I/O.</li> <li>• If a file is being opened for INPUT and no /SH switch is specified, all other tasks currently using the file should not have the /SH switch specified.</li> </ul> <p>If access is denied when the file is opened because of one of the above reasons, a file status code of 91 is stored in the FILE-STATUS data-item associated with the file if one is specified.</p> |
| /AL:n  | <p>Same as the /CO:n switch with the following exception. The /CO:n specifies that all blocks be contiguous, and the /AL:n switch specifies that all blocks need not be contiguous.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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### 6.5.2 Device Assignment by ASSIGN Clause

If the VALUE OF ID clause does not specify a complete file specification, the ASSIGN clause in the File-Control paragraph can assign a default to those components not specified. The ASSIGN clause must be written as part of the SELECT statement as shown below:

```
SELECT THOREAU ASSIGN TO "DK1:"
```

This example assigns a default device code "DK1:" for the location of the file THOREAU. Another device code specification in the VALUE OF ID clause could override it later in the source program.

### 6.5.3 Files and Logical Units

Each file in an executable task must have a unique Logical Unit Number (LUN) assigned to it. The COBOL compiler can only generate a relative LUN assignment for each file in a COBOL program, because there may be multiple COBOL programs in a task. (See Figure 2-10 which contains a sample file-to-relative-LUN assignment table.) Actual LUN assignments are made by the COBOL Object Time System (OTS) at task execution time. The number of LUNs needed by a task is equal to  $1+n$ , where  $n$  is the total number of individual files included in each program comprising the task. For example, if a task consists of three programs, each program requiring three files, then the number of LUNs required is 10. (The first LUN is reserved for ACCEPT/DISPLAY and message processing.) If more than six LUNs are required for an executable task, the UNITS option must be specified at task-build time, because the Task Builder default is 6.

Each LUN must have a physical device associated with it before the associated file can be opened. You can assign a physical device to the file by specifying the VALUE OF ID or ASSIGN clause in your COBOL program, or you can specify the ASG option at task-build time.

#### NOTE

The default LUN assignments generated by the Task Builder do not always equate to the system device.

(Refer to the Task Builder Manual for your particular operating system for more information concerning task builder options.)

As previously stated, each COBOL program receives relative LUN assignments for its files by the compiler. At task-execution time, the OTS converts these relative LUN assignments to actual assignments according to the following rules:

1. If the task consists of only one COBOL program, the OTS adds 1 to each of the relative LUN assignments yielding the actual assignments. Therefore, a file receiving a relative LUN assignment of 2 by the compiler would receive an actual LUN assignment of 3 at execution time.
2. If the task consists of more than one COBOL program having files assigned to it, simply adding 1 to the relative LUN assignments would obviously yield duplicate actual LUN assignments. The OTS, in the case of multiple program tasks, utilizes the relative assignment +1 formula for the first

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program in the task. For each subsequent program, it takes the highest actual LUN assignment for the previous program and adds 1 to it to arrive at the first LUN assignment. It then applies the +1 formula to this first LUN assignment to arrive at each subsequent assignment for the program. Consider the following example:

### Example

A task consists of three programs (PROGA, PROGB, and PROGC). Each program has three files with relative LUN assignments of 1, 2, and 3. At execution time, assuming that the programs were presented to the Task Builder or Merge Utility in the order PROGA, PROGB, and PROGC, the OTS would assign actual LUNs as follows:

| Program | LUN assignment                                         |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|         | 1 (reserved for ACCEPT/DISPLAY and message processing) |
| PROGA   | 2 1st. File<br>3 2nd. File<br>4 3rd. File              |
| PROGB   | 5 1st. File<br>6 2nd. File<br>7 3rd. File              |
| PROGC   | 8 1st. File<br>9 2nd. File<br>10 3rd. File             |

## 6.6 OPTIMIZATION

At times a user may wish to optimize his program with regards to space or time. Often, there is a trade-off between the two. The default philosophy of the COBOL compiler has been to optimize space allocation. A discussion of the two types of optimization follows.

### 6.6.1 Speed Optimization

The following COBOL clauses and phrases may be used to increase execution speed.

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### SAME RECORD AREA Phrase

- Default - No Same Record Area
- Optimal - Use SAME RECORD AREA phrase
- Effect - May save compute time. If records are being copied from one file to another and if both files share the same Record Area, then no move statement is needed to move the records from one record area to the other.
- Use more space? - No, uses less space
- Other potential drawbacks - Records from both files will not be available simultaneously (unless one is moved so it can be saved), because one record will wipe out the other.

### BLOCK CONTAINS Clause

- Default - Bucket or logical block consists of smallest number of virtual blocks.
- Optimal - Make bucket or logical block as large as possible.
- Effect - Speeds sequential access by reducing amount of I/O to disk.
- Use more space? - Yes
- Other potential drawbacks - None

For indexed files, the following clauses and phrases may be used to further increase execution speed.

### RESERVE Clause -

- Default - 2 AREAS
- Optimal - Make the number of areas equal to the number of keys of access + 2.
- Effect - Speeds up random access.
- Use more space? - Yes
- Other potential drawbacks - None

### WITH DUPLICATES Phrase -

- Default - Duplicates not allowed
- Optimal - Allow duplicates by using this phrase

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- Effect - Speeds up WRITE and REWRITE time. If this phrase is not used, then the program must check each alternate record key on a write or rewrite, to check that it doesn't already exist on the file.
- Use more space? - No
- Other potential drawbacks - Duplicate keys are allowed and this may not be wanted. For example, if the social security number is a key, duplicate social security numbers may be illegal.

### 6.6.2 Space Optimization

The default philosophy is to optimize space usage. However, the following COBOL clauses and phrases may be used to further reduce space requirements.

#### SAME RECORD AREA

- Default - No Same Record Area
- Optimal - Use SAME RECORD AREA phrase for as many files as possible.
- Effect - Instead of having a record area for each file, all the files use the same record area.
- Slows execution time - No
- Other potential drawbacks - Records from both files will not be available simultaneously (unless one is moved in order to save it), because one record will wipe out the other.

#### SAME AREA

- Default - No Same Area
- Optimal - Use SAME AREA phrase for as many files as possible.
- Effect - The buffer areas for all the files in the SAME AREA phrase are shared. Saves much more space than SAME RECORD AREA.
- Slows execution time - No
- Other potential drawbacks - Not more than one of the files listed in the SAME AREA phrase may be open at any time.

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### 6.7 COMMUNICATING WITH THE PROGRAM

The ACCEPT and DISPLAY statements allow low-volume, terminal-oriented interaction between a COBOL program and the user of the program.

While these statements are primarily intended for use with keyboard devices, PDP-11 COBOL allows the ACCEPT statement to accept cards from a card reader, and the DISPLAY statement to display data on a line printer. The following two Sections (6.7.1 and 6.7.2) discuss these capabilities in greater detail.

#### 6.7.1 Using the ACCEPT Statement

The ACCEPT statement makes small amounts of data available to the specified data item.

Consider the following example; it causes data to be transferred from the device identified by the mnemonic-name, OPERATOR, to the area represented by the identifier, COMM-AREA.

```
ACCEPT COMM-AREA FROM OPERATOR.
```

OPERATOR must be a mnemonic-name specified for a device in the Special-Names paragraph (in this example, possibly the console). The area represented by the identifier COMM-AREA receives the data requested without any editing.

The ACCEPT statement causes the transfer of a stream of bytes from the device specified in the FROM phrase, if it is present (OPERATOR in the previous example). If the FROM phrase is not present, the data is transferred from the user's console.

Enough bytes are transferred to fill the identifier's area. The size of COMM-AREA in this example dictates the number of bytes being transferred.

If the device contains more data than there are bytes in COMM-AREA, the data is truncated.

- If the length of the identifier exceeds 80 bytes, the OTS performs one or more additional transfers of data until it either fills the identifier or transfers less than 80 bytes.
- If the length of the identifier is less than or equal to 80 bytes and the length of the data is less than the identifier on a teletype or cards, the OTS pads the identifier with blank characters.

The ACCEPT statement has a second format that allows it to retrieve the current DAY, DATE, or TIME from the system and store it in the specified identifier. (DAY, DATE, and TIME are reserved words that the user does not define. The user must define identifiers into which to accept the values in DAY, DATE, or TIME.) The following sample statement places the current date in the identifier, GREENWICH:

```
ACCEPT GREENWICH FROM DATE.
```

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DAY and DATE are treated as equivalent. A facility for specifying the day of the year is currently not provided. The date, however, is provided as follows (YY is the year; MM is the month; DD is the day):

DATE -- YYMMDD

If the date were July 4, 1976, the systems would provide GREENWICH with the number 760704.

The systems provide the time as follows (HH is the hour; MM is the minutes; SS is the seconds; CC is the hundredths of a second):

TIME -- HHMMSSCC

If the time were 20 seconds after 5:15 PM, the systems (which have a 24-hour clock) would provide the numbers 17152000. (Since the PDP-11 clock has no hundredths of a second capability, the systems place zeroes in the last two positions.)

The identifier receives the data according to the rules for the MOVE statement. Chapters 3 and 4 discuss the MOVE statement as applied to non-numeric fields (Chapter 3) and numeric fields (Chapter 4).

### 6.7.2 Using the DISPLAY Statement

The DISPLAY statement transfers small amounts of data from the specified data item or literal to the specified device.

Consider the following example; it causes the transfer of data from the area represented by the identifier, COMM-AREA, to the device with the mnemonic-name, OPERATOR:

```
DISPLAY COMM-AREA UPON OPERATOR.
```

OPERATOR must be a mnemonic-name specified for a device in the Special-Names paragraph (possibly the console in this example). The area represented by the identifier, COMM-AREA, contains the data being transferred.

The DISPLAY statement causes the transfer of a stream of bytes to the device specified in the UPON phrase if it is present (OPERATOR in the preceding example). If the UPON phrase is not present, the OTS transfers the data to the user's console.

All of the bytes in all of the identifiers or literals in the DISPLAY statement are transferred first. The size of COMM-AREA, in this example, dictates the number of bytes being transferred.

The system does not convert COMP items from binary to ASCII; it simply transfers them as they exist in storage.

If a single DISPLAY statement must transfer large amounts of data, that data must contain appropriate vertical and horizontal form control characters. If the data being transferred does not contain form control characters and the length of the data stream exceeds the device's single line capacity, the excess characters will all print in the last position (overprinting each other).

Table 6-11 contains several of the terminal form control characters:

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Table 6-11  
Form Control Characters

| Octal Code | Control Character | Function                           |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 007        | BEL (CTRL G)      | Bell ringer                        |
| 011        | HT (CTRL I)       | Horizontal tab                     |
| 012        | LF (CTRL J)       | Line feed or line space (new line) |
| 013        | VT (CTRL K)       | Vertical tab                       |
| 014        | FF (CTRL L)       | Form feed to head of form          |
| 015        | CR (CTRL M)       | Carriage return                    |

When it has transferred all of the data from all of the items listed in the statement, a carriage return and linefeed character are automatically appended onto the data. The WITH NO ADVANCING phrase suppresses this appending operation.

### NOTE

The WITH NO ADVANCING phrase is an extension to the ANS-74 standard.

## 6.8 FILE COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

All files generated by other programming languages are compatible with COBOL provided that they were generated using Record Management Services. Files generated by other file systems must conform to Record Management Services formats.

### 6.8.1 Writing Files For Other Programming Languages

PDP-11 COBOL writes files that can be read only by languages using the Record Management Services system interface for user program I/O. When creating a file that is to be read by a language, that does not use the Record Management Services interface (i.e., BASIC-PLUS), adhere to the following restrictions:

- Ensure that the file has sequential file organization.
- Ensure that the file is not a COBOL print-file (no LINAGE or APPLY PRINT-CONTROL clauses are applicable to the file). Printer control is handled differently by each PDP-11 programming language.
- Do not use the ADVANCING option in WRITE statements when creating the file.

The file may contain fixed-length or variable-length records, and the records should only contain only printable ASCII character data.

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### 6.8.2 Reading Files Written in Other Programming Languages

PDP-11 COBOL reads files that were written only by languages using the Record Management Services system interface for user program I/O. Before reading a file that was written by another language that does not use the Record Management Services interface, be certain that the file meets the following restrictions:

- Ensure that the file is an ASCII file.
- Ensure that the file does not have a carriage control attribute (the FORTRAN carriage control file attribute must not be set).

FORTRAN meets these restrictions when it writes ASCII (not binary) data with formatted WRITE statements. However, the user must disable the carriage control attributes in the OPEN statement for the file.

```
CALL OPEN (UNIT=n, CARRIAGE CONTROL="NONE"  
          .  
          .  
          .  
WRITE (n,100) list  
FORMAT (.....)
```

BASIC+2 is capable of reading and writing all Record Management Services files. Therefore, files written by BASIC+2 programs are compatible with COBOL.

BASIC-PLUS meets all of these restrictions when it writes a formatted ASCII (sometimes called sequential) file as described in the BASIC-PLUS Language Manual. PDP-11 COBOL cannot read BASIC-PLUS Virtual Array files.

### 6.8.3 Data File Transportability

The user who wishes to transport data files from one language processor to another or from one system to another (RSX-11M to RSTS/E or vice versa) should be careful to write such files using the Record Management Services. Record Management Services is the only file interface used by PDP-11 COBOL.

Non-printable ASCII characters are subject to misinterpretation by the different language processors and operating system utilities. If, for example, COBOL were to write records which contained COMPUTATIONAL (binary) data items, the values these items could contain would be written in the file in the same binary format as represented in the computer. Such binary values may look like non-printable ASCII characters such as CR, LF, CTRL/Z, escape, which could cause system utilities to perform in an unpredictable manner while processing the records.

Other ways that non-printable ASCII characters can get into a file are:

1. having data definitions that contain the USAGE IS INDEX clause;
2. moving HIGH-VALUES or LOW-VALUES;
3. moving any redefinition of a COMP or USAGE IS INDEX field;



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4. reading a data file that contains non-printable ASCII characters;
5. having multiple record definitions of varying sizes and filling a shorter record area then writing a longer one. (The excess characters, not filled, may be non-printing.)

This list is not complete. There are many other ways for non-printing ASCII characters to find their ways into printable ASCII files.

### 6.9 PROCESSING I/O ERRORS - USE STATEMENT

The USE statement provides COBOL programs with a way to process I/O errors. It allows the program to specify possible recovery steps following the I/O handling procedures performed by the software.

When a COBOL program contains a USE procedure and an I/O error occurs, the OTS and Record Management Services execute their standard I/O error handling procedures and then transfer control to the procedure following the USE statement. (For further information concerning run-time I/O errors, see section 12.3.)

Consider the following sample coding. When either THOREAU or ARTICHOKE causes an I/O error, the OTS executes its standard I/O error procedures and then transfers control to the paragraph (or paragraphs) that follow the USE statement.

```
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
DECLARATIVES.  
REPAIR SECTION.  
    USE AFTER STANDARD ERROR PROCEDURE  
        ON THOREAU ARTICHOKE.  
DISPLAY-ERROR.  
IF ...
```

The paragraphs following the USE statement may contain any valid COBOL statement, except for the following:

1. Those statements that refer to a procedure outside of the DECLARATIVES. (Any attempt to transfer control out of the DECLARATIVES causes the OTS to abort the program.)
2. Those statements that would cause the USE procedure being executed to be invoked again. (Recursive USE procedures cause the OTS to abort the program.)

USE procedures are executed in the same manner PERFORM ranges in Procedure Division coding. Therefore, paragraphs with the USE procedure section should follow all rules specified for paragraphs within PERFORM ranges. For further information on PERFORM ranges, see Use of the PERFORM Statement in Chapter 7 of this guide.)

If a status key is declared for the file in error, all status information is made available for processing in the USE procedure.

## CHAPTER 7

### GOOD PROGRAMMING PRACTICES

#### 7.1 FORMATTING THE SOURCE PROGRAM

Since most COBOL programs are usually long, the programmer needs techniques that will help him to simplify and improve the readability of his COBOL programs. The guidelines in this chapter, if followed, will help produce source programs that are easy to read and maintain.

Before considering these guidelines, consider the reference formats that are available with PDP-11 COBOL:

1. the Conventional (ANS) format, and
2. the Terminal format.

Although the Conventional format produces ANS compatible programs, it also produces source printouts that are somewhat more cluttered than those produced by the Terminal format. These guidelines, therefore, recommend the use of Terminal format and all of the following suggestions and examples assume the use of that format. Besides the obvious advantage of an uncluttered printout, the Terminal format has other programming advantages:

1. it requires less storage area;
2. it requires no line numbers;
3. its statements may be aligned with tab characters.

Further, whenever required, the REFORMAT utility program will convert Terminal format programs to the Conventional format. (The REFORMAT utility program is discussed in Chapter 11).

The following suggestions should help to further simplify even the most complicated source programs.

1. Begin division, section, and paragraph names in column 1. Although these names may start anywhere in Area A, aligning them in column 1 produces a much more readable listing. When required, place the \* and - in column 1. (Column 1 then becomes column 0.)
2. Insert a blank line, or one or more comment lines (describing the purpose of the file) before each SELECT statement in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph. Place the phrases of the SELECT statement on separate lines and begin each of them in column 5 (use the tab character to skip over Area A). Consider the following illustration of a typical SELECT statement:

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|         |                                                                                                            |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AREA A  | AREA B                                                                                                     |
| 1 . . . | 5 . . . . .<br>SELECT MASTER-FILE<br>ASSIGN TO "DK1:"<br>ORGANIZATION IS RELATIVE<br>ACCESS IS SEQUENTIAL. |

- Place the phrases of the file description statement on separate lines and begin each of them in column 5. (Use the tab to skip over Area A.) Consider the following illustration of a typical file description entry:

|               |                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AREA A        | AREA B                                                                                                                       |
| 1 . . .<br>FD | 5 . . . . .<br>MASTER-FILE<br>LABEL RECORDS ARE STANDARD<br>VALUE OF ID IS MASTER-FILE-NAME<br>DATA RECORD IS MASTER-RECORD. |

- In both the File and Working-Storage sections, begin all 01 level items in column 1.

Indent, by four columns, all subordinate items with higher-valued level numbers. (For example, if the item that is subordinate to a 01-level record description is 05, begin the record description level number in column 1 and the 05 level number in column 5.) Use the tab character for the first indentation, a tab and four spaces for the second, two tabs for the third, etc. When indented in this manner, the listing will show, clearly and neatly, the hierarchical relationships of all of the data names in the program as well as their level number values.

Increment level numbers by 5; then later, if it becomes necessary to insert additional group items, they may be inserted without having to change the level numbers of all items that are subordinate to that group.

If desired, write the level numbers as single digits (such as 1 instead of 01).

Use level number 01 instead of 77 in the Working-Storage Section. (77, as a level number has the same meaning as 01, and 77 may eventually be omitted from the COBOL standard.)

Since all elementary items, except for index data items, require PICTURE clauses, these clauses fill a good part of the source program listing. However, the PICTURE clause itself may be simplified to enhance the listing's readability as follows:

- use PIC as an abbreviation for PICTURE,
- omit the noiseword IS, and
- align the PIC clauses on successive lines. (Use the tab character to align the clauses.)

- Put all paragraph name declarations in the Procedure Division on lines separate from the statements in the paragraph. This not only makes the program more readable, it also makes modification of the first statement in the paragraph easier.

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6. Follow all imperative statements with a period, making them 1-statement sentences. Place only one statement on a line. In addition to making the lines shorter and more readable, this will prove quite helpful when debugging the program. For example, if the program contains a coding error, it will be on one line and therefore easier to modify without affecting the other portions of the sentence; further, the diagnostic messages will refer to the correct line and their meanings will be clearer.

Since left-aligned statements in any program enhance the readability of that program, develop the habit of starting all COBOL sentences in column 5. (Use the tab character to skip over Area A.) Some statements, however, should be further indented, as explained in the following paragraphs.

7. If the true path of a conditional statement contains another conditional statement or more than one imperative statement, place all statements in the true path on lines immediately following the conditional statement and indent them to show their dependence upon that statement. Consider the following illustration of an IF statement and its true path:

```
IF COMPUTED-TAX > TAX-LIMIT
  SUBTRACT TAX-LIMIT FROM COMPUTED-TAX GIVING EXCESS-TAX
  MOVE TAX-LIMIT TO COMPUTED-TAX
  ADD EXCESS-TAX TO TOTAL-EXCESS-TAX.
```

If the statement has an ELSE (or false) path, align the word ELSE under the preceding IF and indent all statements that are dependent on the ELSE statement. Thus:

```
IF condition
  true path statement
  true path statement
  . . .
ELSE
  false path statement
  false path statement.
```

Be sure to place the period after the last statement only!

Another good method for simplifying conditionals is to write only a single imperative statement in the true or false path. If the path requires more statements, place them in a separate paragraph and either PERFORM the paragraph from the path or GO to it. This technique avoids the possibility of inadvertently placing a period at the end of a statement within the path, thereby terminating it prematurely.

When writing a GO TO ... DEPENDING statement, place each procedure name on a separate line and indent them all. Consider the readability of the following sample statement:

```
GO TO P35
      P40
      P45
      P60
      P65
      DEPENDING ON P-SWITCH.
```

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8. When grouping statements into paragraphs and sections, use the following organizational ideas:

Group together logical units of processing into a section. Select a section name that reflects the type of processing being conducted within that section (such as TAX-COMPUTATION SECTION, PRINT-LINE-FORMATTER SECTION, etc.). Follow the section name with sufficient comment lines to explain the processing that is carried out by the statements within that section.

Make paragraph names as short and simple as possible. A numbered abbreviation of the section name often suffices. Thus the paragraph names in the TAX-COMPUTATION section might be TC10, TC20, TC30, etc. Use paragraph names sparingly, placing them only where the true and false paths of conditional statements require branch points for GO TO statements. If the temptation arises to give a paragraph a longer name in an attempt to reflect the type of processing in that paragraph, use comment lines instead. (Comment lines usually convey more information, more clearly.)

When using simple numbered paragraph names, assign increasing numeric characters to sequential paragraphs. If the numeric portion of the names increases by 5 or 10, new ones may be inserted later without disturbing the sequence of the names.

Do not use the PERFORM verb in the form, PERFORM a THRU b. If the paragraphs a thru b must be performed, place them in a section by themselves and PERFORM the section, thus avoiding the use of the THRU option.

Place single paragraphs that are to be performed into sections and use the section name as the object of PERFORM verbs. Then, if future design changes introduce complicated conditional logic into the paragraph, requiring additional paragraph names, the PERFORM statements need not be altered.

The preceding guidelines divide the Procedure Division into modular blocks of coding. If these guidelines are used, the following additional techniques may be applied.

- a. Restrict entry to all sections through the first statement of the section by use of a GO TO, a PERFORM, or a "fall through" from the preceding section;
- b. Ensure that all GO TO statements refer to only section names or paragraph names that are internal to the section containing the GO TO statement.

### 7.2 USE OF PUNCTUATION

Avoid using the COBOL punctuation characters, comma and semicolon. They lend little to the readability of programs that have their statements neatly aligned, as discussed earlier in this chapter. Further, it is quite easy to misuse these characters, which can cause serious errors for many compilers. (Other compilers either ignore incorrect punctuation characters or flag them with warning messages.) At best, even when used correctly and in the proper places, they have no effect on the meaning of the program.

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### 7.3 USE OF THE ALTER STATEMENT

Avoid using the ALTER statement to change the flow of control in a program. It is impossible to test the setting of an alterable GO statement except by executing it. Also, unless explicit comments accompany an alterable GO statement, it is difficult to tell whether or not it is referenced by ALTER statements or what the possible destinations might be. All of this makes debugging programs that contain these statements quite difficult. There are two other techniques that may be used in their place:

1. If control branches one of two ways (i.e., a binary switch), write the switch as a conditional variable. Consider the following sample coding:

```
01 P-SWITCH PIC S9 COMP VALUE 0.  
88 NO-PRINT VALUE 1.
```

```
MOVE 1 TO P-SWITCH  
.  
.  
.  
IF NO-PRINT GO TO P40.
```

```
P40.  
MOVE 0 TO P-SWITCH.
```

2. If control branches more than two ways, use MOVE statements to place integers into a data item, and a GO TO ... DEPENDING ... statement to test the data item and branch accordingly. Consider the following sample coding:

```
01 P-SWITCH PIC S9999 COMP VALUE 0.
```

```
.  
.  
MOVE 1 TO P-SWITCH  
.  
.  
MOVE 3 TO P-SWITCH.  
.  
.  
GO TO  
PART-TIME  
PIECE-WORK  
HOURLY  
SALARIED-WEEKLY  
SALARIED-OTHER  
DEPENDING ON P-SWITCH.  
* FALL THROUGH IS A BUG  
DISPLAY "?17".  
STOP RUN.
```

### 7.4 USE OF THE PERFORM STATEMENT

The general rules for the PERFORM statement are augmented with the following rules:

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1. The endpoint of a section and the endpoint of the last paragraph in the same section are two distinct points. This means that it is possible to execute a PERFORM of the section, then while that PERFORM is still active, to execute a PERFORM of the last paragraph.
2. On the start of a PERFORM, if the end point of the new PERFORM is the end point of an already active PERFORM, the OTS aborts the task and issues an error message.
3. At the end of any procedure, a check is made to see if the procedure being ended is the end of the most recent PERFORM range. If so, the most recent PERFORM range is exited. If not, the end point of the most recent procedure is checked against the end point of all currently active PERFORMs. If the end point of the procedure is the end point of any currently active PERFORM range, the OTS issues an error message and aborts the task because the perform ranges are not being exited in the reverse of the order in which they were entered.

### NOTE

The OTS error messages are discussed in Section 12.4, Run-time Error Messages.

## 7.5 USE OF LEVEL 88 CONDITION-NAMES

Condition-names provide a convenient method for testing a value or range of values in a field. The use of condition-names makes programs easier to maintain, because it ensures a uniform method of testing fields and helps to reduce recoding when the specifications of the program change.

The following example illustrates the use of condition-names and shows the advantages inherent in their use.

Suppose the records of a file each describe a student in an educational institution (or an employee in a corporation). Some of the records contain categories of information which are not present in other records. A "code" field, which contains a digit or letter, indicates the presence (or type) of some categories; while a special value in the information itself (such as a numeric value being zero, negative, or maximum) indicates the presence of other categories. The processing of such a record may vary considerably depending on these indicator fields. The fields may require interrogation at various points in the program, and the interrogation may require more than a simple relation test.

Consider a "code" field that holds one of seven values, coded as a mnemonic character. For example, S,1,2,3,4,G,P might be seven values that indicate student categories of Special, 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year, Graduate, and Postgraduate. The field is described as follows:

05 STUDENT-CATEGORY PIC X.

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Program logic requires certain processing for enrolled undergraduates, different processing for special students, and still different processing for all students except enrolled undergraduates. Without the aid of condition-names, statements might be written as follows to resolve this problem:

```
IF STUDENT-CATEGORY = "S" ...

IF STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT LESS THAN "1"
  IF STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT GREATER THAN "4" ...

IF STUDENT-CATEGORY EQUAL TO "G" NEXT SENTENCE
  ELSE IF STUDENT-CATEGORY EQUAL TO "P"
    NEXT SENTENCE ELSE GO TO ...
```

However, if various level 88 entries follow the STUDENT-CATEGORY description, as shown below, condition-names can simplify this coding.

```
05 STUDENT-CATEGORY PIC X.
   88 UNDERGRADUATE VALUE "1" THRU "4".
   88 SPECIAL-STUDENT VALUE "S".
   88 GRAD-STUDENT VALUE "G" "P".
   88 SENIOR VALUE "4".
   88 NON-DEGREE-STUDENT VALUE "S" "P".
```

Now, the following procedural statements can solve the problem:

```
IF SPECIAL-STUDENT ...
IF UNDERGRADUATE ...
IF GRAD-STUDENT ...
```

Procedural statements with condition-names are much easier to read and debug than those containing the complete test. For example, the procedural statements, IF UNDERGRADUATE ..., and IF STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT LESS THAN "1" IF STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT GREATER THAN "4" both accomplish the same thing, but the first statement is simpler and less confusing.

In addition, the statement, IF NOT UNDERGRADUATE ... can test the category of not being an undergraduate, which is equivalent to any one of the following statements:

```
IF NOT (STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT < "1" AND
        STUDENT-CATEGORY NOT > "4") ...

or

IF STUDENT-CATEGORY < "1" OR
   STUDENT-CATEGORY > "4" ...

or

IF STUDENT-CATEGORY < "1" NEXT SENTENCE
  ELSE IF STUDENT-CATEGORY > "4" NEXT SENTENCE
    ELSE GO TO ...
```

Statements such as these are tedious to write and a frequent source of coding errors. Further, if a change creates a new student category, the recoding takes more time and is even more error prone. A careful and controlled use of condition-names forces a higher degree of programming control and checkout. If the program logic does require the modification of the STUDENT-CATEGORY field, it can even be named FILLER thus removing the opportunity to shortcut the use of condition-names.



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To apply condition-names, follow the description of the item to be tested with a level 88 entry. The item being tested, known as the conditional variable (STUDENT-CATEGORY in the preceding illustrations), may be either DISPLAY or COMPUTATIONAL usage, but not INDEX usage; it may also be a group item.

The compiler stores all of the values supplied by the level 88 entries in the object program exactly as written. (They are pooled with all of the literals from the Procedure Division.) A value supplied by a level 88 entry for a conditional variable of COMPUTATIONAL usage is stored in binary format to save conversion at object time. The compiler stores all other values as byte strings with the proper attributes. It does not make the level 88 entries equal to their conditional-variables in size. This means that it neither truncates nor pads (with spaces) non-numeric literals. Further, it neither truncates nor pads (with zeros) numeric literals, but stores them as written or, if converted to binary, in the minimum size COMP item that will hold the converted value. It stores signs as trailing overpunches on numeric DISPLAY literals, and removes and remembers decimal points.

Do not enter level 88 items under group items that have subordinate entries containing any of the following clauses: SYNCHRONIZED, JUSTIFIED, COMPUTATIONAL, INDEX.

### 7.6 USE OF QUALIFIED REFERENCES

#### 7.6.1 Qualified Data References

The COBOL language provides facilities to define and reference user-defined data items. Data items are programmer-defined variables declared in the Data Division of a COBOL program. Such variables include, among others, file record descriptions and internal working areas. These data items are processed by procedural statements such as the WRITE, MOVE, and ADD statements. Procedural operations on these data are facilitated through references to the data items by name. For example, to update a variable, YTD-GROSS-PAY, by a weekly gross pay amount WEEKLY-GROSS, write the program fragment shown in Figure 7-1.

```

      .
      .
      .
      WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
      01 YTD-GROSS-PAY PIC 9(5)V99.
      01 WEEKLY-GROSS PIC 999V99.
      .
      .
      .
      ADD WEEKLY-GROSS TO YTD-GROSS-PAY.
```

Figure 7-1  
Unqualified Data Item Reference

In this example, YTD-GROSS-PAY and WEEKLY-GROSS are defined in the Working Storage Section of the Data Division as COBOL variables with a level number of 01. The variable representing the "year-to-date gross

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pay (YTD-GROSS-PAY)" is computed by incrementing its present value by the "weekly gross pay (WEEKLY-GROSS)" amount through reference to the appropriate data items in the ADD statement. References are made to the data items by the singular, unqualified names of YTD-GROSS-PAY and WEEKLY-GROSS. Since YTD-GROSS-PAY and WEEKLY-GROSS are defined with level numbers of 01 in the Working Storage Section, these variables must be unique in their spelling and, hence, can only be referenced by the spelling of each data item's name without any COBOL qualification.

The example in Figure 7-1 is artificial because the data item representing the "year-to-date gross pay" is defined as a level 1 variable in the Working Storage Section. More realistically, YTD-GROSS-PAY is defined as a field within an employee payroll record residing on an external master payroll file. The process of updating the "year-to-date gross pay" by a "weekly gross pay" amount is shown more appropriately in Figure 7-2.

```
.  
. .  
. .  
FILE SECTION.  
FD MASTER-IN  
  LABEL RECORD IS STANDARD  
  VALUE OF ID IS "MASTER.PAY".  
01 PAY-RECORD.  
  03 NAME PIC X(30).  
  03 EMPLOYEE-NO PIC 9(9).  
  03 YTD-GROSS-PAY PIC 9(5)V99.  
. .  
. .  
FD MASTER-OUT  
  LABEL RECORD IS STANDARD  
  VALUE OF ID IS "MASTER.PAY".  
01 PAY-RECORD.  
  03 NAME PIC X(30).  
  03 EMPLOYEE-NO PIC 9(9).  
  03 YTD-GROSS-PAY PIC 9(5)V99.  
. .  
. .  
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.  
01 WEEKLY-GROSS PIC 999V99.  
. .  
. .  
PROCEDURE DIVISION.  
INIT.  
  OPEN INPUT MASTER-IN.  
  OPEN OUTPUT MASTER-OUT.  
. .  
. .  
  ADD WEEKLY-GROSS, YTD-GROSS-PAY OF MASTER-IN  
    GIVING YTD-GROSS-PAY OF MASTER-OUT.  
. .  
. .
```

Figure 7-2  
Qualified Data Item Reference

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In this example, YTD-GROSS-PAY is defined as a field in both the input and output record descriptions. There are two separate data items whose spellings are identical.

To reference each data item, it is necessary to qualify the name of each data item with sufficient information to constitute a unique reference. Thus, to reference the "year-to-date gross pay" amount in the output record, we write "YTD-GROSS-PAY OF MASTER-OUT" where such a reference is called a qualified reference. The filename MASTER-OUT is functioning as a qualifier in the reference. The reserved word "OF" is the qualification connector and may be used interchangeably with the reserved word "IN" in this context. Another way of referencing the same data item is to write "YTD-GROSS-PAY OF PAY-RECORD IN MASTER-OUT". This reference is called a completely qualified reference because all possible qualifiers are specified in the reference. A reference of the form "YTD-GROSS-PAY" or "YTD-GROSS-PAY OF PAY-RECORD" is illegal since it does not uniquely identify which of the two data items is desired. Such a reference is termed an ambiguous reference.

In the area of data item definition and referencing, COBOL is unlike other languages such as FORTRAN and ALGOL 60. While FORTRAN requires each data item to have a unique name (i.e., no two data items may have a name of identical spelling), COBOL relaxes this requirement to the extent that each data item must be uniquely referable. That is, two or more data items may have their names spelled identically, but there must exist a way to reference each distinct data item. Thus, there is a distinction between a data item and its name. Central to understanding this distinction is understanding the concept of unique referability.

The functionalities of data item definition and referencing may be understood by stating three guidelines which relate the concepts of data item definition, reference format, and unique referability.

### 7.6.2 Guideline 1 (Data Item Definition)

Each data item has a name. Each name is immediately preceded by an associated positive integer called its level number. A name either refers to an elementary item or else it is the name of a group of one or more items whose names follow. In the latter case, each item in the group must have the same level number, which must be greater than the level number of the group item.

### 7.6.3 Guideline 2 (Reference Format)

Data-name qualification is performed by following a data-name or condition-name by one or more phrases of a qualifier preceded by IN or OF. IN and OF are logically equivalent. The general format of a qualified reference to an elementary item or group of items named "name-0" is given in Figure 7-3.

name-0 OF name-1...OF name-m

Figure 7-3  
General Format of a Qualified Data Reference

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where  $m \geq 0$  and where, for  $0 \leq j < m$ , name- $j$  is the name of some item contained directly or indirectly within a group item named "name- $j+1$ ". A reference of the form given in Figure 7-3 is called a (partially) qualified reference with name-1, name-2, ..., name- $m$  being called qualifiers. Such a reference is termed a completely qualified reference if "name- $j+1$ " is the father of name- $j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$ .

In the hierarchy of qualification, names associated with an FD indicator are the most significant, then the names associated with level-number 01, then names associated with level-number 02, ..., 49. The most significant name in the hierarchy must be unique and cannot be qualified. Subscripted or indexed data-names, unsubscripted data-names, and condition variables may be made unique by qualification. The name of a condition variable can be used as a qualifier for any of its condition-names. Enough qualification must be mentioned to make the reference unique; however, it may not be necessary to mention all levels of the hierarchy as the example in Figure 7-2 demonstrates.

### 7.6.4 Guideline 3 (Unique Referability)

If more than one data item is defined with the same name "name-0", there must be a way to refer to each use of the name by using qualification. That is, each definition of "name-0" must be uniquely referable. A data item is uniquely referable if the complete set of qualifiers for the data item are not identical to any partial (including complete) set of qualifiers for another data item.

### 7.6.5 Qualified Procedure References

The facility of qualification may be applied to procedure references. A procedure name is either a paragraph or section name. By definition, a paragraph name is unique only within a section containing the paragraph while, on the other hand, section names must be unique within a COBOL program. The general format of a qualified procedure reference is shown in Figure 7-4.

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| paragraph-name OF section-name |
|--------------------------------|

Figure 7-4  
General Format of a Qualified Procedure Reference

A paragraph name may be qualified by its containing section name; a section name may never be qualified in a procedure reference. When a paragraph name is referenced without an explicit section name qualifier, the paragraph name is implicitly qualified by the appropriate section name.

If a paragraph name is unique within a COBOL program it is not necessary to qualify the paragraph name in the procedure reference. Finally, if a paragraph name is not unique within a COBOL program, the paragraph name must be qualified in a procedure reference when the reference is made outside of the section which contains the paragraph.

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### 7.6.6 Qualification and Compiler Performance

Qualification is a powerful language facility for the development of COBOL programs. Used wisely, it increases the readability of COBOL programs. However, the user pays a price for utilization of this facility in terms of a slower compilation rate (i.e., COBOL source lines per unit of time).

Qualification requires a tree-structured symbol table at compile-time. The time required for building and looking up on a tree-structured symbol table is considerably longer than for a non-tree-structured symbol table. This translates into a general degradation of compiler performance. If qualification is not employed in a program compiled by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler, compilation speed is not affected. However, when qualification is used, the compilation rate slows down due to the additional system overhead.

In general, if there are deeper levels of qualification, there will be a slower compilation. This is especially so at the end of the Data Division text where duplicate data-name declarations are detected by the compiler. Object-time performance is not affected by usage of the qualification facility.

## CHAPTER 8

### PDP-11 COBOL UTILITY PROGRAMS

#### 8.1 COBRG (COBOL REPORT GENERATOR)

##### 8.1.1 Introduction

The COBRG program provides a simple mechanism for producing printed reports from data files. And, although it may be tempting to design and write personally tailored report generating algorithms, it is usually easier and faster to use this utility program.

Most personally tailored programs that produce printed reports adhere to the following pattern:

1. The program reads an input file that has been sorted on any number of keys;
2. It prints the contents of certain fields from each input record on a printed report (usually the fields are in designated columns with a heading on each page to label the columns);
3. It keeps running totals in accumulators to be printed on the report (and zeroed for new summations) whenever designated fields change values, thus developing and printing subtotals at the end of each section or subsection of the report;
4. Finally, at the end of the input file, it prints cumulative totals for the entire report.

An analysis of typical report generating programs would show that they contain several of the following elements:

- Description of the page headings;
- Description of the input and output files;
- Set of rules for moving information from the input records to the detail print lines;
- Set of rules for adding values into accumulators;
- Set of rules for monitoring the sort keys for value changes;
- Set of rules for constructing and printing the accumulator values.

The COBRG utility program features input specification lines which provide all of the preceding elements. COBRG uses these specification

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lines to produce a tailored COBOL source program. This program, when compiled and executed, generates the actual report. The following list contains a brief description of the input specification lines along with the information each provides:

- NAME Specification -- provides the program name and the description of the input and output files;
- INPUT Specification -- provides a description of the records in the input file;
- OUTPUT Specification -- provides a description of the records in the output file (detail lines and total messages);
- HEADER Specification -- provides a description of the page headers;
- BREAK Specification -- provides monitoring information for all control break fields;
- ACCUMULATOR Specification -- provides information on all fields to be added and sets up accumulators to contain the sums;
- TOTAL Specification -- provides information on accumulators that are to be moved directly to control footing print lines;
- EMIT Specification -- provides textual information for explaining the totals on control footing lines;
- LIST Specification -- provides detail line listing (output) information.

Subsequent sections of this chapter describe, in detail, these specification lines. For illustration purposes, sample entries for preparing a sample report accompany the rules for forming the lines. A description of the sample problem follows.

### 8.1.2 COBRG Sample Problem

The input file contains sales information. Each record within this file contains the customer's name and location, along with the sales to that customer for a given period. A previous sort run has sorted the file on three location keys; a CITY key, a STATE key, and a REGIONAL key.

Management requires a report which lists all of their customers, shows the sales to those customers, and provides subtotals for each city, for each state, and for each region.

The input file contains 80-character records organized as follows:

```
01 INPUT-RECORD.
   05 CUSTOMER-NAME      PIC X(20).
   05 CUSTOMER-ADDRESS  PIC X(20).
   05 CITY                PIC X (10).
   05 STATE              PIC XX.
   05 ZIP                 PIC X(5).
   05 REGION             PIC X.
   05 SALES              PIC S9(10)V99.
   05 OTHER-DATA        PIC X(10).
```

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The preceding sort run sorted the file on REGION as the major sort key, STATE as the secondary sort key, and CITY as the minor sort key. Thus, for example, if Region 1 is New England, Connecticut will probably be first (CT), and the cities of Bridgeport, Hartford, and Waterbury, if present, will appear in that order. (Section 9.1.6.4 shows the first 50 records of the file.)

### 8.1.3 COBRG Specification Lines

Before COBRG can produce a report-generating COBOL source program, it requires a file containing one or more sets of the specification lines discussed earlier. These specification lines describe the report or reports to be produced by the compiled source program. The user must ensure that they are filled out completely and accurately, as indicated in this and following sections.

Use a comma to separate each parameter in a specification line from the next and a carriage return to terminate each complete specification line.

Although the COBRG program requires most of the parameters in a specification line, some of them may be omitted. (This chapter denotes those that may be omitted and explains the circumstances for omission.) To omit a parameter from the middle of the line, enter a comma in its place. This comma, following the separator comma of the preceding parameter, notifies the software that a parameter is missing. If the omission occurs at the end of the line, simply enter the usual carriage return (the software requires no additional missing-parameter indicator at the end of a line).

The first parameter of every line identifies the type of specification line and should be placed in column 1. The comma following this parameter is optional.

Since COBRG generates COBOL source language programs containing COBRG-generated data and procedure names, avoid using names that conflict with the generated names. Consider them as an extension of the COBOL reserved word list.

The following generated names, in addition to the standard PDP-11 COBOL reserved words, cannot be used as data-names in the COBRG specification of the input and output files.

|                 |               |               |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCUMULATOR-x-n | LEVEL-x-BREAK | PRINT-LINE    |
| BEGIN           | LEVEL-n-SW    | PRINT-CH-n    |
| FINISH          | L-PRINT       | PRINT-DETAIL  |
| HEADER          | OUTPUT-LINE   | PRINT-n       |
| HEADER-PAGE     | PAGE-COUNT    | READ-IN       |
| IN-FILE         | PL-EXIT       | RESET-LEVEL-x |
| LEVEL-x-ACS     | PL-HDR        | SAVE-nn       |

#### NOTE

n may be any number from 0-9; x may be any number from 0-9 or F.

**8.1.3.1 NAME Specification** - This specification line must be the first specification in the input sequence. It provides the name of the COBOL source program and describes the input file and the output file (the report). In fact, the NAME specification supplies



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parameters for setting up the IDENTIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT, and DATA DIVISIONS of the COBOL source program. It must contain the following entries:

- Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter N to identify this line as the NAME specification.
- Parameter 2 -- Program name. Enter a unique name, up to nine characters long, to identify the COBOL source program.
- Parameter 3 -- Input blocking factor (optional). Enter the blocking factor for the input data file. If this parameter is omitted or zero, the software assumes that the file is not blocked.
- Parameter 4 -- Input file specification. Enter the complete file specification for the input file, with delimiting quotes.
- Parameter 5 -- Output file specification. Enter the complete file specification for the output file, with delimiting quotes.
- Parameter 6 -- Author (optional). Enter your name (up to 20 characters long). This parameter may be omitted.

The following entries would satisfactorily complete the NAME specification line for the sample program:

|           |   |          |          |                  |          |                |          |              |          |                |
|-----------|---|----------|----------|------------------|----------|----------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|
|           |   | <u>N</u> | <u>,</u> | <u>COBRGTEST</u> | <u>,</u> | <u>"SALES"</u> | <u>,</u> | <u>"LP:"</u> | <u>,</u> | <u>F.X.DOE</u> |
| Parameter | } | ↑        | ↑        | ↑                | ↑        | ↑              | ↑        | ↑            | ↑        | ↑              |
| Numbers   |   | 1        | 2        | 3                | 4        | 5              | 6        |              |          |                |

8.1.3.2 **INPUT Specifications** - The NAME specification line has already described the input file; now all of the records in the file must be described. The INPUT specification lines provide the software with the names and descriptions of the records and fields of the input file.

These specifications are simply individual lines of a complete COBOL record description; however, each line begins with an I in character position one.

- Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter I to identify this line as an INPUT specification.
- Parameter 2 -- Data description. Enter one line of a COBOL data description, including the level-number, data-name, and PICTURE clause. If the record description already exists in a library file, enter the word COPY, followed by the name of the library file.

Since the software requires several INPUT specification lines to complete one record description, the record description (01-level) must be presented to the software first, with the field descriptions following in the same order as they appear in the record; however, the software requires only the names of those fields that are to be used in the report. All others may be described as FILLER items.



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it is lower than the level-number of the fields in the record). Then, use the same level-number for the redefined record. Consider the entries below for the sample program: Level 03 defines the records and 05 defines the fields. COBRG will subordinate both record areas to 01 OUTPUT-LINE.

If the record description already exists in a library file, enter the word COPY, followed by the name of the library file.

Since the software requires several OUTPUT specification lines to complete one detail line, any record-name entry must be presented to COBRG first, with the field descriptions following in the same order as they are to appear on the report. Use FILLER items to separate the various fields. (All FILLER items will be space filled on the report.) The following OUTPUT specification entries would satisfactorily complete the description of one detail line of the report for the sample program, as well as a message line for the control footing totals. The message line, which must be described on an EMIT specification, redefines the detail record area. (EMIT specifications are discussed later in this chapter.)

```
003  DETAIL-LINE.
0    05  PRINT-COMPANY      PIC X(20).
0    05  FILLER             PIC XX.
0    05  PRINT-CITY        PIC X(10).
0    05  FILLER             PIC XX.
0    05  PRINT-STATE       PIC XX.
0    05  FILLER             PIC XX.
0    05  PRINT-SALES       PIC Z,ZZZ,ZZZ,ZZZ.ZZ-.
003  CFLINE REDEFINES DETAIL-LINE.
0    05  MESS1              PIC X(20).
0    05  ACCOUNT           PIC ZZZZZ.
0    05  MESS2              PIC X(13).
0    05  FILLER             PIC X(22).
```

1                      2

If a library file (named, for example, PRTLIN.LIB) already existed which contained these entries, the following OUTPUT specification would satisfactorily complete the record description:

```
OCOPY PRTLIN.
```

1                      2

COBRG strips off the O and places each line in the WORKING-STORAGE Section of the COBOL source program under the 01-level entry for the output record. Hence, all rules for the formation of data descriptions in the WORKING-STORAGE Section apply.

COBRG does not check the contents of the OUTPUT specifications for correct COBOL syntax, therefore, any coding errors will not be discovered until the COBOL compiler compiles the source program.

If OUTPUT Specifications contain horizontal tab characters, a warning diagnostic (probably harmless) will be issued upon subsequent compilation of the generated program.

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8.1.3.4 **HEADER Specifications** - The **HEADER** specification lines provide COBRG with descriptions of the page headings.

COBRG assumes that the report is to be printed on standard printer forms, and allows 66 lines per page. It prints on only 60 of the lines and leaves three blank lines at the top and three blank lines at the bottom of each page. The first printing line (line 4) may be used as a header line and a number of blank lines may be designated to follow the header line. The remainder of the printing area is called the body of the page and is devoted to printing detail lines and lines that contain totals.

The first **HEADER** specification supplies header data for columns 1 through 60, and the second **HEADER** specification (if required) supplies header data for columns 61 through 132.

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter H to identify this line as the **HEADER** specification.

Parameter 2 -- Page number field size. Enter the size of the field that will contain the page number in the heading line.

Parameter 3 -- Page number location. Enter the number of the starting column for the page number in the heading line.

Parameter 4 -- Blank lines. Enter the number of lines to be left blank after printing the heading line; an entry of 0 indicates no blank lines.

Parameter 5 -- Skip channel (not yet implemented). Enter the number (0-8) of the printer channel to which a skip is to be made after printing the heading line; an entry of 0 indicates no skipping. At present, COBRG treats a non-zero entry as a 1 (top-of-page skip).

Parameter 6 -- Header data. Enter the data to be placed in columns 1 through 60 at the top of each page of the report. Do not include commas within the header. COBRG will not accept imbedded commas since it considers them to be parameter separators.

Parameter 7 -- Page number reset (optional). Enter the break priority number at which the page number is to be reset to 1 (break levels are discussed under **BREAK** Specification in the next section). The page number is always 1 on the first page. If the page number is not to be reset, this parameter can be omitted.

If the information to be printed on the header line exceeds 60 columns, a second **HEADER** specification may be completed to supply up to 72 columns of additional header information. Since the information supplied by parameters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 has already been presented by the first **HEADER** specification, the second one requires only the identification and header data parameters:

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter H to identify this line as a **HEADER** specification.

Parameter 2 -- Header data. Enter the data to be placed in columns 61 through 132 of the header line. Do not include commas within the header.

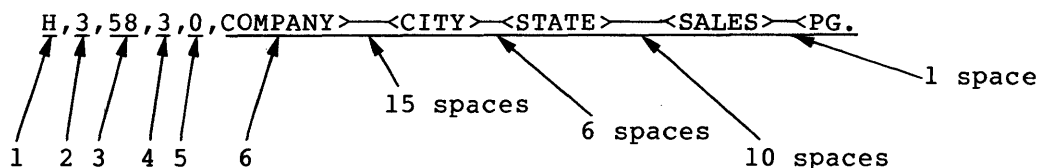
Consider the report to be produced by the sample program. Each detail line requires 60 columns and contains the customer-name, a line

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number, and the sales to that customer. The first detail line after any subtotal line also contains the city and state for the detail lines that follow.

Section 8.1.6.5 provides an example of the desired output format. The HEADER specification, which is the second line of input to COBRG in the sample program, contains a description of the header line and some of the spacing information.

The following HEADER specification entries would satisfactorily complete the description of the report header for the sample program.



### NOTE

The spacing between the words, in parameter 6, aligns the header with the detail lines, thus forming columns.

**8.1.3.5 BREAK Specification** - This specification line provides the information that COBRG requires to monitor the control break fields. Its parameters identify the fields and the levels of those fields within the control break hierarchy; further, its parameters provide the information for any required printer manipulation for control footing.

COBRG considers the entire report as a hierarchy of levels. The lowest level is the control field that is expected to change most often. (The lowest level control field usually corresponds to the minor sort key.) In the sample program, the lowest level control field is the CITY field.

As input records are read and detail lines are printed, the COBOL program supplied by COBRG monitors the control field associated with each level in the report's hierarchy of control fields. When it detects a change in value in a control field (a control break has occurred), it prints a control footing. Control footings contain totals and literal values with spacing requirements (to make them stand out from the detail lines) that may differ from those of the detail lines. Control footings, therefore, usually require separate descriptions which are supplied by Parameters 3 through 6 of this specification.

COBRG accepts up to 25 BREAK specifications completed as discussed below:

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter B to identify this line as the BREAK specification.

Parameter 2 -- Break level. Enter a digit from 0 to 9 or F (for final). The number 0 has the lowest priority and the number 9 has the highest priority. More than one field can have the same priority number, in which case a break of the same level occurs whenever any of those fields change value.

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- Parameter 3 -- Blank lines, before printing. Enter a number from 0 to 9 that represents blank lines to space before printing the control footing; an entry of 0 indicates no spacing.
- Parameter 4 -- Skip channel, before printing (not yet implemented). Enter a number from 0 to 8 that represents the printer control channel to which a skip is to be made before printing the control footing; an entry of 0 indicates no skipping. At present, COBRG treats a non-zero entry as a 1 (top-of-page skip).
- Parameter 5 -- Blank lines, after printing. Enter a number from 0 to 8 that represents the number of blank lines to space after printing the control footing; an entry of 0 indicates no blank lines.
- Parameter 6 -- Skip channel, after printing (not yet implemented). Enter a number from 0 to 8 that represents the printer control channel to which a skip is to be made after printing the control footing; an entry of 0 indicates no skipping. At present, COBRG treats a non-zero entry as a 1 (top-of-page skip).
- Parameter 7 -- Field size. Enter the number of characters or digits in the break field.
- Parameter 8 -- Field name. Enter the name of the break field. The field must be named in (and spelled the same as) the input record description. The following example contains the BREAK specification for the sample program:

```
  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
  ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
B,0,1,0,0,0,10,CITY  
B,1,1,,,,2,STATE  
B,2,1,,,,1,REGION  
B,F,1
```

The COBOL program supplied by COBRG looks for a break on every level from high to low in every input record and when it detects a break, it "forces" breaks to occur at all lower levels, regardless of whether or not it detected breaks at those levels. Therefore, in the sample program (which has the data file arranged so that the last input record for FALMOUTH, MA is followed immediately by the record for FALMOUTH, ME), it would detect a break at the state level (level 1) between the last FALMOUTH, MA record and the first FALMOUTH, ME record and force a break to occur at the city level (level 0).

**8.1.3.6 ACCUMULATOR Specification** - While the object program produced by COBRG is reading input records and printing detail lines, it can also add values from the input record into accumulators and print the totals on control footing lines when control breaks occur. This specification line provides the information that COBRG requires to set up these accumulators. In addition to describing the accumulator (name and size), its parameters also specify the name of the field to be added into the accumulator and, optionally, the name of the field in the detail line print record into which the accumulator is to be moved for detail listing.

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COBRG accepts up to 10 ACCUMULATOR specification lines completed as discussed below:

- Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter A to identify this line as the ACCUMULATOR specification.
- Parameter 2 -- Accumulator number. Enter a unique digit that specifies the accumulator and that can be used to refer to it. Any number from 0-9 may be entered.
- Parameter 3 -- Accumulator size. Enter a number that specifies the size of the accumulator in digits.
- Parameter 4 -- Decimal positions. Enter a number that specifies the number of decimal places in the accumulator.
- Parameter 5 -- Input field. Enter the name of the field in the input record that is to be accumulated; the name may be up to 24 characters long.
- Parameter 6 -- Output field (optional). Enter the name of the field in the printer record into which the accumulator is to be moved for listing on detail lines. If the accumulator is not to be listed on detail lines, omit this parameter.

When determining the accumulator size, ensure that enough integer and decimal positions are reserved. COBRG always provides a signed field for accumulators.

The input field that is to be added to the accumulator (Parameter 5), although usually a field in the input record, does not have to be in the input record at all, but may, in fact, be a literal (without commas) or even a field in the output record. If this field is to appear on a detail line, it must be named in a LIST specification.

The following ACCUMULATOR specifications will set up the accumulators required by the sample program (two are required):

```
A,0,14,2,SALES
  A,1,5,0,1,LINENO
  ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
  1 2 3 4 5 6
```

In the sample problem entries above, accumulator 0 contains a summation of the SALES field from the input records and accumulator 1 contains a count of the detail lines within the lowest level (the program uses this accumulator to number the detail lines); the literal 1, in Parameter 5, is the quantity added to this accumulator for each detail line in the field named LINENO. (Accumulator 0 is not printed on the detail lines.)

Accumulators are numeric fields in the COBOL source program produced by COBRG. By moving them to fields described on the OUTPUT specifications, they can be printed on the report. Further, by using the OUTPUT specification to describe a numeric edit picture, they may be edited with any legal COBOL numeric editing mask.

Each accumulator number requested on this specification line actually causes the software to set up a family of accumulators, one for every defined break level.

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At the beginning of execution of the object program, the software initializes all accumulators to zero values and begins adding the requested fields or literals into the lowest level. Whenever a break occurs on any level, the software adds the contents of the accumulator at the lowest level in the family to the next level accumulator and zeros the lower; this accumulator is then added to the next higher level accumulator and zeroed, and so on up to the level of the break. At the level of each break, the software moves the contents of the accumulator at that level to its associated control footing line, prints the control footing line, adds the contents of that accumulator to the next higher level (or F-level if the break occurred on the highest requested level), and zeros the accumulator. This summing and zeroing of levels upward through the family is called "rolling forward" and is the technique employed by COBRG to acquire cumulative totals.

The TOTAL specification line (discussed in the next sub-section) coordinates the accumulators and break levels, and specifies which accumulators to roll forward and print on which break levels. Of course, all break levels and accumulators coordinated by the TOTAL specification line must have been defined on the BREAK and ACCUMULATOR specification lines respectively.

**8.1.3.7 TOTAL Specification** - This specification line provides the information that COBRG requires to move the accumulated totals to the control footing lines and print them. It supplies COBRG with the number of the accumulator to be printed, the name of the output field into which that accumulator is to be moved, and a list of the control break levels which will cause that accumulator to be rolled forward, moved, and printed.

COBRG accepts up to 50 TOTAL specification lines completed as discussed below:

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter T to identify this line as the TOTAL specification.

Parameter 2 -- Accumulator number. Enter the number of the accumulator that is to be moved into an output field and printed.

Parameter 3 -- Output field. Enter the name of the output field into which the accumulator is to be moved. The name may contain up to 24 characters.

Parameter 4 -- Break numbers. Enter the break numbers (0-9,F) which will cause the accumulator (identified in parameter 2 above) to be printed; do not separate these numbers with commas. An entry of F signifies the final break at the end of input data.

The sample program requires control footings at the CITY, STATE, and REGION levels; as well as a final (national) level at the end of the report. In the control footing caused by the CITY (lowest) level, the program must print the total sales for each city. In the control footing caused by the STATE (second) level, the program must print the total sales for each state, which is actually the sum of that state's CITY totals. Likewise, it must print REGIONAL (the sum of the states within the region), and final (the sum of all the regions) totals.



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The following TOTAL specification entries will complete the description of the totals required by the sample program.

T,0,PRINT-SALES,012F

T,1,ACCOUNT,2F  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
1 2 3 4

(Accumulator 0, in the sample problem, prints in all control footings and will appear beneath the SALES column.)

Consider what happens when the first break occurs at the STATE level in the sample program. Accumulator 0 contains a summation of the SALES field from all of the detail records that have been accessed up to the record that caused the break. The break at the STATE level forces a break to occur on the CITY level (all lower levels). Thus the program produces a control footing for the CITY level followed by a control footing for the STATE level. Step-by-step, the software takes the following actions when it detects the STATE level break.

1. It prepares and prints the control footing for control level 0 (CITY).
2. It rolls forward the level 0 accumulator by adding the contents of that accumulator to the level 1 accumulator and zeroing the level 0 accumulator.
3. It prepares and prints the control footing for control level 1 (STATE) which is the level of the break.
4. It rolls forward the level 1 accumulator by adding the contents of that accumulator to the level 2 (REGION) accumulator and zeroing the level 1 accumulator.
5. It then returns to printing detail lines.

Thus, the program has printed the total of SALES (accumulator 0) for the CITY level, added them to the STATE level, printed them for the STATE level, and added them to the REGION level. The accumulators for the CITY and STATE levels contain zeroes and the REGION level contains the total sales thus far. When the REGION level breaks, the software will add the sum for the last state in the region to the accumulator for the region level, print that sum in a control footing for the region, add the sales for that region to the final level accumulator (F), and zero the region level accumulator.

The control footing lines for all of these totals will probably require additional textual information to explain the totals being printed. The following specification line provides this information.

8.1.3.8 **EMIT Specification** - This specification line provides any textual information required by the control footing totals. It contains the break level and the message to be displayed, as well as the name of the field into which the message is to be moved.

COBRG accepts up to 50 EMIT specification lines completed as discussed below:

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter E to identify this line as the EMIT specification.

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Parameter 2 -- Break number. Enter the break priority number which will cause this message to print with its total line.

Parameter 3 -- Message. Enter the message to be placed on the total line. If the information is an alphanumeric literal, enclose it within quotation marks. If the information is either a numeric literal or a data-name, do not enclose it within quotation marks. COBRG will accept a message length of up to 24 characters including the quotation marks; it will not, however, accept imbedded commas since it considers commas to be parameter separators.

Parameter 4 -- Output field. Enter the name of the output field into which this message is to be moved. (This field must have been defined on an OUTPUT specification.)

The following EMIT specification lines will satisfactorily meet the requirements of the total lines in the sample problem:

```
E,0,"CITY SALES",MESS2
E,1,"STATE SALES",MESS2
E,2,"TOTAL SALES =",MESS2
E,F,"TOTAL SALES =",MESS2
```

↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
1 2 3 4

8.1.3.9 LIST Specification - This specification determines what will be listed on each detail line. It may be thought of as a MOVE statement, and is, in fact, turned into a MOVE statement by the COBRG program. The LIST specification refers to a sending field and a receiving field, which both appear in the source program produced by COBRG as operands in the MOVE statement.

The sending field may be a literal (numeric or alphanumeric) or a field in the input record, and the receiving field must be a field that has been described in an OUTPUT specification (it may be a group item).

The LIST specification contains a control break level field (parameter 2), and if this field contains a break level number from 0 to 9, the field described in parameter 3 will be moved to the field described in parameter 4 and printed only on the first detail line printed after a break on that level. This feature suppresses the printing of columns that would normally contain the same, repetitive information.

COBRG accepts up to 50 LIST specification lines completed as discussed below:

Parameter 1 -- Specification identification. Enter the letter L to identify this line as the LIST specification.

Parameter 2 -- Control break level. Enter a control break level number or the letter A. If this parameter contains a break level number (0-9), it will cause the item named in parameter 3 (below) to print only after the total lines caused by a break at this level. If this parameter contains an A, the program will print this item on every detail line.

Parameter 3 -- Sending field. Enter the name of the input item to be listed. This item may be a literal.

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Parameter 4 -- Receiving field. Enter the name of the output field into which the item in parameter 3 (above) is to be moved for listing.

In the sample program, the software is to print the CITY and STATE fields only after either of them breaks, but it is to detail list the COMPANY and SALES fields. The following LIST specifications will accomplish the requirements of the sample problem:

```
L,A,COMPANY,PRINT-COMPANY
L,A,SALES,PRINT-SALES
L,0,CITY,PRINT-CITY
L,0,STATE,PRINT-STATE
 1 2 3         4
```

### 8.1.4 Output from COBRG

The output from COBRG consists of one or more COBOL source programs and a listing file. The name of each COBOL source program is the program name entered in parameter 2 of the NAME specification line; however, COBRG adds an extension of .CBL to each of these names. The listing file contains a list of input specifications for all of the programs that were generated, and any errors that were detected. (COBRG's error messages are discussed later in this chapter.)

### 8.1.5 COBRG Command String

To operate COBRG, simply run the program and, in response to the prompting message, enter a command string of the following form (listfile.ext is the name and extension of the listing file, and infile.ext is the name and extension of the input file containing the specifications for one or more programs):

```
CRG>listfil.ext=infile.ext
```

8.1.5.1 Default Assumptions - If the name of the listing file is omitted, COBRG assigns the name of the input file to the listing file. If the extension of the listing file is omitted, COBRG assigns .LST as the extension.

The name of the input file must be entered; COBRG has no default assumptions for the input file name. If the extension of the input file is omitted, COBRG assigns .CRG as the extension.

All version numbers are default. Version numbers may not appear in the command string. Device specifications may not appear in the command string. To assign devices, assign the appropriate LUN at task-build time by using the ASG option. See Section 6.5.3, Files and Logical Units.

For example, to produce a COBOL source program and a listing file from an input file named COBTST.CRG, enter either of the following two command strings (they are semantically equivalent).

|                                         |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>CRG</u> (RET)                        | <u>CRG</u> (RET)          |
| <u>CRG</u> >COBTST.LST=COBTST.CRG (RET) | <u>CRG</u> >=COBTST (RET) |

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Do not enter the names of the COBOL source programs being produced by COBRG. They are not a part of the command string; COBRG places them on the device associated with the appropriate LUN with user-assigned names and extensions of .CBL.

### 8.1.6 COBRG Sample Program

The following sample program produces a COBOL source program that lists all of the customers for a marine hardware supply house. It shows the sales to those customers and provides subtotals for each city, for each state, and for each region. (The problem is discussed in detail earlier in this chapter.)

8.1.6.1 Specification Lines - The following input specification lines will produce the desired source program:

```

N,COBRGTEST,,"SALES.DAT","SALES.LST",F.X. DOE
H,3,58,3,0,COMPANY CITY STATE SALES PG.
I01 INPUT-RECORD.
I 02 COMPANY PIC X(20).
I 02 FILLER PIC X(20).
I 02 CITY PIC X(10).
I 02 STATE PIC XX.
I 02 FILLER PIC X(5).
I 02 REGION PIC X.
I 02 SALES PIC S9(10)V99.
I 02 FILLER PIC X(10).
O 03 DETAIL-LINE.
O 05 PRINT-COMPANY PIC X(20).
O 05 FILLER PIC XX.
O 05 PRINT-CITY PIC X(10).
O 05 FILLER PIC XX.
O 05 PRINT-STATE PIC XX.
O 05 FILLER PIC XX.
O 05 PRINT-SALES PIC Z,ZZZ,ZZZ,ZZZ.ZZ-.
O 05 LINENO PIC Z(5).
O 03 CFLINE REDEFINES DETAIL-LINE.
O 05 MESS1 PIC X(20).
O 05 ACCOUNT PIC Z(5).
O 05 MESS2 PIC X(13).
O 05 FILLER PIC X(22).
B,0,1,0,0,0,10,CITY
B,1,1,0,0,0,2,STATE
B,2,1,0,0,0,1,REGION
B,F,1,0,0,0
A,0,14,2,SALES
A,1,5,0,1,LINENO
T,0,PRINT-SALES,012F
T,1,ACCOUNT,2F
E,0," CITY SALES =",MESS2
E,1,"STATE SALES =",MESS2
E,2,"REGIONAL ACCOUNTS =",MESS1
E,2,"; SALES =",MESS2
E,F,"NATIONAL ACCOUNTS =",MESS1
E,F,"; SALES =",MESS2
L,A,COMPANY,PRINT-COMPANY
L,A,SALES,PRINT-SALES
L,0,CITY,PRINT-CITY
L,0,STATE,PRINT-STATE

```

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8.1.6.2 Listing File - When the preceding specification lines have been entered, COBRG produces a listing file containing the following and names it COBTST.LST.

| NAME        | BLOCKING | INPUT FILE SPEC | OUTPUT FILE SPEC | DATE     | AUTHOR    |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| N COBRGTEST | O        | "SALES.DAT"     | "SALES.LST"      | 08/15/74 | F. X. DOE |

| PAGE | HEADER | SIZE | LOC | CONTROL | RESET | PAGE | HEADING                      |
|------|--------|------|-----|---------|-------|------|------------------------------|
| H 3  | 058    | 30   |     |         |       |      | COMPANY CITY STATE SALES PG. |

| LEVEL | PRINTER-CONTROL |       | BREAK |        |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|
|       | BEFORE          | AFTER | SIZE  | NAME   |
| B 0   | 10              | 00    | 010   | CITY   |
| B 1   | 10              | 00    | 002   | STATE  |
| B 2   | 10              | 00    | 001   | REGION |
| B F   | 10              | 00    |       |        |

|     | ACCUMULATOR |      |       | INPUT NAME | LISTING NAME |
|-----|-------------|------|-------|------------|--------------|
|     | #           | SIZE | POINT |            |              |
| A 0 | 14          | 02   |       | SALES      |              |
| A 1 | 05          | 00   |       | 1          | LINENO       |

|   | AC NUMBER | WHEN | OUTPUT NAME |
|---|-----------|------|-------------|
| T | 0         | 012F | PRINT-SALES |
| T | 1         | 2F   | ACCOUNT     |

|   | BREAK | INPUT NAME            | OUTPUT NAME |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-------------|
| E | 0     | " CITY SALES ="       | MESS2       |
| E | 1     | "STATE SALES ="       | MESS2       |
| E | 2     | "REGIONAL ACCOUNTS =" | MESS1       |
| E | 2     | "; SALES ="           | MESS2       |
| E | F     | "NATIONAL ACCOUNTS =" | MESS1       |
| E | F     | "; SALES ="           | MESS2       |

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| WHEN | INPUT NAME | OUTPUT NAME   |
|------|------------|---------------|
| L A  | COMPANY    | PRINT-COMPANY |
| L A  | SALES      | PRINT-SALES   |
| L 0  | CITY       | PRINT-CITY    |
| L 0  | STATE      | PRINT-STATE   |

8.1.6.3 Source Program - In addition to the listing file, COBRG also produces the following source program and names it COBRGTEST.CBL.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.  
PROGRAM-ID. COBRGTEST.  
AUTHOR. F.X.DOE  
DATE-WRITTEN. 05/01/74.

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.  
CONFIGURATION SECTION.  
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.  
FILE-CONTROL.

SELECT IN-FILE ASSIGN TO "SALES.DAT".  
SELECT L-PRINT ASSIGN TO "SALES.LST".

DATA DIVISION.  
FILE SECTION.

FD IN-FILE  
LABEL RECORDS ARE STANDARD  
VALUE OF ID IS "SALES.DAT".

01 INPUT-RECORD.  
02 COMPANY PIC X(20).  
02 FILLER PIC X(20).  
02 CITY PIC X(10).  
02 STATE PIC XX.  
02 FILLER PIC X(5).  
02 REGION PIC X.  
02 SALES PIC S9(10)V99.  
02 FILLER PIC X(10).

FD L-PRINT  
LINAGE IS 60 LINES  
LINES AT TOP 3  
LINES AT BOTTOM 3  
LABEL RECORDS ARE STANDARD  
VALUE OF ID IS "SALES.LST".

01 PRINT-LINE DISPLAY-7.  
02 FILLER PIC X(57).  
02 HEADER-PAGE PIC ZZ9.  
02 FILLER PIC X(72).

/  
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

77 PAGE-COUNT PIC S9(3) COMP.  
77 SAVE-01 PIC X(10).  
77 SAVE-02 PIC XX.  
77 SAVE-03 PIC X.  
77 LEVEL-0-SW PIC 9.  
77 LEVEL-1-SW PIC 9.  
77 LEVEL-2-SW PIC 9.

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```

01 OUTPUT-LINE DISPLAY-7.
  03 DETAIL-LINE.
    05 PRINT-COMPANY      PIC X(20).
    05 FILLER              PIC XX.
    05 PRINT-CITY         PIC X(10).
    05 FILLER              PIC XX.
    05 PRINT-STATE        PIC XX.
    05 FILLER              PIC XX.
    05 PRINT-SALES        PIC Z,ZZZ,ZZZ,ZZZ.ZZ-.
    05 LINENO             PIC Z(5).
  03 CFLINE REDEFINES DETAIL-LINE.
    05 MESS1               PIC X(20).
    05 ACCOUNT             PIC Z(5).
    05 MESS2               PIC X(13).
    05 FILLER              PIC X(22).

01 LEVEL-0-ACS COMP.
  02 ACCUMULATOR-0-0     PIC S9(12)V9(2).
  02 ACCUMULATOR-0-1     PIC S9(5).

01 LEVEL-1-ACS COMP.
  02 ACCUMULATOR-1-0     PIC S9(12)V9(2).
  02 ACCUMULATOR-1-1     PIC S9(5).

01 LEVEL-2-ACS COMP.
  02 ACCUMULATOR-2-0     PIC S9(12)V9(2).
  02 ACCUMULATOR-2-1     PIC S9(5).

01 LEVEL-F-ACS COMP.
  02 ACCUMULATOR-F-0     PIC S9(12)V9(2).
  02 ACCUMULATOR-F-1     PIC S9(5).

01 HEADER.
  02 FILLER                PIC X(30)
     VALUE "COMPANY          CITY      ".
  02 FILLER                PIC X(30)
     VALUE " STATE          SALES PG.   ".
  02 FILLER                PIC X(36)
     VALUE "                                     ".
  02 FILLER                PIC X(36)
     VALUE "                                     ".
     VALUE "                                     ".

```

/  
PROCEDURE DIVISION.

```

BEGIN.
  OPEN INPUT IN-FILE.
  OPEN OUTPUT L-PRINT.
  MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

  MOVE ZERO TO PAGE-COUNT.
  PERFORM PL-HDR THRU PL-EXIT.

  READ IN-FILE AT END
    DISPLAY "? EMPTY INPUT FILE" STOP RUN.
  GO TO RESET-LEVEL-F.

READ-IN.
  READ IN-FILE AT END GO TO LEVEL-0-BREAK.

```

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IF SAVE-03 NOT = REGION  
 MOVE 1 TO LEVEL-2-SW  
 GO TO LEVEL-0-BREAK

GO TO LEVEL-0-BREAK.

IF SAVE-02 NOT = STATE  
 MOVE 1 TO LEVEL-1-SW  
 GO TO LEVEL-0-BREAK.

IF SAVE-01 NOT = CITY  
 MOVE 1 TO LEVEL-0-SW  
 GO TO LEVEL-0-BREAK.

PRINT-DETAIL.

ADD SALES TO ACCUMULATOR-0-0.  
 ADD 1 TO ACCUMULATOR-0-1.

MOVE COMPANY TO PRINT-COMPANY.  
 MOVE SALES TO PRINT-SALES.

MOVE ACCUMULATOR-0-1 TO LINENO.

MOVE OUTPUT-LINE TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.  
 MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

GO TO READ-IN.

/  
 LEVEL-0-BREAK.

MOVE SPACES TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.

MOVE ACCUMULATOR-0-0 TO PRINT-SALES.  
 MOVE " CITY SALES =" TO MESS2.  
 MOVE OUTPUT-LINE TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.  
 MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

ADD ACCUMULATOR-0-0 TO ACCUMULATOR-1-0.  
 ADD ACCUMULATOR-0-1 TO ACCUMULATOR-1-1.

IF LEVEL-0-SW = 1 GO TO RESET-LEVEL-0.

LEVEL-1-BREAK.

MOVE SPACES TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.

MOVE ACCUMULATOR-1-0 TO PRINT-SALES.  
 MOVE "STATE SALES =" TO MESS2.  
 MOVE OUTPUT-LINE TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THUR PL-EXIT.  
 MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

ADD ACCUMULATOR-1-0 TO ACCUMULATOR-2-0.  
 ADD ACCUMULATOR-1-1 TO ACCUMULATOR-2-1.

IF LEVEL-1-SW = 1 GO TO RESET-LEVEL-1.

LEVEL-2-BREAK.

MOVE SPACES TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.



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MOVE ACCUMULATOR-2-0 TO PRINT-SALES.  
 MOVE ACCUMULATOR-2-1 TO ACCOUNT.  
 MOVE "REGIONAL ACCOUNTS =" TO MESS1.  
 MOVE "; SALES =" TO MESS2.  
 MOVE OUTPUT-LINE TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.  
 MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

ADD ACCUMULATOR-2-0 TO ACCUMULATOR-F-0.  
 ADD ACCUMULATOR-2-1 TO ACCUMULATOR-F-1.

IF LEVEL-2-SW = 1 GO TO RESET-LEVEL-2.

LEVEL-F-BREAK.

MOVE SPACES TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THUR PL-EXIT.

MOVE ACCUMULATOR-F-0 TO PRINT-SALES.  
 MOVE ACCUMULATOR-F-1 TO ACCOUNT.  
 MOVE "NATIONAL ACCOUNTS =" TO MESS1.  
 MOVE "; SALES =" TO MESS2.  
 MOVE OUTPUT-LINE TO PRINT-LINE.  
 PERFORM PRINT-1 THRU PL-EXIT.  
 MOVE SPACES TO OUTPUT-LINE.

GO TO FINISH.

/

RESET-LEVEL-F.  
 MOVE LOW-VALUES TO LEVEL-F-ACS.

RESET-LEVEL-2.  
 MOVE LOW-VALUES TO LEVEL-2-ACS.  
 MOVE REGION TO SAVE-03.  
 MOVE ZERO TO LEVEL-2-SW.

RESET-LEVEL-1.  
 MOVE LOW-VALUES TO LEVEL-1-ACS.  
 MOVE STATE TO SAVE-02.  
 MOVE ZERO TO LEVEL-1-SW.

RESET-LEVEL-0.  
 MOVE LOW-VALUES TO LEVEL-0-ACS.  
 MOVE CITY TO SAVE-01.  
 MOVE CITY TO PRINT-CITY.  
 MOVE STATE TO PRINT-STATE.  
 MOVE ZERO TO LEVEL-0-SW.  
 GO TO PRINT-DETAIL.

/

PRINT-1.  
 WRITE PRINT-LINE BEFORE 1 LINES  
 AT EOP GO TO PL-HDR.  
 GO TO PL-EXIT.

PRINT-3.  
 WRITE PRINT-LINE BEFORE 3 LINES  
 AT EOP GO TO PL-HDR.  
 GO TO PL-EXIT.

PL-HDR.  
 MOVE SPACES TO PRINT-LINE.

PRINT-CH-1.  
 WRITE PRINT-LINE BEFORE PAGE.

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MOVE HEADER TO PRINT-LINE.  
 ADD 1 TO PAGE-COUNT.  
 MOVE PAGE-COUNT TO HEADER-PAGE.  
 WRITE PRINT-LINE BEFORE 3 LINES.

PL-EXIT. EXIT.

FINISH.  
 CLOSE IN-FILE.  
 CLOSE L-PRINT.

STOP RUN.

8.1.6.4 Input File - COBRG's job is finished when it has produced the listing file and source program. The source program must now be compiled, task-built, and executed with the following input file:

|                      |                     |                                |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| WIDGET BOATS         | 13217 ATLANTIC AVE  | BRIDGEPORTCT066041000002201942 |
| TURNBUCKLE MARINE    | 477 MAIN ST         | BRIDGEPORTCT066041000001196700 |
| ANCHOR BOATS         | 991 SEAWARD RD      | BRIDGEPORTCT066041000000812559 |
| CHAIN REPAIR         | 94 WATER ST         | BRIDGEPORTCT066041000000487300 |
| BLOCK MARINA         | 9473 ATLANTIC AVE   | BRIDGEPORTCT066041000000023173 |
| WINDY BOAT SALES     | 741 FRONT ST        | NEW HAVEN CT065131000001278811 |
| WINDWARD SAILS       | 21 OCEANSIDE        | NEW LONDONCT063201000000734612 |
| HARBOR MARINA        | 137 FRONT ST        | NEW LONDONCT063201000004669400 |
| SNUG HARBOR MARINE   | 14 HIDDEN COVE RD   | NEW LONDONCT063201000000445227 |
| BLUE WATER SAILS     | BOX 973             | NEW LONDONCT063201000001350000 |
| CABIN OUTFITTERS     | 4973 ATLANTIC AV    | BOSTON MA021011000003151991    |
| SAFE HARBOR MARINA   | 788 ATLANTIC AV     | BOSTON MA021031000001246774    |
| HIDDEN COVE MARINA   | HIDDEN COVE RD      | BOSTON MA021031000000962588    |
| SPINNAKER SPECIALTY  | 24 SEAWARD LANE     | BOSTON MA021021000001837300    |
| CUDDY BOAT SALES     | 244 HARBOR RD       | BOSTON MA021041000002173100    |
| HARBOR MARINE        | T WHARF             | BOSTON MA021011000001228800    |
| WIDGET SALES & SERV. | 17MAIN ST           | FALMOUTH MA025401000004184651  |
| HARBOR RIGGING       | 49 FRONT ST         | FALMOUTH MA025401000000929451  |
| HARBOR BOAT SALES    | 49 FRONT ST         | FALMOUTH ME041051000000895200  |
| OCEAN SAILS          | 51 FRONT ST         | FALMOUTH ME041051000000300054  |
| OCEAN HARDWARE       | LAND'S END          | FALMOUTH ME041051000001981800  |
| TURNBUCKLE HARDWARE  | HARBOR LANE         | PORTLAND ME041011000002726629  |
| ANCHOR SALES         | 95 ATLANTIC ST      | PORTLAND ME041011000002726629  |
| SALT WATER HARDWARE  | 14 BAY RD           | PORTLAND ME041011000004617257  |
| SAFE ANCHORAGE       | LEEWARD LANE        | PORTLAND ME041011000000173000  |
| HARBOR RIGGING       | 73 HARBOR RD        | PORTLAND ME041011000000138917  |
| OUT-BOUND MARINE     | 721 ATLANTIC AVE    | PORTLAND ME041011000001464773  |
| HARBOR TACKLE        | 24 EAST MAIN ST     | PORTLAND ME041011000002529524  |
| OCEAN BOATS          | 196 BAY RD          | PORTLAND ME041011000004255300  |
| DOCKSIDE REPAIR      | MAIN WHARF          | PORTLAND ME041011000001310171  |
| MARINE HARDWARE      | 94 FRONT ST         | PORTLAND ME041011000000981922  |
| HARBOR ROPE WORKS    | BACKWATER LANE      | PORTLAND ME041011000000076700  |
| WIDGET HARDWARE      | 14 MAIN ST          | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000000822599 |
| SNUG COVE TACKLE     | SNUG COVE RD        | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000002137313 |
| OCEAN SAILMAKERS     | NEWELL LANE         | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000004713129 |
| WIDGET BOAT HAUL     | 317 RIVER ST        | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000001248837 |
| HARBOR BOAT SALES    | 245 RIVER ST        | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000007654644 |
| GALLEY HARDWARE      | 724 RIVER ST EXTEN. | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000000369475 |
| RACING RIGGING       | BOX 427             | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000003595200 |
| BOAT BUILDERS        | 425 TIDE FLAT RD    | PORTSMOUTHNH038011000000400022 |
| INLAND BOAT SALES    | 137 LAKE ST         | MONTPELIERVT056021000000101999 |
| SNUG COVE BOATS      | 21 BAY ST           | MONTPELIERVT056021000000106748 |
| EASTERN LAKE MARINA  | 91 HARBOR RD        | BUFFALO NY142222000000402575   |
| GREAT LAKE BOATS     | 1321 HARBOR RD      | BUFFALO NY142252000000347300   |
| HARBOR SLS & SERV    | FRONT ST            | BUFFALO NY142252000000233194   |

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8.1.6.5 Printed Report - As it reads the preceding input file, the task image containing COBRGTEST.OBJ produces the following report:

| COMPANY              | CITY       | STATE         | SALES      | PG. | 1  |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-----|----|
| WIDGET BOATS         | BRIDGEPORT | CT            | 22,019.42  |     | 1  |
| TURNBUCKLE MARINE    |            |               | 11,867.00  |     | 2  |
| ANCHOR BOATS         |            |               | 8,125.54   |     | 3  |
| CHAIN REPAIR         |            |               | 4,873.00   |     | 4  |
| BLOCK MARINE         |            |               | 231.73     |     | 5  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 47,216.74  |     |    |
| WINDY BOAT SALES     | NEW HAVEN  | CT            | 12,788.11  |     | 1  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 12,788.11  |     |    |
| WINDWARD SAILS       | NEW LONDON | CT            | 7,346.12   |     | 1  |
| HARBOR MARINA        |            |               | 86,694.00  |     | 2  |
| SNUG HARBOR MARINE   |            |               | 4,452.27   |     | 3  |
| BLUE WATER SAILS     |            |               | 13,500.00  |     | 4  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 71,992.39  |     |    |
|                      |            | STATE SALES = | 131,987.24 |     |    |
| CABIN OUTFITTERS     | BOSTON     | MA            | 31,519.91  |     | 1  |
| SAFE HARBOR MARINA   |            |               | 12,467.74  |     | 2  |
| HIDDEN COVE MARINA   |            |               | 9,625.88   |     | 3  |
| SPINNAKER SPECIALTY  |            |               | 18,373.00  |     | 4  |
| CUDDY BOAT SALES     |            |               | 21,731.00  |     | 5  |
| HARBOR MARINE        |            |               | 12,288.00  |     | 6  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 106,005.53 |     |    |
| WIDGET SALES & SERV. | FALMOUTH   | MA            | 41,846.51  |     | 1  |
| HARBOR RIGGING       |            |               | 9,294.51   |     | 2  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 51,141.02  |     |    |
|                      |            | STATE SALES = | 157,146.55 |     |    |
| HARBOR BOAT SALES    | FALMOUTH   | ME            | 8,952.00   |     | 1  |
| OCEAN SAILS          |            |               | 3,000.54   |     | 2  |
| OCEAN HARDWARE       |            |               | 19,818.00  |     | 3  |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 31,770.54  |     |    |
| TURNBUCKLE HARDWARE  | PORTLAND   | ME            | 27,266.29  |     | 1  |
| ANCHOR SALES         |            |               | 27,266.29  |     | 2  |
| SALT WATER HARDWARE  |            |               | 46,172.57  |     | 3  |
| SAFE ANCHORAGE       |            |               | 1,730.00   |     | 4  |
| HARBOR RIGGING       |            |               | 1,389.17   |     | 5  |
| OUT-BOUND MARINE     |            |               | 14,647.73  |     | 6  |
| HARBOR TACKLE        |            |               | 25,295.24  |     | 7  |
| OCEAN BOATS          |            |               | 42,553.00  |     | 8  |
| DOCKSIDE REPAIR      |            |               | 13,101.71  |     | 9  |
| MARINE HARDWARE      |            |               | 9,819.22   |     | 10 |
| HARBOR ROPE WORKS    |            |               | 767.00     |     | 11 |
|                      |            | CITY SALES =  | 210,008.22 |     |    |
|                      |            | STATE SALES = | 241,778.76 |     |    |
| WIDGET HARDWARE      | PORTSMOUTH | NH            | 8,225.99   |     | 1  |
| SNUG COVE TACKLE     |            |               | 21,373.13  |     | 2  |
| OCEAN SAILMAKERS     |            |               | 47,131.29  |     | 3  |
| WIDGET BOAT HAUL     |            |               | 12,488.37  |     | 4  |

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| COMPANY             | CITY       | STATE | SALES         | PG.        | 2 |
|---------------------|------------|-------|---------------|------------|---|
| HARBOR BOAT SALES   |            |       | 76,546.44     | 5          |   |
| GALLEY HARDWARE     |            |       | 3,694.75      | 6          |   |
| RACING RIGGING      |            |       | 35,952.00     | 7          |   |
| BOAT BUILDERS       |            |       | 4,000.22      | 8          |   |
|                     |            |       | CITY SALES =  | 209,412.19 |   |
|                     |            |       | STATE SALES = | 209,412.19 |   |
| INLAND BOAT SALES   | MONTPELIER | VT    | 1,019.99      | 1          |   |
| SNUG COVE BOATS     |            |       | 1,067.48      | 2          |   |
|                     |            |       | CITY SALES =  | 2,087.47   |   |
|                     |            |       | STATE SALES = | 2,087.47   |   |
| REGIONAL ACCOUNTS = | 42;        |       | SALES =       | 742,422.21 |   |
| EASTERN LAKE MARINA | BUFFALO    | NY    | 4,025.75      | 1          |   |
| GREAT LAKE BOATS    |            |       | 3,473.00      | 2          |   |
| HARBOR SLS & SERV   |            |       | 2,331.94      | 3          |   |
|                     |            |       | CITY SALES =  | 9,830.69   |   |
|                     |            |       | STATE SALES = | 9,830.69   |   |
| REGIONAL ACCOUNTS = | 3;         |       | SALES =       | 9,830.69   |   |
| NATIONAL ACCOUNTS = | 45;        |       | SALES =       | 752,252.90 |   |

8.1.7 COBRG Error Messages

If any of the specification lines contain errors, or if the number of one type of specification lines exceeds COBRG's limit for that type, the listing file will contain the following error messages and COBRG will not produce the COBOL program specified.

Before issuing an error message, COBRG assumes that any non-numeric character appearing in a numeric parameter is a zero. It ignores imbedded blanks; however, if a numeric parameter contains all blanks, COBRG assumes the blanks to be zeroes.

| SPECIFICATION LINE | MESSAGE             | EXPLANATION                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (ALL)              | IMPROPER INPUT CARD | Parameter 1 (specification identification) of a specification line does not contain one of the following characters: N, I, O, H, B, A, T, E, L. (COBRG accepts l in place of I and 0 in place of O.) |
| ACCUMULATOR        | DUPLICATE AC        | Parameter 2 (accumulator number) contains a number that has already been specified.                                                                                                                  |
|                    | IMPROPER AC SIZE    | Parameter 3 (accumulator size) does not contain a number from 1 to 18.                                                                                                                               |

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| SPECIFICATION LINE | MESSAGE                 | EXPLANATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | IMPROPER POINT LOCATION | <u>Parameter 4</u> (decimal positions) contains a number that places the decimal point outside of the accumulator.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                    | NO INPUT NAME           | <u>Parameter 5</u> (input field) does not contain an entry, leaving the accumulator with no input.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| BREAK              | BOTH SPACE AND SKIP     | Both <u>parameter 3</u> (blank lines, before printing) and <u>parameter 4</u> (skip channel, before printing) contain entries, or both <u>parameter 5</u> (blank lines after printing) and <u>parameter 6</u> (skip channel, after printing) contain entries. (COBRG will not accept both a space and a skip before printing, or both a skip and a space after printing.)                                       |
|                    | IMPROPER FIELD SIZE     | <u>Parameter 7</u> (field size) contains a zero.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                    | IMPROPER LEVEL          | <u>Parameter 2</u> (break level) contains an entry other than 0-9, or F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                    | IMPROPER SPACE OR SKIP  | Either <u>parameter 3</u> (blank lines, before printing) does not contain a number from 0-9; or <u>parameter 4</u> (skip channel, before printing), <u>parameter 5</u> (blank lines, after printing), or <u>parameter 6</u> (skip channel, after printing) does not contain a number from 0-8. COBRG looks for the first non-blank character in the parameter and assumes non-numeric characters to be zeroes.) |
|                    | TOO MANY BREAKS         | COBRG found more than 25 BREAK specification cards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| EMIT               | IMPROPER BREAK NUMBER   | <u>Parameter 2</u> (break number) contains a number other than 0-9 or F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                    | NO INPUT NAME           | <u>Parameter 3</u> (message) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                    | NO OUTPUT NAME          | <u>Parameter 4</u> (output field) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                    | TOO MANY EMIT CARDS     | COBRG found more than 50 EMIT specification lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                    | UNDEFINED BREAK NUMBER  | <u>Parameter 2</u> (break number) contains a break level number that has not been defined on a BREAK specification line.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| SPECIFICATION LINE | MESSAGE                      | EXPLANATION                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HEADER             | IMPROPER BREAK FOR RESET     | <u>Parameter 7</u> (page number reset) contains an F. The page counter cannot be reset on an F (final) break level (the report is completed with that break).                                             |
|                    | IMPROPER HEADER SKIPPING     | <u>Parameter 5</u> (skip channel) contains a 9.                                                                                                                                                           |
|                    | NO PAGE SIZE                 | <u>Parameter 2</u> (page number field size) contains no entry; however, <u>parameter 3</u> (page number location) does contain an entry (indicating that a page number field is required by the program). |
|                    | NON-EXISTENT BREAK FOR RESET | <u>Parameter 7</u> (page number reset) contains a break level number that has not been defined on a BREAK specification line.                                                                             |
|                    | PAGE LOC TOO FAR RIGHT       | <u>Parameter 3</u> (page number location) contains a column number that places it so far to the right of the page that it runs off the right side (past column 132).                                      |
|                    | SAME BREAK NOTED TWICE       | <u>Parameter 7</u> (page number reset) contains more than one entry of the same break level.                                                                                                              |
|                    | TOO MANY HEADER CARDS        | COBRG found more than two HEADER cards.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| INPUT              | MORE THAN 1 BATCH OF I CARDS | COBRG found some other specification line separating the INPUT specification lines. (All INPUT specification lines must be consecutive, as must all OUTPUT specification lines.)                          |
|                    | ***TOO MANY RECORD CARDS***  | The sum of all of the INPUT and OUTPUT specification lines exceeds 997.                                                                                                                                   |
| LIST               | TOO MANY LIST CARDS          | COBRG found more than 50 LIST specification lines.                                                                                                                                                        |
|                    | IMPROPER BREAK NUMBER        | <u>Parameter 2</u> (control break level) contains an entry other than 0-9 or A.                                                                                                                           |
|                    | NO INPUT NAME                | <u>Parameter 3</u> (sending field) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                                             |
|                    | NO OUTPUT NAME               | <u>Parameter 4</u> (receiving field) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                                           |

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| SPECIFICATION LINE | MESSAGE                         | EXPLANATION                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | UNDEFINED<br>BREAK LEVEL        | <u>Parameter 2</u> (control break level) contains a break level number that has not been defined on a BREAK specification line.                                                   |
| NAME               | NO PROG-ID                      | <u>Parameter 2</u> (program name) is missing.                                                                                                                                     |
|                    | NO INPUT<br>FILE SPEC           | <u>Parameter 4</u> (input file specification) is missing.                                                                                                                         |
|                    | NO OUTPUT<br>FILE SPEC          | <u>Parameter 5</u> (output file specification) is missing.                                                                                                                        |
| OUTPUT             | MORE THAN 1<br>BATCH OF 0 CARDS | COBRG found some other specification line separating the OUTPUT specification lines. (All OUTPUT specification lines must be consecutive, as must all INPUT specification lines.) |
|                    | ***TOO MANY<br>RECORD CARDS***  | The sum of all of the OUTPUT and INPUT specification lines exceeds 997.                                                                                                           |
| TOTAL              | DUPLICATE BREAKS                | <u>Parameter 4</u> (break numbers) contains the same break level number twice.                                                                                                    |
|                    | IMPROPER BREAK                  | <u>Parameter 4</u> (break numbers) contains an entry other than 0-9 or F                                                                                                          |
|                    | NON-EXISTENT AC                 | <u>Parameter 2</u> (accumulator number) contains an accumulator number that has not been set up with an ACCUMULATOR specification line.                                           |
|                    | NO BREAKS<br>SPECIFIED          | <u>Parameter 4</u> (break numbers) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                     |
|                    | NO OUTPUT NAME                  | <u>Parameter 3</u> (output field) does not contain an entry.                                                                                                                      |

8.2 REFORMAT

8.2.1 Introduction

COBOL, as implemented on the PDP-11, accepts source programs that were coded using either the conventional 80-column card reference format or the shorter, terminal-oriented PDP-11 terminal format. The REFORMAT utility program reads source programs that were coded in the terminal format and converts them to 80-column conventional format source programs.

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Consider the two formats (Section 2.1, Choosing a Reference Format, discusses both formats in greater detail):

- The terminal format is designed for ease of use with context editors controlled from an on-line console keyboard and is compatible for use with the PDP-11 system. It eliminates the line-number and identification fields. It allows horizontal tab characters and short lines.
- The conventional format produces source programs that are compatible with the reference format of other COBOL compilers throughout the industry.

REFORMAT lets you write source programs in the Terminal format; then, if compatibility is ever required for any of those programs, it provides a simple method for conversion to the Conventional format.

REFORMAT uses the following steps to expand each line of Terminal format coding to the 80-character Conventional format coding:

- It generates a 6-character line number of 000010, places that number in the first six character positions of the line, and increases it by 000010 for each subsequent line;
- It places any continuation or comment symbols (-,\*, or /) into character position 7;
- It places the coding from the Terminal format line into character positions 8-72, thereby creating a line of Conventional format coding;
- It replaces any horizontal tabs with the appropriate number of space characters to simulate tab stops at character positions 5,13,21,29,37,45,53,61, and 66 of the Terminal format line;
- It moves spaces into any character positions left between the last character of coding and character position 73;
- It places either identification characters (if they were supplied at program initialization) or spaces into character positions 73-80;
- It right justifies (against margin R) the first line of a continued non-numeric literal, thus guaranteeing that the literal will remain the same length as it was in the default format;
- It right justifies (against margin R) the first part of any COBOL word that is split over two lines;
- It creates a line containing a slash (/) in position 7 and space characters in positions 8 through 72 for every form-feed character that it encounters.

### 8.2.2 REFORMAT Command String

Since REFORMAT is written in COBOL, it runs as a COBOL object program. It has no logical switches. To run it, simply type in the following sequence of responses (prompting messages typed by REFORMAT are underlined):

RFM (RET)



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This causes REFORMAT to begin execution. REFORMAT immediately requests the file specifications for the two files (input and output) to be processed. In response to its prompting messages, type in the file specifications for your two files.

RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:  
RFM-OUTPUT FILE SPEC:

When the system has successfully opened both files, REFORMAT types the following request for an identification entry in columns 73 through 80. If you desire an identification entry, type in from one to eight characters. REFORMAT places these characters, left justified, in columns 73 through 80 of each output line. If no entry is required, type a carriage return.

RFM-COLS 73 TO 80:

Following this response, REFORMAT reads the input file and writes it as 80-character records, in Conventional reference format.

When it has processed the last record in the file, REFORMAT displays the following messages; the first indicating the number (nnnnn) of output records produced and the second requesting another input file.

RFM-nnnnn LINES PROCESSED.  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

If there is another file to be reformatted, follow the same sequence with the specifications for the next file. If not, type Control Z to terminate execution.

### 8.2.3 REFORMAT Error Messages

If any of the responses to the prompting messages contain detectable errors, REFORMAT displays the following messages indicating the problem.

RFM-ERROR IN OPENING INPUT FILE  
RFM-TRY AGAIN  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

The system could not open the input file. Either the file is not present on the device specified (the default device is SY:) or the file name is typed incorrectly. The usual I/O error messages precede this message.

To continue processing that file, examine the input file spec and type in a corrected version. To process another file, type in a new input file specification. To terminate execution, type Control Z.

RFM-ERROR IN OPENING OUTPUT FILE  
RFM-TRY AGAIN  
RFM-OUTPUT FILE SPEC:

The system could not open the output file. An incorrectly typed file specification usually causes this error. (The default device is SY:.) The usual I/O error messages precede this message.

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To continue, examine the output file specification and type in a corrected version. To terminate execution, type Control Z.

RFM-INPUT FILE IS EMPTY  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

The system successfully opened the input file, but the first READ statement encountered the AT END condition.

To continue, type in a new input file specification for another file. To terminate execution, type Control Z.

RFM-ERROR IN READING INPUT FILE  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

The first attempt to read the input file was unsuccessful. This error is usually caused by an input record length exceeding 86 characters. (Although terminal format records should not exceed 66 characters in length, REFORMAT provides a record area of 86 characters and ignores the right-most 20 characters.)

To continue, type in a new input file specification for another file. To terminate execution, type Control Z.

RFM-ERROR IN READING INPUT FILE  
RFM-REFORMATTING ABORTED  
RFM-nnnnnn LINES PROCESSED  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

While reading input records (other than the first record), REFORMAT was unsuccessful in an attempt to read a record. It terminates execution and closes both files.

To process another file, type in a new input file specification and continue with the prompting message sequence. To terminate execution, type Control Z.

RFM-ERROR IN WRITING OUTPUT FILE  
RFM-REFORMATTING ABORTED  
RFM-nnnnnn LINES PROCESSED  
RFM-INPUT FILE SPEC:

REFORMAT was unsuccessful in an attempt to write an output record. It terminates execution and closes both files.

To process another file, type in a new input file specification and continue with the prompting message sequence. To terminate execution, type Control Z.



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SEGMENTATION

PDP-11 COBOL allows you to break the Procedure Division up into overlayable and non-overlayable program segments to optimize memory utilization. An overlayable program segment can be overlaid by any other overlayable segment. A non-overlayable program segment, however, can never be overlaid.

NOTE

The object code generated for the Identification Division through the Data Division is non-overlayable.

9.1 USING THE PDP-11 COBOL SEGMENTATION FACILITY

The PDP-11 COBOL Segmentation Facility allows you to specify your own segmentation requirements. To effect segmentation, you must define a segment limit by specifying the SEGMENT-LIMIT IS clause in the Environment Division of your source program. The value you specify in this clause is used by the compiler as a basis for determining whether a program segment is overlayable or non-overlayable. A segment consists of one or more COBOL sections. Each COBOL section should be composed of a series of closely related operations designed to collectively perform a particular function. To designate a section as belonging to an overlayable or non-overlayable segment, assign a segment number to it using the following format:

Section-name SECTION segment-number.

Where:

Section-name Is a user-defined COBOL word that names the section

Segment-number Is an integer ranging from 0 to 49.

If you specify a segment-number whose value is less than the value specified in the SEGMENT-LIMIT IS clause, you have defined the section as being non-overlayable. A segment-number whose value is greater than or equal to the value specified in the SEGMENT-LIMIT IS clause defines the segment as being overlayable.

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The most frequently used sections of your program should be made non-overlayable. Assign segment-numbers that are less than the value specified in the SEGMENT-LIMIT IS clause to these sections. Infrequently used sections should be made overlayable. Assign segment-numbers that are greater than or equal to the value specified in the SEGMENT-LIMIT IS clause to these sections. Sections that communicate with each other should be assigned to the same segment. Assign the same segment-number to these sections. Sections having identical segment-numbers are assigned to the same segment.

### 9.2 SEGMENTATION AND THE PDP-11 COBOL COMPILER

The previous sections told you how to effect segmentation. This section tells you what segmentation means in terms of code generation. The PDP-11 COBOL compiler breaks up the object code it generates into program sections called PSECTS. One or more PSECTS are generated for each program SECTION. The maximum size PSECT generated is 2000 decimal words. However, this maximum size can be altered by specifying the /CSEG:nnnn switch in the compiler command line. (PSECTS are described in Appendix D: The /CSEG:nnnn Switch is described in Section 9.4, and Section 2.5.3).

Also generated, are Overlay Description Language (ODL) directives that group together all PSECTS that belong in the same overlay. These ODL directives are placed in an ODL file to be used as input to the Task Builder. The Task Builder uses the ODL file to generate a task image containing the correct combination of overlayable/non-overlayable PSECTS.

If the source program is written without explicit segmentation, all of the generated PSECTS are concatenated into one non-overlayable program. If the source program does contain explicit segmentation, ODL directives are created to group PSECTS together into the correct combination of overlayable and non-overlayable program segments.

### 9.3 SEGMENTATION USING THE /OV SWITCH

The /OV switch, when appended to the compiler command line, directs the compiler to produce ODL directives that make all of the procedural PSECTS overlayable. Therefore, the amount of memory required to store the program is equal to that required to contain the root (non-overlayable portion) and the largest PSECT. (See Figure 9-1, Segmentation Using The /OV Switch; and Section 2.5.3, Compiler Switches).

The /OV switch is particularly useful for quickly segmenting programs that were written without explicit segmentation or for overriding explicit segmentation.

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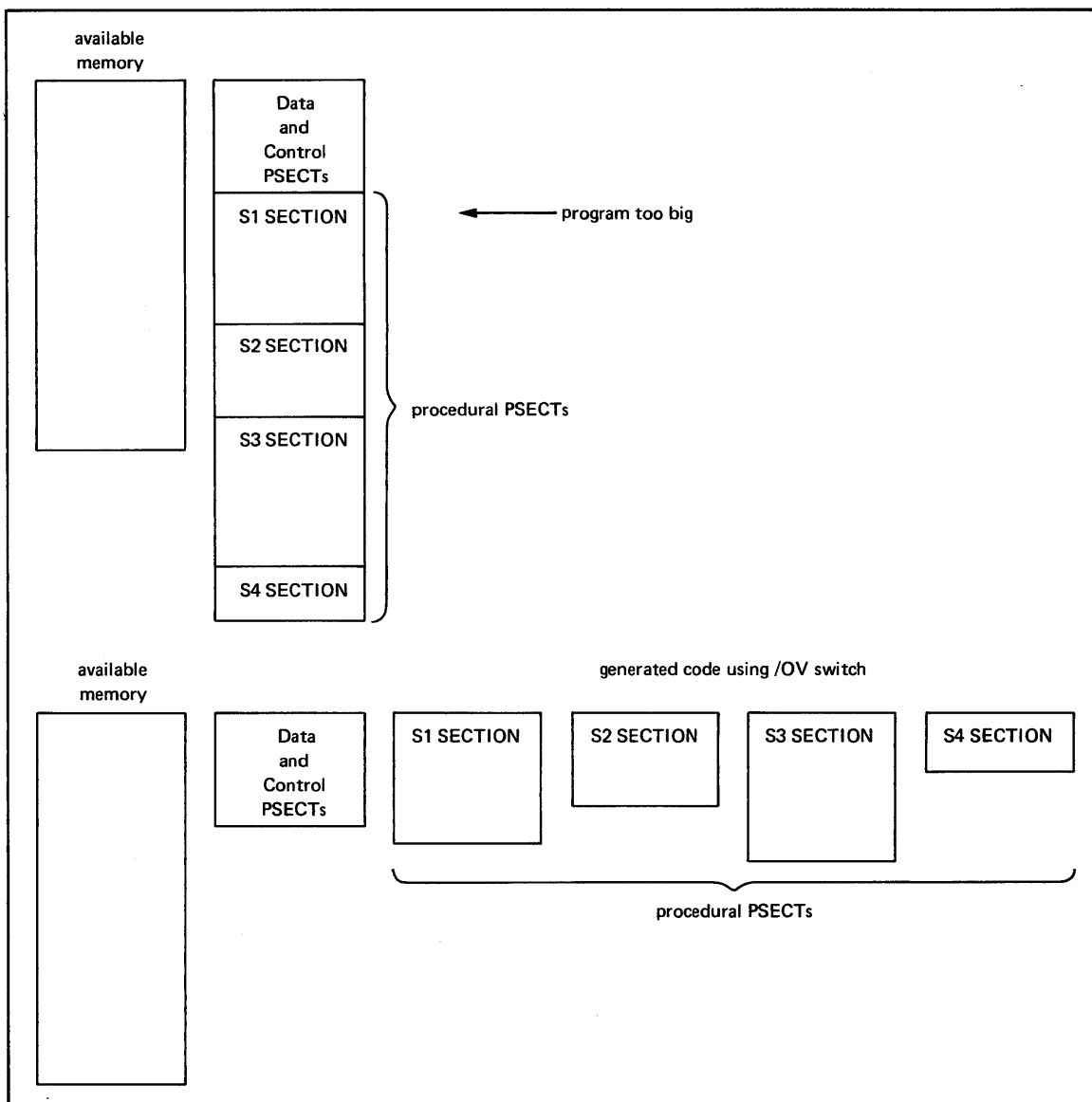


Figure 9-1 Segmentation Using the /OV Switch

### 9.4 USING THE /CSEG:nnnn SWITCH

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler generates a PSECT for each COBOL section. If the code generated for a particular section exceeds the default maximum size for a PSECT (4000 decimal bytes), more than one PSECT is generated. PDP-11 COBOL provides a switch (/CSEG:nnn) that allows you to control the size of PSECTs generated by the compiler. (See Section 5.2.3 Compiler Switches).

If, for example, you compile a program that produces a PSECT that is too large to be task built, you can recompile the program using the /CSEG:nnn switch to reduce the size of the PSECTs generated. See Figure 9-2 for an example of using the /CSEG:nnnn switch.

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|                                                                                                                             |             |          |        |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Command Line (Without /CSEG:nnnn switch specified)                                                                          |             |          |        |       |
| CBL> CBLMRG,CBLMRG/MAP=CBLMRG <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">RET</span>           |             |          |        |       |
| SEGMENTATION MAP                                                                                                            |             |          |        |       |
| SECTION NAME                                                                                                                | SEGMENT NO. | NAME     | SIZE   | SIZE  |
| OUTPUT-ODL-USE                                                                                                              | 00          | \$C\$001 | 000172 | 00061 |
| INPUT-ODL-USE                                                                                                               | 00          | \$C\$002 | 000172 | 00061 |
| * MAIN-CONTROL                                                                                                              | 00          | \$C\$003 | 003336 | 00879 |
| PROCESS-INPUT-ODL                                                                                                           | 00          | \$C\$004 | 001130 | 00300 |
| HDR-CHECK                                                                                                                   | 00          | \$C\$005 | 000322 | 00105 |
| * One large PSECT is generated                                                                                              |             |          |        |       |
| Command Line (With the /CSEG:nnnn switch specified)                                                                         |             |          |        |       |
| CBL> CBLMRG,CBLMRG/MAP/CSEG:1000=CBLMRG <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">RET</span> |             |          |        |       |
| SEGMENTATION MAP                                                                                                            |             |          |        |       |
| SECTION NAME                                                                                                                | SEGMENT NO. | NAME     | SIZE   | SIZE  |
| OUTPUT-ODL-USE                                                                                                              | 00          | \$C\$001 | 000172 | 00061 |
| INPUT-ODL-USE                                                                                                               | 00          | \$C\$002 | 000172 | 00061 |
| * MAIN-CONTROL                                                                                                              | 00          | \$C\$003 | 001744 | 00498 |
|                                                                                                                             | 00          | \$C\$004 | 001426 | 00395 |
| PROCESS-INPUT-ODL                                                                                                           | 00          | \$C\$005 | 001130 | 00300 |
| HDR-CHECK                                                                                                                   | 00          | \$C\$006 | 000322 | 00105 |
| * Two PSECTs are generated                                                                                                  |             |          |        |       |

Figure 9-2 Using the /CSEG:nnnn Switch

## CHAPTER 10

### INTER-PROGRAM COMMUNICATIONS

Inter-program communications is the passing of control and optional data from one program within a task to another. PDP-11 COBOL provides you with the ability to Task-build separately compiled COBOL programs into a single task image. During task execution, these separately compiled programs can communicate with each other via the COBOL CALL statement.

A task can consist of a stand-alone program or a main program and one or more subprograms. A stand-alone program is one that does not call subprograms and cannot itself be called. A COBOL main program is one that calls subprograms but can never be called in return. A COBOL subprogram, however, is always called by another program, either the main program or a subprogram. Inter-program communications deals only with main programs and subprograms.

Developing a program as a main program and a set of subprograms offers a number of advantages:

1. Large monolithic programs are no longer required. These large programs can be replaced by a controlling main program and a set of subprograms, where each subprogram is designed to perform a well-defined function.
2. Small subprograms can be developed independently by several members of a programming staff.
3. Small subprograms can be tested more easily than large programs.
4. Small subprograms can be modified and recompiled faster than large programs.
5. General purpose subprograms can be developed and used in more than one programming application.

#### 10.1 COBOL MAIN PROGRAMS VS SUBPROGRAMS

A COBOL main program is one that calls other programs (subprograms) but cannot be called in return. A COBOL main program contains at least one CALL statement. A COBOL subprogram is one that is called by another program, either the main program or another subprogram. The main program is automatically activated at task execution time. A subprogram, however, is activated only when called by another program.

The COBOL compiler differentiates between a main program and a subprogram by the presence or absence of a USING phrase in the Procedure Division header of the program being compiled. The USING



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phrase is used only in COBOL subprograms. It defines the program as being a subprogram and optionally identifies the data expected from the calling program. The Procedure Division header has the following format:

```
PROCEDURE DIVISION [USING [data-name-1 , data-name-2]...].
```

A subprogram, that does not process data (arguments) passed to it by a calling program, has only the word USING appended to the Procedure Division header. For example:

```
PROCEDURE DIVISION USING.
```

A subprogram that processes passed data, has a USING phrase with one or more data-names specified. If a data-name(s) is specified, the program must also contain a Linkage Section in the Data Division. The Linkage Section describes the size and type of data being passed. (See Figure 10-1, Sample LINKAGE SECTION and USING phrase).

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <pre>LINKAGE SECTION.<br/><br/>*      SUBPROGRAM-DATA.<br/><br/>01      1ST-PARAMETER  PIC X(5).<br/>01      2ND-PARAMETER  PIC X(5).<br/>01      3RD-PARAMETER  PIC X(5).<br/><br/>PROCEDURE DIVISION USING 2ND-PARAMETER, 3RD-PARAMETER.</pre>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">NOTES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. All of the data-names appearing in the using phrase must also appear in the LINKAGE SECTION.</li><li>2. Not all of the data-names in the LINKAGE SECTION need appear in the USING phrase.</li><li>3. A LINKAGE SECTION can appear in a subprogram even if the USING phrase does not contain a data-name. However, if any of the data-items contained in the LINKAGE SECTION are referenced in procedures, the compiler will issue a fatal diagnostic.</li></ol> |

Figure 10-1 Sample LINKAGE SECTION and USING Phrase

### 10.1.1 Calling a COBOL Subprogram from a COBOL Program

To call a subprogram from a COBOL program, a CALL statement having the following format must be used:

```
CALL literal [USING data-name-1 [, data-name-2]...].
```

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Where:

|                                       |                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| literal                               | is the name that appears in the PROGRAM-ID entry of the called program.                         |
| data-name-1<br>through<br>data-name-n | identify those data-items in the calling program that can be referred to by the called program. |

### 10.1.2 Returning from a COBOL Subprogram

In addition to the required USING phrase and optional LINKAGE SECTION, a subprogram should contain at least one EXIT PROGRAM statement. The EXIT PROGRAM statement identifies the subprogram return point. That is, the point in the subprogram at which control is returned to the calling program. If the EXIT PROGRAM statement is missing, the COBOL compiler will generate one after the last statement in the program.

#### NOTE

More than one EXIT PROGRAM statement is allowed in a subprogram.

### 10.2 UNIQUENESS OF PSECT NAMES

The names of all PSECTS within a task must be unique. When a task is composed of more than one COBOL program, you must insure that the PSECTS generated by the COBOL compiler for each program are unique. (See Section D.1, PSECT Naming Conventions).

### 10.3 COBOL OTS - ERROR CHECKING

At task execution, the COBOL OTS performs a check to insure that the number of arguments passed to a called COBOL subprogram is the same as the number expected. That is, the subprogram Procedure Division USING phrase must contain the same number of data-names as the USING phrase in the calling programs CALL statement. If the number of data-names in each USING phrase are not equal, the OTS issues a diagnostic error message and aborts the task. No checks are made to insure that the passed arguments are the same size as the expected arguments. It is your responsibility to insure that these sizes are compatible.

Recursive calls to COBOL subprograms are not allowed. If a COBOL subprogram contains a CALL statement that directly or indirectly causes a subprogram to be re-entered before it has exited from its original entry, the OTS will issue a diagnostic error message and abort the task.

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### 10.4 INCLUDING A NON-COBOL OBJECT MODULE IN A TASK

Non-COBOL object modules can be combined with COBOL object modules at task-build time to produce a single task image. However, you are advised to use the same language to write programs that perform I/O operations. This note of caution is very important, because, the PDP-11 programming languages do not share a common OTS. The following is a list of the PDP-11 programming languages that can be used in conjunction with COBOL:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| IAS and RXS-11M | RSTS/E  |
| FORTRAN IV      | MACRO   |
| FORTRAN IV+     | BASIC+2 |
| BASIC+2         |         |
| MACRO           |         |

To activate a COBOL subprogram, a non-COBOL calling program must contain the equivalent of a COBOL CALL statement. If data is being passed to the COBOL subprogram, program register R5 must be set to the address of an argument list. The argument list must contain pointers to the data being passed. (See Figure 10-2, Argument List Format).

A non-COBOL subprogram, to be activated by a COBOL program, must contain the equivalent of the COBOL PROGRAM-ID statement and the COBOL EXIT PROGRAM statement (See Example 1 below). If data is being passed, the non-COBOL subprogram can access that data via program register R5.

The following sections provide an example of how non-COBOL programs can be written for inclusion in a COBOL task image. The MACRO programming language is used for the purposes of this example.

Example 1 - (Calling MACRO Programs from COBOL)

The format for calling any program from COBOL is:

```
CALL literal [USING data-name-1[, data-name-2]...]
```

when a MACRO program is being called, literal contains the global entry point specified in the MACRO program. If the COBOL program contains:

```
CALL "BILBO" USING BOFFIN, BOMBUR, BOFUR.
```

The MACRO program must contain:

```
.GLOBL BILBO }  
BILBO:      } ;entry point - equivalent to PROGRAM-ID  
           .  
           .  
           .  
RTS PC      ;return point - equivalent to EXIT PROGRAM
```

If there are any arguments to be passed to the called program (BOFFIN, BOMBUR, and BOFUR in this example), these arguments can be accessed via program register R5.

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### Example 2 - (Calling COBOL Programs from MACRO)

When the calling program is a MACRO program, control is passed to the called program with the following instruction:

```
JSR PC,subprogram-name
```

Where: Subprogram-name is the first six characters of the COBOL PROGRAM-ID.

If the MACRO program contains:

```
.GLOBL FRODO
.
.
.
MOV #ARGLST,R5      ;point R5 to argument list
JSR PC,FRODO       ;subprogram call statement
```

The COBOL subprogram will contain:

```
PROGRAM-ID. FRODO
.
.
.
LINKAGE SECTION.
* FRODO-ARGUMENTS.
01 BOFFIN          PIC X(5).
01 BOMBUR          PIC X(5).
01 BOFUR           PIC X(5).
.
.
.
PROCEDURE DIVISION USING BOFFIN,BOMBUR.
.
.
.
EXIT PROGRAM.
```

The MACRO program, in this example, has set R5 to point to the argument list expected by the COBOL program. The COBOL OTS will use R5 to access the passed arguments.

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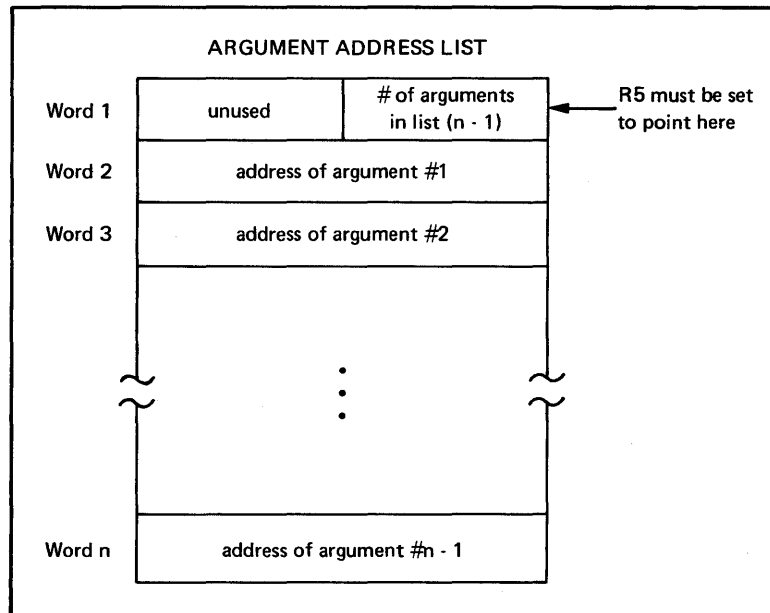


Figure 10-2 Argument Address List

## CHAPTER 11

### HAND-TAILORING ODL FILES

This chapter is provided as a guide to those of you who are faced with the problem of having to generate ODL files that are compatible with either the Merge Utility or the Task Builder. The most common reason for having to hand tailor an ODL file occurs when non-COBOL programs are being merged into a COBOL task image. The information presented here is predicated on the assumption that you have read and are familiar with the Task Builder Reference Manual that pertains to your operating system. The following sections describe the standard ODL file as it pertains to PDP-11 COBOL.

#### 11.1 STANDARD ODL FILE

The standard ODL file generated by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler consists of a header and a body. The header contains information that is required to merge one or more ODL files. The body contains ODL directives that describe the object program.

#### 11.2 ODL FILE HEADER

The ODL file header consists of a sequence of comment lines. Two are required in every ODL file, others are supplied as needed. The required comment lines are:

```
;COBOBJ=XXXXXX.OBJ
;COBKER=KK
```

Where:

XXXXXX.OBJ is the name of the object module being described

KK is the kernel that was used to generate the PSECT names for the COBOL program.

The following comment lines are supplied as needed:

```
;COBMAIN This comment line is supplied if the program being
described is a main program. The absence of this
line means that the ODL file was generated for a
COBOL subprogram.
```

```
;RMSSEQ=CIOOXY This comment line is specified if the program
requires RMS-11 I/O support. One or more lines
may be supplied. X and Y represent integer codes
that respectively specify the file organization
and operational support required for that
```

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organization. File organization is specified by the following codes:

| CODE | ORGANIZATION |
|------|--------------|
| 1    | sequential   |
| 2    | relative     |
| 3    | indexed      |

The values allowed for the operational support code are meaningful only to future versions of PDP-11 COBOL and the Merge Utility. Therefore, they are not defined here.

### 11.3 ODL FILE BODY

The ODL file body describes the overlay structure of the COBOL program. The body contains the following ODL directive types:

1. `.PSECT` defines the name of the code PSECT and makes it known to the Task Builder.
2. `.NAME` defines the name to be assigned to the overlay segment by the Task Builder.
3. `.FCTR` describes the contents of the segments.
4. `.ROOT` defines the root.
5. `.END` informs the Task Builder that the end of the ODL file has been reached.
6. `;comments` contains comment entries.

The `.ROOT` and `.END` directives are not supplied by the COBOL compiler. They are inserted into the ODL file generated by the Merge Utility. If you are generating a stand alone ODL file, these directives must be supplied by you. If the ODL file you are generating is to be used as input to the Merge Utility, leave these directives out.

Within a compiler-generated ODL file, the directives `.PSECT`, `.NAME`, and `.FCTR` are generated around the PSECT kernel. If the PSECT name kernel for a given program is KK, the format of the names generated in the ODL file is:

| Entity              | Format of Name       |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| <code>.PSECT</code> | <code>\$KKMMM</code> |
| <code>.NAME</code>  | <code>KK\$MMM</code> |
| <code>.FCTR</code>  | <code>KKMMM\$</code> |

Each `.PSECT` defined in the ODL file begins with a \$ followed by the two character kernel (\$KK). Each `.NAME` directive begins with the two character kernel followed by \$ (KK\$). Finally, each `.FCTR` directive begins with the two-character kernel and ends with a \$ (KKMMM\$).

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### 11.4 COMPILER-GENERATED ODL FOR COBOL PSECTS

The following sections discuss the ODL directives generated for different types of overlay requirements. The characters NNN when used in examples refer to the three character suffix generated by the compiler for each PSECT. The characters KK refer to the kernel characters that make the PSECT unique to a particular compilation.

#### 11.4.1 ODL Generated for Overlays Containing Only One PSECT

For overlays containing only one PSECT, the following lines are generated:

```
                .PSECT    $KKNNN,GBL,RW,CON,I
                .NAME     KK$NNN,GBL
KKNNN$ .FCTR    *KK$NNN-$KKNNN
```

#### 11.4.2 ODL Generated for Overlays Containing More Than One PSECT

For each overlay that contains more than one PSECT, a .PSECT directive is generated for each PSECT in the overlay. These .PSECT directives are followed by a .NAME and .FCTR directive. Consider the following example.

Example

Two PSECTS, \$AA001 and \$AA002, are to be placed in the same overlay. The segment-number assigned to the PSECTS is 20. The following ODL directives are generated:

```
                ;DEFINE   PSECT $AA001
                .PSECT    $AA001,GBL,RW,CON,I
                ;DEFINE   PSECT $AA002
                .PSECT    $AA002,GBL,RW,CON,I
                ;DEFINE THE OVERLAY NAME
                .NAME     AA$020,GBL
                ;DEFINE OVERLAY CONTENTS
AA020$: .FCTR    *AA$020-$AA001-$AA002
```

#### 11.4.3 ODL Generated for All Overlayable PSECTS

All .FCTR directives that describe the overlayable PSECTS must be collapsed into one final .FCTR directive. This directive describes the entire overlayable portion of the object code. The name associated with this .FCTR directive is derived from the two-character kernel assigned to the PSECTS. If the kernel is KK, then the name of the .FCTR directive that describes the entire overlayable part of the object code is KKOVR\$.



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The following example shows how the KKOVR\$ factor is developed for various overlay configurations:

Example 1: All Code Psects Overlay One Another

```

        .PSECT   $AA001,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$001,GBL
AA001$: .FCTR   *AA$001-$AA001
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA002,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$002,GBL
AA002$: .FCTR   *AA$002-$AA002
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA003,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$003,GBL
AA003$: .FCTR   *AA$003-$AA003
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA004,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$004,GBL
AA004$: .FCTR   *AA$004-$AA004
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA005,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$005,GBL
AA005$: .FCTR   *AA$005-$AA005
;IN THIS EXAMPLE, ALL PSECTS OVERLAY
:ONE ANOTHER.
AAOVR$: .FCTR   (AA001$,AA002$,AA003$,AA004$,AA004$,AA005$)

```

Example 2: Two Code Psects Are in the Same Overlay

```

        .PSECT   $AA001,GBL,RW,CON,I
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA002,GBL,RW,CON,I
        ;
        .NAME    AA$001,GBL
AA001$: .FCTR   *AA$001-$AA001-$AA002
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA003,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$003,GBL
AA003$: .FCTR   *AA$003-$AA003
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA004,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$004,GBL
AA004$: .FCTR   *AA$004-$AA004
        ;
        .PSECT   $AA005,GBL,RW,CON,I
        .NAME    AA$005,GBL
AA005$: .FCTR   *AA$005-$AA005
        ;
AAOVR$: .FCTR   AA001$,AA003$,AA004$,AA005$

```

Example 3: Two Occurrences of Two Psects in the Same Overlay

```

;IN THIS EXAMPLE, PSECTS $AA001 AND $AA002
;ARE IN THE SAME OVERLAY. PSECTS $AA003
;AND $AA004 ARE IN THE SAME OVERLAY.
;PSECT $AA005 IS IN AN OVERLAY ALL BY ITSELF
;
;PSECT   $AA001,GBL,RW,CON,I
;
;PSECT   $AA002,GBL,RW,CON,I
;
.NAME    AA$001,GBL

```

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```
AA001$: .FCTR      *AA$001-$AA001-$AA002
;
;PSECT   $AA003,GBL,RW,CON,I
;
.PSECT   $AA004,GBL,RW,CON,I
;
.NAME    AA$003,GBL
AA003$: .FCTR      *AA$003-$AA003-$AA004
;
.PSECT   $AA005,GBL,RW,CON,I
.NAME    AA$005,GBL
AA005$: .FCTR      *AA$005-$AA005
;
AAOVR$: .FCTR      AA001$,AA003$,AA005$
```

### 11.5 MERGING STANDARD ODL FILES

To develop an ODL file for a task composed of more than one COBOL object program, it is necessary to merge the ODL files for each individual object program into a single ODL file that describes the overlay requirements for the task.

All of the ODL files to be merged are partial ODL files. That is, none of these ODL files can be submitted directly to the Task Builder to build a task; because, none of the compiler generated ODL files contain a .ROOT directive. The .ROOT directive that describes the task is supplied by the Merge Utility.

Merging COBOL compiler generated ODL files is accomplished by executing the ODL merge utility. (See Section 2.6, Using The Merge Utility).

### 11.6 INCLUDING NON-COBOL PROGRAMS IN A TASK

To use the Merge Utility to include a non-COBOL object module in a task image, you must:

1. Create a standard COBOL ODL file (use any text editor)
2. Specify this ODL file as input to the Merge Utility.

#### 11.6.1 Creating a Standard COBOL ODL File

A standard COBOL ODL file for a non-COBOL object module contains one or two directive lines:

1. Object Program ID Line - This line is required. It identifies the object module to be included in the task image. The format of this line is:

```
;COBOBJ=XXXXXX.OBJ
```

Where XXXXXX.OBJ is the name of the object module to be included in the task image.

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2. Main Program ID Line - This line is present only for non-COBOL object modules that are main programs as opposed to being subprograms. The format of the line is:

```
;COBMAIN
```

For each invocation of the COBOL ODL Merge Utility, one and only one main program ODL file can be specified. If no main program ODL file is specified, the Merge Utility continues to request more input until a main program ODL file is specified. If more than one main program ODL file is specified, all but the first is rejected, and appropriate diagnostic error messages are issued. Consider the following examples.

### Example 1

MACRO program START.OBJ is a main program in a task consisting of a main program and several subprograms. The ODL file to be hand-generated is:

```
;COBOBJ=START.OBJ  
;COBMAIN
```

### Example 2

Macro subprogram SUBX.OBJ is to be part of a task image that consists of several COBOL subprograms and a COBOL main program. The ODL file to be hand-generated is:

```
;COBOBJ=SUBX.OBJ
```

## 11.7 REARRANGING A COMPILER-GENERATED ODL FILE

The ODL file generated by the compiler can be rearranged to modify the overlay structure of a task. If the ODL file describes a task that has overlayable segments, one or more of these segments can be converted into non-overlayable segments by:

1. Modifying the compiler-generated ODL file.
2. Specifying a one-line Task Builder option at task-build time for each segment made non-overlayable.

### 11.7.1 Modifying the Compiler-Generated ODL File

Modifying the compiler generated ODL file requires the following steps:

1. Each overlayable segment is named in the ODL file by an ODL .NAME directive. This .NAME directive must be removed.
2. Each name appearing in a .NAME directive is marked with an \* and placed as the first element of a .FCTR directive. For each .NAME directive removed by step 1, this .FCTR directive must be removed.

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3. All references to the name of the .FCTR directive removed in step 2 must be removed from the ODL file.
4. All PSECTs referenced in the .FCTR directive that was removed in step 3, must be removed from the ODL file.

### Example

The task image contains three overlayable segments, C\$\$010, C\$\$015, and C\$\$020. Segment C\$\$020 is to be forced into the root. Figure 11-1 contains a listing of the merged ODL file.

```
;MERGED ODL FILE CREATED ON 26-JAN-77 AT 10:50:00
;COBOL STANDARD ODL FILE GENERATED ON: 26-JAN-77    10:48:37
;COBOBJ=TEST1.OBJ
;COBKER=C$
;COBMAIN
      .NAME C$$010,GBL
      .PSECT $C$003,GBL,I,RW,CON
C$010$: .FCTR *C$$010-$C$003
      .NAME C$$015,GBL
      .PSECT $C$004,GBL,I,RW,CON
C$015$: .FCTR *C$$015-$C$004
      .NAME C$$020,GBL
      .PSECT $C$005,GBL,I,RW,CON
C$020$: .FCTR *C$$020-$C$005
C$OVR$: .FCTR      C$010$,C$015$,C$020$
CBOBJ$: .FCTR TEST1.OBJ
CBOVR$: .FCTR C$OVR$
CBOTS$: .FCTR [320,13]COBLIB/LB
RMS$:   .FCTR [1,1]RMSLIB/LB
OBJRT$: .FCTR CBOBJ$-CBOTS$-RMS$
      .ROOT OBJRT$-(CBOVR$)
      .END
```

Figure 11-1 Merged ODL File Listing

To force segment C\$\$020 into the root, the merged ODL file must be modified as follows:

1. The .NAME directive referencing C\$\$020 must be removed.
2. The .FCTR directive containing \*C\$\$020 must be removed.
3. All references to the PSECTs in the removed .FCTR directive must be removed.

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Figure 11-2 contains the ODL listing after the modifications have been made.

```
;MERGED ODL FILE CREATED ON 26-JAN-77 AT 10:55:22
;COBOL STANDARD ODL FILE GENERATED ON: 26-JAN-77 10:48:37
;COBOBJ=TEST1.OBJ
;COBKER=C$
;COBMAIN
      .NAME C$$010,GBL
      .PSECT $C$003,GBL,I,RW,CON
C$010$: .FCTR *C$$010-$C$003
      .NAME C$$015,GBL
      .PSECT $C$004,GBL,I,RW,CON
C$015$: .FCTR *C$$015-$C$004
C$OVR$: .FCTR          C$010$,C$015$
CBOBJ$: .FCTR TEST1.OBJ
CBOVR$: .FCTR C$OVR$
CBOT$: .FCTR [1,1]COBLIB/LB
RMS$: .FCTR [1,1]RMSLIB/LB
OBJRT$: .FCTR CBOBJ$-CBOT$-RMS$
      .ROOT OBJRT$-(CBOVR$)
      .END
```

Figure 11-2 Modified ODL File

### 11.7.2 Specifying Task Builder Options

For each overlayable segment made non-overlayable, a GBLDEF Task Builder option must be specified at task-build time. The format of the option is:

```
GBLDEF=KK$MMM:0
```

Where:

KK\$MMM is the name of the segment that is being made non-overlayable. (This is the name in the .NAME ODL directive that was deleted when the ODL file was modified).

Consider the following example.

Example

To make the overlayable segment (C\$\$020) described in the example in Section 11.7 non-overlayable, enter the following in response to the Task Builder ENTER OPTIONS prompt:

```
GBLDEF=C$$020:0 (RET)
```

Figure 11-3 shows the overlay description of the task image before and after segment C\$\$020 was made non-overlayable.





## CHAPTER 12

### ERROR MESSAGES

#### 12.1 COMPILER SYSTEM ERRORS

The PDP-11 COBOL compiler is a complex system program consisting of many program overlays that manipulate numerous data structures. Throughout the compiler, consistency checks are performed on program flow and the contents of data fields. If the compiler detects an inconsistency, it types a message on the console and terminates the compilation. A system error message has the following format:

SYSTEM ERROR NNNNN

where NNNNN is a number used by the DEC COBOL developers to determine the probable cause of the error. When a system error occurs, the compiler's input file is closed and all output files (object, list, and ODL) are closed and deleted.

In the event of a PDP-11 COBOL compiler system error, contact your DEC Software Support Specialist immediately. See Appendix G, Compiler System errors.

#### 12.2 DIAGNOSTIC ERROR MESSAGES

This chapter contains a numerical listing of the diagnostic messages generated by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler. The compiler generates these messages whenever it detects an error in the source program. In general, a source error detected by the compiler results in the associated diagnostic message being embedded within the source program listing. That is, when an error is detected in the source program, the compiler prints the diagnostic message either before or after the erroneous source program line. There are two exceptions to the general concept of "embedded diagnostics":

1. There may be diagnostic messages listed after the last entry in the Data Division and before the Procedure Division header. These are diagnostics which logically can not be issued until the entire Data Division text is processed.
2. There may be diagnostic messages listed after the last line of the Procedure Division. These are diagnostics which logically can not be issued until the entire Procedure Division text is processed.

In addition to the error message number and message text, the display contains a source line number, which identifies the error line, and an alphabetic code (discussed below) which informs the user of the seriousness of the error. The information within a diagnostic message line is displayed (from left to right) in the following order:



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1. Alphabetic code,
2. Source line number,
3. Numerical error number,
4. Text of the diagnostic message.

For convenience, the alphabetic code is left-justified in the listing so the user merely scans the listing to identify any diagnostic message issued during compilation. Again, for the user's convenience, a summary of the number of errors detected during the compilation is given at the end of the source listings. If no errors are detected during the compilation, the compiler prints "NO ERRORS" at the end of the source listing.

The following illustration shows a typical diagnostic message and the manner in which it appears on the source listing:

```
COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAP.CBL;0 05-JAN-77 18:49:10 PAGE 003
```

```
00096      MOVE 72.5 TO N2
00097      IF N2 NOT = T2 DISPLAY "? #10".
00098      *
00099      MOVE 3250 TO N3.
```

```
I 00099 372 POSSIBLE LOW ORDER RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION.
```

```
00100      IF N3 NOT = T3 DISPLAY "? #11".
00101      *
00102      MOVE -432 TO N4.
00103      IF N4 NOT = T4 DISPLAY "? #12".
00104      *
```

In the example, the diagnostic message is immediately identified by the appearance of the left-justified alphabetic code I. The alphabetic code indicates that the message is an I-type (informational) diagnostic; the diagnostic is issued for source line number 99; the error number is 372; and the text of the message is POSSIBLE LOW ORDER RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION. Note that the diagnostic message line, in this example, appears after the source line for which it was issued.

The error messages, used in conjunction with this chapter, provide the user with an important debugging tool. This chapter contains information necessary for interpreting the messages. It explains what caused the error and how the compiler handled the error.

Since different errors cause varying degrees of problems for the compiler (some do not affect the compilation at all, while others may be so critical that they cause an abort of the compilation), the PDP-11 COBOL compiler provides four general types (or severity levels) of diagnostic messages. Alphabetic codes (I, W, F, and A) identify these error levels. When it detects an error in the source program, the compiler attempts to recover from the error and continue to compile the program. This recovery action may force the compiler to make an assumption about the source program. The four levels of diagnostic messages are categorized according to the likelihood that the result of the compiler's assumption will be an object program that runs as originally intended by the programmer.

The following list explains the purpose of and the compiler's action for each of the four message levels:

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- I (Informational) Informative diagnostic. The purpose of such a diagnostic is to convey information to the user in an observational or advisory capacity. The compiler's error recovery (if any is required) is almost certain to be that desired by the user.
- W (Warning) Warning diagnostic. The purpose of this type of message is to warn the user that something is wrong with the associated source statement, but that the compiler can take corrective action on the source element in error. The compiler's recovery action may not be that desired by the user, but the statement, as corrected by the compiler, will be executable.
- F (Fatal) Fatal diagnostic. The purpose of such a diagnostic is to indicate to the user that something is fatally wrong with the indicated source statement. By fatal, the compiler means it cannot generate the object code required for the functionality the programmer coded in the erroneous source statement. The compiler's error recovery action will probably leave out a portion of the source program. In general, the compiler will not produce an object program for COBOL source programs which have F-type errors in them. However, the user can force the compiler to generate an object program by specifying the /ACC:2 switch in the command string input to the compiler prior to compilation (See Section 5.2.3, Compiler Switches for a detailed explanation of the /ACC:n switch.) The /ACC:2 switch instructs the compiler to generate an object program, even if the source program contains F-type errors. In this case, when an F-type error is detected in the Procedure Division, the compiler generates special error trap object code in place of the incorrect source statement. When the object program is executed and the special error trap code is encountered, the software displays the following message on the console and aborts the program execution:

FATAL ERROR ON SOURCE LINE XXXXX

where XXXXX is the source line number for which an F-type diagnostic was issued during compilation. For F-type diagnostics issued in the Identification, Environment, and Data Divisions, no special error trap coding is generated since, in general, executable code is not generated for these divisions. However, the fact that F-type diagnostics are issued for these divisions can have a definite effect on the behavior of the execution of the object program.

### WARNING

When the user specifies the /ACC:2 switch, the user is formally acknowledging to the software a willingness to let the program go into execution even though it may have fatal errors in it. Because the source program has very severe errors in it, the behavior of the associated object program is, in general, unpredictable. In certain cases, such as a COBOL program with files opened in I-O mode, letting the program with F-type errors go into execution could be disastrous. Thus, the /ACC:2 switch should be used with caution. The facility is provided as an extra debugging option. It can be useful in shortening the compile-debug cycle, particularly if

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applied to large COBOL programs which take considerable compilation time. The point is that the user should use the /ACC:2 facility wisely and discretely.

- A (Abortive) Abortive diagnostic. The purpose of this type of diagnostic is to inform the user that the compiler must abort compilation. The compiler's error recovery is not possible: it can make no valid assumptions and has no choice but to abort the compilation.

Appendix H contains the PDP-11 COBOL compiler diagnostic error messages arranged in numerical order for easy reference.

### 12.3 RUNTIME FILE I/O ERROR PROCEDURES

When an error condition occurs during I/O operations, the following procedure is used:

1. If the file status key for the file is present, it is set to the appropriate code for the error condition. (See Table 12-1 for sequential file status keys, or Table 12-2 for relative and indexed file status keys.)
2. If an AT END or INVALID KEY imperative condition is specified for the I/O operation, the path indicated by the imperative statement is taken. The file system performs no other processing in the file for the current statement. The USE procedure, if one is declared for the file, is not performed.
3. If no AT END or INVALID KEY imperative condition is specified for the I/O operation and a USE procedure is declared for the file, the USE procedure section is performed, and then control is returned to the program. The file system performs no further processing for this file.

If no USE procedure is declared for the file, a fatal error condition exists; the OTS aborts the program and displays the following I/O error message:

```
"CBL -- 37: FILE: NN... NO USE PROCEDURE FOR  
I/O ERROR"
```

```
"CBL -- RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES - XX"
```

NN represents the name of the file:

XX represents the Record Management Services error code. (See Appendix I for these error codes.)

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The following tables show various error numbers and error codes that identify error conditions and messages. The error codes in Tables 12-1 and 12-2 are accessible to the user's program through the declaration and use of the FILE STATUS key in the program. The error codes in Appendix I are not returned to the user's program but represent error conditions detected by Record Management Services.

The error message numbers in Appendix I are merely identifying numbers for the messages and appear at the user terminal in the following form:

"CBL --nn: message ... "

nn is the message number.

Table 12-1 and 12-2 contain status key codes. The left-hand digit of the status key code is status key 1, and the right-hand digit is status key 2.

Table 12-1  
Sequential I/O File Status Key Values (ASCII)

| Status Key Code | Meaning                                                                                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 00              | No further information (successful)                                                                       |
| 10              | End-Of-File indicator detected                                                                            |
| 30              | Permanent error                                                                                           |
| 34              | Permanent error (boundary error on WRITE statement)                                                       |
| 91              | File locked by another task                                                                               |
| 93              | REWRITE attempted without prior READ                                                                      |
| 94              | Improper operation attempted                                                                              |
| 95              | Allocation failure on OPEN (no file space on device)                                                      |
| 96              | No buffer space (program tried to open a file that is sharing buffer space (SAME AREA) with another file) |
| 97              | No such file (the file named in an OPEN statement was not found)                                          |
| 98              | CLOSE error (error discovered while in the process of closing the file)                                   |

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Table 12-2  
Relative And Indexed I/O File Status Key Values (ASCII)

| Status Key Code | Meaning                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 00              | No further information (successful)                                                                                  |
| 02              | Duplicate alternate record key values were successfully created during the execution of a WRITE or REWRITE statement |
| 10              | End-Of-File indicator detected                                                                                       |
| 21              | Sequence error on primary key during the execution of a WRITE or REWRITE statement                                   |
| 22              | Duplicate key error                                                                                                  |
| 23              | No such record error                                                                                                 |
| 24              | Boundary error on WRITE statement                                                                                    |
| 30              | Permanent error                                                                                                      |
| 91              | File locked by another task                                                                                          |
| 92              | Record locked by another task                                                                                        |
| 93              | REWRITE or DELETE attempted without prior READ                                                                       |
| 94              | Improper operation attempted                                                                                         |
| 95              | Allocation failure (no file space on device)                                                                         |
| 96              | No buffer space (program tried to open a file that is sharing buffer space (SAME AREA) with another file)            |
| 97              | No such file (the file named in an OPEN statement was not found)                                                     |
| 98              | CLOSE error (error discovered while in the process of closing the file)                                              |

### 12.4 RUN-TIME ERROR MESSAGES

Appendix J contains a list of the COBOL Object Time System (OTS) error messages. Wherever it can, the COBOL OTS will list auxiliary information along with the error message. This auxiliary information is defined in Section 12.4.1.

#### 12.4.1 OTS Auxiliary Error Message Information

Following each OTS error message, the OTS will attempt to display additional clarifying information. This information is intended to direct you to the exact source line statement causing the error. The auxiliary information has the following format:

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```
PROGRAM-ID AAAAAA , IDENT:  BBBB  
IN PSECT:  CCCCC  
AT OFFSET:  DDDDD
```

Where:

AAAAAA is the first six characters of the PROGRAM-ID specified in the source program.

BBBBB is the value appearing in the IDENT field of compiler listing.

CCCCC is the name of the procedural code PSECT containing the error.

DDDDD is the octal byte offset (within PSECT CCCCC) at which the error occurred.

If the statement in error is a PERFORM, the nested PERFORM stack, containing the source line location of every PERFORM statement encountered thus far, is displayed (see Example 1). If an error is detected while a chain of nested CALL statements is being processed, auxiliary information is displayed for each element in the chain (see Example 2).

To take full advantage of this auxiliary information, you must have compiled the source program with the /MAP and /OBJ switches specified. Using the PSECT name (CCCCC) and octal byte offset (DDDDD), in conjunction with the Procedure Name Map, you can identify the two source procedure names that bracket the location of the error. Also, using the octal byte offset (DDDDD) you can (via the /OBJ output listing) identify the specific verb causing the error. Consider the following examples:

Example 1

Figure 12-1 contains the listings generated for the COBOL program used in this example. Execution of the program depicted in Figure 12-1 will yield the following results:

RUN DIAG3

```
CBL -- 25:  ILLEGAL NESTED PERFORM AT SOURCE LINE 16  
PROGRAM ID:  DIAG3 , IDENT:  038105  
IN PSECT:  $ZZ001  
AT OFFSET:  000074  
NESTED PERFORM SOURCE LINE NUMBERS:  
00014  
00015
```

CBL -- 15: STOP RUN

Ready

The PROGRAM-ID and IDENT line refer to the corresponding lines in the compiler listing (DIAG3 and 038105 in this example). The IN PSECT line identifies the exact PSECT containing the error (\$ZZ001 in this example). See the Procedure Name Map in Figure 12-1. The AT OFFSET line identifies the octal byte offset within the PSECT at which the statement in error exists (000074 in this example). See the /OBJ compiler listing in Figure 12-1. Finally, the last three lines identify the source line location of every PERFORM statement encountered thus far in the program.

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SAMPLE /OBJ LISTING

COBOL 3.00 SRC:DIAG3.CBL;0                      07-FEB-77 10:34:03 PAGE 001  
 CMD:DIAG3,DIAG3/MAP/OBJ/KE:ZZ=DIAG3  
 IDENT: 038105

|           |            |                                                  |
|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|           | 00001      | IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.                         |
|           | 00002      | PROGRAM-ID. DIAG3.                               |
|           | 00003      | *                                                |
|           | 00004      | * INVOKE "?ILLEGAL NESTED PERFORM AT LINE XXXXX" |
|           | 00005      | *                                                |
|           | 00006      | ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.                            |
|           | 00007      | CONFIGURATION SECTION.                           |
|           | 00008      | SOURCE-COMPUTER. PDP-11.                         |
|           | 00009      | OBJECT-COMPUTER. PDP-11.                         |
|           | 00010      | DATA DIVISION.                                   |
|           | 00011      | WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.                         |
|           | 00012      | PROCEDURE DIVISION.                              |
|           | 00013      | S0 SECTION.                                      |
| PERFORM : | 001 000024 |                                                  |
|           | 00014      | P0. PERFORM P1 THRU P5.                          |
| PERFORM : | 001 000050 |                                                  |
|           | 00015      | P1. PERFORM P2 THRU P4.                          |
| PERFORM : | 001 000074 |                                                  |
|           | 00016      | P2. PERFORM P3 THRU P4.                          |
|           | 00017      | P3.                                              |
|           | 00018      | P4.                                              |
|           | 00019      | P5.                                              |

SAMPLE PROCEDURE NAME MAP

COBOL 3.00 SRC:DIAG3.CBL;0                      07-FEB-77 10:34:03 PAGE 002

PROCEDURE NAME MAP

| NAME | SOURCE<br>LINE | PSECT   | OFFSET | SEG | SECT | PARA |
|------|----------------|---------|--------|-----|------|------|
| S0   | 00013          | \$ZZ001 | 000024 | 00  | S    |      |
| P0   | 00014          | \$ZZ001 | 000024 | 00  |      | P    |
| P1   | 00015          | \$ZZ001 | 000050 | 00  |      | P    |
| P2   | 00016          | \$ZZ001 | 000074 | 00  |      | P    |
| P3   | 00017          | \$ZZ001 | 000120 | 00  |      | P    |
| P4   | 00018          | \$ZZ001 | 000126 | 00  |      | P    |
| P5   | 00019          | \$ZZ001 | 000134 | 00  |      | P    |

Figure 12-1  
 Sample Listing of Program Used in Example-1

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### Example 2

Figure 12-2 contains the listings generated for the COBOL programs used in this example. Execution of the programs depicted in Figure 12-2 will yield the following results:

```
RUN TEST
BEGIN MAIN PROGRAM
BEGIN SUB1 SUBPROGRAM
BEGIN SUB2 SUBPROGRAM

CBL -- 13: NULL ALTERABLE GO TO
      PROGRAM ID: SUB2 , IDENT: 080130
      IN PSECT:  $CC001
      AT OFFSET:  000062
      LISTING OF NESTED ENVIRONMENTS:
      PROGRAM ID: SUB1 , IDENT: 080130
      AT OFFSET:  000054
      PROGRAM ID: MAIN , IDENT: 080129
      AT OFFSET:  000042
```

```
CBL -- 15: STOP RUN
```

Ready

As in the previous example, the PROGRAM-ID and IDENT lines refer to the corresponding lines in the compiler listing; the IN PSECT line identifies the exact PSECT containing the error; and the AT OFFSET line identifies the octal byte offset. Note also, that this information is repeated for every program within the chain of subprograms comprising the task.



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| SAMPLE /OBJ LISTING (Main Program)  |   |                             |                          |        |                                |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|------|------|
| COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAIN.CBL;0           |   | 21-MAR-77 12:59:08 PAGE 001 |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| CMD:MAIN,MAIN/KE:AA/OBJ/MAP=MAIN    |   |                             |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| IDENT: 080129                       |   |                             |                          |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00001                       | IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00002                       | PROGRAM-ID. MAIN.        |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00003                       | ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.    |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00004                       | CONFIGURATION SECTION.   |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00005                       | SOURCE-COMPUTER. PDP-11. |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00006                       | OBJECT-COMPUTER. PDP-11. |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00007                       | DATA DIVISION.           |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00008                       | WORKING-STORAGE SECTION. |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00009                       | 77 A PIC 99.             |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00010                       | 77 B PIC 99.             |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00011                       | 77 C PIC 99.             |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00012                       | PROCEDURE DIVISION.      |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00013                       | S0 SECTION.              |        |                                |      |      |
|                                     |   | 00014                       | P0.                      |        |                                |      |      |
| DISPLAY                             | : | 01                          | 000024                   | 00015  | DISPLAY "BEGIN MAIN PROGRAM".  |      |      |
| CALL                                | : | 01                          | 000042                   | 00016  | CALL "SUB1" USING A B C .      |      |      |
| DISPLAY                             | : | 01                          | 000060                   | 00017  | DISPLAY "ENDING MAIN PROGRAM". |      |      |
| STOP                                | : | 01                          | 000076                   | 00018  | STOP RUN.                      |      |      |
| SAMPLE PROCEDURE MAP (Main Program) |   |                             |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| COBOL 3.00 SRC:MAIN.CBL;0           |   | 21-MAR-77 12:59:08 PAGE 003 |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| PROCEDURE NAME MAP                  |   |                             |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| NAME                                |   | SOURCE                      | PSECT                    | OFFSET | SEG                            | SECT | PARA |
|                                     |   | LINE                        |                          |        |                                |      |      |
| S0                                  |   | 00013                       | \$AA001                  | 000024 | 00                             | S    |      |
| P0                                  |   | 00014                       | \$AA001                  | 000024 | 00                             |      | P    |

Figure 12-2 Sample Listing of Program Used in Example-2

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| SAMPLE /OBJ LISTING (Subprogram)  |   |    |                |                                    |        |     |      |
|-----------------------------------|---|----|----------------|------------------------------------|--------|-----|------|
| COBOL 3.00 SRC:SUB1.CBL;0         |   |    |                | 21-MAR-77 13:00:22 PAGE 001        |        |     |      |
| CMD:SUB1,SUB1/KE:BB/OBJ/MAP=SUB1  |   |    |                |                                    |        |     |      |
| IDENT: 080130                     |   |    |                |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00001          | IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.           |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00002          | PROGRAM-ID. SUB1.                  |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00003          | ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.              |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00004          | CONFIGURATION SECTION.             |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00005          | SOURCE-COMPUTER. PDP-11.           |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00006          | OBJECT-COMPUTER. PDP-11.           |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00007          | DATA DIVISION.                     |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00008          | WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.           |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00009          | LINKAGE SECTION.                   |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00010          | 77 D PIC 99.                       |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00011          | 77 E PIC 99.                       |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00012          | 77 F PIC 99.                       |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00013          | PROCEDURE DIVISION USING D E F .   |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00014          | S1 SECTION.                        |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00015          | P1.                                |        |     |      |
| DISPLAY                           | : | 01 | 000024         |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00016          | DISPLAY "BEGIN SUB1 SUBPROGRAM".   |        |     |      |
| SUBTRACT                          | : | 01 | 000042         |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00017          | SUBTRACT D FROM E GIVING F .       |        |     |      |
| CALL                              | : | 01 | 000054         |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00018          | CALL "SUB2" USING D E F .          |        |     |      |
| DISPLAY                           | : | 01 | 000072         |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00019          | DISPLAY "EXITING SUB1 SUBPROGRAM". |        |     |      |
| STOP                              | : | 01 | 000110         |                                    |        |     |      |
|                                   |   |    | 00020          | STOP RUN .                         |        |     |      |
| SAMPLE PROCEDURE MAP (Subprogram) |   |    |                |                                    |        |     |      |
| COBOL 3.00 SRC:SUB1.CBL;0         |   |    |                | 21-MAR-77 13:00:22 PAGE 003        |        |     |      |
| PROCEDURE NAME MAP                |   |    |                |                                    |        |     |      |
| NAME                              |   |    | SOURCE<br>LINE | PSECT                              | OFFSET | SEG | SECT |
| S1                                |   |    | 00014          | \$BB001                            | 000024 | 00  | S    |
| P1                                |   |    | 00015          | \$BB001                            | 000024 | 00  | P    |

Figure 12-2(Cont.) Sample Listing of Program Used in Example-2



APPENDIX A  
THE COBOL FORMATS

COBOL NOTATION USED IN FORMATS

- Underlined upper-case words (key words) - required words;
- Upper-case words (not underlined) - optional words;
- Lower-case words - generic terms, must be supplied by the user;
- Brackets [] - enclosed portion is optional; if several enclosed words are vertically stacked, only one of them may be used;
- Braces {} - a selection must be made from the vertical stack of enclosed words;
- Ellipsis ... - the position at which repetition may occur;
- Comma and semicolon - optional punctuation;
- Period - required where shown in the formats.

NOTE: Shaded items represent PDP-11 COBOL extensions to the ANS-74 list of COBOL formats.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

PROGRAM-ID. program-name.  
[AUTHOR. [comment-entry]...]  
[INSTALLATION. [comment-entry]...]  
[DATE-WRITTEN. [comment-entry]...]  
[DATE-COMPILED. [comment-entry]...]  
[SECURITY. [comment-entry]...]

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.

CONFIGURATION SECTION.

SOURCE-COMPUTER. PDP-11  
OBJECT-COMPUTER. PDP-11

|                     |   |                                |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| MEMORY SIZE integer | } | WORDS<br>CHARACTERS<br>MODULES |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|

[PROGRAM COLLATING SEQUENCE IS alphabet-name]  
[SEGMENT-LIMIT IS segment-number].

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### [SPECIAL-NAMES.

```

[CARD-READER IS mnemonic-name-1]
[CONSOLE IS mnemonic-name-2]
[LINE-PRINTER IS mnemonic-name-3]
[PAPER-TAPE-PUNCH IS mnemonic-name-4]
[PAPER-TAPE-READER IS mnemonic-name-5]

[SWITCH integer-1 { ON STATUS IS condition-name-1
                     OFF STATUS IS condition-name-2
                     [OFF STATUS IS condition-name-2] }
  [ON STATUS IS condition-name-1] } ] ...

[Alphabet-name IS { NATIVE
                    [STANDARD-1] } ]
[CURRENCY SIGN IS literal-1]
[DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA.]

```

### [INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

FILE-CONTROL. {file-control-entry}... ..

#### Format 1:

SELECT [OPTIONAL] file-name

ASSIGN TO literal-1

```
[ ; RESERVE integer-1      [ AREA
                             [ AREAS ] ] ]
```

[ ; ORGANIZATION IS SEQUENTIAL ]

[ ; ACCESS MODE IS SEQUENTIAL ]

[ ; FILE STATUS IS data-name-1 ] .

#### Format 2:

SELECT file-name

ASSIGN TO literal-1

```
[ ; RESERVE integer-1      [ AREA
                             [ AREAS ] ] ]
```

[ ; ORGANIZATION IS RELATIVE ]

```
[ ; ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL  [ , RELATIVE KEY IS data-name-1 ]
                     [ RANDOM      [ RELATIVE KEY IS data-name-1 ]
                     [ DYNAMIC ] } ] ]
```

[ ; FILE STATUS IS data-name-2 ] .

## THE COBOL FORMATS

### Format 3:

SELECT file-name

ASSIGN TO literal-1

```
[ ; RESERVE integer-1      [ AREA
                               AREAS ] ]

; ORGANIZATION IS INDEXED

[ ; ACCESS MODE IS      { SEQUENTIAL
                          RANDOM
                          DYNAMIC } ]

; RECORD KEY IS data-name-1
[ ; ALTERNATE RECORD KEY IS data-name-2 [WITH DUPLICATES]...
[ ; FILE STATUS IS data-name-3 ] .
```

I-O-CONTROL.

```
[ SAME [RECORD] AREA FOR file-name-1 {file-name-2}... ]...
[ MULTIPLE FILE TAPE CONTAINS file-name-3 [POSITION integer-1]
  [file-name-4 [POSITION integer-2]...]...

[ APPLY      PRINT-CONTROL      ON file-name-5 [file-name-6]... ] ... ]
```

DATA DIVISION.

FILE SECTION.

FD file-name

```
[ BLOCK CONTAINS [integer-1 TO] integer-2      { RECORDS
  CHARACTERS } ]
[ RECORD CONTAINS [integer-3 TO] integer-4      CHARACTERS ]
LABEL { RECORD IS } { STANDARD }
        { RECORDS ARE } { OMITTED }
[ VALUE OF ID IS { data-name-1 }
                  { literal-1 } ]
[ DATA { RECORD IS } data-name-3 [data-name-4] ... ] ...
        { RECORDS ARE }
[ LINAGE IS { data-name-5 } LINES [WITH FOOTING AT { data-name-6 }
                                     { integer-5 } { integer-6 } ]
  [ LINES AT TOP { data-name-7 } ] [ LINES AT BOTTOM { data-name-8 }
                                     { integer-7 } { integer-8 } ] ]
```

[CODE-SET IS alphabet-name].

[record-description-entry]...]

WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

```
[ 77-level-description-entry
  record-description-entry ] ...]
```

LINKAGE SECTION.

```
[ 77-level-description-entry
  record-description-entry ]...]
```

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Data description entry:

Format 1:

```

level-number { data-name-1
              { FILLER
                [REDEFINES data-name-2]
                [ { PICTURE
                  { PIC } IS character-string ]
                [ { USAGE IS } { COMPUTATIONAL
                  { COMP
                    { DISPLAY
                    { DISPLAY-6
                    { DISPLAY-7
                    { INDEX } } ]
                [ { SIGN IS } { LEADING
                  { TRAILING } [SEPARATE CHARACTER] ]
                [ { SYNCHRONIZED
                  { SYNC } [ LEFT
                  { RIGHT } ] ]
                [ { JUSTIFIED
                  { JUST } RIGHT ]
                [BLANK WHEN ZERO]
                [VALUE IS literal]
                [ OCCURS { integer-1 TO integer-2 TIMES DEPENDING ON data-name-3
                  { integer-2 TIMES } ]
                [ { ASCENDING
                  { DESCENDING } KEY IS data-name-4 [data-name-5]... ] ...
                [INDEXED BY index-name-1 [index-name-2] ...] ] .
  
```

Format 2:

```

66 data-name-1 RENAMES data-name-2
   [ { THROUGH
     { THRU } data-name-3 ]
  
```

Format 3:

```

88 condition-name { VALUE IS
                  { VALUES ARE } literal-1 [ { THROUGH
                  { THRU } literal-2 ]
   [ literal-3 [ { THROUGH
                { THRU } literal-4 ] ] ... .
  
```

PROCEDURE DIVISION [USING [data-name-1][,data-name-2] ...].

Format 1:

```

[DECLARATIVES.
 {section-name SECTION [segment-number] . declarative-sentence
 [paragraph-name.[sentence]...]}...
END DECLARATIVES.]
 {section-name SECTION [segment-number].
 [paragraph-name.[sentence]...]}...
  
```

Format 2:

```

{paragraph-name.[sentence]...}...
  
```

## THE COBOL FORMATS

### STATEMENTS

```

ACCEPT identifier [FROM mnemonic-name]
ACCEPT identifier FROM { DATE
                       DAY
                       TIME }

ADD { identifier-1 } [ identifier-2 ] ... TO identifier-m [ROUNDED]
    { literal-1 } [ literal-2 ]
    [ identifier-n [ROUNDED] ] ... [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]
ADD { identifier-1 } { identifier-2 } { identifier-3 } ...
    { literal-1 } { literal-2 } { literal-3 }
    GIVING identifier-m [ROUNDED] [ identifier-n [ROUNDED] ] ...
    [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

ADD { CORRESPONDING
     CORR } identifier-1 TO identifier-2 [ROUNDED]
    [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

ALTER procedure-name-1 TO [PROCEED TO] procedure-name-2
    [procedure-name-3 TO [PROCEED TO] procedure-name-4] ...

CALL literal-1
    [USING data-name-1 [, data-name-2] ...]

CLOSE file-name-1 [ { REEL } [ WITH NO REWIND
                       UNIT ] [ FOR REMOVAL ]
                   WITH { NO REWIND
                       LOCK } ]
    [ file-name-2 [ { REEL } [ WITH NO REWIND
                       UNIT ] [ FOR REMOVAL ]
                   WITH { NO REWIND
                       LOCK } ] ] ]

COMPUTE identifier-1 [ROUNDED] [ identifier-2 [ROUNDED] ] ...
    = arithmetic-expression [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

DELETE file-name RECORD [INVALID KEY imperative-statement]

DISPLAY { identifier-1 } [ identifier-2 ] ...
         { literal-1 } [ literal-2 ]
         [UPON mnemonic-name] [WITH NO ADVANCING]

DIVIDE { identifier-1 } INTO identifier-2 [ROUNDED]
        { literal-1 }
        [ identifier-3 [ROUNDED] ] ... [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

DIVIDE { identifier-1 } INTO { identifier-2 } GIVING identifier-3 [ROUNDED]
        { literal-1 } { literal-2 }
        [ identifier-4 [ROUNDED] ] ... [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

DIVIDE { identifier-1 } BY { identifier-2 } GIVING identifier-3 [ROUNDED]
        { literal-1 } { literal-2 }
        [ identifier-4 [ROUNDED] ] ... [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

DIVIDE { identifier-1 } INTO { identifier-2 } GIVING identifier-3 [ROUNDED]
        { literal-1 } { literal-2 }
        REMAINDER identifier-4 [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

DIVIDE { identifier-1 } BY { identifier-2 } GIVING identifier-3 [ROUNDED]
        { literal-1 } { literal-2 }
        REMAINDER identifier-4 [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

```







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SET { identifier-1 [identifier-2]... } TO { identifier-3 }  
 { index-name-1 [index-name-2]... } { index-name-3 }  
 { integer-1 }

SET index-name-4 [index-name-5]... { UP BY } { identifier-4 }  
 { DOWN BY } { integer-2 }

START file-name [ KEY { IS EQUAL TO  
 IS =  
 IS GREATER THAN  
 IS >  
 IS NOT LESS THAN  
 IS NOT < } data-name ]  
 [INVALID KEY imperative-statement]

STOP { RUN }  
 { literal }

STRING { identifier-1 } [ identifier-2 ] ... DELIMITED BY { identifier-3 }  
 { literal-1 } { literal-2 } { literal-3 }  
 { SIZE }

[ { identifier-4 } [ identifier-5 ] ... DELIMITED BY { identifier-6 } ] ...  
 { literal-4 } { literal-5 } { literal-6 }  
 { SIZE } ] ...  
INTO identifier-7 [WITH POINTER identifier-8]  
 [ON OVERFLOW imperative-statement]

SUBTRACT { identifier-1 } [ identifier-2 ] ... FROM identifier-m [ROUNDED]  
 { literal-1 } { literal-2 } { literal-3 }  
 [identifier-n [ROUNDED]] ... [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

SUBTRACT { identifier-1 } [ identifier-2 ] ... FROM { identifier-m }  
 { literal-1 } { literal-2 } { literal-3 }  
 { literal-m }  
GIVING identifier-n [ROUNDED] [ identifier-o [ROUNDED] ] ...  
 [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

SUBTRACT { CORRESPONDING } identifier-1 FROM identifier-2 [ROUNDED]  
 { CORR }  
 [ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

UNSTRING identifier-1  
 [ DELIMITED BY [ ALL ] { identifier-2 } [ OR [ ALL ] { identifier-3 } ] ... ]  
 { literal-1 } { literal-2 }  
INTO identifier-4 [ DELIMITER IN identifier-5 ] [ COUNT IN identifier-6 ]  
 [ identifier-7 [ DELIMITER IN identifier-8 ] [ COUNT IN identifier-9 ] ] ...  
 [WITH POINTER identifier-10] [ TALLYING IN identifier-11 ]  
 [ON OVERFLOW imperative-statement]

USE AFTER STANDARD { EXCEPTION } PROCEDURE ON { file-name-1 [file-name-2]... }  
 { ERROR } { INPUT }  
 { OUTPUT }  
 { I-O }  
 { EXTEND }

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WRITE record-name [FROM identifier-1]

[ { BEFORE } ADVANCING { { identifier-2 } [ LINE ] } ]  
[ { AFTER } { integer } [ LINES ] } ]  
[ PAGE ] ]  
[ AT { END-OF-PAGE } imperative-statement ]  
[ EOP ] ]

WRITE record-name [FROM identifier] [INVALID KEY imperative-statement]

---

---

COPY { text-name }  
{ literal-3 }

[ REPLACING { { literal-1 } } BY { { literal-2 } } ... ]  
{ word-1 } { word-2 }

NOTE: A COPY statement may appear anywhere that a word appears in the COBOL source program.



APPENDIX B

LOGICAL UNIT NUMBER (LUN) ASSIGNMENTS

| LUN | ASSIGNMENT                 |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 1   | Console, input             |
| 2   | Console, output            |
| 3   | Source input file          |
| 4   | Source listing output file |
| 5   | Object output file         |
| 6   | ODL output file            |
| 7   | CREF scratch file          |
| 8   | COPY library input file    |
| 9   | Work file                  |
| 10  | Work file                  |
| 11  | Intermediate file          |
| 12  | Sort work file             |
| 13  | Sort work file             |
| 14  | Sort work file             |



## APPENDIX C

### PDP-11 COBOL COMPILER IMPLEMENTATION LIMITATIONS

This appendix documents the implementation limitations for the PDP-11 COBOL compiler system (compiler and OTS). The reader should not confuse the term "limitations" with "restrictions". Restrictions delimit those language facilities which are not implemented or should not be used due to known bugs in their existent implementation. Implementation limitations quantify the limits of a particular language facility supported by the system. Practical implementation limitations exist in every compiler.

Such limitations are due to the finite size of various compiler tables, compiler data structure representations, etc. Since the PDP-11 COBOL compiler employs a Virtual Memory System to support many compiler data structures, the quantities specified for various implementation limitations are approximations. However, as a general rule, the following guidelines should not be exceeded in the development of a COBOL program.

#### IMPLEMENTATION LIMITATIONS

1. The maximum length of any COBOL data item (group item, elementary item, table) is 4095 characters.
2. The default depth of dynamic PERFORM statement nesting is 10. The default depth can be modified by using the /PFM switch at compile time.
3. The maximum number of sending operands in a DISPLAY statement is 16.
4. The maximum number of data-name definitions in a COBOL program is approximately 2000.
5. The maximum number of procedure name definitions in a COBOL program is approximately 2000.
6. The maximum nesting depth of matching parentheses in a COBOL expression is 10.
7. The maximum number of qualifiers in a qualified data-name reference is 48.
8. The maximum number of procedure names in a GO TO DEPENDING statement is 16.





## APPENDIX D

### COMPILER GENERATED PSECTS

An object program generated by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler is composed of program sections called PSECTS. Three types of PSECTS are generated:

- Data Psects                      Contain the memory for the Data Division of a COBOL program.
- Control PSECTS                  Contain the data that is required by the OTS during program execution.
- Procedural PSECTS              Contain the object code generated for the Procedure Division.

Data and Control PSECTS are always non-overlayable. Procedural PSECTS, however, can be optionally overlayable or non-overlayable.

#### D.1 PSECT NAMING CONVENTIONS

The PSECTS generated by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler are named entities. Each PSECT name is composed of a three character prefix followed by a three character suffix. There are two different forms of the prefix:

- \$KK

Where: \$    Is a sentinel character and is always present.

KK    Is a two character kernel that identifies the PSECT. It is this kernel character that is specified by the /KER:kk switch. The /KER:kk switch is appended to the compiler command line to assign a unique kernel value to the PSECTS generated during the compilation. The default kernel assignment is C\$.

- \$CB

Where: \$    Is a sentinel character, and is always present.

CB    Is a two character code that identifies the PSECT as a COBOL compiler generated PSECT.

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PSECTS with the prefix \$CB are generated to provide the control and work space required for I/O operations.

PSECTS with these same names are generated for each COBOL compilation. They are either overlaid or concatenated at task-build time. Those that are overlaid, have a known fixed length at task-build time. Those that are concatenated, have a known length at compile-time and contribute their size to the total size of the PSECT that is built by the Task Builder.

The three character suffix identifies the type of code or data the PSECT contains. Table D-1 describes the suffixes assigned to \$KK type PSECTS, and Table D-2 describes the suffixes assigned to \$CB type PSECTS.

Table D-1  
\$KK PSECT Name Suffixes

| Type    | Suffix | Content                                                                                       |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Data    | DAT    | Data Division data storage areas.                                                             |
|         | DDD    | Data Division directories - contains descriptions of referenced Data Division items.          |
|         | ARG    | Directories of referenced Linkage Section items.                                              |
|         | LIT    | Literal Pool - contains all of the literals referenced in the program.                        |
|         | LTD    | Literal Directory.                                                                            |
|         | IOB    | Input/Output buffers.                                                                         |
| Control | WRK    | COBOL compile unit work space - contains a description of the compile unit environment.       |
|         | PDT    | PSECT dispatch table - used for intra-program control of segmented COBOL programs.            |
|         | SDT    | Subprogram dispatch table - used for inter-program control (i.e., calling subprograms).       |
|         | LST    | Argument list work space - used to contain the argument list passed to the called subprogram. |
|         | PFM    | Perform work space - used to provide control and checking of nested PERFORM statements.       |
|         | ADT    | ALTER Dispatch Table - used to contain the destination of alterable GO TO statements.         |

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Table D-1 (Cont.)  
\$KK PSECT Name Suffixes

| Type       | Suffix | Content                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|            | USE    | Default USE procedure table - used to access the default OPEN mode (INPUT, OUTPUT, I-O, or EXTEND) USE procedures, if present.               |
| Procedural | ENT    | Code generated by the compiler for the program entry point.                                                                                  |
|            | nnn    | Numbered suffixes beginning with 001. These numbered PSECTS contain the object code generated for the Procedure Division of a COBOL program. |

Table D-2  
PSECT Name Suffixes

| Allocation | Suffix | Content                                                                                                             |
|------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OVR        | IOT    | Input/Output Table - contains a reference to each COBOL Input/Output OTS routine required by the COBOL compilation. |
| OVR        | FAL    | File Access Block (FAB) - used to transmit information to RMS at open and close time.                               |
| OVR        | XAL    | Auxiliary Access Blocks (XABs) - used to transmit information on the keys for indexed files to RMS at open time.    |
| OVR        | SWT    | COBOL switches flag PSECT. Indicates whether COBOL switches are referenced in the COBOL program.                    |
| CON        | IF1    | Internal File Access Blocks (IFABs) - used internally by RMS to store information.                                  |
| CON        | IRI    | Internal Record Access Blocks (IRABs) - used internally by RMS to store information.                                |
| CON        | KD1    | Internal Key Descriptors - used internally by RMS to store information on the keys for indexed files.               |
| CON        | BD1    | Buffer Descriptor Blocks (BDBs) - used internally by RMS to store information on the buffers.                       |

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Table D-2 (Cont.)  
PSECT Names Suffixes

| Allocation | Suffix | Content                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CON        | KB1    | Key Buffers - used internally by RMS to store keys for indexed files.                                                                                        |
| CON        | FD1    | FDA Index Vector - contains address of first FDA in program.<br><br>Note:<br><br>OVR indicates overlayable PSECT.<br><br>CON indicates concatenatable PSECT. |

## APPENDIX E

### SORTING FILES IN A COBOL PROGRAM

Files prepared for or by COBOL programs may be sorted using the SORT utility, which is discussed in the PDP-11 SORT Reference Manual. A major portion of that facility is available to the COBOL programmer through usage of a set of subroutine linkages, described in detail in this chapter. All such linkages involve use of a CALL statement with an appropriate parameter list.

#### E.1 CALL STATEMENTS REQUIRED

A set of five CALL statements, each calling a particular SORT subroutine, is required within a COBOL program in order to produce a sorted output file. Each of these subroutines (RSORT, RELES, MERGE, RETRN, ENDS) performs a specialized function in the SORT procedural sequence and lets the COBOL programmer both specify sorting parameters and perform special operations on individual records as they pass through the initial and final phases.

##### E.1.1 Initializing the SORT - CALL RSORT

The following statement is needed to initialize the sorting operation:

```
CALL "RSORT" USING IERROR, KEYSIZ, MAXREC, KEYLOC, SRTBUF,  
BUFSIZ, SCRNUM.
```

Parameter usage is as follows:

|          |                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IERROR - | location in which a SORT subroutine may place a non-zero error code, if necessary, in COMP form, value less than 100.                                          |
| KEYSIZ - | location containing byte count of total key size in COMP form, a positive even integer.                                                                        |
| MAXREC - | location containing byte count of maximum data record size in COMP form, a positive even integer. The sum of KEYSIZ and MAXREC cannot exceed 16,383 (decimal). |
| KEYLOC - | address of most major word in key. See Section E.2 for details on setting up sort key.                                                                         |
| SRTBUF - | address of first word in sort work area.                                                                                                                       |
| BUFSIZ - | location containing byte count of sort work area size in COMP form.                                                                                            |

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SCRNUM - location containing number of scratch files available to the SORT (not less than 3, not more than 8), in COMP form.

### E.1.2 Passing a Record to the Sort - CALL RELES

The following statement is needed to pass a record to the sort:

```
CALL "RELES" USING IERROR, RECSIZ, INREC.
```

Parameter usage is as follows:

IERROR - usage is as described above.

RECSIZ - location containing byte count of data record size in COMP form, a positive even integer not greater than value in MAXREC.

INREC - address of record to be passed to the sort.

### E.1.3 Merging the Scratch Files - CALL MERGE

The following statement is needed to merge the scratch files in the sort after all input records have been passed to the sort:

```
CALL "MERGE" USING IERROR.
```

IERROR usage is as described above.

### E.1.4 Requesting an OUTPUT Record - CALL RETRN

The following statement is needed to request the output records, one at a time, produced in sorted order by the sort:

```
CALL "RETRN" USING IERROR, RECSIZ, OUTREC.
```

Parameter usage is as follows:

IERROR - usage is as described above.

RECSIZ - location to receive byte count of returned data record size in COMP form, a positive even integer not greater than value in MAXREC.

OUTREC - address of area to receive returned data record.

#### NOTE

RETRN indicates "no more records" by placing a negative value in IERROR.

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### E.1.5 Terminating the Sort - CALL ENDS

The following statement is needed to terminate the sort after all sorted output records have been returned:

```
CALL "ENDS" USING IERROR.
```

IERROR usage is as described above.

### E.2 SETTING UP THE KEY

Before CALL RELES is executed, the COBOL programmer must first set up the key in an area outside the record itself. Since the key area must begin and end on a word boundary, usage of an 01 level description in the Working - Storage Section is recommended. The most major byte for the key, that byte "on the left", must be stored in the highest memory location of the key area, and the most minor byte, that byte "on the right", must be stored in the lowest memory location.

Thus the data must be moved byte by byte, NOT word by word, to the key area, resulting in the key being stored "backwards" by bytes. If the actual key contains an odd number of bytes, the last unused position must be zeroed out, to insure proper results from word compares. Thus for a key of 7 bytes, KEYSIZ - 8; the contents of the lowest byte address should always be zero.

The form of the comparison is logical, i.e., all eight bits of a byte are significant; there is no implied sign. The programmer is responsible for organizing the key data passed to the sort in a form which ensures the correct sequence.

### E.3 WORK AREA SIZE

The size of the sort work area, BUFSIZE, must be at least as large as the result of the following calculation:

$$\text{Minimum BUFSIZE} = \text{SCRNUM} * (1110 + \text{MAXREC} + \text{KEYSIZE})$$

If less space is provided, the sort will keep decreasing the number of work files until either the above equation is satisfied or the number of files drop below three; the latter is an error condition (error code 17).

Any extra memory will be used to expand the in-core sort area. Thus, in general, the more space supplied, the faster the sort.

### E.4 TYPICAL USAGE SEQUENCE

Sort the file SORT-IN to produce the file SORT-OUT.

1. Open SORT-IN.
2. Call RSORT to initialize the sort.
3. Read the next logical record from SORT-IN. If no more data, go to step 7.



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4. Perform any desired operations upon the input record. If it is not to be submitted to the sort, go to step 3.
5. Set up the keys from the new record.
6. Call RELES to give the record to the sort, then loop back to step 3.
7. Close SORT-IN.
8. Call MERGE to collate the records submitted to the sort.
9. Open SORT-OUT.
10. Call RETRN to get the next sorted output record. If no more records, go to step 13.
11. Perform any desired operations upon the sorted output record. If it is not to be included in the SORT-OUT file, go to step 10.
12. Write the record onto SORT-OUT, then loop back to step 10.
13. Close SORT-OUT.
14. Call ENDS to clean up the sort scratch files.

### E.5 LINKING SORT ROUTINES WITH A COBOL PROGRAM

The actual sorting subroutines are contained in SORTS.OBJ and SIORMS.OBJ which are included in the COBOL object library (COBLIB). The programmer can link these to his own calling program, by following the usual procedure for using the Task Builder to task-build any COBOL program.

Note that the sort subroutines use LUNs 5, 6, ... 12 for the scratch files. Use the task builder device assignment (ASG) command appropriately. The LUN can be overridden by globally patching location \$RFIRL. Insure that the LUNs used by the sort subroutines do not conflict with the LUNs assigned to files in the COBOL program that might be open when the sort subroutines are called.

### E.6 COMPARISON WITH ANS COBOL SORT VERB

Readers familiar with the ANS COBOL SORT verb will recognize that a substantial portion of that capability has been described in this chapter. The following points of comparison will be helpful in converting from such usage to the described facility:

1. INPUT PROCEDURES are available thru the CALL RELES usage.
2. OUTPUT PROCEDURES are available thru the CALL RETRN usage.
3. Only ASCENDING keys are supported. The programmer can get the effect of DESCENDING key fields by simply complementing them when he stores them in KEYLOC. Note that the data record itself is unaffected by this procedure, so restoration of such fields after the sort is unnecessary.

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4. The COLLATING-SEQUENCE option is not directly available. Again, however, the programmer could transform key fields when storing them in KEYLOC to achieve the desired effect.
5. There is no MERGE feature.
6. Multiple usages of the sort may occur within a given COBOL program provided that "RSORT" and "END" bracket each usage.
7. There is no restriction on the presence of COBOL code in addition to INPUT and OUTPUT PROCEDURES.

### E.7 ERROR CODES

Whenever the sort detects an error, it returns a non-zero code to the location specified by the programmer (IERROR in discussion above). The error codes (octal representation) and their meanings are:

| DEC | OCTAL |                                                                                                    |
|-----|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | 00    | No errors                                                                                          |
|     | 01    | Device input error                                                                                 |
|     | 02    | Device output error                                                                                |
|     | 03    | OPEN INPUT failure                                                                                 |
|     | 04    | OPEN OUTPUT failure                                                                                |
|     | 05    | Size of current record is greater than maximum size                                                |
|     | 06    | Not enough work area                                                                               |
|     | 07    | "RETRN" was called after it had exited with a negative error code (end of sort).                   |
| 8   | 10    | SORT routine called out of order. The order of the calls must be RSORT, RELES, MERGE, RETRN, ENDS. |
| 9   | 11    | Sort already in progress. To do a second sort, ENDS must be called to clean up the first sort.     |
| 10  | 12    | Key size is not positive, SORTS detected a zero or negative key size in its calling parameter.     |
| 11  | 13    | Record size not positive.                                                                          |
| 12  | 14    | Key address not even. The keys must start at an even address (SORT uses word moves).               |
| 13  | 15    | Record address not even.                                                                           |

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| DEC | OCTAL |                                                                                                                               |
|-----|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14  | 16    | Scratch records will be too large. The size of the keys plus the size of the largest record must be less than 377776 (octal). |
| 15  | 17    | Too few scratch files. A minimum of 3 scratch files must be specified.                                                        |
| 16  | 20    | Too many scratch files. A maximum of 10 scratch files may be specified.                                                       |
| 17  | 21    | End-of-string record was detected where none was expected.                                                                    |
| 18  | 22    | Like 21, but for End-of-File.                                                                                                 |
| 19  | 23    | SORT found a record larger than it expected.                                                                                  |
| 20  | 24    | Record length is non-standard for SORTT, SORTA, SORTI.                                                                        |

[COMP items are displayed in DECIMAL!]

## APPENDIX F

### COBOL TERMINAL HANDLING SERVICES ON RSTS/E

The COBOL-11 runtime library contains a set of callable subroutines that support multi-terminal access from a single COBOL program. These subroutines run only on RSTS/E.

The purpose of this subroutine package is to provide asynchronous terminal I/O support for COBOL programs running on RSTS/E.

#### F.1 GENERAL SERVICES

The subroutines provide the following services:

1. The ability to assign and deassign available terminal (keyboards) to the running COBOL program.
2. The ability to OPEN or CLOSE a specific I/O channel and logical unit pair for terminal INPUT/OUTPUT.
3. The ability to WRITE a message to any single terminal assigned to the program.
4. The ability to READ a message from a specific terminal.
5. The ability to READ a message from any terminal in the group assigned to the program and have the subroutine identify from which terminal the message came. This technique is known as polling.
6. In conjunction with the READ capabilities, the user has the ability to specify how long to wait for a message from any terminal before returning to the user program.

##### F.1.1 Open a Logical Unit for Terminal I/O

This function must be called to initialize the multi-terminal subroutines to expect terminal I/O on a specified logical unit (LUN). The LUN is required by the subsequent terminal I/O subroutines to function properly.

The form of the call is

```
CALL "KBOPEN" USING ERR, LUN
```

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Where:

ERR - is a comp data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] that contains the returned error status code. (See Section F.4.)

LUN - a comp data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] that contains the decimal logical unit number to use.

Example

```
MOVE 14 TO LUN.  
CALL "KBOPEN" USING ERR, LUN.
```

An error code of zero indicates a successful call.

The choice of LUN number is very important and must comply with the following rules:

1. It must be in the range of 1 to 15.
2. It must not conflict with a LUN number assigned by the COBOL compiler to a file in the COBOL program.

### F.1.2 Close a Terminal Logical Unit

This function disassociates a LUN and all keyboards assigned to the LUN from the running COBOL program. The form of the call is

```
CALL "KBCLOS" USING ERR, LUN
```

Where:

ERR and LUN are as specified in  
KBOPEN

### F.1.3 Assigning a Terminal

In order to use the RSTS/E COBOL multi-terminal functions, each terminal must be assigned to the COBOL program. A CALL is made to the subroutine KBASGN to assign a specific terminal or keyboard (KB) to a logical unit (LUN). This LUN must have been the subject of a previously executed CALL to KBOPEN in the COBOL program.

The form of the CALL is

```
CALL "KBASGN" USING ERR, KB-UNIT
```

Where:

ERR - A 2-byte COMP data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] that contains an error code returned by the subroutine (see Section F.4).

KB-UNIT - A 2-byte comp data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] that contains the keyboard number in decimal.

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### F.1.4 Deassigning a Terminal

This function removes the specified terminal unit from the list assigned to the specified LUN. The form of the CALL is

```
CALL "KBDEAS" USING ERR, KB-UNIT
```

Where:

ERR AND KB-UNIT are as specified for the call to KBASGN.

### F.1.5 Write to a Specific Terminal

Assuming that the specified terminal has been assigned, this function delivers a message to the indicated terminal. The form of the call is

```
CALL "KBWRIT" USING ERR, COUNT, MESSAGE, LUN, KB-UNIT
```

Where:

- ERR - the 2-byte comp data-item as specified earlier.
- COUNT - a 2-byte comp data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] that contains the length the message in bytes.
- MESSAGE - the data-item that contains the message to be written. This message must contain all vertical and horizontal formatting characters such as carriage returns, line feeds and tabs.
- LUN - a 2-byte comp item [PIC 9(4) COMP] as previously specified.
- KN-UNIT - a 2-byte comp data-item [PIC 9(4) COMP] identifying the specific terminal to which the message is written..

### F.1.6 Read from a Specific Terminal

This function allows a COBOL program to read a message from a specific terminal and optionally waits for as much as 255 seconds for input from the terminal. The form of the call is

```
CALL "KBREAD" USING ERR, COUNT, MESSAGE, LUN, KB-UNIT, TIME
```

Where:

- ERR - is the 2-byte comp data-item where a success/error code will be returned.
- COUNT - is the 2-byte comp data-item which contains the length of the message just read.
- MESSAGE - defines the data-item into which the message is read. This data item should be long enough to contain the longest anticipated message to be read.

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When a message is read from a terminal, the message is prefixed by a 1-byte field which contains the terminal unit number in binary. Therefore space should be reserved in the message input data item for this byte.

i.e.,

```
01 MESSAGE
02 KB-NUM PIC X.
02 REAL-MESSAGE PIC X(80)
```

All messages are returned as ASCII strings with no conversions taking place.

- LUN - a 2-byte comp data-item containing the LUN number.
- KN-UNIT - a 2-byte comp data-item containing the terminal number to be used in the READ.
- TIME - a 2-byte comp data-item containing a value from 1 to 255 which is the amount of time in seconds to wait for input from the terminal(s). If no message is available in this time, then an error 13 (user data error on device) is returned.

If TIME is given a zero value, then the system will wait indefinitely for input from the terminal(s).

If a terminal operator types CONTROL-Z at a terminal, error code 11 (end-of-file on device) is returned.

### F.1.7 READ Unsolicited from Any Terminal Assigned

This function allows a COBOL program to read a message from any terminal assigned to the program. The read is called unsolicited because no specific terminal is identified and what is expected is a message from the first terminal found to have typed in a message. This function can also wait for input from a terminal for a specified length of time - up to 255 seconds. If no message is available from any assigned terminal within this time, then an error condition is returned. The error code is 13 - a user data error on device condition that is generated by the RSTS/E monitor.

Using this function, the COBOL program can effectively poll group of terminals requesting input as any is available.

The form of this call is

```
CALL "KBREAU" USING ERR, COUNT, MESSAGE, LUN, KB-UNIT TIME
```

Where:

ERR, COUNT, MESSAGE, LUN and TIME are as specified in the description of KBREAD

and

KB-UNIT is a 2-byte comp data-item that contains (upon return from the call to KBREAD) the unit number (in binary) of the terminal from which the current message was read.

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### F.2 ERROR CODES DURING MULTI-TERMINAL HANDLING

These values are returned in binary in the 2-byte comp data-item used in every call to the multi-terminal subroutines.

| CODE | MEANING                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0    | Successful.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6    | NOT A VALID DEVICE. An attempt was made to WRIT to an unassigned device with DBWRIT.                                                                                                 |
| 7    | I/O CHANNEL ALREADY OPEN. A KBOPEN call attempted to use a LUN that was already in use by the program for a file or for other terminal operations because of a previous KBOPEN call. |
| 8    | DEVICE NOT AVAILABLE. A KBASGN call was made to assign a terminal that is unavailable to the program and reserved by another user.                                                   |
| 9    | I/O CHANNEL NOT OPEN. A call to KBASGN, KBREAD, KBREAU or KBWRIT was made using a LUN that was not OPENed by a KBOPEN call.                                                          |
| 11   | END OF FILE ON DEVICE. A user at an assigned terminal typed CONTROL/Z during a KBREAD call.                                                                                          |
| 12   | FATAL SYSTEM I/O FAILURE. A system level I/O error occurred - the user has no guarantee that the last operation was performed.                                                       |
| 13   | USER DATA ERROR ON DEVICE. BAD DATA may have been transmitted during the previous I/O call or a call to KBREAD or KBREAU did not get any data in the requested wait time.            |
| 15   | Keyboard wait exhausted. The WAIT time requested for input during a KBREAD or KBREAU call.                                                                                           |
| 31   | ILLEGAL BYTE COUNT FOR I/O. A bad message length value was used as a parameter during a DBWRIT call.                                                                                 |





**APPENDIX G**  
**COMPILER SYSTEM ERRORS**

(To be supplied in subsequent update.)



APPENDIX H  
DIAGNOSTIC ERROR MESSAGES

This Appendix contains a numerical listing of the diagnostic messages generated by the PDP-11 COBOL compiler. The general format of presentation is to give the error message number and the text of the diagnostic message to the left. On the right, a detailed explanation of the diagnostic is given indicating the reason(s) for which the diagnostic message is issued and the recovery action taken by the compiler.

NOTE

In many explanations, the word "Fatal." appears as the very last sentence of the explanation. This means that this is a fatal diagnostic issued in the Procedure Division. If the /ACC:2 switch is specified in the command string input to the compiler, the associated diagnostic message will cause the generation of the special error trap coding discussed previously.

- |     |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 001 | CONTINUE PUNCH WITH BLANK STATEMENT. IGNORED.   | A blank line has a continue punch. The continue punch is ignored.                                                                                                                                    |
| 002 | QUOTE OR CONTINUE PUNCH MISSING. QUOTE ASSUMED. | A non-numeric literal has no quote and the following line has no continue punch. A terminal quote is assumed at the end of the line.                                                                 |
| 003 | VIOLATION OF AREA A. ASSUMED CORRECT.           | The first non-blank character on a continued line occurs in Area A. The error is ignored.                                                                                                            |
| 004 | LINE LENGTH EXCEEDS INPUT BUFFER. TRUNCATED.    | Continuation lines cause a COBOL word to exceed the capacity of the input buffer. The word is truncated on the right; the number of characters retained depends on the type of word being processed. |

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- |     |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 005 | .IO CONTROL. WITHOUT .FILE CONTROL. IGNORED.     | An I-O-CONTROL paragraph appears when no FILE-CONTROL paragraph was present. The I-O-CONTROL paragraph is ignored.                                    |
| 006 | .STRING. DATA ITEM MUST HAVE DISPLAY USAGE.      | A data item in a STRING statement has been given a COMP or INDEX usage. Fatal.                                                                        |
| 007 | NAME EXCEEDS 30 CHARACTERS. TRUNCATED TO 30.     | A character string which appears to be a name exceeds 30 characters in length. The string is truncated on the right to 30 characters.                 |
| 010 | NUMERIC LITERAL OVER 18 DIGITS. TRUNCATED TO 18. | A numeric literal exceeds 18 digits in length. The literal is truncated on the right, with any necessary adjustment to scaling. The sign is retained. |
| 011 | NUMERIC LITERAL HAS MULTIPLE DECIMAL POINTS.     | A numeric literal has more than one decimal point.                                                                                                    |
| 012 | PICTURE CLAUSE ILLEGAL ON GROUP LEVEL. IGNORED.  | A group level item has a PICTURE clause. The clause is ignored.                                                                                       |
| 013 | .SELECT. NOT FOUND. SENTENCE IGNORED.            | A FILE-CONTROL statement should begin with the word SELECT, but does not. All words up to the next period are ignored.                                |
| 014 | JUST.SYNC.BLANK CLAUSES WRONG AT GROUP. IGNORED. | A group level item may not contain JUSTIFIED, SYNCHRONIZED, or BLANK WHEN ZERO clauses. The clause is ignored.                                        |
| 015 | FILENAME MISSING OR INVALID. SELECT IGNORED.     | A SELECT statement either contains no user name or the user name is invalid. The SELECT statement is ignored.                                         |
| 016 | USAGE CONFLICTS WITH GROUP USAGE. USES GROUP.    | The usage specified for this item differs from the usage stated at a higher group level. The group level usage is used.                               |
| 017 | ILLEGAL NUMERIC DATANAME IN .STRING.             | A numeric data item in a STRING statement has an illegal description. Fatal.                                                                          |
| 020 | .ALL. ILLEGAL IN CONTEXT OF .STRING. STATEMENT.  | An ALL literal has been used in a STRING statement. Fatal.                                                                                            |

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- |     |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 021 | SYNTAX ERROR OR NO TERMINATOR. CLAUSES SKIPPED. | A SELECT statement is missing its terminating period or an error causes the statement to be processed before all clauses were found. The SELECT statement is ignored. |
| 022 | NUMERIC LITERAL ILLEGAL IN THIS STATEMENT.      | A STRING, UNSTRING, or INSPECT statement contains a numeric literal. Fatal.                                                                                           |
| 023 | SENDING LIST OMITTED IN .STRING. STATEMENT.     | A STRING statement contains no sending fields before a DELIMITED BY phrase. Fatal.                                                                                    |
| 024 | MORE THAN ONE FILENAME IN .ASSIGN.              | The non-numeric literal of an ASSIGN clause contains more than one file specification. Only the first specification is used.                                          |
| 025 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS .INTO. IN .STRING.     | The receiving field of a STRING statement is invalid. Fatal.                                                                                                          |
| 026 | SUBSCRIBING DEPTH EXCEEDS 3. OVER 3 IGNORED.    | This OCCURS clause is nested more than three deep. The OCCURS clause is ignored.                                                                                      |
| 027 | VALUE ILLEGAL IN OCCURS ITEM. IGNORED.          | A VALUE clause appears in an item with an OCCURS clause or in an item subordinate to an OCCURS clause. The VALUE clause is ignored.                                   |
| 030 | VALUE ILLEGAL IN REDEFINES ITEM. IGNORED.       | A VALUE clause appears in an item which either contains a REDEFINES clause, or is subordinate to an item with a REDEFINES clause.                                     |
| 031 | NO TERMINATOR FOR .IO CONTROL. PARAGRAPH.       | The I-O-CONTROL paragraph is not terminated by a period. The terminator is assumed present.                                                                           |
| 032 | .MAP. NO LONGER APPLICABLE. IGNORED.            | An APPLY clause with the MAP option is not applicable for this version and future versions of PDP-11 COBOL. The APPLY clause is ignored.                              |
| 033 | AN IO CONTROL CLAUSE WITHOUT FILES.             | A file-name is missing in a clause of the I-O-CONTROL paragraph. The clause is ignored.                                                                               |
| 034 | SYNTAX ERROR IN .APPLY..                        | An APPLY clause has illegal syntax. The clause is ignored.                                                                                                            |

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- 035 INVALID ACCESS MODE.  
TREAT AS SEQUENTIAL.           The SELECT statement contains an invalid ACCESS mode. SEQUENTIAL ACCESS mode is assumed.
- 036 INVALID FILE ORGANIZATION.  
TREAT AS SEQUENTIAL.           THE SELECT statement contains an invalid ORGANIZATION specification. SEQUENTIAL organization is assumed.
- 037 NO SELECT STATEMENTS.       A FILE-CONTROL paragraph either contains no SELECT statements or none of those present are valid. The FILE-CONTROL paragraph is ignored.
- 040 .ASSIGN. OMITTED FROM  
SELECT. SELECT IGNORED.       A SELECT statement contains no ASSIGN clause. The SELECT statement is ignored.
- 041 DECIMAL PLACES TRUNCATED.   Decimal places have been truncated from a numeric literal during conversion for use as an integer. The integer positions are used.
- 042 INTEGER EXPECTED, ZERO  
ASSUMED.                       An integer literal was expected but fractional positions were found. The literal is ignored and a value of zero is assumed.
- 043 INTEGER VALUE TOO BIG.  
LARGEST VALUE USED.           A numeric literal is too big for conversion as an integer in the given context. A value of 32,767 is used.
- 044 ERROR IN DATA RECORDS  
CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED.       The word DATA is not followed by RECORD or RECORDS in the DATA RECORDS clause. The DATA RECORDS clause is ignored.
- 045 ERROR IN LABEL RECORDS  
CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED.       The word LABEL is not followed by RECORD or RECORDS in the LABEL RECORDS clause. The LABEL RECORDS clause is ignored.
- 046 NO INTEGER IN BLOCK  
CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED.       The BLOCK clause does not contain a numeric literal. The BLOCK clause is ignored.
- 047 BAD VALUE IN BLOCK  
CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED.       The numeric literal in the BLOCK clause causes an illegal block size. The block size in bytes must be greater than 0 and less than 32768. The BLOCK clause is ignored.
- 050 NO INTEGER IN RECORD  
CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED.       The RECORD CONTAINS clause does not contain a numeric literal. The RECORD CONTAINS clause is ignored.

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- |     |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 051 | INVALID VALUE IN RECORD<br>CLAUSE. CLAUSE SKIPPED. | The numeric literal in the<br>RECORD CONTAINS clause is not<br>greater than zero. The<br>RECORD CONTAINS clause is<br>ignored.                                                                                                |
| 052 | INVALID FILENAME.<br>FD SKIPPED.                   | The word following FD is not<br>valid as a file-name. The<br>FD entry is ignored.                                                                                                                                             |
| 053 | FD TERMINATOR MISSING.<br>ASSUMED PRESENT.         | The file description entry<br>contains no period<br>terminator. The error is<br>ignored.                                                                                                                                      |
| 054 | KEY WORD EXPECTED.<br>REMAINING CLAUSES SKIPPED.   | A keyword, which begins a<br>clause, such as BLOCK, LABEL,<br>DATA, etc. is missing. The<br>remainder of the FD entry is<br>ignored.                                                                                          |
| 055 | NO LABEL CLAUSE IN FD.<br>.STANDARD. ASSUMED.      | The FD entry contains no<br>LABEL RECORD clause. LABEL<br>RECORD IS STANDARD is assumed.                                                                                                                                      |
| 056 | NO SELECT. FILE<br>DELETED.                        | The FD entry's file-name has<br>no corresponding SELECT<br>statement. The FD entry is<br>ignored. All references to<br>the filename will be<br>diagnosed as undefined.                                                        |
| 057 | ALLOCATED SPACE EXCEEDS<br>LARGEST RECORD.         | The maximum record size<br>specified by the RECORD<br>CONTAINS clause exceeds the<br>space required for any 01<br>entry under the same file.<br>The value specified by the<br>RECORD CONTAINS clause is<br>used.              |
| 060 | RECORD AREA EXTENDED TO<br>CONTAIN LARGEST RECORD. | The space required by the<br>largest 01 record under a<br>file description exceeds the<br>space required by the RECORD<br>CONTAINS clause in the FD<br>entry. The value derived<br>from the 01 record<br>description is used. |
| 061 | NO RECORD AREA. FILE<br>DELETED.                   | No record area is allocated<br>for a file description. The<br>file description is ignored.<br>All references to the file<br>will be diagnosed as<br>undefined.                                                                |
| 062 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.WITH POINTER. PHRASE. | The data item used as a<br>pointer in a STRING or<br>UNSTRING statement is<br>illegal. Fatal.                                                                                                                                 |
| 063 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN .STRING.<br>STATEMENT.           | A STRING statement contains<br>illegal syntax. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                         |



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- 064 77 ILLEGAL IN FILESECTION.  
CHANGED TO 01.                   A 77 level item description  
has been found in the FILE  
SECTION. The 77 level is  
treated as an 01 level.
- 065 ILLEGAL WORD FOLLOWS  
.DELIMITED BY. PHRASE.           A data-name or literal is  
expected following a  
DELIMITED BY phrase in a  
STRING or UNSTRING statement.  
Fatal.
- 066 ILLEGAL USE OF .ALL..  
IGNORED.                         In the VALUE clause, an ALL  
numeric literal is detected.  
This is illegal. ALL is  
ignored by the compiler.
- 067 CONDITION NAME MISSING OR  
INVALID. 88 IGNORED.             The condition-name in an 88  
level entry is either missing  
or invalid. The entire entry  
is ignored.
- 070 TWO INDEXED KEYS START AT  
SAME OFFSET IN RECORD            The leftmost character  
position of the RECORD KEY or  
ALTERNATE RECORD KEY dataname  
corresponds to the leftmost  
character position of some  
other RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE  
RECORD KEY data-name. The  
clause is ignored.
- 071 .REDEFINES. ON 01 LEVEL  
IN FILE SECTION INVALID.         The REDEFINES clause is  
present on the 01 level  
in the FILE SECTION, where  
redefinition is implicit.  
REDEFINES clause is ignored.
- 072 PICTURE IGNORED  
FOR INDEX ITEM.                   An item defined as USAGE  
INDEX has a PICTURE clause.  
The PICTURE clause is  
is ignored.
- 073 NONNUMERIC PIC ON COMP  
ITEM. TREATED AS DISPLAY.        An item defined as USAGE COMP  
has a picture-string with  
non-numeric characters. The  
stated usage is ignored. The  
item is treated as USAGE  
DISPLAY.
- 074 SUBSCRIPT OUT OF RANGE.  
ASSUME 1.                         A literal subscript is either  
less than 1 or greater than  
the maximum allowable value.  
A value of 1 is used.
- 075 .STATUS. OMITTED FROM  
.FILE STATUS.. ASSUMED.         The FILE STATUS clause has  
incorrect syntax. The error  
is ignored.
- 076 SOME FILES WITHOUT POSIT.  
NO. IN MUL. FILE TAPE.           A MULTIPLE FILE TAPE clause  
contains file-names with  
POSITION Clauses. Not all  
the file-names contain  
POSITION clauses. The error  
is ignored. File searching  
during OPEN will find the  
file.

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|     |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 077 | .MULTIPLE FILE TAPE. SYNTAX ERROR.               | A MULTIPLE FILE TAPE clause contains a syntax error. The clause is ignored.                                                                                                                                          |
| 100 | OPERAND CLASSES IN CONFLICT.                     | One or more operands in a statement have invalid class. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 101 | POSSIBLE RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION.             | A MOVE statement results in right hand truncation of the receiving field value. This is not an error and is ignored.                                                                                                 |
| 102 | TOO FEW SOURCE FIELDS FOR ADD .GIVING..          | At least two valid source operands must appear in an ADD...GIVING statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                  |
| 103 | .EXIT. WAS NOT THE ONLY VERB IN PARAGRAPH.       | An EXIT statement is not the only statement in a paragraph. The EXIT statement is ignored.                                                                                                                           |
| 104 | SENDING ITEM INVALID OR OMITTED.                 | A MOVE statement contains an invalid or missing sending operand. Fatal.                                                                                                                                              |
| 105 | SENDING ITEM NOT FOLLOWED BY .TO..               | A MOVE statement does not have a TO following the sending operand. Fatal.                                                                                                                                            |
| 106 | RECEIVING ITEM INVALID OR OMITTED.               | A MOVE statement has no valid receiving operand. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 107 | INVALID CLASS FOR DESTINATION FIELD.             | The receiving operand of an ADD or SUBTRACT statement is not numeric or numeric-edited. Fatal.                                                                                                                       |
| 110 | RELATIVE OR RECORD KEY OR STATUS NAME INVALID.   | The name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY, RECORD KEY, ALTERNATE RECORD KEY or FILE STATUS clause is invalid. The clause is ignored.                                                                                     |
| 111 | .STOP. SYNTAX ERROR.                             | The STOP statement is not followed by a literal or the word RUN. Fatal.                                                                                                                                              |
| 112 | .SIZE ERROR. STATEMENT INCORRECT.                | The word ERROR is not found in ON SIZE clause. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                |
| 113 | .PROCEDURE DIVISION. OMITTED.                    | The source program does not contain a PROCEDURE DIVISION. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 114 | INTERMEDIATE RESULT TOO LARGE. HIGH ORDER TRUNC. | An arithmetic statement calls for an intermediate result in excess of 18 digits. The intermediate result is truncated on the left to 18 digits with a possible loss of high order non-zero digits at execution time. |

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| 115 | INTERMEDIATE RESULT TOO<br>LARGE. LOW ORDER TRUNC. | An arithmetic expression<br>calls for an intermediate<br>result in excess of 18<br>digits. The intermediate<br>result is truncated on the<br>right to 18 digits with a<br>possible loss of low order<br>non-zero digits at execution<br>time. |
| 116 | .DIVISION. OMITTED AFTER<br>.PROCEDURE..           | The word DIVISION is missing<br>in the PROCEDURE DIVISION<br>header. The error is<br>ignored.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 117 | TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER<br>DIVISION HEADER.       | The period terminator is<br>missing from a division<br>header. The error is<br>ignored.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 120 | LITERAL INCOMPATIBLE WITH<br>ATTEMPTED USAGE.      | Conversion of a literal<br>from one form to another<br>has failed. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 121 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW .INTO.<br>IN THIS STATEMENT.  | A valid data-name is not<br>present following INTO in<br>a STRING or UNSTRING<br>statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                            |
| 122 | NUMERIC SUBJECT OR OBJECT<br>MUST BE INTEGER.      | A numeric, non-integer<br>subject or object is invalid<br>in the context of this<br>relation condition. Fatal.                                                                                                                                |
| 123 | OPERANDS CONFLICT IN .SET...                       | A SET...TO statement<br>TO. STATEMENT. references<br>invalid operands.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 124 | OPERANDS CONFLICT IN .SET ...<br>BY. STATEMENT.    | A SET...BY statement<br>references invalid operands.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 125 | ILLEGAL FILENAME LITERAL<br>OR FILENAME DATANAME.  | An ASSIGN statement or a<br>VALUE OF ID statement<br>contains an invalid file<br>specification or data-name.<br>The statement is ignored.                                                                                                     |
| 126 | INVALID SUBJECT OF<br>SIGN CONDITION.              | The subject of a sign<br>condition is not a valid<br>arithmetic expression.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                         |
| 127 | ITEM IN TABLE MAY NOT<br>BE USED AS A SUBSCRIPT.   | A data item used as a<br>subscript is itself a table<br>element. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 130 | .POINTER. MUST FOLLOW .WITH.<br>IN THIS STATEMENT. | A STRING or UNSTRING<br>statement has an invalid<br>WITH POINTER phrase. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 131 | RELATIVE KEY INVALID FOR<br>THIS FILE. IGNORED.    | A RELATIVE KEY clause has<br>been applied to a file which                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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- does not have RELATIVE organization.  
The RELATIVE KEY clause is ignored.
- 132 SUBJECT OR OBJECT OMITTED IN RELATION CONDITION. The subject or object is omitted in a COBOL relation condition. The condition expression is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 133 UNIDENTIFIABLE WORD FOUND IN SUBSCRIPT. A subscript list contains a word which is neither a data-name or numeric literal. The remainder of the list or sentence is ignored. Fatal.
- 134 INVALID SUBJECT OR OBJECT IN RELATION CONDITION. The subject or object of a relation condition is an invalid operand. Fatal.
- 135 SUBSCRIPTS OMITTED. ASSUME VALUE OF 1. A reference to a table item contains no subscript list. Literal subscripts of 1 are supplied as defaults.
- 136 RELATIVE INDEX LITERAL OUT OF RANGE. INDEX USED. The literal value of a relative index causes an out of range reference to the table. The literal value is ignored, and the index-name only is used.
- 137 SUBSCRIPTS GIVEN WHERE NOT REQUIRED. IGNORED. A reference is made to a non-table item, and a subscript list follows the reference. The subscript list is ignored.
- 140 TOO FEW SUBSCRIPTS GIVEN. ASSUME 1 FOR REST. A reference to a table item contains a subscript list with too few subscripts. Default literal subscripts of 1 are supplied for missing subscripts.
- 141 TOO MANY SUBSCRIPTS GIVEN. IGNORE EXCESS. A reference to a table item contains too many subscripts in the subscript list. Extra subscripts are ignored.
- 142 SUBJECT AND OBJECT USAGE MUST MATCH. A relation condition between non-numeric operands requires the same usage for both operands. Fatal.
- 143 ARITHMETIC EXPRESSION REQUIRED IN THIS CONTEXT. An arithmetic expression is required in the context of the COBOL statement being compiled. The compiler has failed to recognize the arithmetic expression in this context. Fatal.

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| 144 | CONDITION EXPRESSION REQUIRED<br>IN THIS CONTEXT.   | A condition expression is required in the context of the COBOL statement being compiled. The compiler has failed to recognize the condition expression in this context. Fatal.                  |
| 145 | ILLEGAL OPERAND FOUND IN<br>COBOL EXPRESSION.       | An invalid data-name or literal has been found in the COBOL statement being compiled. The class or USAGE of the data item may be invalid in the context as a reference in an expression. Fatal. |
| 146 | OPERATOR IS MISSING IN COBOL<br>EXPRESSION.         | An operator is omitted in the specification of this COBOL expression. The compiler cannot recognize this expression as a syntactically valid COBOL expression. Fatal.                           |
| 147 | ABSOLUTE VALUE STORED.                              | A negative value has been supplied for an unsigned numeric item. The absolute value of the numeric literal is stored in the item.                                                               |
| 150 | ILLEGAL WORD FOUND AFTER<br>.NOT. IN EXPRESSION.    | The compiler has detected an illegal expression operator following a NOT keyword in the COBOL expression being compiled. The COBOL expression is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.       |
| 151 | VERB FOUND IN AREA A.<br>ALLOWED.                   | A statement begins in Area A. The error is ignored.                                                                                                                                             |
| 152 | EXPECTED .RELATIVE KEY.<br>DATANAME NOT DEFINED.    | The data-name given in a RELATIVE KEY clause has not been defined in the Data Division.                                                                                                         |
| 153 | .LINAGE. CLAUSE DATAITEM<br>IS TOO LONG.            | A data item named in a LINAGE clause is declared in the Data Division with more than four decimal integer positions of precision.                                                               |
| 154 | PROCEDURE NAME DUPLICATES<br>DATA NAME. ALLOWED.    | A procedure name is identical to a data-name. The error is ignored, since there can be no ambiguity in legal references.                                                                        |
| 155 | STATEMENTS FOLLOWING .GO.<br>CAN NEVER BE EXECUTED. | A statement follows an unconditional GO statement. The statements following the GO are compiled, but can not be executed.                                                                       |

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- 156 NONSEQUENTIAL FILE MAY NOT BE OPTIONAL. The SELECT statement may specify OPTIONAL only on files with sequential organization. The word OPTIONAL is ignored.
- 157 FILE HAS IO CONTROL CLAUSE CONFLICTS. A file is given conflicting clause specifications in the I-O-CONTROL paragraph of the INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
- 160 FILE REQUIRES REL. KEY. TREATED AS SEQ. ACCESS. A file with relative organization and random or dynamic access has no RELATIVE KEY clause. The access mode is changed to SEQUENTIAL.
- 161 INVALID INDEX DATAITEM USE IN RELATIONAL. The compiler detects the invalid use of an index data item reference as the subject or object of a relation condition. Fatal.
- 162 UNKNOWN WORD. SCAN TO NEXT CLAUSE. An unknown word is encountered when a clause keyword is expected. All words are ignored up to the next valid clause.
- 163 CLAUSE DUPLICATED. SECOND OCCURRENCE USED. A SELECT statement contains two occurrences of the same clause. The second occurrence is used.
- 164 NO FD FOR THIS SELECT. The file-name supplied in a SELECT statement is not further described in an FD in the Data Division. The SELECT statement is ignored, causing the filename to become undefined.
- 165 DIFFERENT SAME REC. AREAS FOR SAME AREA. The compiler detects a conflict between the SAME RECORD AREA clause and the SAME AREA clause.
- 166 .READ. WITHOUT .INVALID KEY. .AT END. OR .USE. A READ statement contains no conditional clauses and the file being read has no USE procedure applied to it. Fatal.
- 167 IO CONTROL CLAUSE HAS FILE WITH NO .SELECT. An I-O-CONTROL clause references a file-name which was not named in a SELECT statement. The file-name is ignored in the I-O-CONTROL statement.
- 170 INTEGER OMITTED IN .RESERVE.. DEFAULT ASSUMED. A RESERVE clause fails to specify the number of buffer areas to reserve. The

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- clause is ignored, and a default of one area for SEQUENTIAL and RELATIVE or two areas for INDEXED is supplied.
- 171 INVALID SUBJECT OF CLASS CONDITION.  
The subject of a class condition is not a data item with acceptable class. Fatal.
- 172 VALUE EXCEEDS FIELD CAPACITY. TRUNCATED.  
A numeric literal supplied by a VALUE clause exceeds the length of the field. The value is right truncated and stored in the field.
- 173 NO DATA DIVISION STATEMENTS PROCESSED.  
The Data Division contains no valid entries. This is an observation only.
- 174 INVALID GRP LEV NUM. REST OF RECORD IGNORED.  
A level-number is encountered which terminates a previous group item, but does not match any previous group item's level-number. All data entries are skipped until the next 01 level, level indicator or header.
- 175 INVALID PROCEDURE NAME DEFINITION IN AREA A.  
The compiler detects source text in Area A of the Procedure Division which does not conform to the rules for the definition of a legitimate paragraph or section name. Source text found in Area A of the Procedure Division is interpreted by the compiler as a user attempt to define a new paragraph or section name. The compiler supplies a system-defined procedure name and proceeds with the processing of the source line text containing the invalid Area A text. The system-defined procedure name is transparent and, thus, inaccessible to the user.
- 176 MISSING QUOTE ON CONTINUE LINE. QUOTE ASSUMED.  
A non-numeric literal is continued, but the first non-space character is not a quote. The error is ignored by assuming a quote in front of the first non-space character.
- 177 COMPARISON OF LITERALS IS NOT PERMITTED.  
A relation condition has a literal as both subject and object. Fatal.

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| 200 | COPY IGNORED WITHIN<br>LIBRARY TEXT.              | A COPY statement is<br>encountered within library<br>text. The COPY statement<br>is ignored.                                                           |
| 201 | INVALID FILENAME ON COPY.<br>COPY IGNORED.        | A COPY statement supplies<br>a file specification which<br>is invalid. The COPY<br>statement is ignored.                                               |
| 202 | COPY FILENAME NOT FOUND.                          | A COPY statement supplies<br>a valid file specification,<br>but the file cannot be found<br>on the specified device. The<br>COPY statement is ignored. |
| 203 | PERIOD OMITTED AFTER<br>.DECLARATIVES..           | The word DECLARATIVES is not<br>followed by a period. The<br>error is ignored.                                                                         |
| 204 | .DECLARATIVES. OMITTED FROM<br>.END. STATEMENT.   | The word END is not followed<br>by DECLARATIVES. END<br>DECLARATIVES is assumed.                                                                       |
| 205 | PERIOD OMITTED AFTER<br>.END DECLARATIVES..       | The words END DECLARATIVES<br>are not followed by a period.<br>The error is ignored.                                                                   |
| 206 | SOURCE PROGRAM ENDS IN<br>DECLARATIVES.           | The end of the source program<br>occurs in the Declaratives<br>area. Fatal.                                                                            |
| 207 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.WITH POINTER. PHRASE.    | A STRING or UNSTRING<br>statement contains an invalid<br>WITH POINTER phrase. Fatal.                                                                   |
| 210 | .OVERFLOW. MUST FOLLOW .ON.<br>IN THIS STATEMENT. | A STRING or UNSTRING<br>statement contains an invalid<br>ON OVERFLOW phrase. Fatal.                                                                    |
| 211 | ILLEGAL SENDING FIELD<br>DATANAME IN .UNSTRING.   | The sending field of an<br>UNSTRING statement has<br>invalid class. Fatal.                                                                             |
| 212 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN<br>.UNSTRING. STATEMENT.        | An UNSTRING statement<br>has invalid syntax. Fatal.                                                                                                    |
| 213 | MULTIPLE SIGN CLAUSES<br>ON THIS ITEM.            | More than one SIGN clause<br>appears in a data<br>description. (SEPARATE must<br>follow LEADING or TRAILING.)<br>The second clause is used.            |
| 214 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN COBOL<br>EXPRESSION.            | The compiler detects a syntax<br>error of a general nature in<br>the COBOL expression being<br>compiled. Fatal.                                        |
| 215 | SIGN CLAUSE ON<br>NONNUMERIC ITEM.                | A SIGN clause appears in<br>a non-numeric data<br>description. The SIGN clause<br>is ignored.                                                          |



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| 216 | SIGN CLAUSE APPLIED<br>TO NONDISPLAY ITEM.         | A SIGN clause appears in a numeric data description with usage other than DISPLAY. The SIGN clause is ignored.          |
| 217 | SIGN CLAUSE APPLIED<br>TO UNSIGNED DATAITEM.       | A SIGN clause appears in a numeric data description which has no "S" in its PICTURE string. The SIGN clause is ignored. |
| 220 | ILLEGAL DELIMITING DATA<br>ITEM IN .UNSTRING.      | An UNSTRING statement references an invalid delimiter. Fatal.                                                           |
| 221 | .ALL. FIGURATIVE CONSTANT<br>ILLEGAL IN .UNSTRING. | An UNSTRING statement contains an ALL literal reference. Fatal.                                                         |
| 222 | ILLEGAL RECEIVING DATANAME<br>IN .UNSTRING.        | An UNSTRING statement references a receiving data item which is invalid. Fatal.                                         |
| 223 | .DELIMITED. CLAUSE REQUIRED<br>IN THIS .UNSTRING.  | An UNSTRING statement contains no DELIMITED BY clause. Fatal.                                                           |
| 224 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.DELIMITER IN. PHRASE.     | An UNSTRING statement contains a DELIMITER IN phrase with an illegal reference. Fatal.                                  |
| 225 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.DELIMITER IN. PHRASE. | An UNSTRING statement contains a DELIMITER IN phrase referencing a data item which is invalid. Fatal.                   |
| 226 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.COUNT IN. PHRASE.         | An UNSTRING statement contains a COUNT IN phrase with an illegal reference. Fatal.                                      |
| 227 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.COUNT IN. PHRASE.     | An UNSTRING statement contains a COUNT IN phrase which references a data item which is invalid. Fatal.                  |
| 230 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.TALLYING IN. PHRASE.      | An UNSTRING statement contains a TALLYING phrase with an illegal reference. Fatal.                                      |
| 231 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.TALLYING IN. PHRASE.  | An UNSTRING statement contains a TALLYING phrase referencing a data item which is invalid. Fatal.                       |
| 232 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.INSPECT. VERB.            | A valid data-name reference does not follow the INSPECT keyword. Fatal.                                                 |

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| 233 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.INSPECT. VERB.          | An INSPECT statement<br>references a data item<br>which is invalid. Fatal.                                                 |
| 234 | ILLEGAL DATANAME PRECEDES<br>.FOR. IN .INSPECT.      | An INSPECT...TALLYING<br>statement references a tally<br>data item which is invalid.<br>Fatal.                             |
| 235 | .FOR. OMITTED IN<br>.INSPECT. STATEMENT              | An INSPECT...TALLYING<br>statement has invalid syntax.<br>Fatal.                                                           |
| 236 | DATANAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.TALLYING. PHRASE.           | An INSPECT...TALLYING<br>statement does not reference<br>a tally data-name. Fatal.                                         |
| 237 | ILLEGAL WORD FOLLOWS<br>.FOR. IN .INSPECT.           | An INSPECT...TALLYING<br>statement does not state<br>a valid search condition.<br>Fatal.                                   |
| 240 | DATAITEM OMITTED AFTER<br>.ALL. .LEADING. OR .FIRST. | An INSPECT statement<br>does not reference a<br>valid search argument.<br>Fatal.                                           |
| 241 | .ALL. FIGURATIVE CONSTANT<br>ILLEGAL IN .INSPECT.    | An ALL literal appears in an<br>INSPECT statement. Fatal.                                                                  |
| 242 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.ALL. OR .LEADING.       | An INSPECT statement<br>does not reference a<br>valid search argument.<br>Fatal.                                           |
| 243 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.BEFORE. OR .AFTER.      | An INSPECT statement does<br>not reference a valid<br>delimiter in the BEFORE/<br>AFTER phrase. Fatal.                     |
| 244 | ILLEGAL DATANAME FOLLOWS<br>.BY.                     | An INSPECT statement<br>does not reference a valid<br>replacement argument. Fatal.                                         |
| 245 | ILLEGAL DATANAME PRECEDES<br>.BY.                    | An INSPECT statement does not<br>reference a legal data-name<br>or literal preceding the<br>BY phrase. Fatal.              |
| 246 | DATAITEM OMITTED IN<br>.BEFORE. OR .AFTER. PHRASE.   | An INSPECT statement does<br>not reference a legal data-<br>name or literal after the<br>BEFORE or AFTER phrase.<br>Fatal. |
| 247 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN<br>.INSPECT. STATEMENT.            | Both the TALLYING and<br>REPLACING keywords are<br>missing in the INSPECT<br>statement. Fatal.                             |
| 250 | .BY. MUST FOLLOW .CHARACTERS.<br>IN REPLACING LIST.  | The INSPECT...REPLACING<br>statement must have<br>CHARACTERS BY phrase<br>completely specified. Fatal.                     |

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- 251 DATAITEM OMITTED AFTER  
.BY. IN .INSPECT.  
The INSPECT...REPLACING statement does not reference a legal data-name or literal after BY. Fatal.
- 252 DATAITEM FOLLOWING .BY.  
EXCEEDS 1 CHARACTER.  
In an INSPECT...REPLACING statement, either when the CHARACTERS BY phrase is specified or when a figurative constant preceding the BY keyword of the ALL, LEADING, or FIRST phrase is specified, the data-name or literal after the BY keyword must be defined as one character in length. Fatal.
- 253 DATAITEMS BEFORE AND AFTER  
.BY. UNEQUAL IN SIZE.  
In an INSPECT...REPLACING statement, the data items before and after the BY keyword of the ALL, LEADING, or FIRST phrase must be equal in length. Fatal.
- 254 .BEFORE. OR .AFTER. OPERAND  
EXCEEDS 1 CHARACTER.  
In an INSPECT...REPLACING CHARACTERS BY statement, the data-name or literal following the BEFORE or AFTER keyword must be one character in length. Fatal.
- 255 ILLEGAL WORD FOLLOWS  
.REPLACING. IN INSPECT..  
A legal keyword was not recognized following REPLACING in the INSPECT statement. Fatal.
- 256 .BY. OMITTED AFTER REPLACING  
COMPARISON OPERAND.  
The keyword BY is omitted in the ALL, LEADING, or FIRST phrase where it separates operands to be compared. Fatal.
- 257 TOO MANY RIGHT PARENTHESES IN  
COBOL EXPRESSION.  
The compiler detects an excess of right parentheses in the COBOL expression being compiled. Parentheses must be specified in balanced pairs i.e., a left parenthesis for each right parenthesis specified. This COBOL expression is considered syntactically incorrect. Fatal.
- 260 TOO MANY LEFT PARENTHESES IN  
COBOL EXPRESSION.  
The compiler detects an excess of left parentheses in the COBOL expression being compiled. Parentheses must be specified in balanced pairs i.e., a right parenthesis for each left parenthesis specified. This COBOL expression is considered syntactically incorrect. Fatal.

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| 261 | MISSING OPERAND IN ARITHMETIC EXPRESSION.      | An operand is omitted in a COBOL arithmetic expression. The COBOL expression is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.                                                                     |
| 262 | ILLEGAL OPERAND IN ARITHMETIC EXPRESSION.      | The compiler detects an illegal operand in a COBOL arithmetic expression. The class or usage of the operand may be invalid in the context as a reference in an arithmetic expression. Fatal. |
| 263 | NONINTEGER EXPONENT FOUND IN COBOL EXPRESSION. | The compiler detects a non-integer, numeric exponent in a COBOL arithmetic expression. The arithmetic expression is considered invalid. Fatal.                                               |
| 264 | SUBJECT OMITTED IN CLASS CONDITION.            | The compiler detects the omission of the subject in a NUMERIC or ALPHABETIC class condition. The class condition is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.                                 |
| 265 | SUBJECT OMITTED IN SIGN CONDITION.             | The compiler detects the omission of the subject in a sign condition. The sign condition is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.                                                         |
| 266 | OPERAND MISSING IN COMPLEX CONDITION.          | The compiler detects the omission of an operand in an AND or OR complex condition. The COBOL condition expression is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.                                |
| 267 | INVALID OPERAND IN COMPLEX EXPRESSION.         | The compiler detects a complex condition operand which, in turn, is neither a simple condition, combined condition, nor a complex condition. Fatal.                                          |
| 270 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN NEGATED SIMPLE CONDITION.    | The compiler detects illegal syntax in a COBOL negated simple condition. Fatal.                                                                                                              |
| 271 | INVALID NEGATED SIMPLE CONDITION.              | The compiler detects the application of the NOT keyword to an invalid simple condition. Fatal.                                                                                               |
| 272 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN COMPUTE. STATEMENT.          | The compiler detects illegal syntax in a COMPUTE statement. The left side of the assignment symbol, or the assignment symbol itself may have been omitted. Fatal.                            |

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- 273 .AT END. ILLEGAL FOR  
RANDOM .READ
- Either the file has ACCESS  
RANDOM or DYNAMIC without the  
word NEXT being included in  
the READ statement. In either  
case, the AT END clause is  
illegal and is treated as an  
INVALID KEY clause.
- 274 INVALID KEY ILLEGAL FOR  
SEQUENTIAL .READ.
- Either the file has ACCESS  
SEQUENTIAL or the READ  
statement contains the word  
NEXT. In either case, the  
INVALID KEY clause is illegal.  
It is treated as an AT END  
clause.
- 275 INDEX DATA ITEM ILLEGAL  
AS INDEX ON TABLE.
- An index data item is used as  
an index on a table. The  
index data item reference is  
ignored. A literal subscript  
of 1 replaces the index  
data item reference.
- 276 INDEX NAME NOT DEFINED  
FOR THIS TABLE.
- An index-name used in a sub-  
script list either is not  
defined for this table or  
appears in the wrong logical  
position of the subscript  
list for this table. The  
index-name is ignored and a  
default value of 1 is assumed  
as the subscript.
- 277 RELATIVE INDEX IS INVALID.
- The literal component of a  
relative index is zero or  
less in value or is an  
invalid word. Relative  
indexing is ignored and the  
index-name only is used.
- 300 PROGRAM NAME OMITTED  
AFTER .CALL. VERB
- The program-name is omitted  
after the key word CALL in  
a CALL statement. This is  
syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 301 LINAGE 0 OR LESS  
THAN FOOTING.
- The LINAGE clause must  
specify a page body of at  
least one line and that page  
body size must be equal to or  
greater than the footing size  
specified in the FOOTING  
phrase.
- 302 FILE CLOSED BUT NOT  
OPENED.
- A CLOSE statement was seen  
for a file that was not  
OPENED in this program.  
Fatal.
- 303 PRINT CONTROL ON NON SEQUENTIAL  
FILE. IGNORED.
- An APPLY PRINT-CONTROL clause  
references a file which does  
not have SEQUENTIAL  
organization. The file-name  
is ignored in the APPLY  
clause.

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- 304 DATANAME OMITTED IN .KEY  
IS. PHRASE. The KEY IS phrase of the START statement is not followed by a data-name. The prime RECORD KEY data-name is assumed present.
- 305 SECTION OR PARAGRAPH  
NAME MISSING. The Procedure Division does not start with a section or paragraph name or a section header is not followed by a paragraph name. Fatal.
- 306 .PROCEDURE. MISSING IN .USE.  
STATEMENT. ASSUMED. The keyword PROCEDURE is missing in the USE statement. It is assumed and processing is continued.
- 307 .START. WITHOUT .INVALID  
KEY. OR .USE. The INVALID KEY option is missing from the START statement or no USE procedure is declared for the referenced file. Fatal.
- 310 .WRITE. WITHOUT .INVALID  
KEY. OR .USE. THE INVALID KEY option is missing from the WRITE statement or no USE procedure is declared for the referenced file. Fatal.
- 311 DATA DIVISION MUCH TOO  
LARGE. Too much buffer space is being used for the files in this program. Too many files are declared to be OPEN simultaneously. Fatal.
- 312 .REDEFINES. SPECIFIES INVALID  
REDEFINITION. The compiler detects the invalid application of REDEFINES to a data description entry which contributes new character positions between the data description entry containing the REDEFINES clause and the item being redefined. Also, the source of error may be the definition of another data description entry with a lower level number appearing between the data description entry containing the REDEFINES clause and the item being redefined. The compiler ignores the REDEFINES clause and continues processing the data description entry.
- 313 ILLEGAL TO REDEFINE ANOTHER  
REDEFINITION. The REDEFINES clause specifies the redefinition of a data item whose data description entry contains a REDEFINES clause itself. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the REDEFINES clause and continues

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- processing of the data description entry.
- 314 ILLEGAL TO REDEFINE A COBOL TABLE. The REDEFINES clause specifies the redefinition of a data item whose data description entry contains an OCCURS clause. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the REDEFINES clause and continues processing of the data description entry.
- 315 .REDEFINES. APPLIED TO VARIABLE LENGTH DATAITEM. The compiler detects an application of the REDEFINES clause to a data item whose length is variable at run-time. This data item is variable in length because it has a subordinate data item whose data description entry contains an OCCURS DEPENDING ON clause. The application of the REDEFINES clause to such a data item is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the REDEFINES clause and continues processing of the data description entry.
- 316 .OCCURS DEPENDING ON. ILLEGAL IN REDEFINITION. The compiler detects a redefinition which contains a data description entry declared with an OCCURS DEPENDING ON clause. The OCCURS DEPENDING ON clause causes the redefinition to contain a data item whose length is variable at run-time. This is syntactically invalid. The DEPENDING ON phrase is ignored and processing continues.
- 317 PICTURE EXCEEDS 30 CHARACTERS. PIC X ASSUMED. The unexpanded PICTURE string exceeds 30 characters in length. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 320 FILENAME MUST FOLLOW .CLOSE VERB. The data item following the CLOSE verb was not a filename. Fatal.
- 321 .NO. MUST FOLLOW .WITH. IT IS ASSUMED. The keyword NO is missing in the WITH NO REWIND phrase of the CLOSE statement. NO is assumed present.
- 322 .REWIND. MUST FOLLOW .NO. IT IS ASSUMED. The WITH NO REWIND phrase of the CLOSE statement must be

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|     |                                                     | completely specified. It is assumed present.                                                                                                                |
| 323 | .REMOVAL. MUST FOLLOW .FOR.<br>IT IS ASSUMED.       | The FOR REMOVAL phrase of the CLOSE statement must be completely specified. It is assumed present.                                                          |
| 324 | .LOCK. OMITTED AFTER .WITH.<br>IT IS ASSUMED.       | The keyword WITH in a CLOSE statement is recognized but is not followed by one of the keywords NO or LOCK. The WITH LOCK phrase is assumed present.         |
| 325 | DATANAME SPECIFIED WHERE<br>FILENAME EXPECTED.      | The name used in an I/O verb to reference a file was not a file name but was some other data-name. Fatal.                                                   |
| 326 | FILENAME MUST FOLLOW<br>MODE SPEC. IN .OPEN..       | The OPEN statement does not reference a valid file name where a file-name reference is expected. Fatal.                                                     |
| 327 | ILLEGAL MODE SPECIFIED<br>AFTER .OPEN. VERB.        | One of the OPEN mode keywords INPUT, OUTPUT, I-O, or EXTEND is required immediately after the OPEN verb. None of these four keywords was recognized. Fatal. |
| 330 | .END. MUST FOLLOW .AT..<br>IT IS ASSUMED.           | The keyword END was omitted in the AT END phrase of the READ statement. The AT END phrase is assumed present.                                               |
| 331 | FILENAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.READ. VERB.                | Either the file-name was omitted following the READ verb or the data item following the READ verb is not a valid file-name reference. Fatal.                |
| 332 | DATANAME OMITTED AFTER .INTO.<br>IN .READ.          | The data-name reference following the INTO keyword of the READ statement was omitted. Fatal.                                                                |
| 333 | RECORDNAME MUST FOLLOW<br>.WRITE. OR .REWRITE.      | The 01 record-name reference immediately following the WRITE or REWRITE verb was omitted. Fatal.                                                            |
| 334 | STATEMENT IGNORED DUE<br>TO ILLEGAL RECORDNAME.     | The data-name immediately following the WRITE or REWRITE verb is not a valid 01 record-name reference. Fatal.                                               |
| 335 | .ADVANCING. OPTION OMITTED<br>IN .WRITE. 1 ASSUMED. | A data-name reference, numeric integer literal reference, or the keyword PAGE was not recognized in the BEFORE/                                             |



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- AFTER ADVANCING phrase of the WRITE statement. A numeric integer literal value of 1 is assumed.
- 336 .EOP. MUST FOLLOW .AT..  
IT IS ASSUMED. The keyword EOP was omitted in the AT EOP phrase of the WRITE statement. The AT EOP phrase is assumed present.
- 337 DATANAME OMITTED AFTER  
.FROM. The data-name reference following the FROM keyword of the WRITE or REWRITE statement was omitted. Fatal.
- 340 .ADVANCING. INTEGER TOO BIG.  
TRUNCATED TO 63. The numeric integer in the BEFORE/AFTER ADVANCING phrase of the WRITE statement is greater than 63. 63 is assumed.
- 341 .NO REWIND. ILLEGAL WITH  
.IO. OR .EXTEND. MODE. An OPEN statement with the I-O or EXTEND mode specified cannot have the NO REWIND phrase also specified. Fatal.
- 342 ILLEGAL .ADVANCING. DATANAME.  
1 IS ASSUMED. The data-name in the BEFORE/AFTER ADVANCING phrase of the WRITE statement is not an elementary numeric integer data-name reference. A numeric integer literal value of 1 is assumed.
- 343 FILENAME MUST FOLLOW  
.DELETE. VERB. Either the file-name was omitted following the DELETE verb or the data item following the DELETE verb is not a valid file-name reference. Fatal.
- 344 FILENAME MUST FOLLOW  
.START. VERB. Either the file name was omitted following the START verb or the data item following the START verb is not a valid file name reference. Fatal.
- 345 .LESS. OMITTED AFTER .NOT.  
IN .START. ASSUMED. The keyword LESS is omitted after NOT in the relational condition of the START statement. LESS is assumed present.
- 346 DATANAME OMITTED IN .KEY  
IS. PHRASE. ASSUMED. The RELATIVE KEY data-name for the referenced file was omitted in the KEY IS phrase of the START statement. The RELATIVE KEY data-name is assumed present.

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- 347 RELATIONAL WORD OMITTED  
AFER .KEY IS. PHRASE. None of the relational keywords EQUAL, GREATER, or NOT was recognized following the KEY IS phrase of the START statement. Fatal.
- 350 TERMINATOR IGNORED IN  
.IO CONTROL. PARAGRAPH. A clause is terminated by a period, but a header does not follow in Area A. The period is ignored. The compiler assumes it is still in the I-O-CONTROL paragraph.
- 351 TERMINATOR IGNORED IN  
.SPECIAL NAMES. PARAGRAPH. A clause is terminated by a period, but is not followed by a header in Area A. The period is ignored, and the compiler continues processing the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph.
- 352 .NATIVE. MISSING IN  
SPECIALNAMES CLAUSE. The alphabet-name clause does not contain NATIVE or STANDARD-1. The alphabet-name clause is ignored.
- 353 SYNTAX ERROR IN .OBJECT  
COMPUTER. PARAGRAPH. The OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph contains an unrecognizable word. Recovery is made by scanning over all words until a word is found in area A.
- 354 TERMINATOR OMITTED IN  
.OBJECT COMPUTER. PARA. The OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph is not terminated by a period. Recovery is made by scanning over all words until a word is found in area A.
- 355 DATANAME FOLLOWING .KEY IS.  
PHRASE IS ILLEGAL The data-name following the KEY IS phrase of the START statement is not a RECORD KEY associated with the referenced indexed file, nor is it subordinate to a RECORD KEY whose left-most character position corresponds to its own left-most character position. FATAL.
- 356 INVALID USAGE ON  
CONDITIONAL VARIABLE. The level 88 condition variable does not have DISPLAY or COMPUTATIONAL usage.
- 357 ILLEGAL SEPARATOR IN  
COBOL STATEMENT. IGNORED. An illegal character was detected between two consecutive words of a COBOL statement. The illegal character is ignored.
- 360 ILLEGAL CHARACTER FOUND  
WITHIN A COBOL WORD. Illegal characters were found in an alphanumeric COBOL word, not within an alphanumeric literal. The illegal characters are

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- replaced by dollar signs in the internal representation of the COBOL word.
- 361 UNRECOGNIZABLE TEXT FOUND  
IN COBOL STATEMENT.
- In scanning the source text, the compiler was unable to recognize an alphanumeric COBOL word (i.e., a keyword or user-defined word), an alphanumeric literal, or a numeric literal. The error is not internally corrected and usually will propagate further error messages.
- 362 COBOL WORD BEGINS WITH  
OR ENDS IN HYPHEN.
- In attempting to recognize a keyword or user-defined word, the compiler has detected that the COBOL word begins or ends with a hyphen character.
- 363 NONNUMERIC LITERAL TOO LONG.  
TRUNCATED TO MAX.
- An alphanumeric literal greater than 132 characters in length is detected. The literal is truncated on right, retaining the first 132 characters as the literal.
- 364 COBOL SOURCE LINE TOO LONG.  
TRUNCATED TO MAX.
- The indicated COBOL source line contains more than 65 characters in terminal format. The excess characters are ignored and only those characters in the printed COBOL source line are retained.
- 365 .BY. OMITTED IN REPLACING  
OPTION. COPY IGNORED.
- The keyword BY was not found in this COPY...REPLACING statement. The statement will be ignored.
- 366 TERMINATOR OMITTED IN  
.COPY. IT IS ASSUMED.
- The required period terminating the COPY statement is omitted. It is assumed present.
- 367 .LINAGE. CLAUSE DATANAME  
MUST BE AN INTEGER.
- A data-name referenced in the LINAGE clause of the FILE SECTION is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION with decimal places.
- 370 .LINAGE.CLAUSE DATANAME  
MUST BE UNSIGNED.
- A numeric data-name referenced in the LINAGE clause of the FILE SECTION is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION as a signed data item.
- 371 POSSIBLE HIGH ORDER  
RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION.
- Truncation of high order information during a MOVE or an arithmetic operation upon a receiving field is

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- possible. This is an observation only.
- 372 POSSIBLE LOW ORDER RECEIVING FIELD TRUNCATION. Truncation of low order information during a MOVE or an arithmetic operation upon a receiving field is possible. This is an observation only.
- 373 PD HEADER NOT FOLLOWED BY AN AREA A WORD. The word following the PROCEDURE DIVISION header does not begin in Area A. A scan is made over all words until a word is found in Area A.
- 374 OPEN OPTIONAL FILES ONLY IN .INPUT. MODE. An OPTIONAL file can be OPENED in INPUT mode only. The compiler assumes that the OPTIONAL file is OPENED in INPUT mode.
- 375 EXPECTED .FILE STATUS. DATANAME NOT DEFINED. A data-name referenced in a FILE STATUS phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph is not defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION.
- 376 EXPECTED .VALUE OF ID. DATANAME NOT DEFINED. The data-name referenced in a VALUE OF ID clause of an FD is not defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION. Fatal.
- 377 EXPECTED .LINAGE. CLAUSE DATANAME NOT DEFINED. A data-name referenced in the LINAGE clause of the FILE SECTION is not defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION.
- 400 .RELATIVE KEY. DATANAME HAS INVALID CLASS. A data-name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION with non-numeric class.
- 401 .RELATIVE KEY. DATANAME HAS INVALID USAGE. A data-name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY phrase of a SELECT clause must be defined with COMPUTATIONAL or DISPLAY usage in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 402 .RELATIVE KEY. DATAITEM IS TOO LONG. A numeric integer data-name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY phrase is defined with more than eight digits of precision in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

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- 403 .RELATIVE KEY. DATANAME  
MUST BE AN INTEGER. A numeric data-name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY phrase is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION with decimal places.
- 404 .FILE STATUS. DATANAME  
HAS INVALID CLASS. A data-name referenced in a the FILE STATUS phrase of a SELECT clause must be defined in with DISPLAY usage in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 405 .FILE STATUS. DATA NAME  
HAS INVALID USAGE. A data-name referenced in a FILE STATUS phrase of a SELECT clause is defined with DISPLAY USAGE in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 406 LENGTH OF .FILE STATUS.  
DATAITEM IS ILLEGAL. An alphanumeric data-name referenced in a FILE STATUS phrase of a SELECT clause must be defined as an alphanumeric variable consisting of two characters in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 407 .VALUE OF ID. DATANAME  
HAS INVALID CLASS. A data-name referenced in a VALUE OF ID clause of an FD is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION with non-alphanumeric class.
- 410 .VALUE OF ID. DATANAME  
HAS INVALID USAGE. A data-name referenced in a VALUE OF ID clause of an FD must be defined with DISPLAY usage in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 411 LENGTH OF .VALUE OF ID.  
DATAITEM IS ILLEGAL. An alphanumeric data-name referenced in a VALUE OF ID clause of an FD must be defined in the WORKING-STORAGE section as alphanumeric variable whose length L falls in the range  $9 \leq L \leq 40$  characters.
- 412 .LINAGE. CLAUSE DATANAME  
HAS INVALID CLASS. A data-name referenced in the LINAGE clause of the FILE SECTION is defined in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION with non-numeric class.
- 413 .LINAGE. CLAUSE DATANAME  
HAS INVALID USAGE. A data-name referenced in the LINAGE clause of the FILE SECTION must be defined with COMPUTATIONAL USAGE in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
- 414 INVALID RECEIVING OPERAND  
IN .SET.. IGNORED. A receiving operand of a SET statement is invalid. Fatal.

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| 415 | NO RECEIVING OPERAND SPECIFIED IN .SET..        | No receiving operands are specified in a SET statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 416 | OMITTED OR ILLEGAL OPERAND AFTER .TO. IN .SET.. | A SET statement has no valid sending operand. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 417 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN .SET. STATEMENT.              | The words TO, UP or DOWN do not follow the receiving operands of a SET statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                           |
| 420 | .BY. MUST FOLLOW .UP. OR .DOWN.. ASSUMED.       | The keyword BY does not follow the word UP or DOWN in a SET statement. BY is assumed present.                                                                                                                                      |
| 421 | OMITTED OR ILLEGAL OPERAND AFTER .BY. IN .SET.. | The operand following the UP BY or DOWN BY phrase in a SET statement is invalid or omitted. Fatal.                                                                                                                                 |
| 422 | NO OPERANDS SPECIFIED IN .DISPLAY.              | No operands to be displayed were recognized by the compiler in this DISPLAY statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                      |
| 423 | SETTING INDEX NAME OUT OF RANGE. .SET. IGNORED. | A SET statement is attempting to set an index name using a literal that is too large. Fatal.                                                                                                                                       |
| 424 | .IF. TRUE PATH OMITTED. ASSUME .NEXT SENTENCE.  | The true path code is omitted from the IF statement. NEXT SENTENCE is assumed as the true path of the IF statement.                                                                                                                |
| 425 | CONFLICTING SIGN SYMBOLS IN PICTURE STRING.     | The compiler recognizes both the + and - sign symbols in this PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration                                |
| 426 | ZERO SUPPRESSION CONFLICTS IN PICTURE STRING.   | The compiler recognizes both the Z and * zero suppression symbols in this PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.                   |
| 427 | ILLEGAL CHARACTER IN THE PICTURE STRING.        | A character which is not in the PICTURE string character set is recognized in this PICTURE by the compiler. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration. |

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- 430 .BLANK WHEN ZERO. CONFLICTS WITH ZERO SUPPRESS. A BLANK WHEN ZERO clause is recognized with a zero suppression field specified in the PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause and continues with its processing.
- 431 PARENTHE sized SPECIFIER EXCEEDS 18 DIGITS The specification contained inside parentheses of a PICTURE string exceeds 18 digits in length. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 432 SPECIFIER MISSING INSIDE PARENTHESES. The specification contained inside parentheses of a PICTURE string is missing. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 433 ILLEGAL SYMBOL PRECEDES LEFT PAREN. IN PICTURE. The compiler recognizes an S, V, CR, DB, or "." character preceding a left parenthesis in a PICTURE string. The error is ignored and processing continues.
- 434 TERMINATOR OMITTED IN .NOTE. PARAGRAPH A NOTE paragraph that does not end with a period was detected.
- 435 INVALID OPERAND IN .VARYING. OR .AFTER. PHRASE. The expected operand is not a valid name reference in the VARYING or AFTER phrase of this PERFORM VARYING statement. Fatal.
- 436 INVALID OPERAND IN .FROM. OR .BY. PHRASE. The FROM or BY phrase of this PERFORM VARYING statement does not contain a valid operand reference. Fatal.
- 437 TOO MANY .AFTER. PHRASES IN .PERFORM. STATEMENT. The compiler detects more than two AFTER phrases in the PERFORM VARYING statement being compiled. This is syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 440 .FROM. OR .BY. OR .UNTIL. MISSING IN PERFORM. The compiler detects the omission of the keywords FROM, BY, or UNTIL in the PERFORM VARYING statement. Fatal.

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- 441 ILLEGAL CONDITION EXPRESSION  
IN THE PERFORM. The compiler detects an  
invalid condition expression  
in the PERFORM statement.  
Fatal.
- 442 NONPOSITIVE LITERAL IN .FROM.  
OR .BY. PHRASE. The compiler detects a  
non-positive, numeric integer  
literal in this PERFORM  
statement. This is  
syntactically invalid.  
Fatal.
- 443 INVALID RELATION CONDITION IN  
.SEARCH ALL. The compiler detects either a  
syntax error or an  
invalid operand in the  
restricted form of a relation  
condition in the SEARCH ALL  
statement. Fatal.
- 444 NONINTEGER DATA CONFLICTS  
WITH INDEXNAME USAGE. The compiler detects a  
non-integer data item  
reference in a PERFORM  
VARYING statement in which  
the VARYING, AFTER, and/or  
FROM phrase contains an  
index-name reference. This is  
syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 445 IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO BAD  
CONDITION VALUES. Through a reference to a  
condition-name, the compiler  
detects a reference to an  
associated condition-value  
which is improperly declared  
in the Data Division. The  
compiler considers this to be  
syntactically invalid.  
Fatal.
- 446 IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO BAD  
CONDITION VARIABLE. Through a reference to a  
condition-name, the compiler  
detects that the associated  
condition-variable is  
improperly declared in the  
Data Division. The compiler  
considers this to be  
syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 447 TOO MANY NAMES IN COBOL  
PROGRAM. RECOMPILE. The COBOL program being  
compiled has too many data-  
names or procedure-names.  
This condition has caused a  
compiler table to overflow  
with the resultant action of  
aborting the compilation. The  
user is advised to recompile  
the program using the  
"/SYM:N" switch to get more  
space for the compiler  
symbol tables.
- 450 REFERENCE TO UNDEFINED  
DATANAME. IGNORED. The COBOL statement being  
compiled contains a reference  
to an undefined data-name.  
The compiler considers this



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- to be syntactically invalid and ignores the reference. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the erroneous statement.
- 451 QUALIFIED REFERENCE ILLEGAL IN THIS CONTEXT. The compiler detects a qualified reference in a context in which an unqualified reference is required. The compiler permits the qualified reference in this context and continues with the compilation of the statement containing the reference.
- 452 QUALIFIER OMITTED IN QUALIFIED REFERENCE. A data-name is omitted after the keyword OF or IN in a qualified reference in the COBOL statement being compiled. The reference is ignored. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the statement in error.
- 453 TOO MANY QUALIFIERS IN QUALIFIED REFERENCE. The compiler detects more than 48 qualifiers in a qualified reference. The excess qualifiers are ignored in the reference.
- 454 UNDEFINED QUALIFIER IN QUALIFIED REFERENCE. The compiler detects a qualified reference one of whose qualifiers is a reference to an undefined data-name. The compiler considers this to be syntactically invalid and ignores the entire qualified reference. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the erroneous statement containing the reference.
- 455 COBOL STATEMENT CONTAINS AMBIGUOUS REFERENCE. The compiler detects a reference to COBOL data which is not uniquely referenceable through qualification. The compiler uses a reference to COBOL datum which satisfies the reference in the text of the COBOL program. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the statement in error.
- 456 DATANAME REFERENCE EXPECTED IN THIS CONTEXT. The compiler detects a reference to a COBOL datum

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- which is not alphabetic, numeric, alphanumeric, alphanumeric-edited, or numeric-edited. The context of this reference requires that the reference be to one of these classes of data items.  
The compiler considers the referenced item to be syntactically invalid. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the statement in error.
- 457 ILLEGAL REFERENCE DETECTED IN THIS CONTEXT.  
The compiler detects a reference to a COBOL datum which is invalid in the context of its usage. The compiler considers the referenced item to be syntactically invalid. This diagnostic may be issued in conjunction with other diagnostics for the statement in error. Fatal.
- 460 PARENTHEZIZED SPECIFIER LARGER THAN 4095.  
The specification contained inside parentheses of a PICTURE string is larger than 4095 in value. The specifier exceeds an implementation limitation of 4095. The compiler assumes 4095 and continues with the processing of the PICTURE string.
- 461 EXTRA OPENING QUOTE ON LITERAL IS IGNORED.  
The compiler detects a superfluous quote at the beginning of a non-numeric literal specification. The compiler ignores the extra quote and continues with the processing of the non-numeric literal.
- 462 PROGRAM NAME MUST BE A NONNUMERIC LITERAL  
The program-name literal following the key word CALL is not a nonnumeric literal. This is syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 464 LITERALS ARE ILLEGAL IN ARGUMENT LIST OF .CALL..  
Literals are not allowed in the argument list of a CALL statement. Fatal.
- 465 ARGUMENT LIST OMITTED AFTER .USING. IN .CALL..  
The required argument list is missing after the key word USING in the CALL statement. Fatal.
- 470 ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN .CODE SET. CLAUSE. IGNORED.  
A valid alphabet-name reference is omitted in the

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- CODE-SET clause. The compiler ignores the CODE-SET clause and continues to process the remainder of the FD.
- 471 DATANAME IN .KEY IS. PHRASE NOT ALPHANUMERIC. The data-name following the KEY IS phrase in a START statement referencing an indexed file must be alphanumeric. FATAL.
- 472 .RECORD KEY. DATAITEM LENGTH GREATER THAN 255. A data-name referenced in a RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph must be defined in the FILE SECTION as an item whose length is less than or equal to 255.
- 473 DATANAME IN .KEY IS PHRASE IS SUBSCRIPTED OR INDEX The data-name following the KEY IS phrase in a READ or START statement referencing an indexed file must not be subscripted or index. Fatal.
- 474 .RECORD KEY. DATAITEM MUST NOT BE A COBOL TABLE A data-name referenced in a RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph must not be defined in the FILE SECTION with an OCCURS clause or subordinate to an item with an OCCURS clause.
- 475 .RECORD. OMITTED FROM .ALTERNATE RECORD. ASSUMED. The reserved word RECORD is missing from the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause. The error is ignored.
- 476 UNDEFINED .ALTERNATE RECORD KEY. DATANAME. The data-name given in an ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause has not been defined in the Data Division.
- 477 .ALTERNATE RECORD KEY. CLAUSES ARE SEPARATED In the SELECT statement the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clauses are interleaved among the other clauses. The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clauses should follow one another with no intervening clauses. This error is ignored.
- 500 LINKAGE SECTION ITEM APPEARS TWICE IN .USING. A LINKAGE SECTION data item must not appear more than once in the USING phrase of a PROCEDURE DIVISION USING header. FATAL.
- 501 ILLEGAL .SEGMENT-LIMIT. VALUE. IGNORED The segment-limit is either not a numeric literal or a numeric literal whose value is outside of allowed segment-limit range.

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- 502 INTEGER 1 BEYOND AREA A  
TREATED AS LEVEL NUMBER. An 01 level item was detected  
beyond Area A and accepted as  
if in Area A.
- 503 MULTIPLE PICTURES FOR  
SAME ITEM. LAST USED. A data item has more than 1  
PICTURE clause. The compiler  
used the last PICTURE clause  
specified.
- 504 CLOSING PARENTHESIS MISSING  
IN PICTURE. The right parenthesis is  
missing in the PICTURE  
string. The compiler uses  
the last four digits of the  
PICTURE string.
- 505 OT A SUBPROGRAM .PROGRAM.  
IGNORED. An EXIT PROGRAM has been  
detected, but the COBOL  
program being compiled is not  
a subprogram. Because EXIT  
PROGRAM is meaningful only in  
a subprogram, the word PROGRAM  
is ignored, and the statement  
is treated as if it were a  
simple EXIT statement.
- 506 EXPANDED PICTURE STRING TOO  
LONG. PIC X ASSUMED. The process of expanding a  
PICTURE string specification  
produces a string which  
exceeds implementation  
limitation. The compiler  
ignores the user-supplied  
PICTURE and declares the  
data-name with a "PICTURE X"  
declaration.
- 507 SPECIFIER OMITTED BEFORE  
LEFT PAREN. IN PIC. The first character of a  
PICTURE string is a left  
parenthesis. The compiler  
ignores the user-supplied  
PICTURE and declares the  
data-name alphanumeric with a  
"PICTURE X" declaration.
- 510 SECTION NO. GREATER THAN  
49 TREATED AS 49. A segment number greater than  
49 follows the word SECTION.  
The segment is treated as if  
it were 49.
- 511 INVALID ITEM LENGTH IN  
PARENTHESES OF PICTURE. The parenthesized length  
specifier in a PICTURE  
contains non-numeric  
characters. The compiler  
ignores the user-supplied  
PICTURE and declares the  
data-name alphanumeric with a  
"PICTURE X" declaration.
- 512 VALUE CLAUSE NOT ALLOWED  
IN LINKAGE SECTION. The VALUE clause cannot appear  
in data items in the LINKAGE  
SECTION. The only place the  
VALUE clause can appear in the  
LINKAGE SECTION is in a  
condition name definition.

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- 513 OPERAND IN .USING. MUST BE LINKAGE SECTION ITEM. Only level 01 or 77 LINKAGE SECTION items may appear in the USING phrase of a PROCEDURE DIVISION header. FATAL.
- 514 MULTIPLE FLOATING FIELDS IN NUMERIC EDIT ITEM. The PICTURE string contains multiple floating fields. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaraton.
- 515 MULTIPLE ZERO SUPPRESS FIELDS IN PICTURE STRING. Multiple zero suppression fields are detected in PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 516 ZERO SUPPRESSION ILLEGAL WITH FLOATING FIELD. The PICTURE string contains both floating and zero suppression fields. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 517 ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN PICTURE STRING. The PICTURE string is not specified correctly according to the rules of PICTURE string syntax. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 520 MULTIPLE DECIMAL POINTS IN PICTURE. The PICTURE string contains multiple decimal point specifications (V's, P's, or periods). The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 521 OPERAND IN USING MUST BE LEVEL 01 OR 77 Only level 01 or 77 LINKAGE SECTION items may appear in the USING phrase of a PROCEDURE DIVISION header. FATAL.
- 522 INVALID USAGE. IGNORED. The USAGE clause contains an invalid word. The compiler ignores the entire USAGE clause.
- 523 MULTIPLE USAGE CLAUSES. LAST USED. The defined data-name has multiple USAGE clauses specified. The last USAGE clause specified is used by the compiler.

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- 524 MULTIPLE OCCURS CLAUSES.  
LAST USED. The defined data-name has multiple OCCURS clauses specified. The compiler uses the last OCCURS clause specified.
- 525 OCCURS SPECIFICATION ERROR.  
1 ASSUMED. The integer entry of the OCCURS clause is either non-numeric or non-integer or does not lie in the range 1 to 4095. The compiler assumes an integer value of 1.
- 526 DATANAME OMITTED IN DATA  
DESCRIPTION ENTRY. The data-name declaration is omitted after a level-number in the data description entry. The compiler supplies a system-defined name and proceeds with the processing of the data description entry. The system-defined name is transparent and, thus, inaccessible to the user.
- 527 INVALID INDEX NAME.  
IGNORED. The compiler did not recognize a valid index name in the INDEXED BY phrase. The compiler ignores the INDEXED BY phrase.
- 530 USAGE OPTION NOT YET  
IMPLEMENTED. IGNORED. The compiler detected COMP-1 in the USAGE clause. This option is not implemented and is ignored. The default USAGE of DISPLAY is used by the compiler.
- 531 TERMINATOR OMITTED AFTER  
DATAITEM DESCRIPTION. A data item description entry in the DATA DIVISION is not terminated by a period. The compiler assumes the period is present and continues processing.
- 532 INVALID SIGN IN NUMERIC  
PICTURE. The sign character S is detected in a position other than the leading character position of a numeric PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration.
- 533 PICTURE CLAUSE OMITTED ON  
ELEMENTARY ITEM. An elementary item is recognized with its PICTURE clause omitted in the description. The compiler declares the data-name alphanumeric with a PICTURE X declaration.

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- 534 NUMERIC ITEM EXCEEDS 18  
DIGIT MAX. TRUNCATED. A numeric field is defined in  
this PICTURE with more than  
18 digits of precision. The  
numeric field is truncated to  
18 digits.
- 535 COMP ITEM EXCEEDS 18  
DIGITS. ASSIGN 4 WORDS. A COMPUTATIONAL data item  
exceeds 18 digits in its  
specification. The compiler  
truncates it and allocates  
four words for its run-time  
storage.
- 536 INDEX ITEM HAS  
ILLEGAL CLAUSE. The compiler recognized a  
JUSTIFIED, SYNCHRONIZED,  
VALUE, PICTURE, or SIGN  
clause on a data-item  
description which has INDEX  
USAGE. This is illegal. The  
compiler ignores the  
offensive clause.
- 537 NUMERIC VALUE FOR  
DISPLAY ITEM. IGNORED. The VALUE clause specifies  
numeric value initialization  
for a non-numeric data-item  
which is defined with DISPLAY  
USAGE. This is illegal. The  
VALUE clause is ignored.
- 540 VALUE TOO LONG.  
TRUNCATED. The length of the non-numeric  
literal in the VALUE clause  
is longer than the associated  
data-item. The literal is  
truncated on the right to fit  
in the storage allocated to  
the data-item.
- 541 CLAUSE DUPLICATION. IGNORED. This clause has been  
previously recognized for  
this item. The duplicate  
clause is ignored.
- 542 INVALID WORD IN .BLANK  
WHEN ZERO.. IGNORED. The keyword ZERO was not  
recognized in the BLANK WHEN  
ZERO clause. The entire  
clause is ignored.
- 543 LEVEL NUMS UNEQUAL IN  
.REDEFINES. CLAUSE IGNORED. A REDEFINES clause attempts  
to redefine two items of  
different level numbers. The  
REDEFINES clause is ignored.
- 544 POSSIBLE OVERLAP OF DEPENDING  
ON ITEM AND TABLE The depending on item and  
variable length table are  
both defined in the LINKAGE  
SECTION. Because LINKAGE  
SECTION items are associated  
with data items appearing in  
a CALL statement, there is  
no way at compile time to  
insure that the depending on  
items and table do not  
overlap. The COBOL run-time  
OTS does not check for overlap

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- of the depending on item and the table during execution. It is, therefore, your responsibility to insure that overlap does not occur.
- 545 LEVEL ILLEGAL AFTER 77.  
TREATED AS 01.
- An invalid level number (02-49) follows a 77 level item. The 77 level item is treated as an 01 level item. This action may propagate further diagnostics if it is not a valid group item.
- 546 PERIOD OMITTED AFTER .EXIT PROGRAM.
- The words EXIT PROGRAM are not followed by a period. The error is ignored.
- 547 .EXIT PROGRAM. NOT LAST STMT OF SENTENCE.
- An EXIT PROGRAM statement appears in a sequence of statements within a sentence. But, it is not the last statement. All of the statements following it are compiled, but can never be reached during execution.
- 550 REDEFINING LENGTH SHOULD MATCH ORIGINAL LENGTH.
- The length of a non-01 level redefines item is not the same as the length of the item it REDEFINES. The new length is used.
- 551 REDEFINITION OF .OCCURS. ITEM. IGNORED
- Items with OCCURS cannot be redefined. REDEFINES is ignored.
- 552 PROCESSING RESUMES AFTER BAD FD.
- Prior to issuing this message, the compiler had discovered bad syntax in the FD of the FILE SECTION. The compiler at that time issued an error message identifying the syntax error. Then the compiler went into recovery mode attempting to recognize another FD, the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION header or the PROCEDURE DIVISION. Upon recognizing one of these three language elements, the compiler issues this diagnostic indicating that normal processing resumes.
- 553 INVALID CLAUSE KEYWORD. OTHER CLAUSES SKIPPED.
- A reserved clause keyword was expected at this point in a data item description entry of the DATA DIVISION, but was not recognized by the compiler. The compiler skips to the next level number data item description.



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| 554 | INVALID WORD FOLLOWING<br>.VALUE.. IGNORED.        | The VALUE clause contains an invalid word for this data description. The entire VALUE clause is ignored.                                              |
| 555 | VALUE CONFLICT.<br>GROUP VALUE USED.               | This VALUE clause assigns a value to an item subordinate to a group item that also has a VALUE clause. The subordinate VALUE clause is ignored.       |
| 556 | LEVEL NUMBER OMITTED.<br>ITEM IGNORED.             | The level number has been omitted in a data-item description. All the source text is ignored up to and including the next period.                     |
| 557 | NO VALUE AFTER CONDITION<br>NAME. 88 IGNORED.      | An 88 level condition-name has no VALUE clause specified. The entire 88 level data-item is ignored.                                                   |
| 560 | SYNTAX ERROR IN SWITCH<br>CLAUSE. CLAUSE IGNORED.  | The SWITCH clause has a syntax error in its specification. The compiler ignores the entire clause.                                                    |
| 561 | .NO. MISSING IN<br>ADVANCING PHRASE. ASSUMED.      | The keyword NO is missing in the ADVANCING phrase of the DISPLAY statement. NO is assumed present.                                                    |
| 562 | .ADVANCING. MISSING AFTER<br>.NO.. ASSUMED.        | The keyword ADVANCING is missing in the ADVANCING phrase of the DISPLAY statement. ADVANCING is assumed present.                                      |
| 563 | DUPLICATE DATANAME<br>DECLARATION DETECTED.        | In the ENVIRONMENT and/or DATA DIVISION, a data-name is defined which, if referenced, is not uniquely referenceable even with complete qualification. |
| 564 | ILLEGAL PARAGRAPH HEADER<br>ID DIV. PAR IGNORED.   | An illegal paragraph header appears in the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. The paragraph is ignored.                                                         |
| 565 | ILLEGAL PARAGRAPH HEADER<br>ENV DIV. PAR IGNORED.  | An illegal paragraph header appears in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION. The paragraph is ignored.                                                            |
| 566 | NUMERIC LITERAL ILLEGAL<br>ON GROUP ITEM. IGNORED. | A numeric literal is illegal in the VALUE clause of a group item. The VALUE clause is ignored.                                                        |

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| 567 | .ENVIRONMENT. NOT FOLLOWED BY .DIVISION..        | The word ENVIRONMENT is not followed by the word DIVISION. DIVISION is assumed present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 570 | TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER .DATA DIVISION. HEADER. | The DATA DIVISION header is not followed by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 571 | TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER PARAGRAPH HEADER.       | A paragraph header in the IDENTIFICATION or ENVIRONMENT DIVISION is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 572 | .RENAMES. SPECIFIES STORAGE OVERLAP ON RIGHT.    | In processing the RENAMES clause, the compiler detects the condition in which the end of the storage allocated to the data-name after the THRU keyword is not positionally to the right of the end of the storage allocated to the data-name after the RENAMES keyword. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry. |
| 573 | .SECTION. OMITTED FROM SECTION HEADER.           | An ENVIRONMENT DIVISION section name is not followed by the word SECTION. The error is ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 574 | TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER SECTION HEADER.         | An ENVIRONMENT DIVISION section header is not terminated by a period. The error is ignored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 600 | ILLEGAL LEVEL NUMBER. TREAT AS 01.               | This level number is not an 01-49, 66, 77, or 88 level number. The level number is assumed to be 01.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 601 | TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER ENV DIV HEADER.         | The ENVIRONMENT DIVISION header is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 602 | .DATA. NOT FOLLOWED BY .DIVISION.                | The word DATA is not followed by the word DIVISION. DIVISION is assumed present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 603 | ENVIRONMENT DIVISION HEADER OMITTED.             | The program contains no ENVIRONMENT DIVISION header. The compiler resumes processing at the next paragraph header.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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- 604 UNRECOGNIZABLE COBOL PROGRAM  
FORMAT. ABORT.
- The compiler is unable to recognize the reserved word IDENTIFICATION as the first word required in a COBOL source program. Failure to recognize this required reserved word may be due to one of the following reasons: (1) IDENTIFICATION is, in fact, omitted as the first word of the source file, (2) the user is attempting to compile a COBOL source program in conventional format without specifying the "/CVF" switch, or (3) the user is attempting to compile a file which is not a COBOL source program. The compiler issues a string of diagnostics to the printer, informs the user on the system console, and then aborts the compilation.
- 605 .IDENTIFICATION. NOT FOLLOWED  
BY .DIVISION..
- The word IDENTIFICATION is not followed by the word DIVISION. DIVISION is assumed present.
- 606 TERMINATOR OMITTED AFTER  
.ID DIVISION. HEADER.
- The IDENTIFICATION DIVISION header is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.
- 607 .PROGRAMID. EXPECTED AFTER  
DIVISION HEADER.
- The IDENTIFICATION DIVISION header is not followed by the PROGRAM-ID paragraph. The error is ignored and processing continues.
- 610 TERMINATOR OMITTED AFTER  
.PROGID. PARA HEADER.
- The PROGRAM-ID paragraph-name is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.
- 611 INVALID PROGRAM NAME IN  
.PROGRAM ID. PARAGRAPH.
- The program name of the PROGRAM-ID paragraph contains an invalid character or exceeds nine characters in length. The error is ignored and processing continues.

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- 612 TOO MANY FILES FOR LUNS  
OR TEMPORARY SPACE. The compiler has discovered either that more than 30 files are declared in the program or that more than 30 SAME RECORD AREA clauses are specified in the program. The compiler imposes a limit of 30 in both cases, because the associated compiler and/or object time table space is exhausted.
- 613 INVALID WORD SUSPENDS  
PROCESSING. SCAN FORWARD. An unidentifiable word is found where a verb is expected. A scan is made to a verb, or period, or word in Area A.
- 614 PROCESSING RESTARTS ON  
VERB. Due to a previous syntax error, the compiler went into recovery mode looking for the next verb, period, or Area A word upon which to resume compilation. The compiler has recognized a verb and resumes normal compilation at this point. This message is an observation only.
- 615 PROCESSING RESTARTS ON  
PROCEDURE NAME. Due to a previous syntax error, the compiler went into recovery mode looking for the next verb, period, or Area A word upon which to resume compilation. The compiler has recognized an Area A word and resumes compilation at this point. This message is an observation only.
- 616 PROCESSING RESTARTS AFTER  
TERMINATOR. Due to a previous syntax error, the compiler went into recovery mode looking for the next verb, period, or Area A word upon which to resume compilation. The compiler has recognized a period and resumes normal compilation on the word following the period. This is an observation only.
- 617 .IDENTIFICATION.  
KEYWORD NOT IN AREA A. The compiler detects that the IDENTIFICATION keyword is not in Area A. The compiler ignores the error and continues processing.
- 620 PARAGRAPH TERMINATOR  
ASSUMED OMITTED. A paragraph was terminated without a period. The period is assumed and processing continues.

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- 621 .LINAGE. INVALID FOR THIS FILE. CLAUSE IGNORED. The LINAGE clause must not be specified for a file which has RELATIVE or INDEXED organization. The LINAGE clause is ignored.
- 622 TERMINATOR MISSING AFTER PROCEDURE NAME. A section or paragraph name is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.
- 623 .ELSE DOES NOT HAVE ASSOCIATED .IF.. IGNORED. The word ELSE has no associated IF statement. The ELSE is ignored.
- 624 VERB EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ELSE.. .ELSE. IGNORED. A SENTENCE ENDS WITH THE word ELSE. The ELSE is ignored.
- 625 .JUSTIFY. WITH NUMERIC OR EDITED ITEM. IGNORED. The JUSTIFIED clause must not be specified for a numeric or numeric-edited dataitem. The JUSTIFIED clause is ignored.
- 626 .BLANK WHEN ZERO. ILLEGALLY SPECIFIED. IGNORED. The BLANK WHEN ZERO clause must be specified only for a numeric or numeric-edited data-item. The clause is ignored.
- 627 INVALID OR MISSING DATANAME AFTER .REDEFINES.. The compiler detects the omission of a valid data-name reference following the keyword REDEFINES. The compiler ignores the REDEFINES clause and continues with the processing of the data description entry.
- 630 .REDEFINES. MUST FOLLOW DATA NAME. IGNORED. The REDEFINES keyword appears in the wrong position of a data description entry. The REDEFINES clause is ignored.
- 631 DEPTH OF NESTED .IF. EXCEEDS LIMIT. A nested IF statement has exceeded the maximum depth of 30 levels. The compiler ignores nesting beyond this depth of nesting.
- 632 DUPLICATE PROCEDURE NAME DETECTED. In the Procedure Division, a paragraph or section-name is defined which, if referenced, is not uniquely reference-able, even with qualification.
- 633 REFERENCE TO UNDEFINED PARAGRAPH NAME. In the Procedure Division, an explicit qualified reference is made to a paragraph-name which is undefined in the section specified by the qualifier.

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- 634 FILENAME LITERAL TOO LONG.  
TRUNCATED. A file specification in the ASSIGN clause exceeds 40 characters in length. It is truncated to 40 characters.
- 635 ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN .GO  
TO. STATEMENT. The compiler detects illegal syntax in the GO TO statement. Fatal.
- 636 INVALID INTEGER OR  
DATANAME. In the LINAGE clause, the compiler failed to recognize a non-negative integer literal or a numeric integer data-name. This phrase of the LINAGE clause is ignored.
- 637 .GO TO. HAS MULTIPLE  
PROCEDURE NAMES. A simple GO TO statement (i.e., without the DEPENDING ON phrase) has more than one procedure-name. Fatal.
- 640 INVALID WORD FOLLOWS  
.DATA DIVISION. The word following the DATA DIVISION header either does not start in Area A or is not one of the reserved words FILE, WORKING-STORAGE, LINKAGE, or PROCEDURE. The compiler goes into recovery mode skipping all source text until one of the keywords FILE, WORKING-STORAGE, LINKAGE, or PROCEDURE is recognized.
- 641 INVALID WORD IN FILE  
SECTION. SCAN FORWARD. An invalid word was detected in the FILE SECTION where the keyword FD is expected. The compiler goes into recovery mode skipping all source text until one of the keywords FD, WORKING-STORAGE, LINKAGE, or PROCEDURE is recognized.
- 642 .OMITTED LABELS IGNORED  
WITH .VALUE OF ID. The LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED clause is ignored if VALUE OF ID is specified for a file. STANDARD labels are assumed. WARNING.
- 643 .SECTION. EXPECTED AFTER  
HEADER WORD. The keyword SECTION is omitted after the word FILE, WORKING-STORAGE, OR LINKAGE SECTION is assumed present and processing continues.
- 644 TERMINATOR EXPECTED AFTER  
SECTION HEADER. The FILE SECTION, WORKING-STORAGE SECTION, or LINKAGE header is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed and processing continues.

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- 646 .OF. OR .ID. MISSING  
IN .VALUE OF ID..
- One or both of the keywords OF or ID is omitted in the VALUE OF ID clause. Their presence is assumed and processing continues.
- 647 ILLEGAL WORD IN AREA A.  
SCAN FORWARD.
- In the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION, an 01 or 77 level number or the PROCEDURE keyword was expected in Area A, but was not recognized. The compiler goes into recovery mode skipping source text until one of the three language elements aforementioned is recognized in Area A.
- 650 GROUP LEVEL .VALUE.  
DISALLOWED.
- The VALUE clause on this group item is not permitted because a subordinate elementary item has a non-DISPLAY usage specified or has a SYNCHRONIZED clause specified. The group VALUE clause is ignored.
- 651 REFERENCED LINKAGE SECTION  
ITEM NOT IN .PD. USING..
- This LINKAGE SECTION item has been referenced in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. However, neither this item nor the level 01 to which it is subordinate, appeared in the PROCEDURE DIVISION USING phrase. Only those LINKAGE SECTION items appearing in the PROCEDURE DIVISION USING phrase, or items subordinate to them may be referenced in the PROCEDURE DIVISION of a COBOL program. FATAL.
- 652 NON-SEQ FILE IN .MULTIPLE.  
FILE TAPE. CLAUSE.
- In the I-O CONTROL paragraph, the MULTIPLE FILE TAPE clause is specified for a file whose organization is not SEQUENTIAL. This is illegal. The MULTIPLE FILE TAPE clause is ignored for this file.
- 653 .VALUE. CLAUSE ILLEGAL IN  
FILE SECTION.
- A VALUE clause is specified for a data description entry given in the FILE SECTION. This is illegal. The VALUE clause is ignored.
- 654 SYNTAX ERROR IN CURRENCY  
CLAUSE.
- The alphanumeric literal expected in the CURRENCY SIGN clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph is omitted. The clause is ignored and the currency sign defaults to the dollar sign.

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- 655 ILLEGAL CURRENCY SIGN. The alphanumeric literal in the CURRENCY SIGN clause is not allowed as the currency sign either because the literal is longer than one character or because it is an invalid COBOL currency sign. The CURRENCY SIGN clause is ignored and the currency sign defaults to the dollar sign.
- 656 SPECIALNAMES CLAUSE INVALID. An unrecognizable word appears in a position where a SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph clause keyword is expected. All source text is skipped up to the next recognizable keyword.
- 657 SYNTAX ERROR IN DECIMALPOINT CLAUSE. The keyword COMMA is omitted in the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. The clause is ignored.
- 660 .AFTER. MISSING IN .USE. STATEMENT. ASSUMED. The keyword AFTER is omitted in the USE statement. AFTER is assumed present and processing continues.
- 661 NO .ERROR. OR .EXCEPTION. IN .USE. ASSUMED. One of the keywords ERROR or EXCEPTION is omitted in the USE statement. The missing keyword is assumed present and processing continues.
- 662 NO KNOWN CLAUSES IN SPECIALNAMES. The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph contains no valid clauses. This is an observation only.
- 663 REDUNDANT .USE. COVERAGE. PREV. .USE. IGNORED. Multiple USE statements have referenced the same file. The last USE statement specified is then applied to the referenced file. Fatal.
- 664 UNKNOWN OPEN MODE IN .USE. STATEMENT. An unrecognizable OPEN mode option was specified in the USE statement. Fatal.
- 665 GROUP ITEM HAS BEEN CALLED FILLER. A FILLER item cannot have any elementary items subordinate to it. The compiler replaces the FILLER declaration with a system-defined name and proceeds with the processing of the newly named group item. The system-defined name is transparent and inaccessible to the user.



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- 666 MISSING ENVIRONMENT DIVISION. The program does not contain an ENVIRONMENT DIVISION. The compiler skips to the DATA DIVISION and continues processing.
- 667 DIVISION BY ZERO. The divisor of a DIVIDE statement is a literal of zero value. The error is ignored.
- 670 VALUE NOT PERMITTED WITH THIS ITEM. A VALUE clause is recognized in a data description entry which contains a REDEFINES or an OCCURS clause. This is illegal. The VALUE clause is ignored.
- 671 INVALID CONSTANT OR LITERAL FOLLOWING .ALL.. The reserved word ALL is not followed by a non-numeric literal or a figurative constant. Thus, this is not a valid ALL literal. ALL is ignored and processing continues.
- 672 BAD FILENAME IN .USE. STATEMENT. An unrecognizable word appears where a filename is expected in the USE statement. Fatal.
- 673 FILE NOT CLOSED. The referenced file was OPENed but there was no CLOSE statement detected for this file in the program.
- 674 SUBJECT OF .ALTER. IS SECTION NAME. The ALTER statement references a section name. Only paragraph names may be altered. If this statement is reached during execution, the program will be aborted.
- 675 FILE COVERED BY CONFLICTING USE PROCEDURE. There was more than one conflicting USE procedure specified for the referenced file. Fatal.
- 676 DATAITEM LENGTH EXCEEDS 4095 CHARACTERS. An elementary or group item is longer than the implementation limit of 4095 characters. The compiler declares the data item with a length of 4095 characters and proceeds with the processing of the data item.
- 677 SUPPLIED VALUE INVALID FOR NUM ITEM. IGNORED. The VALUE clause specifies invalid value initialization for a numeric data item. The compiler ignores the VALUE clause.

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- 700 FILE ACCESSED BY VERB  
REQUIRING REL. OR IDX ORG. A file whose organization is SEQUENTIAL is referenced by the START or DELETE verbs or by an I/O verb which has the INVALID KEY clause specified. This is illegal. In all these cases, the referenced file must have RELATIVE or INDEXED organization. Fatal.
- 701 FILE ACCESSED BY VERB REQ.  
SEQUENTIAL ORG. A file whose organization is RELATIVE or INDEXED is referenced by an I/O verb which has the AT EOP or ADVANCING clauses specified. This is illegal. The referenced file must have SEQUENTIAL organization. Fatal.
- 702 VERB NOT IMPLEMENTED. An ANS 1974 COBOL verb appears that is not implemented in this release of the compiler. The compiler scans to another verb, period, or word in Area A.
- 704 OCCURS ILLEGAL FOR 01  
OR 77 ITEM. IGNORE. An OCCURS clause is specified for an 01 or 77 level data-name. The compiler ignores the OCCURS clause.
- 705 .ACCEPT FROM. OBJECT NOT  
IN SPECIALNAMES. The mnemonic name used in the ACCEPT statement was not defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. Fatal.
- 706 ACCEPT IDENTIFIER INVALID. The word following the ACCEPT verb is not a data-name or is a data-name which has non-DISPLAY usage or invalid class. Fatal.
- 707 VERB OR COND. CLAUSE  
CONFLICTS WITH FILE ACCESS. There is a conflict between the ACCESS MODE of the referenced file and the I/O verbs and/or condition clauses which reference this file. Fatal.
- 710 DATANAME AFTER .GO  
DEPENDING. INVALID. The word following the DEPENDING ON phrase of the GO TO statement is not a data-name or is a data-name which has INDEX usage. This is illegal. Fatal.
- 711 INVALID CLASS OF DATANAME  
AFTER .GO DEPENDING. The data-name following the DEPENDING ON phrase of the GO TO statement is not a numeric data-name or is a numeric, non-integer data-name. This is illegal. Fatal.

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| 712 | .DISPLAY UPON. OBJECT<br>NOT IN SPECIALNAMES.       | The mnemonic name used in the<br>DISPLAY statement was not<br>defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES<br>paragraph. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 713 | .DISPLAY. OPERAND IS INVALID.                       | A data item in the DISPLAY<br>statement has invalid class<br>or USAGE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 714 | MISSING OR INVALID OPERAND.<br>OF .MULTIPLY..       | One of the operands of the<br>MULTIPLY statement either is<br>missing or is invalid.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 715 | ILLEGAL .MULTIPLY. DUE<br>TO MISSING .BY..          | The keyword BY is omitted in<br>the MULTIPLY statement.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 716 | MISSING OR INVALID OPERAND<br>OF .DIVIDE..          | One of the operands of the<br>DIVIDE statement either is<br>missing or is invalid.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 717 | ILLEGAL .DIVIDE. DUE TO<br>MISSING .BY. OR .INTO..  | One of the keywords BY or<br>INTO is omitted in the DIVIDE<br>statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 720 | .GIVING. OPTION OF .DIVIDE.<br>MISSING.             | The GIVING option must be<br>specified in a DIVIDE<br>statement when one of the<br>following syntactic elements<br>is present in the DIVIDE<br>statement:(1) a numeric<br>literal follows the keyword<br>INTO or (2)the keyword BY<br>is specified. In this DIVIDE<br>statement, the GIVING option<br>was omitted while one of the<br>two aforementioned syntactic<br>elements was present.<br>Fatal. |
| 721 | MISSING OR INVALID OPERAND OF<br>.ADD. OR .COMPUTE. | One of the operands of an ADD<br>or COMPUTE statement is<br>either missing or is invalid.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 722 | .TO. OR .GIVING. MISSING<br>FROM .ADD..             | One of the keywords TO or<br>GIVING is omitted in the ADD<br>statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 723 | MISSING OR INVALID<br>OPERAND OF SUBTRACT.          | One of the operands in the<br>SUBTRACT statement either is<br>missing or is invalid.<br>Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 724 | FILE NEEDS DYNAMIC ACCESS<br>FOR .READ NEXT..       | In a READ NEXT statement, the<br>referenced file must have<br>ACCESS MODE IS DYNAMIC<br>specified in the FILE-CONTROL<br>paragraph. Fatal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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- 725 BAD PROCEDURE NAME IN  
.PERFORM.. A missing or invalid  
procedure-name is recognized  
in the PERFORM statement.  
Fatal.
- 726 ILLEGAL OPERAND OF .TIMES.  
OPTION OF .PERFORM.. The TIMES operand of the  
PERFORM statement is not  
a numeric integer data-name  
or numeric integer literal.  
The compiler assumes a value  
of 1 for the TIMES operand.
- 727 .TIMES. MISSING FROM  
.PERFORM.. ASSUMED. The PERFORM statement does  
not contain the keyword TIMES  
but does contain the  
iteration value required to  
execute the PERFORM  
correctly. The keyword TIMES  
is assumed present.
- 730 PROCEDURE NAME OMITTED  
IN .ALTER.. A valid procedure-name was  
not recognized in the ALTER  
statement. Fatal.
- 731 ILLEGAL .ALTER. DUE  
TO MISSING .TO.. The keyword TO was not  
recognized in the ALTER  
statement. Fatal.
- 732 FILE HAS VAR. SIZE RECS.  
.READ INTO. ILLEGAL. It is illegal for the READ  
INTO statement to reference a  
file which has multiple  
record descriptions of  
different lengths. Fatal.
- 733 FILE ACCESSED BY VERB  
REQUIRING .LINAGE. A file is accessed by an I/O  
verb which did not have a  
LINAGE clause in its  
specification. Fatal.
- 734 .DELETE. OR .REWRITE.  
WITHOUT INV. KEY OR USE. A DELETE or REWRITE statement  
references a file for which  
there was no USE procedure  
specified and for which the  
INVALID KEY option was not  
specified in that DELETE or  
REWRITE statement. Fatal.
- 735 OPEN MODE OR NO READ  
PROHIBITS REWRITE OR DELETE. A DELETE or REWRITE statement  
references a file which was  
not OPENed in the proper mode  
or which has no READ  
statement referencing it in  
the program. Fatal.
- 736 .START. CONFLICTS WITH OPEN  
MODE. A START statement references  
a file which was not opened  
in the proper mode. Fatal.
- 737 .WRITE. CONFLICTS WITH OPEN  
MODE. A WRITE statement references  
a file which was not opened  
in the proper mode. Fatal.

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- 740 .READ. CONFLICTS WITH OPEN MODE. A READ statement references a file which is only opened in OUTPUT or EXTEND mode. Fatal.
- 741 USE NOT IN DECLAR. OR NOT FOLLOWING SECTION NAME. The USE statement is not in the DECLARATIVES section of the PROCEDURE DIVISION or is not immediately following a section name inside the DECLARATIVES. Fatal.
- 742 MORE THAN 255 ALTERNATE KEYS. IGNORED. The maximum of 255 ALTERNATE KEYS has been exceeded. The clause is ignored.
- 743 INTEGER IN SWITCH CLAUSE INVALID OR OMITTED. A SWITCH clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph either contains an invalid numeric integer or has omitted the integer in its specification. A SWITCH clause integer, for example, n must fall in the decimal range  $1 \leq n \leq 16$ . The SWITCH clause is ignored.
- 744 .IS. OMITTED IN SPECIALNAMES. ASSUMED PRESENT. The required keyword IS is omitted in a clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. IS is assumed present and processing continues.
- 745 DEVICE MNEMONIC OMITTED IN SPECIALNAMES. A valid device mnemonic-name is not recognized in one of the CONSOLE, LINE-PRINTER, CARD-READER, PAPER-TAPE-READER, or PAPER-TAPE-PUNCH clauses of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. All source text is skipped up to the next recognizable keyword.
- 746 TERMINATOR OMITTED IN SPECIALNAMES. The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph is not terminated by a period. The period is assumed present and processing continues.
- 747 SUBJECT OF .ALTER. NOT .GO TO.. ALTER IGNORED. The paragraph referenced by this ALTER statement does not contain a GO TO statement as its first statement. The ALTER statement is ignored.
- 750 KEYWORD OMITTED IN .SWITCH. CLAUSE. One of the keywords OFF or ON is omitted in the SWITCH clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. The SWITCH clause is ignored.

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| 751 | CONDITION NAME MISSING<br>IN .SWITCH. CLAUSE.   | A valid condition-name is not recognized in the SWITCH clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. The SWITCH clause is ignored.                                                                                |
| 752 | .CR. OR .DB. NOT AT RIGHT<br>END OF PICTURE.    | The PICTURE symbol CR or DB does not appear at the right end of the PICTURE string. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" DECLARATION. |
| 753 | .CR. OR .DB. USED WITH<br>SIGNED ITEM.          | Both the PICTURE symbols, CR or DB, and a sign, + or -, appear in the same PICTURE. The compiler ignores the user-supplied PICTURE and declares the data-name alphanumeric with a "PICTURE X" declaration. |
| 754 | MULTIPLE DEFINITION OF<br>SWITCH. FIRST USED.   | Multiple definitions of a COBOL switch are detected in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. All but the first definition of SWITCH are ignored.                                                                    |
| 755 | .SENTENCE. ASSUMED AFTER<br>.NEXT..             | The keyword NEXT is not followed by the keyword SENTENCE. SENTENCE is assumed present and processing continues.                                                                                            |
| 756 | SUBSCRIPT NOT NUMERIC<br>INTEGER.               | A data-name used as a subscript is not numeric in class. A default value of 1 is assumed as the subscript.                                                                                                 |
| 760 | ILLEGAL SYNTAX IN<br>.DIVIDE. STATEMENT.        | The compiler detects illegal syntax in the DIVIDE statement. Fatal.                                                                                                                                        |
| 761 | INDEXED FILE REQUIRES<br>.RECORD KEY. PHRASE.   | Self explanatory.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 762 | RECORD KEY INVALID FOR THIS<br>FILE.            | The RECORD KEY clause is only valid for indexed files.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 763 | .ALT RECORD KEY. INVALID<br>FOR FILE. IGNORED.  | The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause is only valid for indexed files.                                                                                                                                           |
| 764 | READ-AHEAD. OR. WRITE-BEHIND.<br>NOT SUPPORTED. | The APPLY READ-AHEAD or APPLY WRITE-BEHIND clauses are not supported in this version of the compiler. The APPLY clause is ignored.                                                                         |

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- 765 INTEGER INVALID IN. RESERVE  
AREA. CLAUSE. The number of buffer areas reserved by the RESERVE clause is invalid. The clause is ignored and a default of one area for SEQUENTIAL and RELATIVE or two areas for INDEXED is supplied.
- 766 BAD VALUE IN BLOCK CONTAINS  
CLAUSE. The numeric literal in the BLOCK clause is less than the sum of the record size, the record header size, and the bucket header size. The BLOCK CONTAINS clause is ignored.
- 767 VALUE IN. BLOCK CONTAINS.  
CLAUSE IS ROUNDED UP The numeric literal in the BLOCK clause is not a multiple of 512. The value is rounded up to the next even multiple of 512.
- 770 EXPECTED .RECORD KEY.  
DATANAME NOT DEFINED. The data-name given in a RECORD KEY clause has not been defined in the DATA DIVISION.
- 771 .RECORD KEY. DATANAME HAS  
INVALID CLASS. A data-name referenced in a RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph is defined in the FILE SECTION with non-alphanumeric class.
- 772 .RECORD KEY. DATA ITEM  
CANNOT BE VARIABLE LENGTH. A data-name referenced in a RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY phrase of a SELECT clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph is defined in the FILE SECTION as an item whose size is variable.
- 773 .RECORD KEY. ITEM NOT  
DEFINED IN RECORD OF FILE A data-name referenced in a RECORD KEY or an ALTERNATE RECORD KEY phrase of a SELECT clause is not defined in the record description of the associated file.
- 774 FILE ACCESSED BY VERB  
REQUIRING INDEXED ORG. A file whose organization is SEQUENTIAL or RELATIVE is referenced by the READ verb which has the KEY IS data-name phrase specified. This is illegal. The referenced file must have INDEXED organization. FATAL.
- 775 .KEY IS. PHRASE INVALID  
FOR SEQUENTIAL .READ. Either the file has ACCESS SEQUENTIAL or the READ statement contains the word NEXT. In either case the KEY IS data-name phrase is illegal. FATAL.

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- 776 INVALID DATANAME IN .KEY  
IS. PHRASE.                   The KEY IS phrase of the READ  
statement was not followed by  
a data-name. FATAL.
- 777 .KEY IS. PHRASE NOT FOLLOWED  
BY RECORD KEY.               The data-name following the  
KEY IS phrase of the READ  
statement is not a RECORD KEY  
or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY for  
the referenced file. The  
RECORD KEY data-name  
is assumed.
- 1000 VARIABLE OCCURRENCES TABLE  
MUST END RECORD.             A COBOL table declared with  
the DEPENDING ON phrase may  
only be followed, within the  
record, by data description  
entries whose level-numbers  
are strictly greater than  
the level-number of this  
table entry. The compiler  
ignores the remainder of the  
record descriptor from the  
point where the error is  
detected. Fatal.
- 1001 .ASCENDING. OR .DESCENDING.  
DATANAME EXPECTED.         A user-defined data-name was  
expected, but not found, in  
the ASCENDING KEY IS or  
DESCENDING KEY IS phrase.
- 1002 RENAMED DATAITEMS NOT IN  
CURRENT RECORD.             The data items specified  
after the RENAME keyword  
(i.e., the data items being  
renamed) are defined outside  
of the current record  
description. This is syntac-  
tically invalid. The compiler  
ignores the entire RENAME  
data description entry.
- 1003 MAXIMUM OCCURRENCES NOT  
GREATER THAN MINIMUM.       In a variable occurrence  
table declaration, the  
integer following the  
keyword TO (i.e., the  
maximum) must be strictly  
greater than the integer  
following the keyword OCCURS  
(i.e., the minimum). The  
compiler assumes the maximum  
value to be equal to the  
minimum value plus one.
- 1004 .DEPENDING. IS OMITTED IN THE  
.OCCURS. CLAUSE.            In a variable occurrence  
table declaration, the  
keyword DEPENDING has  
been omitted. The compiler  
ignores the remainder of the  
OCCURS clause and treats the  
table declaration as an  
ordinary COBOL table.
- 1005 A DATANAME MUST FOLLOW THE  
.DEPENDING. KEYWORD.        In a variable occurrence  
table declaration, a valid  
data-name is not found



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- 1006 .OCCURS DEPENDING.  
SUBORDINATE TO AN .OCCURS.
- 1007 MAXIMUM NO. TABLE OCCURRENCES  
MUST BE POSITIVE.
- 1010 EXPECTED .DEPENDING ON.  
DATANAME NOT DEFINED.
- 1011 EXPECTED .ASCENDING KEY.  
DATANAME NOT DEFINED.
- 1012 EXPECTED .DESCENDING KEY.  
DATANAME NOT DEFINED.
- 1013 .DEPENDING ON. DATANAME NOT A  
NUMERIC INTEGER.
- 1014 .RENAMES. APPLIED TO AN  
INVALID LEVEL OF DATA.
- 1015 .DEPENDING ON. DATANAME  
DETECTED WITHIN TABLE.
- following the keyword  
DEPENDING. The compiler  
ignores the remainder of the  
OCCURS clause and treats the  
table declaration as an  
ordinary COBOL table.
- The compiler detects a table  
declaration with a DEPENDING  
ON phrase subordinate to a  
group item which has an  
OCCURS clause. This is  
syntactically illegal. The  
compiler ignores the  
DEPENDING ON phrase and  
treats the declaration as an  
ordinary COBOL table.
- In a variable occurrence  
table declaration, the  
integer following the keyword  
TO (i.e., the maximum) must  
be greater than zero. The  
compiler assumes the maximum  
value to be equal to the  
integer value following the  
keyword OCCURS (i.e., the  
minimum) plus one.
- The data-name referenced in a  
DEPENDING ON phrase was not  
defined in the DATA DIVISION.  
Fatal.
- The data-name referenced in  
an ASCENDING KEY phrase was  
not defined in the DATA  
DIVISION. Fatal.
- The data-name referenced in a  
DESCENDING KEY phrase was not  
defined in the DATA DIVISION.  
Fatal.
- The data-name referenced in a  
DEPENDING ON phrase was not  
declared as a numeric integer  
in the DATA DIVISION. Fatal.
- The RENAMES clause specifies  
the renaming of data items  
whose level number is an 01,  
66, 77, or 88. This is syn-  
tactically invalid. The  
compiler ignores the entire  
RENAMES data description  
entry.
- The compiler detects a  
data-name, which follows a  
DEPENDING ON phrase and which  
defines the current number of  
occurrences in a variable  
occurrence table, to have its

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- storage allocated within the range of the table. This is syntactically illegal. Fatal.
- 1016 .OCCURS. CLAUSE ON A TABLE KEY DATANAME. The compiler detects the presence of an OCCURS clause on a data item which has been declared as an ASCENDING or DESCENDING KEY. This is syntactically illegal. Fatal.
- 1017 .SEARCH ALL. TABLE DOES NOT HAVE KEYS. The table being searched by by SEARCH ALL statement must have the ASCENDING KEY or DESCENDING KEY phrase specified in its declaration. Fatal.
- 1020 IMPERATIVE STATEMENT EXPECTED DURING .SEARCH. A period or a non-imperative statement was found where the SEARCH statement environment is expecting an imperative statement. Fatal.
- 1021 KEYS SPECIFIED FOR .SEARCH ALL. NOT DENSE. When a key is referenced for the SEARCH ALL statement, all preceding keys in the KEY clause of the table declaration must also be referenced. Fatal.
- 1022 .WHEN. EXPECTED BUT NOT FOUND IN .SEARCH. The compiler expected but failed to recognize the WHEN keyword while compiling the SEARCH statement. This SEARCH statement is considered syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 1023 THE KEYWORD .WHEN. ILLEGAL IN THIS CONTEXT. The compiler detects the presence of the keyword WHEN outside the environment of the SEARCH statement. This is syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 1024 THE KEYWORD .SEARCH. ILLEGAL IN THIS CONTEXT. While compiling a SEARCH statement, the compiler detects the presence of another SEARCH statement in the environment of the original SEARCH statement. The second SEARCH statement is detected at a point where an imperative statement is expected. This is syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 1025 KEY MUST BE SUBSCRIBED BY FIRST INDEX OF TABLE. The SEARCH ALL statement requires that the key referenced on the left side of the simple condition must be subscripted by the first index-name of the table being searched. Fatal.

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- 1026 THE KEYWORD .SENTENCE.  
EXPECTED AFTER .NEXT..  
The keyword SENTENCE was not detected after the NEXT keyword during the compilation of a SEARCH statement. Fatal.
- 1027 TABLE NAME NOT FOUND AFTER  
.SEARCH. VERB.  
The compiler failed to recognize a valid table data item after the keyword SEARCH or SEARCH ALL. Fatal.
- 1030 INVALID TABLE REFERENCE IN  
.SEARCH. STATEMENT.  
The table data item reference following the SEARCH or SEARCH ALL verbs must have both the INDEXED BY and the OCCURS clauses specified in its declaration. Fatal.
- 1031 DATANAME EXPECTED AFTER  
.VARYING. IN .SEARCH.  
No data-name reference was found after the VARYING keyword in the SEARCH statement being compiled. Fatal.
- 1032 .VARYING. ITEM MUST BE INDEX  
OR INTEGER.  
The data-name reference following the VARYING keyword must be an index data item, an index-name, or an elementary numeric integer data-name reference. Fatal.
- 1033 .SEARCH ALL. DATA ITEM  
IS NOT A KEY.  
The data item referenced on the left side of the SEARCH ALL simple condition must be declared as an ASCENDING or DESCENDING KEY. Fatal.
- 1034 DATA ITEM NOT A KEY FOR THIS  
.SEARCH. TABLE.  
The data item referenced on the left side of the SEARCH ALL simple condition is not a key for the table being searched. This is considered illegal. Fatal.
- 1035 .RENAMES. SPECIFIES RENAMING  
OF A COBOL TABLE.  
The RENAMES clause specifies the renaming of a datum which has an OCCURS clause in its declaration or is subordinate to another datum having an OCCURS clause. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- 1036 .RENAMES. APPLIED TO VARIABLE  
LENGTH DATAITEM.  
The compiler detects an application of the RENAMES clause to a range of data items which contains a data item whose length is variable at run-time. This data item is variable in length because it has a subordinate data item whose data description entry contains an OCCURS

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- 1037 DATANAME OMITTED AFTER  
66 LEVEL NUMBER.
- 1040 .RENAMES. OMITTED IN LEVEL 66  
DESCRIPTION ENTRY.
- 1041 SEARCH KEY NOT  
SUBORDINATE TO TABLE.
- 1042 INVALID OR MISSING DATANAME  
AFTER .RENAMES..
- 1043 .OCCURS. ITEM NOT ALLOWED  
BETWEEN TABLE AND KEY.
- 1044 .RENAMES. SPECIFIES INVALID  
NOMENCLATURE RANGE.
- 1045 .RENAMES. SPECIFIES STORAGE  
OVERLAP ON LEFT END.
- DEPENDING ON clause. The application of the RENAMES clause to such a range of data items is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- The data-name declaration is omitted after a 66 level number. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- The RENAMES keyword is omitted in a level 66 data description entry. The compiler ignores the entire level 66 data description entry.
- The compiler detects an ASCENDING or DESCENDING data-name key which is not defined as a data item subordinate to the associated SEARCH table. This is syntactically invalid.
- The data-name is missing after the RENAMES keyword or, if present, is not recognized as a valid data item previously defined. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- The compiler detects a data item declared with an OCCURS clause "sandwiched" between the declaration of another COBOL table and its associated SEARCH key. This is syntactically invalid.
- In processing the RENAMES clause, the compiler detects an invalid nomenclature range specified by identical data-names following the RENAMES and THRU keywords, respectively. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- In processing the RENAMES clause, the compiler detects the condition in which the beginning of the storage allocated to the data-name

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- 1046 INVALID OR MISSING DATANAME  
AFTER .THRU..
- 1047 INVALID OR MISSING DATANAME  
AFTER CORRESPONDING.
- 1050 .TO. OR .FROM. OMITTED IN  
.CORRESPONDING.
- 1051 INVALID OR MISSING DATANAME  
AFTER .TO. OR .FROM.
- 1052 NO OBJECT CODE PRODUCED FOR  
.CORRESPONDING.
- after the THRU keyword is positionally to the left of the beginning of the storage allocated to the data-name after the RENAMES keyword. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- In specifying the RENAMES clause, a data-name is missing after the THRU keyword or, if present, is not recognized as a valid data item previously defined. The compiler ignores the entire RENAMES data description entry.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler detects the omission of a valid data-name reference after the CORRESPONDING keyword. Fatal.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler detects the omission of the TO or FROM keyword. Fatal.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler detects the omission of a valid data-name reference after the keyword TO or FROM. Fatal.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler produced no object code. No object code is produced because no "correspondence" was found between the two group items referenced in the COBOL statement containing the CORRESPONDING option. This diagnostic is informational only.

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- 1053 GROUP ITEM NOT REFERENCED IN  
.CORRESPONDING.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler discovers that one of the references is a reference to an elementary item. This is syntactically invalid. Fatal.
- 1054 LEVEL 66 REFERENCE DISALLOWED  
IN .CORRESPONDING.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler detects a reference to a data-name declared at level 66. This is an invalid reference. Fatal.
- 1055 .FILE STATUS. ITEM DEFINED IN  
.FILE SECTION.
- A data-name referenced in a FILE STATUS phrase of a SELECT clause is defined in the FILE SECTION of the COBOL program. The compiler ignores this error and continues to process the FILE STATUS data-name.
- 1056 INCOMPATIBLE OPERANDS FOUND  
IN .CORRESPONDING.
- In the processing of an ADD, SUBTRACT, or MOVE CORRESPONDING statement, the compiler detects a pair of CORRESPONDING data items which are incompatible. This diagnostic is informational only.
- 1057 EMPTY .GO TO. WAS NOT THE  
SUBJECT OF AN .ALTER..
- A GO TO statement without a procedure reference was detected. The empty GO TO is not the subject of an ALTER statement. FATAL.
- 1060 QUALIFIER OMITTED IN  
PROCEDURE REFERENCE.
- A section name is omitted after the keyword OF or IN in a qualified procedure reference of the COBOL statement being compiled. Fatal.
- 1061 INCONSISTENT NUMBER OF  
ARGUMENTS IN .CALL..
- The subprogram referenced in this CALL statement has been referenced before. The number of arguments in the earlier CALL differs from the number in the current CALL.
- 1062 PARAGRAPH WITHOUT SECTION  
PRECEDES THIS SECTION.
- In a COBOL program, if one paragraph is in a section, then all paragraphs must be in sections. In this source program, a paragraph not within a section has been detected, preceding this section in the source program.

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- 1063 DUPLICATE PARAGRAPH  
NAME DETECTED.
- In a section of the Procedure Division, a paragraph name is defined more than once which, if referenced, is not uniquely referenceable, even with qualification.
- 1064 REFERENCE TO UNDEFINED  
PROCEDURE NAME.
- The compiler detects a reference to an undefined procedure name in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1065 UNDEFINED PROCEDURE QUALIFIER  
REFERENCE.
- The compiler detects a qualified procedure reference which contains an undefined qualifier in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1066 ILLEGAL PROCEDURE NAME  
REFERENCE.
- The compiler detects an invalid procedure name reference in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1067 AMBIGUOUS PROCEDURE  
NAME REFERENCE.
- The compiler detects a reference in the PROCEDURE DIVISION to a procedure name which is not uniquely referenceable, even through qualification. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1070 PARAGRAPH NAME  
DISALLOWED AS QUALIFIER.
- The compiler detects a qualified procedure reference in the PROCEDURE DIVISION in which the qualifier is a paragraph name. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1071 SECTION NAME REFERENCE MAY  
NOT BE QUALIFIED.
- The compiler detects a qualified procedure reference in the PROCEDURE DIVISION in which a section name is qualified by another section name. This is syntactically invalid.
- 1072 AMBIGUOUS PARAGRAPH  
NAME REFERENCE.
- The compiler detects a reference in the PROCEDURE DIVISION to a paragraph name which is not uniquely referenceable, even through qualification.

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- 1073 POSSIBLE .PERFORM.  
RANGE VIOLATION.
- The compiler detects a PERFORM THRU statement in which the procedure name following the THRU keyword is defined in the text of the Procedure Division before the procedure name following the PERFORM keyword. This condition may potentially represent a logic problem in the COBOL program being compiled, although not necessarily so.
- 1074 NUMERIC PROCEDURE NAME  
EXCEEDS 30 CHARACTERS.
- A numeric string which appears to be a numeric procedure name exceeds 30 characters in length. The string is truncated on the right to 30 characters and processing of the numeric procedure name continues.
- 1075 NUMERIC PROCEDURE NAME  
CONTAINS DECIMAL POINT.
- A numeric string which appears to be a numeric procedure name contains a decimal point. This is syntactically invalid. The compiler ignores the presence of the decimal point and proceeds with the processing of the numeric procedure name.
- 1076 .RELATIVE KEY. ITEM DEFINED  
IN RECORD OF FILE.
- A data-name referenced in a RELATIVE KEY phrase of a SELECT clause is defined in the record description of the associated file. The compiler ignores this error and continues to process the RELATIVE KEY data-name.
- 1077 NO. OF AREAS DEFAULTS TO MAX.  
FOR FILE TYPE
- The number of buffer areas reserved by the RESERVE clause is greater than the maximum allowed for the file organization. Instead, the clause will cause two areas to be allocated for a sequential file and one for a relative file.





APPENDIX I

RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES ERROR CODES

Any of the following I/O error conditions could occur during COBOL program execution. The codes appear in a COBOL message in the form shown below:

"RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES ERROR - nn"

(nn represents the Record Management Services error code).

These error codes are listed in Table I-1.

Table I-1  
RMS System Standard Error Codes

| Value | Meaning                                                           |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -16   | OPERATION ABORTED (STV=ER\$STK/MAP)                               |
| -32   | FILE AC P COULD NOT ACCESS FILE (STV=SYS ERROR CODE)              |
| -48   | "FILE" ACTIVITY PRECLUDES OPERATION                               |
| -64   | BAD AREA ID (STV=@XAB)                                            |
| -80   | ALIGNMENT OPTIONS ERROR (STV=@XAB)                                |
| -96   | ALLOCATION QUANTITY TOO LARGE                                     |
| -112  | NOT ANSI "D" FORMAT                                               |
| -128  | ALLOCATION OPTIONS ERROR (STV=@XAB)                               |
| -144  | INVALID (I.E. SYNCH) OPERATION AT AST LEVEL                       |
| -160  | ATTRIBUTE READ ERROR (STV=SYS ERR CODE)                           |
| -176  | ATTRIBUTE WRITE ERROR (STV=SYS ERR CODE)                          |
| -192  | BUCKET SIZE TOO LARGE (FAB)                                       |
| -208  | BUCKET SIZE TOO LARGE (STV=@XAB)                                  |
| -224  | "BLN" LENGTH ERROR (RAB/FAB)                                      |
| -232  | BEGINNING OF FILE DETECTED                                        |
| -240  | PRIVATE POOL ADDRESS NOT MULTIPLE OF "4"                          |
| -256  | PRIVATE POOL SIZE NOT MULTIPLE OF "4"                             |
| -272  | INTERNAL RMS ERROR CONDITION DETECTED                             |
| -288  | CAN'T CONNECT RAB                                                 |
| -304  | \$UPDATE-KEY CHANGE A KEY WITHOUT HAVING ATTRIBUTE OF XB\$CHG SET |
| -320  | BUCKET FORMAT CHECK-BYTE FAILURE                                  |
| -336  | RSTS/E CLOSE FUNCTION FAILED (STV=SYS ERR CODE)                   |
| -352  | INVALID OR UNSUPPORTED "COD" FIELD (STV=@XAB)                     |
| -368  | FILE AC P COULD NOT CREATE FILE (STV=SYS ERR CODE)                |
| -384  | NO CURRENT RECORD (OPERATION NOT PRECEDED BY GET/FIND)            |
| -400  | FILE AC P DEACCESS ERROR DURING "CLOSE" (STV=SYS ERR CODE)        |
| -416  | DATA "AREA" NUMBER INVALID (STV=@XAB)                             |
| -432  | RFA-ACCESSED RECORD WAS DELETED                                   |
| -448  | BAD DEVICE, OR INAPPROPRIATE DEVICE TYPE                          |
| -464  | ERROR IN DIRECTORY NAME                                           |

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Table I-1 (Cont.)  
RMS System Standard Error Codes

| Value | Meaning                                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| -480  | DYNAMIC MEMORY EXHAUSTED                                  |
| -496  | DIRECTORY NOT FOUND                                       |
| -512  | DEVICE NOT READY                                          |
| -520  | DEVICE POSITIONING ERROR(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                |
| -528  | "DTP" FIELD INVALID(STV=@XAB)                             |
| -544  | DUPLICATE KEY DETECTED, XB\$DUP ATTRIBUTE NOT SET         |
| -560  | RSX-FllACP ENTER FUNCTION FAILED(STV=SYS ERR CODE)        |
| -576  | OPERATION NOT SELECTED IN "ORG\$" MACRO                   |
| -592  | END-OF-FILE                                               |
| -608  | EXPANDED STRING AREA TOO SHORT                            |
| -616  | FILE EXPIRATION DATE NOT YET REACHED                      |
| -624  | FILE EXTEND FAILURE(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                     |
| -640  | NOT A VALID FAB("BID" NOT=FB\$BID)                        |
| -656  | ILLEGAL FAC FOR REC-OP,0, OR FB\$PUT NOT SET FOR "CREATE" |
| -672  | FILE ALREADY EXISTS                                       |
| -680  | INVALID FILE-ID                                           |
| -688  | INVALID FLAG-BITS COMBINATION(STV=@XAB)                   |
| -704  | FILE IS LOCKED BY OTHER USER                              |
| -720  | PSX-FllACP "FIND" FUNCTION FAILED(STV=SYS ERR CODE)       |
| -736  | FILE NOT FOUND                                            |
| -752  | ERROR IN FILENAME                                         |
| -768  | INVALID FILE OPTIONS                                      |
| -784  | DEVICE/FILE FULL                                          |
| -800  | INDEX "AREA" NUMBER INVALID(STV=@XAB)                     |
| -816  | INDEX NOT INITIALIZED(STV ONLY,STS=ER\$RNF)               |
| -832  | INVALID IFI VALUE                                         |
| -848  | MAX NUM(254) AREAS/KEY XABS EXCEEDED(STV=@XAB)            |
| -864  | \$INIT MACRO NEVER ISSUED                                 |
| -880  | OPERATION ILLEGAL, OR INVALID FOR FILE ORG.               |
| -896  | ILLEGAL RECORD ENCOUNTERED(SEQ. FILES ONLY)               |
| -912  | INVALID ISI VALUE, ON UNCONNECTED RAB                     |
| -928  | BAD KEY BUFFER ADDRESS(KBF=0)                             |
| -944  | INVALID KEY FIELD(KEY=0/NEG)                              |
| -960  | INVALID KEY-OF-REFERENCE(\$GET/\$FIND)                    |
| -976  | KEY SIZE TOO LARGE(IDX)/NOT=4(REL)                        |
| -992  | LOWEST-LEVEL-INDEX "AREA" NUMBER INVALID(STV=@XAB)        |
| -1008 | NOT ANSI LABELED TAPE                                     |
| -1024 | LOGICAL CHANNEL BUSY                                      |
| -1040 | LOGICAL CHANNEL NUMBER TOO LARGE                          |
| -1048 | LOGICAL EXTEND ERROR, PRIOR EXTEND STILL VALID(STV=@XAB)  |
| -1056 | "LOC" FIELD INVALID(STV=@XAB)                             |
| -1072 | BUFFER MAPPING ERROR                                      |
| -1088 | FllACP COULD NOT MARK FILE FOR DELETION(STV=SYS ERR CODE) |
| -1104 | MRN VALUE=NEG/REL.KEY>MRN                                 |
| -1120 | MRS VALUE=0 FOR FIXED LENGTH RECS/=0 FOR REL. FILES       |
| -1136 | "NAM" BLOCK ADDRESS INVALID(NAM=0, OR NOT ACCESSIBLE)     |
| -1152 | NOT POSITIONED TO EOF(SEG. FILES ONLY)                    |
| -1168 | CAN'T ALLOCATE INTERNAL INDEX DESCRIPTOR                  |
| -1184 | INDEXED FILE-NO PRIMARY KEY DEFINED                       |
| -1200 | RSTS/E OPEN FUNCTION FAILED(STV=SYS ERR CODE)             |
| -1216 | XAB'S NOT IN CORRECT ORDER(STV=@XAB)                      |
| -1232 | INVALID FILE ORGANIZATION VALUE                           |
| -1248 | ERROR IN FILE'S PROLOGUE(RECONSTRUCT FILE)                |
| -1264 | "POS" FIELD INVALID(POS>MRS,STV=@XAB)                     |
| -1280 | BAD FILE DATE FIELD RETRIEVED(STV=@XAB)                   |
| -1296 | PRIVILEGE VIOLATION(OS DENYS ACCESS)                      |

RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES ERROR CODES

Table I-1 (Cont.)  
RMS System Standard Error Codes

| Value | Meaning                                                                                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -1312 | NOT A VALID RAB("BID" NOT=RB\$BID)                                                                             |
| -1328 | ILLEGAL RAC VALUE                                                                                              |
| -1344 | ILLEGAL RECORD ATTRIBUTES                                                                                      |
| -1360 | INVALID RECORD BUFFER ADDR("ODD", OR NOT WORD-ALIGNED IF BLK-IO)                                               |
| -1376 | FILE READ ERROR(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                                              |
| -1392 | RECORD ALREADY EXISTS                                                                                          |
| -1408 | BAD RFA VALUE(RFA=0)                                                                                           |
| -1424 | INVALID RECORD FORMAT                                                                                          |
| -1440 | TARGET BUCKET LOCKED BY ANOTHER STREAM                                                                         |
| -1456 | RSX-F11ACP REMOVE FUNCTION FAILED(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                            |
| -1472 | RECORD NOT FOUND(STV=0/ER\$IDX)<br>RECORD NEVER WAS IN FILE, OR HAS BEEN DELETED                               |
| -1488 | RECORD NOT LOCKED                                                                                              |
| -1504 | INVALID RECORD OPTIONS                                                                                         |
| -1520 | ERROR WHILE READING PROLOGUE(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                                 |
| -1536 | INVALID RRV RECORD ENCOUNTERED                                                                                 |
| -1552 | RAB STREAM CURRENTLY ACTIVE                                                                                    |
| -1568 | BAD RECORD SIZE(RSZ>MRS, OR NOT=MRS IF FIXED LENGTH RECS<br>RSZ NOT=CURRENT REC.SIZE FOR \$UPDATE TO SEQ.FILE) |
| -1584 | RECORD TOO BIG FOR USER'S BUFFER(STV=ACTUAL REC SIZE)                                                          |
| -1600 | PRIMARY KEY OUT OF SEQUENCE(RAC=RB\$SEQ FOR \$PUT)                                                             |
| -1616 | "SHR" FIELD INVALID FOR FILE(CAN'T SHARE SEQ FILES)                                                            |
| -1632 | "SIZ" FIELD INVALID(STV=@XAB)                                                                                  |
| -1648 | STACK TOO BIG FOR SAVE AREA                                                                                    |
| -1664 | SYSTEM DIRECTIVE ERROR(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                                       |
| -1680 | INDEX TREE ERROR                                                                                               |
| -1696 | ERROR IN FILE TYPE                                                                                             |
| -1712 | INVALID USER BUFFER ADDR(0,ODD, OR IF BLK-IO NOT WORD<br>ALIGNED)                                              |
| -1728 | INVALID USER BUFFER SIZE(USZ=0)                                                                                |
| -1744 | ERROR IN VERSION NUMBER                                                                                        |
| -1760 | INVALID VOLUME NUMBER(STV=@XAB)                                                                                |
| -1776 | FILE WRITE ERROR(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                                             |
| -1784 | DEVICE IS WRITE-LOCKED                                                                                         |
| -1792 | ERROR WHILE WRITING PROLOGUE(STV=SYS ERR CODE)                                                                 |
| -1808 | NOT A VALID XAB(@XAB=ODD,STV=@XAB)                                                                             |



APPENDIX J

OBJECT TIME SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

Table J-1  
COBOL Object Time System Error Messages

| Number | Message                                                                          | Meaning                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | NON EXISTENT OTS ROUTINE<br>INVOKED                                              | The COBOL compiler has generated reference to a nonexistent OTS routine. This should never occur; (COBOL compiler error - notify your DEC Software Specialist). |
| 3      | DEPENDING DATA NAME<br>OUT OF RANGE                                              | The data item which defines the current number of elements in the table does not fall within the defined table size range.                                      |
| 4      | ILLEGAL SUBROUTINE<br>REENTRY                                                    | A COBOL subprogram may not be called while it is still processing a previous call.                                                                              |
| 5      | INCORRECT NUMBER OF<br>SUBROUTINE ARGUMENTS                                      | The number of arguments expected by a COBOL subprogram does not agree with the number actually received.                                                        |
| 6      | FILE: NN... ATTEMPT TO<br>OPEN 2 'MULTIPLE<br>SAME AREA' FILES<br>SIMULTANEOUSLY | The program tried to open a file that uses the same buffer area of another file that is still open. (NN... represents the file-name.)                           |
| 7      | FILE: NN... NOT OPEN                                                             | The program attempted to perform an I/O operation on a file that was not open. (NN... represents the file-name.)                                                |

OBJECT TIME SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

Table J-1 (Cont.)  
 COBOL Object Time System Error Messages

| Number | Message                                       | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10     | FILE: NN... ALREADY<br>OPEN                   | The program attempted to open a file that was already open. (NN... represents the file-name.)                                                                                                    |
| 11     | SUBSCRIPT TOO BIG                             | A subscript value used in a subscripted data item reference has exceeded the upper bounds of the number of items in the table.                                                                   |
| 12     | PERFORM STACK<br>OVERFLOW                     | The perform stack is used to process nested performs. The size of this stack is fixed at compile time. To increase the default size, specify the /PFM switch at compile time.                    |
| 13     | NULL ALTERABLE<br>GO TO                       | An alterable GOTO statement has been reached, and no procedure name was assigned to it.                                                                                                          |
| 14     | STOP, CR TO CONTINUE                          | The program executed a STOP statement. The OTS waits indefinitely. To continue, type carriage return.                                                                                            |
| 15     | STOP RUN                                      | The program executed a STOP RUN statement. The program stops all activity and closes all open files.                                                                                             |
| 16     | SUBSCRIPT TOO SMALL                           | The subscript value of a data item is less than or equal to zero.                                                                                                                                |
| 17     | PERFORM END OF<br>RANGE VIOLATION             | The end-point of an active perform range has occurred. However, the perform range in question is not the most recent.                                                                            |
| 20     | FILE: NN... OPTIONAL<br>FILE MOUNTED? Y OR N? | The OTS is asking the operator to specify whether the file NN... is available to the running program. (NN... represents the file-name.) Type a Y for yes, or N (or some other character) for no. |

OBJECT TIME SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

Table J-1 (Cont.)  
COBOL Object Time System Error Messages

| Number | Message                                                       | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22     | INDEX VALUE TOO SMALL<br>OR TOO LARGE AT<br>SOURCE LINE NNNNN | A value for an index name is being used in a SET statement that is outside the bounds of the table. (NNNNN represents the source program's page-line number.)                                                                                  |
| 24     | WRITE ERROR IN DISPLAY                                        | A DISPLAY statement encountered a bad device or a record length of more than 132 characters.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 25     | ILLEGAL NESTED<br>PERFORM                                     | An attempt was made to invoke a perform range whose end-point is that of an active perform range.                                                                                                                                              |
| 26     | UNKNOWN PROCEDURE                                             | Self-explanatory; an appropriate diagnostic error message was produced by the compiler. See the compiler listing.                                                                                                                              |
| 27     | SPECIFY "ON" SWITCHES                                         | See Section 2.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 30     | ACCEPT-INPUT TOO LONG                                         | A single ACCEPT statement has attempted to read more than 80 characters. The OTS currently imposes a limit of 80 characters on the ACCEPT statement.                                                                                           |
| 31     | FILE: NN... OPEN ERROR-XX                                     | The program attempted to open file NN... but the open failed. The Record Management services error code specifies the kind of error. (See Appendix I for the RMS error codes.) (NNN.. represents the file-name. XX represents the error code.) |
| 32     | FILE: NN... CLOSE ERROR-XX                                    | The program attempted to close file NN... but the close operation failed. The RMS error code specifies the kind of error. (See Appendix I for the RMS error codes.) (NN... represents the file-name. XX represents the error code.)            |
| 33     | FILE: NN... NOT OPEN                                          | The program attempted to close file NN... but file NN... is not open. (NN... represents the file-name.)                                                                                                                                        |



OBJECT TIME SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

Table J-1 (Cont.)  
COBOL Object Time System Error Messages

| Number                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Message                                                        | Meaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 34                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FILE: NN... INVALID<br>LINAGE                                  | The LINAGE clause specified a page body size that has been calculated to be zero. (NN... represents the file-name.)                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 36                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FILE: NN... REWRITE/<br>DELETE NOT LEGAL<br>WITHOUT PRIOR READ | The program requested a REWRITE or a DELETE operation on a sequential file and the last I/O operation in the file was not a READ.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 37                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FILE: NN... NO USE<br>PROCEDURE FOR I/O<br>ERROR-XX            | The OTS detected an I/O error for file NN... and no USE procedure is specified for the file (explicitly or implicitly). The RMS error code XX, specifies the kind of error. (See Appendix I for the RMS error codes.) This message results from a fatal error; the OTS executes a STOP RUN and closes all open files.          |
| 40                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FILE: NN... LOCKED                                             | The program previously closed the file with lock during this program execution. (NN... represents the file-name.)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 41                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FILE: NN... INVALID<br>OPERATION                               | <p>The program attempted to issue one of the following I/O statements on a file open in an incompatible mode:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A READ on a file open for output;</li> <li>● A WRITE on a file open for input or I-O;</li> <li>● A REWRITE or DELETE on a file open for input or output.</li> </ul> |
| 42                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ABORT EXECUTION                                                | Execution of the task has arrived at a point where a fatal diagnostic was detected by the compiler.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The following errors indicate a fault condition within the task. See the Executive Reference Manual for your operating system.</p> |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

OBJECT TIME SYSTEM ERROR MESSAGES

Table J-1 (Cont.)  
COBOL Object Time System Error Messages

| Number | Message                          | Meaning |
|--------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 43     | ODD ADDRESS ERROR                |         |
| 44     | MEMORY PROTECTION<br>VIOLATION   |         |
| 45     | T-BIT TRAP OR BPT<br>INSTRUCTION |         |
| 46     | IOT INSTRUCTION                  |         |
| 47     | RESERVED INSTRUCTION             |         |
| 50     | NON-RSX EMT                      |         |
| 51     | FLOATING POINT EXCEPTION         |         |



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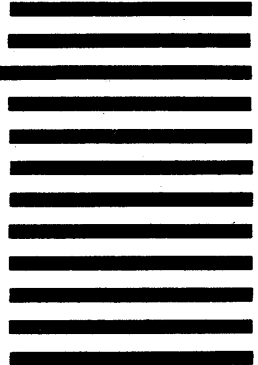
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