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## PREFACE

This manual defines the COBOL language supported by Interactive COBOL. This COBOL language is based on the ANSI COBOL standard X3.23-1985. The manual is intended for programmers already familiar with the COBOL language in general.

The complete documentation for Interactive COBOL includes the following manuals:

Installing and Configuring Interactive COBOL on Linux (011-00402)

Installing and Configuring Interactive COBOL on Windows (011-00403)

Each manual provides the appropriate sections necessary to properly install and configure Interactive COBOL in the given environment.

Interactive COBOL Utilities Manual (011-00300)

Provides a simple guide to all the user visible utilities.

Interactive COBOL Language Reference & Developer's Guide (011-00100)

Contains two parts:

A) Interactive COBOL Language Reference: The complete COBOL syntax supported by all dialects of **ICOBOL**. Included are **ICOBOL** builtins, intrinsic functions, and screen calls.

B) Interactive COBOL Developer's Guide: Explains how to use the development tools including the compiler, debugger, ICREVSET, and ICDUMP. It also explains how the **ICOBOL** runtime works including how to program across the multiple environments supported by **ICOBOL**.

COBOL sp2 User Interface Development Manual

How to use the ICSP2 Panel Editor to define GUI screens.

COBOL FormPrint

How to use the ICQPRW FormPrint Editor to setup printers.

### TERMS

This document uses several terms as generic names to describe the following products.

**ANSI 74**, **ANSI 85**, and **VXCOBOL** are the three dialects supported by Interactive COBOL and are used to describe differences.

**AOS/VS** refers to both AOS/VS II and AOS/VS (Classic) unless specifically stated..

**ICOBOL** refers to all dialects of the Interactive COBOL product unless otherwise stated.

**INFOS** refers to either AOS/VS INFOS II or U/FOS. INFOS II or U/FOS are explicitly used when needed.

**VXCOBOL** refers to all models of the **VXCOBOL** products unless otherwise stated.

**Linux** refers to all supported flavors of Linux unless specifically stated.

**Windows** will be used to refer collectively to various versions of the Windows operating system. As of ICOBOL 5.50 and this manual, the supported versions are Windows Server 2008 R2 through Windows Server 2022 and Windows 7 through Windows 11. How-to steps for Windows are based on Windows 10 and may be different for older versions of Windows.

**PC** refers to any style of personal computer based on the Intel x86 microcomputer architecture that runs Windows or a Linux-compatible operating system.

**RDOS** refers to the Data General operating system RDOS.

**DG** refers to Data General Corporation.







**ENHANCEMENTS** (Language area)Interactive COBOL 5 Language Changes

Interactive COBOL 5.40 added support for the following:

- Added a new source format called xcard (extended card) that has the sequence area and indicator column like standard card format, but no right margin or comment area like free-form format.
- An new runtime environment variable, IC\_PROMPTCHAR, for the runtime system that modifies the default prompt pad to something other than underscore.

Interactive COBOL 5.40 removed support for the following:

- The AOS compatibility builtins: ?CBSYS, ?CBADDR, ?CBBADDR, and CLI. A program that calls one of these functions at runtime will received a “Program not found” error.

Interactive COBOL 5.30 added support for the following:

- The SQL BIGINT type. It is equivalent to 8-byte COMP-5.

Interactive COBOL 5.30 removed support for the following:

- The U/FOS data manager that was used by the VX/COBOL dialect to provide compatibility with DG’s INFOS and INFOS II products. Items that are no longer supported at runtime are flagged by the compiler unless -R 6 or before is selected. A program that uses these features will get an exception 230 “The requested feature is not available”.

Interactive COBOL 5.20 added support for the following:

- New Builtins: IC\_SEND\_KEY, IC\_WHOHAS\_LOCKS
- Added extended open option for additional case conversion on filenames (c=l|n|u)

Interactive COBOL 5.09 added support for the following:

- New Builtins: IC\_LEFT, IC\_RIGHT

Interactive COBOL 5.00 added support for the following:

- Native 64-bit support, continued 32-bit support
- ICISAM version 8 files with support for 4 billion records and 16TB index file.
- sequential file support > 4GB
- enhanced PDF creation
- enhanced IC\_SEND\_MAIL with SSL support
- 64-bit pointers

## Interactive COBOL 4 Language Enhancements

Interactive COBOL 4.70 added support for the following:

- New environment variable ICCONFIGDIR to allow for customized system files

Interactive COBOL 4.50 added support for the following:

- New Intrinsic Functions:     SQL-ADD-ESCAPES, SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES
- New Statements:             GET COLUMNS, GET TABLES
- New COLUMN COUNT option to GET DIAGNOSTICS
- Remote ISQL support for CONNECT

Interactive COBOL 4.40 added support for the following:

- New Builtin:                 IC\_CENTER
- New Intrinsic Functions:    IC-CENTER, IC-DECODE-URL, IC-ENCODE-URL, IC-GET-ENV,  
                                  IC-HEX-TO-NUM, IC-NUM-TO-HEX, IC-PID-EXISTS,  
                                  IC-SERIAL-NUMBER, IC-TRIM, IC-VERSION

Interactive COBOL 4.20 added support for the following:

- New Builtins:                IC\_CLIENT\_CALLPROCESS, IC\_CLIENT\_DELETE\_FILE, IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_ENV,  
                                  IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_FILE, IC\_CLIENT\_PUT\_FILE, IC\_CLIENT\_RESOLVE\_FILE,  
                                  IC\_CLIENT\_SET\_ENV, IC\_CLIENT\_SHELLEXECUTE  
                                  to work with ThinClient
- Enhanced Builtin:    IC\_CHECK\_DATA (to support 32-bit crc's)

Interactive COBOL 4.11 added support for the following:

- The compiler can handle a maximum of 200,000 lines per program
- The debugger supports compressed mode

Interactive COBOL 4.10 added support for the following:

- UNIX pipe opens can be bidirectional, i.e. OPEN I-O
- Extended sequential open options to allow generating .PDF files
- New Builtin:                IC\_PDF\_PRINT
- Windows support for pipe opens just as UNIX

Interactive COBOL 4.00 added support for the following:

- New builtins:                IC\_DECODE\_CSV, IC\_ENCODE\_CSV

## Interactive COBOL 3 Language Enhancements

Interactive COBOL 3.60 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtins: IC\_WINDOWS\_MSG\_BOX, IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE, IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE

Interactive COBOL 3.57 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_SEND\_MAIL

Interactive COBOL 3.56 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_WINDOWS\_SETFONT
- Filenames can contain “(“ and “)”

Interactive COBOL 3.50 added support for the following:

- New builtin: IC\_SEND\_MAIL

Interactive COBOL 3.40 added support for the following:

- Integrated SQL (**ISQL**) added that provides a simple way of using popular relational databases directly from within your COBOL programs. **ISQL** provides many of the embedded SQL features but in an integrated fashion without the added complexity of pre-processors or call-level interface. Most of the SQL data types have been added to the base language set. At runtime, **ISQL** makes use of standard ODBC calls to access any data manager available to ODBC.

New literal types include: DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP, and INTERVALS.

New data types include: CHARACTER, CHARACTER VARYING, DATE, INDICATOR, INTEGER, INTERVAL, NUMERIC, SMALLINT, TIME, and TIMESTAMP.

New statements include: COMMIT, CONNECT, DEALLOCATE, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, EXECUTE IMMEDIATE, FETCH, GET DIAGNOSTICS, PREPARE, ROLLBACK, and SET CONNECTION. (*These statements require an additional **ICSQL** runtime license.*)

New identifier: SQLSTATE

Enhancements to other statements to support the new literal and data types.

These features are made available with the new General switch (-G q) on the compiler.

Debugger support for the above.

- Special Register LENGTH OF
- **VXCOBOL** dialect allows CONTINUE, GOBACK, reference modification, and intrinsic functions
- Use of reference modification in the SCREEN SECTION

Interactive COBOL 3.35 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_SYS\_INFO

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Interactive COBOL 3.34 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_WINDOWS\_SETFONT
- New builtin: IC\_TRIM.

Interactive COBOL 3.30 added support for the following:

- ACCEPT FROM ENVIRONMENT updated to give the minimum and maximum screen column sizes and the computer name.
- New builtins: IC\_COMPRESS\_ON. IC\_COMPRESS\_OFF
- New Statement: GOBACK
- Inline comment (\*>) added

Interactive COBOL 3.22 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_SYS\_INFO
- New builtin: IC\_GET\_FILE\_IND

Interactive COBOL 3.20 added support for the following:

- Enhancements to the Screen Section, including OCCURS, LINE PLUS/MINUS variable, relative positioning after absolute positioning, identifier for FOREGROUND-COLOR and BACKGROUND-COLOR, CONVERTING UP/DOWN, and compatibility enhancements for the ERASE, BLANK, attribute control clauses.
- Introduction of screen control clauses such as line and column positioning and attribute control, etc. for non-screen ACCEPT and DISPLAY statements

Interactive COBOL 3.13 added support for the following:

- New builtins: IC\_SET\_ENV, IC\_WINDOWS\_SETFONT.
- New compiler switch (-c).
- ICIDE enhancements.
- Runtime support to write to the audit file. (DISPLAY UPON)

Interactive COBOL 3.12 added support for the following:

- Enhanced builtin: IC\_SEND\_MSG.

Interactive COBOL 3.11 added support for the following:

- New builtin: IC\_WINDOWS\_SHELLEXECUTE.
- On Windows, ICRUNW can set its font and size at startup.

Interactive COBOL 3.10 added support for the following:

- New reserved words for the **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** dialects: CONVERT, CURSOR, HIGH, LOW, PROMPT, and TAB.
- Removed the debugger (ICDEB) as a separate executable and made an integral part of the runtime.
- On Windows, added an integrated development environment (ICIDE) allowing projects to be defined, edited, and compiled in one place.

Interactive COBOL 3.03 added support for the following:

- New reserved words for the **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** dialects: BACKGROUND, BEEP, FOREGROUND, and MINUS.

Interactive COBOL 3.01 added support for the following:

- New builtins: IC\_QUEUE\_LIST, IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION.

Interactive COBOL 3.00 added support for the following:

- Code and data space increased to 16MB each
- Multicharacter switches
- Nested COPY files
- Expressions in subscripts
- Reference modification (**ANSI 74/85** only)
- ACCEPT FROM DATE YYYYMMDD
- ACCEPT FROM DAY YYYYDDD
- ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS WITH ERROR IN xx
- CALL by CONTENT
- CODE-SET
- COPY REPLACING
- OCCURS DEPENDING ON
- EVALUATE statement (**ANSI 74/85** only)
- EXTERNAL data and files
- INITIALIZE statement (**ANSI 74/85** only)
- Enhanced INSPECT (multiple TALLYING, CONVERTING clause)
- LINAGE support
- SECURE NO ECHO
- QUEUE IS added to SELECT
- RECORD DELIMITER added to SELECT
- START is available for sequential files
- STOP RUN literal
- Varying length records for all file types
- IS INITIAL PROGRAM
- 61 INTRINSIC FUNCTIONS added (ABS, ACOS, ANNUITY, ...) (**ANSI 74/85** only)
- New Builtins: IC\_HANGUP, IC\_LOGON, IC\_QUEUE\_STATUS, IC\_SHUTDOWN, IC\_INFOS\_STATUS\_TEXT, IC\_PID\_EXISTS, IC\_HEX\_TO\_NUM, IC\_NUM\_TO\_HEX, CLI, ?CBSYS, ?CBADDR, and ?CBBADDR
- Support for a **VXCOBOL** dialect (Data General AOS/VS COBOL compatible)





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## **PART ONE - LANGUAGE REFERENCE**



## I. CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS MANUAL

### A. Definition of a General Format

A *general format* is the specific arrangement of the elements of a clause or a statement.

A *clause* or a *statement* consists of elements as defined below. Throughout this document a format is shown adjacent to information defining the clause or statement. When more than one specific arrangement is permitted, the general format is separated into numbered or named formats. Clauses must be written in the sequence given in the general formats. (If they are used, optional clauses must appear in the sequence shown.) In certain cases, stated explicitly in the rules associated with a given format, clauses may appear in sequences other than that shown. Applications, requirements, or restrictions concerning a format, are shown as *rules*.

#### A.1. Elements

Elements that make up a clause or a statement consist of uppercase words, lowercase words, level-numbers, brackets, braces, connectives, and special characters.

#### A.2. Words

UNDERLINED UPPERCASE WORDS represent *keywords* and are required whenever the functions of which they are a part are used. An error will be reported by the compiler if a *keyword* is absent or incorrectly spelled.

UPPERCASE WORDS that are not underlined are optional; they are used only for readability.

Lowercase words, in a general format, are generic terms used to represent COBOL words, literals, PICTURE character-strings, comment-entries, or a complete syntactical entry that must be supplied by the user. Where generic terms are repeated in a general format, a number or letter appended to the term serves to identify that term for explanation or discussion.

#### A.3. Level-Numbers

When specific level-numbers appear in data description entry formats, those specific level-numbers are required when such entries are used in a COBOL program. In this document, the form 01, 02, ... , 09 is used to indicate level-numbers 1 through 9.

#### A.4. Brackets and Braces

Brackets, [ ], enclose optional items.

Braces, { }, enclose a set of alternatives, one of which is required; it must be selected explicitly or implicitly. If one of the options contains only reserved words which are not keywords, that option is the default if no option is explicitly specified.

Options are indicated in a general format or a portion of a general format by vertically stacking the set of alternatives, by a series of brackets or braces or by a combination of both. An option is selected by specifying one of the alternatives or by specifying a unique combination of possibilities from a series of brackets or braces.

#### A.5. Ellipsis (...)

In text, other than general formats, the ellipsis shows omission of a word or words when such omission does not impair comprehension. This is the conventional meaning of the ellipsis, and the use becomes apparent in context.

In the general format, the ellipsis represents indefinite repetition of the last item. The portion of the format that may be repeated is determined as follows:

Given ... (the ellipsis) in a format, scanning right to left, determine the ] (right bracket) or } (right brace) delimiter immediately to the left of the ... (ellipsis); continue scanning right to left and determine the logically matching [ (left bracket) or { (left brace) delimiter; the ... (ellipsis) applies to the portion of the format between the determined pair of delimiters. Thus a [ ]... indicates there can be zero or more occurrences of this item while a { }... indicates there can be one or more occurrences of this item.

### A.6. Format Punctuation

The separators comma and semicolon may be used anywhere the separator space is used in the formats. In the source program, these separators are interchangeable.

The separator period, when used in the formats, has the status of a required word. It must be followed by a space.

### A.7. Use of Special Character Words in Formats

The special character words '+', '-', '>', '<', '=', '>=', '<=', and '<>' when appearing in formats, although not underlined, are required when such portions of the formats are used.

### A.8. Documentation Only

- d Lines with the symbol "d" in the left margin indicate that this phrase is used for documentation only; it does not in any way affect how the **ICOBOL** compiler syntaxes the source or generates executable code..

## **B. Rules**

### B.1. Syntax Rules

Syntax rules define or clarify the order in which words or elements must be arranged to form larger elements such as phrases, clauses, or statements. Syntax rules may also either impose restrictions on individual words or elements or relax restrictions implied by words or elements.

### B.2. General Rules

General rules define or clarify the meaning or relationship of meanings of an element or set of elements. They are used to define or clarify the semantics of the statement and the effect that it has on either compilation or execution.

## C. ICOBOL Dialects and Feature-Sets

The **ICOBOL** product described by this document is a COBOL language product that can be customized at compile-time to mimic one of several popular COBOL implementations, or *dialects*. The selection of a given dialect automatically affects a number of different language attributes, such as the set of reserved words, the syntax for particular statements, the storage format for data, and even run-time behavior.

In addition, the product implements a number of language enhancements that are selectable independently of the dialect selected. These enhancements are bundled in various combinations to form a *feature-set*.

### C.1. Description of **ICOBOL** Dialects

Each dialect is selectable via a compiler switch. (See the Compiler Chapter of the Developer's Guide Section starting on page [741](#), for a description of compiler options.) Each dialect is named and described individually below. Note that whenever the term **ICOBOL** is used in this manual, it refers collectively to all of the supported dialects. Whenever the individual dialect name is used, it refers specifically to that dialect. The supported dialects are:

- **ANSI 74**

This is the fundamental dialect. It is consistent with traditional Interactive COBOL. It uses ANSI-74 file status codes and file handling semantics.

- **ANSI 85**

This is the stricter ANSI-85 dialect. It is consistent with **ICOBOL 2** code compiled with the -M 85 option. It uses ANSI-85 file status codes and file handling semantics.

- **VXCOBOL**

This dialect is consistent with the syntax and semantics used by Data General's AOS/VS COBOL and by Envyr Corporation's **VXCOBOL** product.

### C.2. Notation of Dialect Differences

(1) Many language features and runtime behavior are common to all dialects. In that case, no dialect notation is necessary, and support with all dialects is assumed. The term "**ICOBOL**" refers to the product as a whole and includes all dialects, except where explicitly noted.

(2) Where there are differences, they are noted in the documentation with flags to note those exceptions. Most differences are between the following sets of dialects, and these are the most common flags you will see in the documentation. For example,

- (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)
- (**VXCOBOL**)

Less frequently, differences will be noted with the following flags:

- (**ANSI 74**)
- (**ANSI 85**)

(3) Some features and behavior are found only in one dialect and are so marked. For example in the DATA DIVISION:

FEEDBACK Clause ( <b><i>VXCOBOL</i></b> ) and RECORD Clause ( <b><i>ANSI 74</i></b> and <b><i>ANSI 85</i></b> )
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(4) Differences are flagged at the highest level appropriate. A COBOL statement may be supported in one dialect but not another; in that case, the notation will appear at the highest level for the statement, indicating which dialect(s) support the statement. Most COBOL statements are common to all dialects but have minor differences among dialects, as, for example in the following documentation excerpt from ACCEPT statement in the PROCEDURE DIVISION:

<p><b><u>ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:</u></b> (4) During the execution of an ACCEPT statement for a screen item that contains SECURE NO ECHO, any characters entered by the user will not be echoed, and the cursor will not move as the characters are entered.</p> <p><b><u>VXCOBOL:</u></b> (5) During the execution of an ACCEPT statement, any characters entered by the user will not be echoed. Additionally, the cursor will not move as the characters are entered.</p>
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### C.3. Description of Feature-sets

A feature-set is an enhancement or a set of enhancements that can be enabled independently of the specific dialect that is selected. In a manner similar to the dialect, however, a feature-set may affect the set of reserved words, that syntax for existing language features, additional syntax that is specific to the feature-set, and even run-time behavior. Each feature-set is denoted by a feature-set name and an optional level indicator. The naming reflects this scheme.

The feature-sets are as follows:

- ***ISQL***

This is Integrated SQL. This level includes integrated support for a number of the SQL data types and operators, as well as basic support for dynamic queries using PREPARE and EXECUTE.

### C.4. Notation of Feature-set Differences

Where there are differences created by the presence of a feature-set, they are noted in the documentation with flags to note those exceptions. When the differences are the same for all levels of a feature-set, they are denoted by using just the base feature-set name. For example,

- (***ISQL***) Applies to all levels of the ***ISQL*** feature-set

## II. COBOL SOURCE PROGRAM

### A. General Description

A COBOL source program is a syntactically correct set of COBOL statements.

### B. Concepts

#### B.1. Character Set

The most basic and indivisible unit of the language is the character. The set of characters used to form COBOL character-strings and separators includes the letters of the alphabet, digits, and special characters. This character set consists of the characters as defined under COBOL Character Set in the glossary. In the case of nonnumeric literals, comment-entries, and comment lines, the character set is expanded to include the computer's entire character set. The characters allowable in each type of character-string and as separators are defined in the section below.

#### B.2. Language Structure

The individual characters of the language are concatenated to form character-strings and separators. A separator may be concatenated with another separator or with a character-string. A character-string may only be concatenated with a separator. The concatenation of character-strings and separators forms the text of a source program.

##### B.2.1 Separators

A separator is a character or two contiguous characters formed according to the following rules:

(1) *Space*. The punctuation character space is a separator. Anywhere a space is used as a separator or as part of a separator, more than one space may be used. All spaces immediately following the separators comma, semicolon, or period are considered part of that separator and are not considered to be the separator space.

(2) *Comma* and *semicolon*. Except when the comma is used in a PICTURE character-string, the punctuation characters comma and semicolon, immediately followed by a space, are separators that may be used anywhere the separator space is used. They may be used to improve program readability.

(3) *Period*. The punctuation character period, when followed by a space is a separator. It must be used only to indicate the end of a sentence, or as shown in formats.

(4) *Parentheses*. The punctuation characters right and left parentheses are separators. Parentheses may appear only in balanced pairs of left and right parentheses delimiting subscripts, reference modifiers, arithmetic expressions, or conditions.

(5) *Quotation mark*. The punctuation character quotation mark is a separator. An opening quotation mark must be immediately preceded by a space or left parenthesis; a closing quotation mark, when paired with an opening quotation mark, must be immediately followed by one of the separators space, comma, semicolon, period, or right parenthesis.

(6) *Colon*. The punctuation character colon is a separator and is required when shown in the general formats.

(7) The separator space may optionally immediately precede all separators except:

a. As specified by reference format rules.

b. The separator closing quotation mark. In this case, a preceding space is considered as part of the nonnumeric literal and not as a separator.

(8) The separator space may optionally immediately follow any separator except the opening quotation mark. In this case, a following space is considered as part of the nonnumeric literal and not as a separator.

(9) Pseudo-text delimiters. Pseudo-text delimiters are separators. An opening pseudo-text delimiter must be immediately preceded by a space. A closing pseudo-text delimiter must be immediately followed by one of the separators space, comma, semi-colon, or period. Pseudo-text delimiters may appear only in balanced pairs delimiting pseudo-text.

Any punctuation character which appears as part of the specification of a PICTURE character-string or numeric literal is not considered as a punctuation character, but rather as a symbol used in the specification of that PICTURE character-string or numeric literal. PICTURE character-strings are delimited only by the separators space, comma, semicolon, or period.

The rules established for the formation of separators do not apply to the characters which comprise the contents of nonnumeric literals, comment-entries, or comment lines.

### B.2.2 Character-Strings

A character-string is a character or a sequence of contiguous characters which forms a COBOL word, a literal, a PICTURE character-string, or a comment-entry. A character-string is delimited by separators.

#### B.2.2.1 COBOL Words

A COBOL word is a character-string of not more than 30 characters which forms a user-defined word, a system-name, or a reserved word. Each character of a COBOL word is selected from the set of letters, digits, and the hyphen. The hyphen may not appear as the first or last character. Each lowercase letter is considered to be equivalent to its corresponding uppercase letter. Within a source program, reserved words and user-defined words form disjoint sets; reserved words and system-names form disjoint sets; system-names and defined words form intersecting sets. The same COBOL word may be used as a system-name and as a user-defined word within a source program; and the class of a specific occurrence of this COBOL word is determined by the context of the clause or phrase in which it occurs.

**NOTE: ANSI standard COBOL required that COBOL words be no more than 30 characters. The VXCOBOL dialect will issue an info message at compile time if a word exceeds 30 characters, but otherwise will allow up to 50 characters in a word.**

##### B.2.2.1.1 User-Defined Words

A user-defined word is a COBOL word that must be supplied by the user to satisfy the format of a clause or statement. Each character of a user-defined word is selected from the set of characters `A', `B', `C', ..., `Z', `a', `b', `c', ..., `z', `0', ..., `9', and `-` except that the `-` may not appear as the first or last character.



The types of user-defined words are:

- |                   |                   |                          |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. alphabet-name  | 7. level-number   | 13. section-name         |
| 2. class-name *   | 8. mnemonic-name  | 15. symbolic-character * |
| 3. condition-name | 9. paragraph-name | 16. text-name            |
| 4. data-name      | 10. program-name  |                          |
| 5. file-name      | 11. record-name   |                          |
| 6. index-name     | 12. screen-name   |                          |

\* this type is not used in **VXCOBOL**

Within a given source program, the defined words are grouped into the following disjoint sets:

- |                                                                  |                    |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. alphabet-names                                                | 5. index-names     | 9. section-names          |
| 2. class-name *                                                  | 6. mnemonic-names  | 10. symbolic-characters * |
| 3. condition-names, data-names,<br>record-names, and screen-name | 7. paragraph-names | 11. text-names            |
| 4. file-names                                                    | 8. program-names   |                           |

\* this type is not used in **VXCOBOL**

All user-defined words, except level-numbers, can belong to one and only one of these disjoint sets. Further, all user-defined words within a given disjoint set must be unique, except as specified in the rules for uniqueness of reference.

With the exception of section-names, paragraph-names, and level-numbers, all user-defined words must contain at least one alphabetic character. Level-numbers need not be unique; a given specification of a level-number may be identical to any other level-number.

#### B.2.2.1.1.1 Condition-Name

A condition-name is a name which is assigned to a specific value, set of values, or range of values, within a complete set of values that a data item may assume. The data item itself is called a conditional variable.

Condition-names may be defined in the Data Division or in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph within the Environment Division where a condition-name must be assigned to the on status or off status, or both, of user-defined switches.

A condition-name is used in conditions as an abbreviation for the relation condition; this relation condition posits that the associated conditional variable is equal to one of the set of values to which that condition-name is assigned. A condition-name is also used in a SET statement, indicating that the associated value is to be moved to the conditional variable.

#### B.2.2.1.1.2 Mnemonic-Name

A mnemonic-name assigns a user-defined word to a user-defined-switch. These associations are established in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division (see The SPECIAL-NAMES Paragraph, page [80](#)).

#### B.2.2.1.1.3 Paragraph-Name

A paragraph-name is a word which names a paragraph in the Procedure Division. Paragraph-names are equivalent if, and only if, they are composed of the same sequence of the same number of digits and/or characters.

### B.2.2.1.1.4 Section-Name

A section-name is a word which names a section in the Procedure Division. Section-names are equivalent if, and only if, they are composed of the same sequence of the same number of digits and/or characters.

### B.2.2.1.1.5 Other User-Defined Names

All other types of user-defined words are defined in the glossary.

### B.2.2.1.2 System-Names

A system-name is a COBOL word which is used to communicate with the operating environment. Each character used in the formation of a system-name must be selected from the set of characters `A', `B', `C', ... , `Z', `0', ... , `9', and `-` except that the `-` may not appear as the first or last character.

### B.2.2.1.3 Reserved Words

A reserved word is a COBOL word that is one of a specified list of words which may be used in COBOL source programs, but which must not appear in the program as user-defined words or system-names. Reserved words can only be used as specified in the general formats. The reserved word table can be found in APPENDIX L on page [903](#).

Reserved words satisfy the following conditions:

(1) Reserved words do not begin with the characters `0', ... , `9', `X', `Y', or `Z' except for the reserved words YYYYMMDD, YYYYDDD, ZERO, ZEROES, ZEROS, and ZONE (**ISQL**).

(2) Reserved words do not contain only one alphabetic character.

(3) Reserved words do not start with 1 or 2 characters followed by `-` except for the reserved words I-O, I-O-CONTROL, and reserved words which begin with `B-' or `DB-'.

(4) Reserved words do not contain two or more contiguous hyphens.

(5) Reserved words are always shown as uppercase, although they may be written in mixed or lowercase with each lowercase letter being equivalent to the corresponding uppercase letter.

There are three types of reserved words:

1. required words
2. optional words
3. special purpose words

#### B.2.2.1.3.1 Required Words

A required word is a word whose presence is required when the format in which the word appears is used in a source program.

Required words are of two types:

(1) Keywords. Within each format, such words are uppercase and underlined.

(2) Special character words. These are the arithmetic operators and relation characters.

### B.2.2.1.3.2 Optional Words

Within each format, uppercase words that are not underlined are called optional words and may be specified at the user's option with no effect on the semantics of the format.

### B.2.2.1.3.3 Special Purpose Words

There are two types of special purpose words:

1. figurative constants
2. special registers

#### B.2.2.1.3.3.1 Figurative Constants

Certain reserved words are used to name and reference specific constant values. These reserved words are specified under Figurative Constant Values on page [50](#).

#### B.2.2.1.3.3.2 Special Registers

Certain reserved words are used to name and reference special registers. Special registers are certain compiler-generated storage areas whose primary use is to store information produced in conjunction with the use of specific COBOL features. Unless specified otherwise in these specifications, one special register of each type is allocated for each program. In the general formats of this specification, a special register may be used, unless otherwise restricted, wherever data-name or identifier is specified provided that the special register is the same category as the data-name or identifier. If qualification is allowed, special registers may be qualified as necessary to provide uniqueness. See page [130](#) Qualification.

Special registers include: ADDRESS OF, LENGTH OF, LINAGE-COUNTER, and SQLSTATE (*ISQL*).

### B.2.2.2 Literals

A literal is a character-string whose value is implied by an ordered set of characters of which the literal is composed, by specification of a reserved word which references a figurative constant, or (*ISQL*) by specification of a reserved word (or words) in combination with a non-numeric literal value. Every literal belongs to one of the following types:

- (1) nonnumeric
- (2) numeric
- (3) date-time (*ISQL*)
- (4) interval (*ISQL*)

**NOTE:** For simplicity in the formats that follow, the literals that make use of quotation marks or apostrophes as delimiters are only shown using quotation marks. Simply remember that the closing delimiter must match the opening delimiter.

### B.2.2.2.1 Nonnumeric Literals

A nonnumeric literal is a character-string enclosed in either quotation marks or apostrophes. The length of a nonnumeric literal applies to its representation in the object program.

#### B.2.2.2.1.1 General Format

"{*character-1*}... "

#### B.2.2.2.1.2 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Character-1* may be any character in the computer's character set.
- (2) If *character-1* is to represent the quotation mark, two contiguous quotation mark characters must be used to represent a single occurrence of that character, or the delimiting characters must be apostrophes.
- (3) If *character-1* is to represent the apostrophe, two contiguous apostrophes characters must be used to represent a single occurrence of that character, or the delimiting characters must be quotations.
- (4) (**ISQL**) There may be zero occurrences of *character-1*.

#### B.2.2.2.1.3 General Rules

- (1) The value of a nonnumeric literal in the object program is the value represented by *character-1*.
- (2) The separator quotation mark or apostrophe that delimits the nonnumeric literal is not part of the value of the nonnumeric literal.
- (3) All nonnumeric literals are of category alphanumeric.
- (4) With the -G n compiler switch, a single character may be represented by enclosing a value in angle brackets. For example, "<014>" represents the formfeed character, since octal 14 is the ASCII code for formfeed. See page [746](#) for complete details on the General switch to the compiler.
- (5) (**ISQL**) When there are zero occurrences of *character-1* in the literal, it is known as the *null string* and it is a literal of zero length. When the value is moved to a an item of usage Character Varying, it results in the data item also having zero length. When used with items without the Varying attribute, normal padding rules apply.

## B.2.2.2.2 Nonnumeric Hexadecimal Literals

A nonnumeric hexadecimal literal is a special type of nonnumeric literal. It is a character string of one or more hexadecimal digits which is delimited at the beginning by the uppercase character 'X' followed immediately by a quotation mark or apostrophe and delimited at the end by a matching quotation mark or apostrophe. The length of a nonnumeric hexadecimal literal applies to its representation in the object program. Odd digit counts assume a leading zero to ensure an even number of bytes.

## B.2.2.2.2.1 General Format

X"*character-1*... " or X '*character-1*...'

## B.2.2.2.2.2 Syntax Rules

(1) *Character-1* may be the digits '0' through '9', the characters 'A' through 'F' or the characters 'a' through 'f'. The uppercase and lowercase characters are considered equivalent.

(2) *Character-1* may occur from one to 160 times. If *character-1* occurs an odd number of times, a '0' is assumed to immediately follow the opening quotation mark or apostrophe so that there are an even number of occurrences.

## B.2.2.2.2.3 General Rules

(1) The value of a nonnumeric hexadecimal literal in the object program is the ASCII character represented by each pair of occurrences of *character-1*. (Each ASCII character is represented as a pair of hexadecimal digits.)

(2) The leading 'X' and quotation marks or apostrophes that delimit the nonnumeric hexadecimal literal are not part of the value of the literal.

(3) Nonnumeric hexadecimal literals are category alphanumeric.

(4) Nonnumeric hexadecimal literals may be used anywhere that a nonnumeric literal may be used.

## B.2.2.2.3 Numeric Literals

A numeric literal is a character-string whose characters are selected from the digits '0' through '9', the plus sign, the minus sign, and the decimal point. Numeric literals can be from 1 through 18 digits in length. The rules for the formation of numeric literals are as follows:

(1) A literal must contain at least one digit.

(2) A literal must not contain more than one sign character. If a sign is used, it must appear as the left-most character of the literal. If the literal is unsigned, the literal is nonnegative.

(3) A literal must not contain more than one decimal point. The decimal point is treated as an assumed decimal point, and may appear anywhere within the literal except as the right-most character. If the literal contains no decimal point, the literal is an integer.

(4) If a literal conforms to the rules for the formation of numeric literals but is enclosed in quotation marks, it is a nonnumeric literal and is treated as such by the compiler.

(5) The value of a numeric literal is the algebraic quantity represented by the characters in the numeric literal. Every numeric literal is category numeric. The size of a numeric literal in standard data format characters is equal to the number of digits in the string of characters as specified by the user.

### B.2.2.2.4 Numeric Hexadecimal Literals

A numeric hexadecimal literal is a special type of numeric literal. It is a character string of one or more hexadecimal digits which is delimited at the beginning by the uppercase character 'H' followed immediately by a quotation mark or apostrophe and delimited at the end by a matching quotation mark or apostrophe. The length of a numeric hexadecimal literal applies to its representation in the object program.

#### B.2.2.2.4.1 General Format

H" {*character-1*}... "

#### B.2.2.2.4.2 Syntax Rules

(1) *Character-1* may be the digits '0' through '9', the characters 'A' through 'F' or the characters 'a' through 'f'. The uppercase and lowercase characters are considered equivalent.

(2) *Character-1* may occur from one to 8 times.

#### B.2.2.2.4.3 General Rules

(1) The value of a numeric hexadecimal literal is the algebraic quantity represented by the characters within the quotes interpreted as a non-negative hexadecimal integer.

(2) The leading 'H' and quotation marks that delimit the numeric hexadecimal literal are not part of the value of the literal.

(3) The size of a numeric hexadecimal literal is the size of an equivalent decimal representation of the same algebraic quantity.

(4) Numeric hexadecimal literals are category numeric.

(5) Numeric hexadecimal literals may be used anywhere in the source program that a numeric literal may be used.

#### B.2.2.2.5 Figurative Constant Values

Figurative constant values are generated by the compiler and referenced through the use of the reserved words given below. These words must not be bounded by quotation marks when used as figurative constants. The singular and plural forms of figurative constants are equivalent and may be used interchangeably.

The figurative constant values and the reserved words used to reference them are as follows:

(1) [ALL] ZERO, [ALL] ZEROS, [ALL] ZEROES - Represents the numeric value '0', or one or more of the character '0' from the computer's character set.

(2) [ALL] SPACE, [ALL] SPACES - Represents one or more of the character space from the computer's character set.

(3) [ALL] HIGH-VALUE, [ALL] HIGH-VALUES - Except in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, represents one or more of the character that has the highest ordinal position in the program collating sequence.

(4) [ALL] LOW-VALUE, [ALL] LOW-VALUES - Except in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, represents one or more of the character that has the lowest ordinal position in the program collating sequence.

(5) [ALL] QUOTE, [ALL] QUOTES - Represents one or more of the character ` " ' . The word QUOTE or QUOTES cannot be used in place of a quotation mark in a source program to bound a nonnumeric literal. Thus QUOTE ABD QUOTE is incorrect as a way of stating the nonnumeric literal "ABD".

(6) ALL literal - Represents all or part of the string generated by successive concatenations of the characters comprising the literal. The literal must be a nonnumeric literal. The literal must not be a figurative constant.

**NOTE: The following is supported in the ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 dialects and not the VXCObOL dialect.**

(7) [ALL] symbolic-character - Represents one or more of the character specified as the value of this symbolic-character in the SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS clause of the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph.

**NOTE: The following is supported in the VXCObOL dialect and not the ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 dialects.**

(8) [ALL] CR - Represents one or more NEW LINE characters.

When a figurative constant represents a string of one or more characters, the length of the string is determined by the compiler from context according to the following rules:

(1) When a figurative constant is specified in a VALUE clause, or when a figurative constant is associated with another data item (e.g., when the figurative constant is moved to or compared with another data item), the string of characters specified by the figurative constant is repeated character by character on the right until the size of the resultant string is greater than or equal to the number of character positions in the associated data item. This resultant string is then truncated from the right until it is equal to the number of character positions in the associated data item. This is done prior to and independent of the application of any JUSTIFIED clause that may be associated with the data item.

(2) When a figurative constant, other than ALL literal, is not associated with another data item as when the figurative constant appears in a DISPLAY, STOP, STRING, or UNSTRING statement, the length of the string is one character.

(3) When the figurative constant ALL literal is not associated with another data item, the length of the string is the length of the literal.

A figurative constant may be used whenever `literal' appears in a format with the following exceptions:

(1) If the literal is restricted to a numeric literal, the only figurative constant permitted is ZERO (ZEROS, ZEROES). **ICObOL** also allows HIGH-VALUES and LOW-VALUES, although the compiler generates a warning.

(2) Associating the figurative constant ALL literal, where the length of the literal is greater than one, with a data item that is numeric or numeric edited is an obsolete feature in Standard COBOL. This obsolete feature is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.

(3) When a figurative constant other than ALL literal is used, the word ALL is redundant and is used for readability only.

In all **ICObOL** dialects, HIGH-VALUES is hex FF, and LOW-VALUES is hex 00.

Each reserved word that is used to reference a figurative constant value is a distinct character-string with the exception of the constructs using the word ALL, such as ALL literal, ALL SPACES, etc., which are composed of two distinct character-strings.

#### B.2.2.2.6 Date Literals (*ISQL*)

A date literal specifies an SQL date value.

##### B.2.2.2.6.1 General Format

DATE "YYYY-MM-DD"

##### B.2.2.2.6.2 Syntax Rules

- (1) *YYYY* specifies a numeric year field of exactly four digits.
- (2) *MM* specifies a numeric month field of exactly two digits.
- (3) *DD* specifies a numeric day field of exactly two digits.

##### B.2.2.2.6.3 General Rules

- (1) The date literal is class date-time and category date.
- (2) The value of year field may range from 0001 to 9999.
- (3) The values of month and day fields must fulfill the rules for valid values within the Gregorian calendar.
- (4) A date literal may appear anywhere the general formats allow an item of category date to appear and where the item is a sending (value) operand.

#### B.2.2.2.7 Time Literals (*ISQL*)

A time literal specifies an SQL time value.

##### B.2.2.2.7.1 General Format

TIME "hh:mm:ss[.ffffff]"

##### B.2.2.2.7.2 Syntax Rules

- (1) The brackets that appear in the format above are not part of the literal, but have their usual meaning of showing optional parts.
- (2) *hh* specifies a numeric hours field of exactly two digits.
- (3) *mm* specifies a numeric minutes field of exactly two digits.
- (4) *ss* specifies a numeric seconds field of exactly two digits.
- (5) *.ffffff* specifies a numeric fraction field of one to six digits, which is optional.



**B.2.2.2.7.3 General Rules**

- (1) The time literal is of class date-time and category time.
- (2) The value of hour field may range from 00 to 23.
- (3) The values of minutes and seconds fields may range from 00 to 59.
- (4) The value of the fraction field may range from .000000 to .999999.
- (5) A time literal may appear anywhere the general formats allow an item of category time to appear and where the item is a sending (value) operand.

**B.2.2.2.8 Timestamp Literals (*ISQL*)**

A timestamp literal specifies an SQL timestamp value, which is the combination of an SQL date value and an SQL time value separated by a single space.

**B.2.2.2.8.1 General Format**

TIMESTAMP "YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss[.ffffff]"

**B.2.2.2.8.2 Syntax Rules**

- (1) The brackets that appear in the format above are not part of the literal, but have their usual meaning of showing optional parts.
- (2) The rules for the various fields are found in the preceding sections entitled Date Literals and Time Literals.
- (3) The date part of the literal is separated from the time part of the literal by exactly one space.

**B.2.2.2.8.3 General Rules**

- (1) The timestamp literal is of class date-time and category timestamp.
- (2) The rules for the values of the various fields are found in the preceding sections that describe the general rules for date literals and time literals.
- (3) A timestamp literal may appear anywhere the general formats allow an item of category timestamp to appear and where the item is a sending (value) operand.

**B.2.2.2.9 Interval Literals (*ISQL*)**

An interval literal specifies an SQL interval value. Each interval has a start specification and an optional end specification. The start and end specifications may be used in various combinations to create different interval ranges. An SQL interval is one of two disjoint kinds: the year-month interval and the day-time interval. In order to help simplify the formats, we have divided the rules according to these two kinds. For the year-month interval, the start and end specifications are from the set YEAR and MONTH. For the day-time interval, the start and end specifications are from the set DAY, HOUR, MINUTE, and SECOND.

### B.2.2.2.9.1 Year-Month Interval Literals (*ISQL*)

Within the year-month literals, there are three combinations of the start and end specifications.

#### B.2.2.2.9.1.1 General Format

INTERVAL "[+/-][Y...]Y-[M]M" YEAR TO MONTH  
INTERVAL "[+/-][Y...]Y" YEAR  
INTERVAL "[+/-][M...]M" MONTH

#### B.2.2.2.9.1.2 Syntax Rules

(1) The brackets and ellipses in the format above are not part of the literal, but have their usual meaning of showing optional items and repeated items.

(2) [+/-] specifies an optional sign.

(3) [Y...]Y specifies a numeric number-of-years field of one to four digits.

(4) [M]M specifies a numeric number-of-months field of one or two digits.

(5) [M...]M specifies a numeric number-of-months field of one to six digits.

(6) There are no intervening spaces between the sign and the year or month field.

(7) The year and month fields are separated by a single intervening hyphen with no spaces.

#### B.2.2.2.9.1.3 General Rules

(1) The year-month literal is of class interval and category year-to-month.

(2) The value of number-of-years field may range from 0 to 9999.

(3) The value of number-of-months field may range from 0 to 11 when participating in a year-to-month interval, and from 0 to 999999 when participating in a month interval.

(4) The month field in a YEAR TO MONTH interval literal is always considered to have 2 digits of precision, even if it is specified with only a single digit in the source text.

(5) Leading zeros are allowed in the leftmost field and participate in determining the precision of that field, just as they do numeric literals. When used in comparisons, the algebraic value of the field is used. Thus, both INTERVAL "0023-01" YEAR TO MONTH and INTERVAL "23-1" YEAR TO MONTH represent the interval of 23 years and 1 month, but one has a precision of 4 and the other a precision of 2 for the year field.

(6) A year-month interval literal may appear anywhere the general formats allow an item of class interval and category year-month and the item is a sending (value) operand. In some cases, the general formats will allow an interval item and the general rules will define any restrictions on the category of the item.

B.2.2.2.9.2 Day-Time Interval Literals (*ISQL*)

Within the day-time literals, there are multiple combinations of the start and end specifications.

B.2.2.2.9.2.1 General Format

INTERVAL "[+/-][D...]D" DAY  
INTERVAL "[+/-][D...]D [h]h" DAY TO HOUR  
INTERVAL "[+/-][D...]D [h]h:mm" DAY TO MINUTE  
INTERVAL "[+/-][D...]D [h]h:mm:ss[.ff...]" DAY TO SECOND

INTERVAL "[+/-][h...]h" HOUR  
INTERVAL "[+/-][h...]h:mm" HOUR TO MINUTE  
INTERVAL "[+/-][h...]h:mm:ss[.ff...]" HOUR TO SECOND

INTERVAL "[+/-][m...]m" MINUTE  
INTERVAL "[+/-][m...]m:ss[.ff...]" MINUTE TO SECOND

INTERVAL "[+/-][s...][s[.ff...]]" SECOND

B.2.2.2.9.2.2 Syntax Rules

(1) The brackets and ellipses in the format above are not part of the literal, but have their usual meaning of showing optional items and repeated items.

- (2) [+/-] specifies an optional sign.
- (3) [D...]D specifies a numeric number-of-days field of one to seven digits.
- (4) [h]h specifies a numeric number-of-hours field of one or two digits.
- (5) [m...]m specifies a numeric number-of-minutes field of one to ten digits.
- (6) mm specifies a numeric number-of-minutes field of exactly two digits.
- (7) [s...][s] specifies a numeric number-of-seconds field of one to twelve digits.
- (8) ss specifies a numeric number-of-seconds field of exactly two digits.
- (9) [.ff...][s] specifies a numeric fractional seconds field of one to six digits.
- (10) The day and hour fields are separated by a single intervening space.
- (11) The hour, minute and second fields are separated by a single colon.

B.2.2.2.9.2.3 General Rules

- (1) The day-time literal is of class interval and category day-to-time.
- (2) When the field corresponds to the start specification for the interval (the leftmost, or most significant field), the value is bounded by the number of available digits as specified in the syntax rules of the field.
- (3) Leading zeros are allowed in the leftmost field and participate in determining the precision of that field, just as they do in numeric literals. When used in comparisons, the algebraic value of the field is used.

- (4) When the hours field is not the most significant field, it must range in value from 0 to 23.
- (5) When the hours field is not the most significant field, it is assumed to have a precision of two digits, even if it is written with only a single digit.
- (6) When the minutes field is not the most significant field, it must range in value from 0 to 59.
- (7) When the seconds field is not the most significant field, it must range in value from 0 to 59.
- (8) The fractional seconds field is limited to six digits, yielding a range from 0 to .999999. If the decimal point is specified, at least one fractional digit must be specified.
- (9) A day-time interval literal may appear anywhere the general formats allow an item of class interval to appear and where the interval variable is a sending (value) operand. In some cases, the general formats will allow an interval item and the general rules will define any restrictions on the category of the item.

### B.2.2.3 LINAGE-COUNTER

The reserved word LINAGE-COUNTER is a name for a line counter generated by the presence of a LINAGE clause in a file description entry. The implicit description is that of an unsigned integer whose size is equal to *integer-1* or the data item referenced by *data-name-1* in the LINAGE clause. LINAGE-COUNTER may be referenced only in Procedure Division statements; however only the input-output control system may change the value of LINAGE-COUNTER.

If you have more than one print-file, you can qualify LINAGE-COUNTER with the filename in the Procedure Division so that the compiler knows the output record you are using with LINAGE-COUNTER.

### B.2.2.4 PICTURE Character-Strings

A PICTURE character-string consists of certain symbols which are composed of the currency symbol and certain combinations of characters in the COBOL character set. An explanation of the PICTURE character-string and the rules that govern its use are given under the PICTURE clause section, which begins on page [182](#).

Any punctuation character which appears as part of the specification of a PICTURE character-string is not considered as a punctuation character, but rather as a symbol used in the specification of that PICTURE character-string.

### B.2.2.5 Comment-Entries

A comment-entry is an entry in the Identification Division that may be any combination of characters from the computer's character set. Comment-entry is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL. A comment-entry is delimited by the next character-string that begins in Area A.

## B.3. Program and Run Unit Organization and Communication

Complete data processing problems are frequently solved by developing a set of separately compilable but logically coordinated programs which at some time prior to execution may be compiled and assembled into a complete problem solution. The organization of COBOL programs and run units supports this approach of dividing large problem solutions into small, more manageable, portions which may be programmed and validated independently.

### B.3.1 Program and Run Unit Organization

There are two levels of computer programs in a COBOL environment. These are the source level and the object level.

At the source level, the most inclusive unit of a computer program is a source program. A source program is a syntactically correct set of COBOL statements as specified in this document and consists of an Identification Division followed optionally by an Environment Division and/or a Data Division and/or a Procedure Division. A source program can be converted by the COBOL compiler into an object program that either alone, or together with other object programs, is capable of being executed.

The Procedure Division of a source program is organized into a sequence of procedures of two types. Declarative procedures, normally termed declaratives, are procedures which will be executed only when special conditions occur during the execution of a program. Nondeclarative procedures are procedures which will be executed according to the normal flow of control within a program. Declaratives may contain nondeclarative procedures but these will be executed only during the execution of the declarative which contains them. Nondeclarative procedures may contain other nondeclarative procedures but must not contain a declarative. Neither declaratives nor nondeclarative procedures can contain programs. In other words, in COBOL the terms 'procedure' and 'program' are not synonyms.

At the object level the most inclusive unit of organization of computer programs is the run unit. A run unit is a complete problem solution consisting of an object program or of several inter-communicating object programs. A run unit is an independent entity that can be executed without communicating with, or being coordinated with, any other run unit except that it may process data files or set and test switches that were written or will be read by other run units.

When a program is called, parameters upon which it is to operate may be passed to it by the program which calls it. As any separately compiled program may be the first program executed in a run unit, the first executed program of a run unit may receive parameters.

### B.3.2 Accessing Data and Files

Some data items have associated with them a storage concept determining where data item values and other attributes of data items are represented with respect to the programs of a run unit. Likewise, file connectors have associated with them a storage concept determining where information concerning the positioning and status of a file and other attributes of file processing are represented with respect to the programs of a run unit.

#### B.3.2.1 Names

A data-name names a data item. A file-name names a file connector.

A name may be used only to refer to the object with which it is associated from within the program in which the name is declared.

#### B.3.2.2 Objects

Accessible data items usually require that certain representations of data be stored. File connectors usually require that certain information concerning files be stored.

### B.3.2.2.1 Object Types

#### B.3.2.2.1.1 Working Storage Records

Working storage records are allocations of sufficient storage to satisfy the record description entries in that section. Each record description entry in a program declares a different object. Renaming and redefining do not declare new objects; they provide alternate groupings or descriptions for objects which have already been declared.

#### B.3.2.2.1.2 File Connectors

File connectors are storage areas which contain information about a file and are used as the linkage between a file-name and a physical file and between a file-name and its associated record area.

#### B.3.2.2.1.3 Record Areas for Files

No particular record description entry in the File Section is considered to declare the storage area for the record. Rather, the Storage area is the maximum required to satisfy associated record description entries. These entries may describe fixed or variable length records. In this discussion, record description entries are said to be associated in two cases. First, when record description entries are subordinate to the same file description entry, they are always associated. Second, when record description entries are subordinate to different file description entries and these file description entries are referenced in the same SAME RECORD AREA clause, they are associated. All associated record description entries are redefinitions of the same storage area.

#### B.3.2.2.1.4 Other Objects

Examples of other information declared in COBOL programs are the description entries and control information used by programs in a run unit as they communicate with each other.

### B.3.2.2.2 The EXTERNAL Attribute of an Object

A data item or file connector is external if the storage associated with that object is associated with the run unit rather than with any particular program within the run unit. An external object may be referenced by any program which describes the object. References to an external object from different programs using separate descriptions of the object are always to the same object.

An object is internal if the storage associated with that object is associated only with the program which describes the object.

#### B.3.2.2.2.1 Working Storage Records

A data record described in the Working-Storage Section is given the external attribute by the presence of the EXTERNAL clause in its data description entry. Any data item described by a data description entry subordinate to an entry describing an external record also attains the external attribute. If a record or data item does not have the external attribute, it is part of the internal data of the program in which it is described.

#### B.3.2.2.2.2 File Connectors

A file connector is given the external attribute by the presence of the EXTERNAL clause in the associated file description entry. If the file connector does not have the external attribute, it is internal to the program in which the associated file-name is described.

#### B.3.2.2.2.3 Record Areas for Files

The data records described subordinate to a file description entry which does not contain the EXTERNAL clause or a sort-merge file description entry, as well as any data items described subordinate to the data description entries for such records, are always internal to the program describing the file-name. If the EXTERNAL clause is included in the file description entry, the data records and the data items attain the external attribute.

#### B.3.2.2.2.4 Other Objects

Data records, subordinate data items, and various associated control information described in the Linkage section of a program are always considered internal to the program describing that data.

#### B.3.2.2.2.5 Program Classes

All programs which form part of a run unit may optionally possess the initial attribute.

An initial program is one whose program state is initialized when the program is called. Thus, whenever an initial program is called, its program state is the same as when the program was first called in that run unit. During the process of initializing an initial program, that program's internal data is initialized; thus an item of the program's internal data whose description contains a VALUE clause is initialized to that defined value, but an item whose description does not contain a VALUE clause is initialized to an undefined value. Files with internal file connectors associated with the program are not in the open mode. The control mechanisms for all PERFORM statements contained in the program are set to their initial states. The initial attribute is attained by specifying the INITIAL phrase in the program's Identification Division.

### B.3.3 Inter-program Communication

When the complete solution to a data processing problem is subdivided into more than one program, the programs that make up the run unit must be able to communicate with each other. This communication has two pieces: the transfer of control and the passing of parameters. The need for inter-program communication arises when the programs in a run unit are separately compiled.

#### B.3.3.1 Transfer of Control

The CALL statement provides the means whereby control may be transferred from one program to another program within a run unit. A called program may itself contain CALL statements.

When control is transferred to a called program, execution proceeds from statement to statement beginning with the first nondeclarative statement. If control reaches a STOP RUN statement, this signals the logical end of the run unit. If control reaches an EXIT PROGRAM statement, this signals the logical end of the called program only, and control then reverts to the next executable statement following the CALL statement in the calling program. Thus the EXIT PROGRAM statement terminates only the execution of the program in which it occurs, while the STOP RUN statement terminates the execution of a run unit.

In order to call a program, a CALL statement specifies the program's name. The names assigned to each of the separately compiled programs which constitute a run unit must be unique.

Any calling program may call any separately compiled program in the run unit.

A CALL statement may be used to call programs not written in COBOL, such as builtins or user-defined subroutines added via the **ICOBOL** Link Kit.

B.3.3.2 Passing Parameters to Programs

A program calls another program in order to have the called program perform, on behalf of the calling program, some defined part of the solution of a data processing problem. In many cases it is necessary for the calling program to define to the called program the precise part of the problem solution to be executed by making certain data values, which the called program requires, available to the called program. One method for ensuring the availability of these data values is by passing parameters to a program, as is described in this paragraph. Another method is to share the data. The data values passed as parameters also may identify some data to be shared; hence, the two methods are not mutually independent.

B.3.3.2.1 Identifying Parameters

Data passed as parameters by a program calling another program must be accessible to the calling program, and the data items receiving the data must be declared in the Data Division's Linkage Section in the called program. In the called program, the parameters are identified by listing the names in the Procedure Division header, in the USING phrase, as well as declaring them in linkage Section entries. In the calling program, the parameters to be passed by the calling program are identified by listing them in the USING phrase of the CALL statement.

*Position* in the list of parameters in the USING phrase, not name, is what establishes the correspondence between the parameters, as they are known to the calling and called programs. That is, the first parameter on one list corresponds to the first parameter on the other, the second to the second, etc.

Thus, a program which may be called by another program may include:

```
PROGRAM-ID. EXAMPLE.  
PROCEDURE DIVISION USING NUM, PCODE, COST.
```

and may be called by executing:

```
CALL "EXAMPLE" USING NBR, PTYPE, PRICE.
```

thereby establishing the following correspondence:

Called program (EXAMPLE)	Calling program
NUM	NBR
PCODE	PTYPE
COST	PRICE

EXAMPLE 1. Identifying parameters passed by a calling program

In addition, parameter count mismatch and parameter size mismatch are flagged only at runtime, with an EXCEPTION STATUS code. That is, the number of parameters and the size of each parameter must be identical in the calling and called programs.

B.3.3.2.2 Values of parameters

The individual parameters in the CALL statement's USING phrase are passed in one of two ways:

(1) BY REFERENCE. A called program is allowed to access and modify the value of the data referenced in the calling program's CALL statement. Both programs operate on the same data.

(2) BY CONTENT. This means that the values of the parameters are copied from the calling program to the called program. Values in the calling program remain unchanged, even if modified in the called program. Storage is not shared between calling and called programs.



The parameters referenced in a called program's Procedure Division header must be described in the Linkage Section of that program's Data Division.

#### B.3.4 Intra-program Communication

The procedures which constitute the Procedure Division of a program communicate with one another by transferring control or by referring to common data.

##### B.3.4.1 Transfer of Control

There are four methods of transferring control within a program:

- (1) A GO TO statement.
- (2) A PERFORM statement.
- (3) A declarative procedure which is activated whenever certain conditions, including errors and exceptions, occur.
- (4) An input procedure associated with a SORT statement, or an output procedure associated with either a SORT or MERGE statement.

An input-output procedure can be considered as an implicit PERFORM statement which is executed in conjunction with a SORT or MERGE statement; and for this reason, the restrictions on the PERFORM statement apply equally to input-output procedures.

Stricter restrictions than those for the PERFORM statement apply to declarative procedures.

##### B.3.4.2 Shared Data

All the data declared in a program's Data Division may be referenced by statements in the procedures and declaratives which constitute that program.

## C. Organization

With the exception of the COPY statement, the statements, entries, paragraphs, and sections of a COBOL source program are grouped into four divisions, in the following order:

1. The Identification Division
2. The Environment Division
3. The Data Division
4. The Procedure Division

The end of a COBOL source program is indicated by the absence of additional source program lines.

## **D. Structure**

The following gives the general format and order of presentation of the entries and statements which constitute a COBOL source program.

### D.1. General Format

***identification-division***

[ ***environment-division*** ]

[ ***data-division*** ]

***procedure-division***

### D.2 Syntax Rules

(1) The generic terms *identification-division*, *environment-division*, *data-division*, and *procedure-division* represent a COBOL Identification Division, a COBOL Environment Division, a COBOL Data Division, and a COBOL Procedure Division, respectively.

### D.3 General Rules

(1) The beginning of a division in a program is indicated by the appropriate division header. The end of a division is indicated by one of the following:

- a. The division header of a succeeding division in that program.
- b. That physical position after which no more source program lines occur.

## **E. Divisions**

The Identification Division identifies the program. In addition, the user may include the date the program is written, the date the compilation of the source program is accomplished and such other information as desired under the paragraphs in the general format shown below.

The Environment Division specifies a standard method of expressing those aspects of a data processing problem that are dependent upon the physical characteristics of a specific computer. This division allows specification of the configuration of the compiling computer and the object computer. In addition, information relative to input-output control, special hardware characteristics, and control techniques can be given.

The Data Division describes the data that the object program is to accept as input, to manipulate, to create, or to produce as output.

The Procedure Division may contain declarative and nondeclarative procedures.

Execution begins with the first statement of the Procedure Division, excluding declaratives. Statements are then executed in the order in which they are presented for compilation, except where the rules indicate some other order.

## F. Reference Format (Source)

### F.1. General Description

The reference (source) format, which provides a standard method of describing COBOL source programs and COBOL library text, is described in terms of character positions in a line on an input-output medium. Within these definitions, each compiler accepts source programs written in reference format and produces an output listing of the source program in reference format.

The rules for spacing given in the discussion of the reference format take precedence over all other rules for spacing.

The divisions of a COBOL source program must be ordered as follows: the Identification Division, then the Environment Division, then the Data Division, then the Procedure Division. Each division must be written according to the rules for the reference format.

The **ICOBOL** compiler supports three types of reference or source formats. These are ANSI Card Format, Free-Form Format also known as CRT format, and Extended-Card Format, also known as xCard format. The compiler will default to a format based on the extension of the source file and the dialect. Format switch (-F c|f|x) is used to select a specific format. The **ICOBOL** compiler supports source lines up to 255 characters in length in all formats.

### F.2. ANSI Card Format

In ANSI Card Format, the reference format for a line is represented as follows:

```

Margin      Margin      Margin      Margin      Margin
L           C           A           B           R
| 1 | ... | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | ... | 72 | 73 | ... | 255 |
**Sequence ** ↑ ****Area A***** ****Area B***** ***Comment***
Number Area  |                                     Area
              |
              Indicator Area
    
```

Margin L is immediately to the left of the left-most character position of a line.

Margin C is between the 6th and 7th character positions of a line.

Margin A is between the 7th and 8th character positions of a line.

Margin B is between the 11th and 12th character positions of a line.

Margin R is immediately to the right of the 72nd character position of a line.

The sequence number occupies six character positions (1-6), and is between margin L and margin C. Characters in this area are placed in the listing, but are not further processed by the compiler.

The indicator area is the 7th character position of a line.

Area A occupies character positions 8, 9, 10, and 11, and is between margin A and B.

Area B occupies character positions 12 through 72. It begins immediately to the right of margin B and terminates immediately to the left of margin R.

The comment area occupies character positions 73 through 255. Characters in this area are placed in the listing but are not further processed by the compiler.

If a line is shorter than 73 characters, there is no comment area and Margin R is to the right of the last character.

If tabs are used, the following rules apply:

**(ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)** A tab character in the sequence area indicates that the remainder of the line is to be treated like a Free-Form line (see Free-Form Format below).

**(VXCOBOL)** A tab character in the sequence area indicates that the next character begins Area A and Area B begins 4 characters to the right.

A tab in the indicator area is flagged with a warning and treated as a space.

A tab in Area A is treated as a space, and it indicates that Area B is to begin with the next character.

A tab in Area B is treated as a space.

### F.3. Free-Form Format (CRT)

In Free-Form format (CRT), there are no sequence number or comment areas. The only restrictions imposed are the contents of areas A and B and the use of indicator characters. The compiler reads characters until it finds a line terminator or until it has read 255 characters, whichever comes first. A line longer than 255 characters will produce an error.

In Free-Form Format the reference format for a line is represented as one of the following:

```
Margin          Margin          Margin
C   A          B                R
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | ... | 255 |
  ↑  ****Area A*****  ****Area B***** ...
Indicator Area
```

```
Margin          Margin          Margin
A   B                R
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | ... | 255 |
  ****Area A*****  ****Area B***** ...
```

If the first character is a "-", "\*", "/", "d", or "D", position 1 is the indicator area, Area A is positions 2 through 5, and Area B is in positions 6 to the end of the line. Otherwise, there is no indicator area and Area A is in positions 1 through 4 and Area B is in positions 5 to the end of the line.

Margin C is immediately to the left of the left-most character position of a line.

Margin A is between the 1st and 2nd character positions of a line with an Indicator area or immediately to the left of the left-most character of a line.

Margin B is between the 5th and 6th character positions of a line with an indicator area and between the 4th or 5th character positions otherwise.

Margin R is immediately to the right of the right-most character position of a line.

The indicator area is the 1st character position of a line.

Area A occupies character positions 2 through 5 with an indicator area and positions 1 through 4 otherwise. It is between margin A and margin B.

Area B begins immediately to the right of margin B and terminates immediately to the left of margin R.

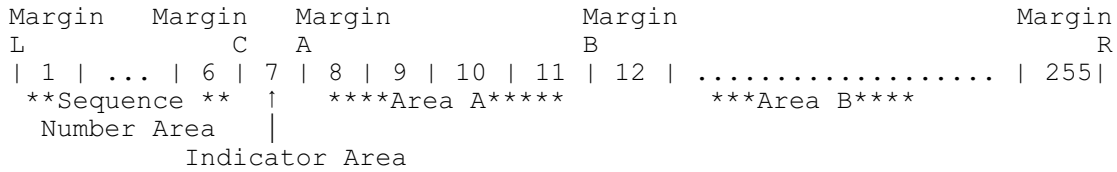
If tabs are used in the source, the following rules apply:

A tab in Area A is treated as a space, and it indicates that Area B is to begin with the next character.

A tab in Area B is treated as a space.

#### F.4. Extended Card Format (xcard)

In Extended Card Format, the reference format for a line is represented as follows:



Margin L is immediately to the left of the left-most character position of a line.

Margin C is between the 6th and 7th character positions of a line.

Margin A is between the 7th and 8th character positions of a line.

Margin B is between the 11th and 12th character positions of a line.

Margin R is immediately to the right of the right-most character position of a line.

The sequence number occupies six character positions (1-6), and is between margin L and margin C. Characters in this area are placed in the listing, but are not further processed by the compiler.

The indicator area is the 7th character position of a line.

Area A occupies character positions 8, 9, 10, and 11, and is between margin A and B.

Area B occupies character positions 12 through the right-most character of the line. It begins immediately to the right of margin B and terminates immediately to the left of margin R.

There is no comment area.

If tabs are used, the following rules apply:

**(ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)** A tab character in the sequence area indicates that the remainder of the line is to be treated like a Free-Form line (see Free-Form Format below).

**(VXCOBOL)** A tab character in the sequence area indicates that the next character begins Area A and Area B begins 4 characters to the right.

A tab in the indicator area is flagged with a warning and treated as a space.

A tab in Area A is treated as a space, and it indicates that Area B is to begin with the next character.

A tab in Area B is treated as a space.

#### F.5. Sequence Numbers (ANSI Card Format)

The sequence number area may be used to label a source program line. The content of the sequence number area is defined by the user and may consist of any character in the computer's character set. There is no requirement that the content of the sequence number area appears in any particular sequence or be unique.

#### F.6. Continuation of Lines

Any sentence, entry, phrase, or clause may be continued by starting subsequent line(s) in area B. These subsequent lines are called the continuation line(s). The line being continued is called the continued line. Any word, literal, or PICTURE character-string may be broken in such a way that part of it appears on a continuation line.

A hyphen in the indicator area of a line indicates that the first nonspace character in area B of the current line is the successor of the last nonspace character of the preceding line, excluding intervening comment lines or blank lines, without any intervening space. However, if the continued line contains a nonnumeric literal without closing quotation mark, the first nonblank character in area B of the continuation line must be a quotation mark, and the continuation starts with the character immediately after that quotation mark. All spaces at the end of the continued line are considered part of the literal. Area A of a continuation line must be blank.

If there is no hyphen in the indicator area of a line, it is assumed that the first nonspace character in the line is preceded by a space.

For the purposes of line continuation, numeric and nonnumeric hexadecimal literals are handled in the same manner as nonnumeric literals.

### F.7. Blank Lines

A blank line is one that is blank from margin C to margin R, inclusive. A blank line can appear anywhere in the source program.

### F.8. Comments

A comment consists of a comment indicator followed by comment-text. Any combination of characters from the compile-time computer's coded character set may be included in comment-text.

Comments serve only as documentation and have no effect on the meaning of the compilation group. A comment may be a comment line or an inline comment.

#### F.8.1 Comment lines

A comment line is identified by either a fixed comment indicator (an asterisk or slant) or a floating comment indicator(\*>). All characters following the comment indicator up to margin R are comment-text. A comment line may be written as any line of a compilation group.

If a source listing is being produced, a comment line identified by the fixed comment indicator slant (/) causes page ejection followed by printing of the comment line; comments identified by the fixed comment indicator asterisk (\*) are printed at the next available line position of the listing.

#### F.8.2 Inline comments

A floating comment indicator (\*>) preceded by one or more character-strings in the program-text area identifies an inline comment. All characters following the floating comment indicator up to margin R are comment-text. An inline comment may be written on any line of a compilation group except on a line that contains a floating literal continuation indicator.

### F.9. Debugging Lines

A debugging line is any line with a `d' or `D' in the indicator area of the line. When in Free-Form format the `d' or `D' must be followed by a space or tab. Any debugging line that consists solely of spaces from margin A to margin R is considered the same as a blank line.

The content of a debugging line must be such that a syntactically correct program is formed with or without the debugging lines being considered as comment lines.

After all COPY statements have been processed, a debugging line will be considered to have all the characteristics of a comment line, if the -G d compiler switch is not specified, and is treated as a regular source line if the -G d (with Debug) compiler switch is specified.

Successive debug lines are allowed.

A debugging line is only permitted in the separately-compiled program after the OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph.

## F.10. Division, Section, and Paragraph Formats

### F.10.1 Division Header

The division header must start in area A.

### F.10.2 Section Header

The section header must start in area A.

A section consists of zero, one, or more paragraphs in the Environment Division or Procedure Division or zero, one, or more entries in the Data Division.

### F.10.3 Paragraph Header, Paragraph-Name, and Paragraph

A paragraph consists of a paragraph-name followed by the separator period and by zero, one, or more sentences, or a paragraph header followed by one or more entries.

The paragraph header or paragraph-name starts in area A of any line following the first line of a division or a section.

The first sentence or entry in a paragraph begins either on the same line as the paragraph header or paragraph-name or in area B of the next nonblank line that is not a comment line. Successive sentences or entries either begin in area B of the same line as the preceding sentence or entry or in area B of the next nonblank line that is not a comment line.

When the sentences or entries of a paragraph require more than one line, they may be continued on a subsequent line or lines.

## F.11. DATA DIVISION Entries

Each Data Division entry begins with a level indicator or a level-number, followed by a space, followed by the name of the subject of entry, if specified, followed by a sequence of independent clauses describing the item. The last clause is always terminated by a separator period.

There are two types of such entries: those which begin with a level indicator and those which begin with a level-number.

In the Data Division, a level indicator is an FD or SD.

In those entries that begin with a level indicator, the level indicator begins in area A, followed by at least one space, and then followed with the name of the subject of entry and appropriate descriptive information.

Those entries that begin with level-numbers are called data description entries.

A level-number has a value taken from the set of values 01, 02, ... , 49, 66, 77, 88. Level-numbers in the range 01, 02, ... , 09 may be written either as a single digit or as a zero followed by a significant digit. At least one space must separate a level-number from the word following the level-number.

In those data description entries that begin with a level-number 01 or 77, the level-number begins in area A, followed by at least one space, and then followed with its associated record-name or item-name, if specified, and appropriate descriptive information.

Data description entries may be indented. Any indentation is with respect to margin A. Each new data description entry may begin any number of positions to the right of margin A, except data description entries that begin with level-number 01 or 77 must begin in area A. The extent of indentation is determined only by the width of the physical medium. The entries on the output listing need be indented only if the input is indented. Indentation does not affect the magnitude of a level-number.

### F.12. DECLARATIVES

The `DECLARATIVES` and the pair of keywords `END DECLARATIVES` that precede and follow, respectively, the declaratives portion of the Procedure Division must each appear on a line by itself. Each must begin in area A and be followed by the separator period.



## G. COPY Statement

### G.1. Function

The COPY statement incorporates text into a COBOL source program.

### G.2. General Format

$$\text{COPY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{text-name-1} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{OF} \\ \text{IN} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{text-name-2} \\ \textit{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$$\left[ \text{REPLACING} \left\{ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ==\textit{pseudo-text-1}== \\ \textit{identifier-1} \\ \textit{literal-3} \\ \textit{word-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{BY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ==\textit{pseudo-text-2}== \\ \textit{identifier-2} \\ \textit{literal-4} \\ \textit{word-2} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \dots \right]$$

### G.3. Syntax Rules

- (1) If more than one COBOL library is available during compilation, *text-name-1* must be qualified by *text-name-2* identifying the COBOL library in which the text associated with *text-name-1* resides. Within one COBOL library, *text-name-1* must be unique.
- (2) The COPY statement must be preceded by a space and terminated by the separator period.
- (3) *Pseudo-text-1* must contain one or more text words.
- (4) *Pseudo-text-2* must contain zero, one or more text words.
- (5) Character-strings within *pseudo-text-1* and *pseudo-text-2* may be continued.
- (6) *Word-1* or *word-2* may be any single COBOL word except 'COPY'.
- (7) A COPY statement may be specified in the source program anywhere a character-string or a separator, other than the closing quotation mark, may occur except that a COPY statement must not occur within a COPY statement.
- (8) *Pseudo-text-1* must not consist entirely of a separator comma or a separator semicolon.
- (9) If the word COPY appears in a comment-entry or in the place where a comment-entry may appear, it is considered part of the comment entry.

### G.4 General Rules

- (1) The compilation of a source program containing COPY statements is logically equivalent to processing all COPY statements prior to the processing of the resulting source program.
- (2) The effect of processing a COPY statement is that the library text associated with *text-name-1* or *literal-1* is copied into the source program, logically replacing the entire COPY statement, beginning with the reserved word COPY and ending with the punctuation character period, inclusive. If the IN/OF clause is specified, *text-name-2* or *literal-2* represents the name of the directory containing *text-name-1* or *literal-1*.
- (3) If the REPLACING phrase is not specified, the library text is copied unchanged. If the REPLACING phrase is specified, the library text is copied and each properly matched occurrence of *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*,

*word-1*, and *literal-3* in the library text is replaced by the corresponding *pseudo-text-2*, *identifier-2*, *word-2*, or *literal-4*.

(4) For purposes of matching, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, and *literal-3* are treated as pseudo-text containing only *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3*, respectively.

(5) The comparison operation to determine text replacement occurs in the following manner:

a. The leftmost library text word which is not a separator comma or a separator semicolon is the first text word used for comparison. Any text word or space preceding this text word is copied into the source program starting with the first text word for comparison and first *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3* that was specified in the REPLACING phrase, the entire REPLACING phrase operand that precedes the reserved word BY is compared to an equivalent number of contiguous library text words.

b. *Pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3* match the library text if, and only if, the ordered sequence of text words that forms *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3* is equal, character for character, to the ordered sequence of library text words. For purposes of matching, each occurrence of a separator comma, semicolon, or space in *pseudo-text-1* or in the library text is considered to be a single space.

c. If no match occurs, the comparison is repeated with each next successive *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3*, if any, in the REPLACING phrase until either a match is found or there is no next successive REPLACING operand.

d. When all the REPLACING phrase operands have been compared and no match has occurred, the leftmost library text word is copied into the source program. The next successive library text word is then considered as the leftmost library text word, and the comparison cycle starts again with the first *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3*.

e. Whenever a match occurs between *pseudo-text-1*, *identifier-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3* and the library text, the corresponding *pseudo-text-2*, *identifier-2*, *word-2*, or *literal-4* is placed into the source program. The library text word immediately following the rightmost text word that participated in the match is then considered as the leftmost text word. The comparison cycle starts again with the first *pseudo-text-1*, *literal-1*, *word-1*, or *literal-3* specified in the REPLACING phrase.

f. The comparison operation continues until the rightmost text word in the library text has either participated in a match or has been considered as a leftmost library text word and participated in a complete comparison cycle.

(6) Comment lines or blank lines occurring in the library text and in *pseudo-text-1* are ignored for purposes of matching; and the sequence of text words in the library text, if any, and in *pseudo-text-1* is determined by the rules for the reference format. (Reference Format is described on page [63](#).) Comment lines or blank lines appearing in *pseudo-text-2* are copied into the resultant program unchanged whenever *pseudo-text-2* is placed into the source program as a result of text replacement. Comment lines or blank lines appearing in library text are copied into the resultant source program unchanged with the following exception: a comment line or blank line in library text is not copied if that comment line or blank line appears within the sequence of text words that match *pseudo-text-1*.

(7) Debugging lines are permitted within library text and pseudo-text. Text words within a debugging line participate in the matching rules as if the 'D' or 'd' did not appear in the indicator area. A debugging line is specified within pseudo-text if the debugging line begins in the source program after the opening pseudo-text-delimiter, but before the matching closing pseudo-text-delimiter.

(8) The syntactic correctness of the library text cannot be independently determined. Except for COPY statements, the syntactic correctness of the entire COBOL program cannot be determined until all COPY statements have been completely processed.

(9) Each text word copied from the library but not replaced is copied so as to start in the same area of the line in the resultant program as it begins in the line within the library. However, if a text word copied from the library

begins in Area A but follows another text word which also begins in Area A of the same line, and if replacement of a preceding text word in the line by replacement text of greater length occurs, the following text word begins in Area B if it cannot begin in Area A. Each text word in *pseudo-text-2* that is to be placed into the resultant program begins in the same area of the resultant program as it appears in *pseudo-text-2*. Each *identifier-2*, *literal-4*, and *word-2* that is to be placed in the resultant program begins in the same area of the resultant program as the leftmost library text word that participated in the match would appear if it had not been replaced.

Library text must conform to the rules of the COBOL reference format and be in the same format as the source program.

If additional lines are introduced into the source program as a result of a COPY statement, each text word introduced appears on a debugging line if the COPY statement begins on a debugging line or if the text word being introduced appears on a debugging line in library text. When a text word in the preceding cases, only those text words that are specified on debugging lines where the debugging line is within *pseudo-text-2* appear on debugging lines in the resultant program. If any literal specified as *literal-4* or within *pseudo-text-2* or library text is of too great length to be accommodated on a single line without continuation to another line in the resultant program and the literal is not being placed on a debugging line, additional continuation lines are introduced with contain the remainder of the literal. If replacement requires that the continued literal be continued on a debugging line, the program is in error.

(10) For purposes of compilation, text words after replacement are placed in the source program according to the rules for reference format. When copying text words of *pseudo-text-2* into the source program, additional spaces may be introduced only between text words where there already exists a space (including assumed space between source lines).

(11) If any additional lines are introduced into the source program as a result of the processing of COPY statements, the indicator area of the introduced line contains the same character as the line on which the text being replaced begins, unless the line contains a hyphen, in which case the introduced line contains a space. In the case where a literal is continued onto an introduced line which is not a debugging line, a hyphen is placed into the indicator area.

(12) If the REPLACING phrase is specified, the library text shall not contain a COPY statement and the source text that results from processing the REPLACING phrase shall not contain a COPY statement.

(13) If the REPLACING phrase is not specified, the library text may contain a COPY statement that does not include a REPLACING phrase. **ICOBOL** supports 10 levels of nesting, including the first COPY statement in the sequence. Recursive copying of library text is not permitted; that is, the library text being copied shall not cause the processing of a COPY statement that directly or indirectly copies itself.



### III. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

#### A. General Description

The Identification Division identifies the program. The Identification Division is required in a COBOL source program. In addition, the user may include the date the program is written and such other information as desired under the paragraphs in the general format shown below.

#### B. Organization

Paragraph headers identify the type of information contained in the paragraph. The name of the program must be given in the first paragraph, which is the PROGRAM-ID paragraph. The other paragraphs are optional and may be included in this division at the user's choice, in order of presentation shown by the general format below.

The AUTHOR, INSTALLATION, DATE-WRITTEN, DATE-COMPILED and SECURITY paragraphs are obsolete elements in Standard COBOL because they are to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL. We suggest that you convert them to comment lines.

##### B.1. Structure

The following is the general format of the paragraphs in the Identification Division, and it defines the order of presentation in the source program. Sections C and D on the following pages define the PROGRAM-ID and the DATE-COMPILED paragraphs. While the other paragraphs are not defined, each general format is formed in the same manner.

##### B.1.1 General Format

```

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID.          program-name [ IS INITIAL PROGRAM ] .
d [ AUTHOR.          [ comment-entry ]... ]
d [ INSTALLATION.    [ comment-entry ]... ]
d [ DATE-WRITTEN.    [ comment-entry ]... ]
d [ DATE-COMPILED.  [ comment-entry ]... ]
d [ SECURITY.         [ comment-entry ]... ]

```

##### B.1.2 Syntax Rules

(1) The *comment-entry* may be any combination of characters from the computer's character set. The continuation of the *comment-entry* by the use of the hyphen in the indicator area is not permitted; however, the *comment-entry* may be contained on one or more lines.

(2) A *comment-entry* is terminated by the next word in Area A.

(3) The optional phrases can be specified in any order.



## C. PROGRAM-ID Paragraph

### C.1. Function

The PROGRAM-ID paragraph specifies the name by which a program is identified and optionally assigns the INITIAL attribute to that program..

### C.2. General Format

PROGRAM-ID.    *program-name* [ IS INITIAL PROGRAM ] .

### C.3. Syntax Rules

- (1) The *program-name* must conform to the rules for formation of a user-defined word.

### C.4. General Rules

(1) The *program-name* is currently used for documentation purposes only. The name identifying the object program and all listings is determined from the source file name and/or specific compile-time options.

(2) Although the ANSI COBOL 85 Standard requires that all CALL's use the *program-name* as specified in the PROGRAM-ID when performing CALL's, this is not enforced by ICOBOL.

(3) The INITIAL clause specifies that the program is initial. When an initial program is activated, the data items and file connectors contained in it are set to their initial states: VALUE clauses are applied, PERFORM controls are reset, files are put in the closed mode. See page [59](#) Program Classes for more information.

- (4) External data is always in the last-used state except when the run unit is activated and it is in the initial state.

## D. DATE-COMPILED Paragraph

### D.1. Function

The DATE-COMPILED paragraph provides the compilation date in the Identification Division source program listing. The DATE-COMPILED paragraph is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.

### D.2. General Format

DATE-COMPILED. [ *comment-entry* ]...

### D.3. Syntax Rules

(1) The *comment-entry* may be any combination of the characters from the computer's character set. The continuation of the *comment-entry* by the use of the hyphen in the indicator area is not permitted; however, the *comment-entry* may be contained on one or more lines.

- (2) A *comment-entry* is terminated by the next word in Area A.

D.4. General Rules

(1) The paragraph-name DATE-COMPILED causes the current date to be inserted in the program listing during program compilation. If a DATE-COMPILED paragraph is present, it is replaced during compilation with a paragraph of the form:

DATE-COMPILED. current date.



## IV. ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

### A. General Description

The Environment Division specifies a standard method of expressing those aspects of a data processing problem that are dependent upon the physical characteristics of a specific computer. The Environment Division is optional in a COBOL source program.

### B. Concepts

#### B.1. External Switch

An external switch is a software device, which is used to indicate that one of two alternate states exists. These alternate states are referred to as the on status and the off status of the associated external switch.

The status of an external switch may be interrogated by testing condition-names associated with that switch. The association of a condition-name with an external switch and the association of a user-specified mnemonic-name with the literal that names an external switch is established in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division.

The scope of an external switch is the run unit and each literal that names such an external switch refers to one and only one such switch, the status of which is available to each object program functioning within that run unit.

An external switch may be altered by the SET statement, except in the *VXCOBOL* dialect.

### C. Organization

Two sections make up the Environment Division: the Configuration Section and the Input-Output Section.

The Configuration Section deals with the characteristics of the source computer and the object computer. This section is divided into three paragraphs: the SOURCE-COMPUTER paragraph, which describes the computer configuration on which the source program is compiled; the OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph, which describes the computer configuration on which the object program produced by the compiler is to be run; and the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, which provides a means for specifying the currency sign, choosing the decimal point, specifying symbolic-characters, relating switch literals to user-specified mnemonic-names, relating alphabet-names to character sets or collating sequences, and relating class-names to sets of characters.

The Input-Output Section deals with the information needed to control transmission and handling of data between external media and the object program. This section is divided into two paragraphs: the FILE-CONTROL paragraph which names and associates the files with external media; and the I-O-CONTROL paragraph which defines special control techniques to be used in the object program.

The following is the general format of the sections and paragraphs in the Environment Division, and defines the order of presentation in the source program.

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.

[ CONFIGURATION SECTION.

[ SOURCE-COMPUTER. [ *source-computer-entry* ] ]

[ OBJECT-COMPUTER. [ *object-computer-entry* ] ]

[ SPECIAL-NAMES. [ *special-names-entry* ] ] ]

[ INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

FILE-CONTROL.

{ *file-control-entry* }...

[ I-O-CONTROL.

d [ RERUN [ ON *file-name* ] EVERY { [ END OF ] { REEL } } OF *file-name* }  
 { UNIT } }  
 { *integer* RECORDS } } ]... (Not in **VXCOBOL**)  
 { *integer* CLOCK-UNITS } }  
 { *condition-name* } }

[ SAME [ RECORD ]  
 [ SORT ] AREA FOR *file-name* { *file-name* }... ]...  
 [ SORT-MERGE ]

d [ MULTIPLE FILE TAPE CONTAINS { *file-name* [ POSITION *integer* ] }... ]...  
 . ] ]

## D. CONFIGURATION SECTION

The Configuration Section is located in the Environment Division of a source program. The Configuration Section deals with the characteristics of the source computer and the object computer. This section also provides a means for specifying the currency sign; choosing the decimal point; specifying symbolic-characters; relating switch-names to user-specified mnemonic-names; relating alphabet-names to character sets or collating sequences; and relating class-names to sets of characters. The Configuration Section is optional in the Environment Division of a COBOL source program.

The general format of the Configuration Section is shown below.

### CONFIGURATION SECTION.

```
d [ SOURCE-COMPUTER.           [ source-computer-entry ] ]
   [ OBJECT-COMPUTER.         [ object-computer-entry ] ]
   [ SPECIAL-NAMES.           [ special-names-entry ] ]
```

#### D.1. SOURCE-COMPUTER Paragraph

##### D.1.1 Function

The SOURCE-COMPUTER paragraph provides a means of describing the computer upon which the program is to be compiled.

##### D.1.2 General Format

```
d SOURCE-COMPUTER. [ computer-name [ WITH DEBUGGING MODE ] . ]
```

##### D.1.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Computer-name* is a user-defined word.

##### D.1.4 General Rules

- (1) The WITH DEBUGGING MODE clause is ignored. All debugging lines are compiled as if they were comment lines. This behavior may be changed by using the -G d compiler switch.

- (2) The SOURCE-COMPUTER *computer-name* is used for documentation purposes only.

D.2. OBJECT-COMPUTER Paragraph

D.2.1 Function

The OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph provides a means of describing the computer on which the program is to be executed. The MEMORY SIZE clause is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.

D.2.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

d OBJECT-COMPUTER. [ *computer-name* [ MEMORY SIZE *integer* { WORDS  
CHARACTERS  
MODULES } ]  
d [ PROGRAM COLLATING SEQUENCE IS *alphabet-name* ] . ]

D.2.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

OBJECT-COMPUTER.

d [ *computer-name* [ MEMORY SIZE *integer* { WORDS  
CHARACTERS  
MODULES } ]  
d [ PROGRAM COLLATING SEQUENCE IS { ASCII  
EBCDIC  
NATIVE  
STANDARD-1  
*alphabet-name* } ]  
d [ SEGMENT-LIMIT IS *integer* ] ] .

D.2.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Computer-name* is a user-defined word.

D.2.5 General Rules

- (1) The OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph is used for documentation purposes only.

D.3. SPECIAL-NAMES Paragraph

D.3.1 Function

The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph provides a means for specifying the currency sign, choosing the decimal point, relating switches to user-specified mnemonic-names and relating alphabet-names to character sets or collating sequences. **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** provide a way to specify symbolic characters and to relate class-names to sets of characters.

D.3.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

SPECIAL-NAMES.

d [ *literal-1* IS *mnemonic-1* ]...  
 [ "@AUDIT" IS *mnemonic-1* ]

[ SWITCH *literal-2* [ IS *mnemonic-name* ] [ { ON } { OFF } ] STATUS IS *condition-name* ]... ]...

d [ *alphabet-name-1* IS { NATIVE } { STANDARD } ]...

d [ ALPHABET *alphabet-name-1* IS { NATIVE } { STANDARD } { STANDARD-1 } { STANDARD-2 } ]...  
 { *literal-1* [ { THROUGH } { THRU } ] *literal-2* ] { ... }  
 { ALSO *literal-3* } ... }

[ SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS { { *symbolic-character-1* }... { IS ARE } { *integer-1* }... }... ]  
 [ IN *alphabet-name-2* ] ]...

[ CLASS *class-name-1* IS { *literal-4* [ { THROUGH } { THRU } ] *literal-5* } ]... ]...

[ CURRENCY SIGN IS *literal-6* ] [ DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA ] . ]

D.3.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

SPECIAL-NAMES.

d [ *literal-1* IS *mnemonic-name-1* ]...  
 [ CHANNEL *integer-1* IS *identifier* ]...

[ SWITCH *literal-2* [ IS *mnemonic-name-2* ] [ { ON } { OFF } ] STATUS IS *condition-name* ]... ]...

[ *alphabet-name-1* IS { ASCII } { NATIVE } { STANDARD-1 } { EBCDIC } ]...  
 { *literal-3* [ { THRU } { THROUGH } ] *literal-4* ] { ... }  
 { ALSO *literal-5* } ... }

[ CURRENCY SIGN IS *literal-6* ]  
 [ DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA ] . ]

D.3.4 Syntax Rules (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

- (0) *Literal-1* is an alphanumeric literal that specifies the name of a system I/O device or file.
- (1) *Literal-2* must be a nonnumeric literal that is either a single or multiple character alphanumeric literal. *Mnemonic-name* may be specified only in the SET statement.
- (2) If the literal phrase of the ALPHABET clause is specified, a given character must not be specified more than once in that clause.
- (3) The literals specified in the literal phrase of the ALPHABET clause:

- a. If numeric, must be unsigned integers and have a value within the range of one through the maximum number of characters in the native character set (256).
  - b. If nonnumeric and associated with a THROUGH or ALSO phrase, must each be one character in length.
- (4) *Literal-1*, *literal-2*, *literal-3*, *literal-4*, and *literal-5* must not specify a symbolic-character figurative constant.
- (5) The words THRU and THROUGH are equivalent.
- (6) The same *symbolic-character-1* must appear only once in a SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS clause.
- (7) The relationship between each *symbolic-character-1* and the corresponding *integer-1* is by position in the SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS clause. The first *symbolic-character-1* is paired with the first *integer-1*; the second *symbolic-character-1* is paired with the second *integer-1*; and so on.
- (8) There must be a one-to-one correspondence between occurrences of *symbolic-character-1* and *integer-1*.
- (9) The ordinal position specified by *integer-1* must exist in the native character set. If the IN phrase is specified, the ordinal position must exist in the character set named by *alphabet-name-2*.
- (10) The literals specified in the *literal-4* phrase:
- a. If numeric, must be unsigned integers and must have a value within the range of one through the maximum number of characters in the native character set (256).
  - b. If nonnumeric and associated with a THROUGH phrase, must each be one character in length.
- (11) *Literal-6* must not specify a figurative constant.
- (12) The ALPHABET phrase that does not have the ALPHABET keyword is an **ANSI 74** format that is supported for compatibility purposes only. A warning will be issued when it is used.
- (13) @AUDIT must be all upper-case.

#### D.3.5 Syntax Rules (**VXCOBOL**)

- (1) *Literal-1* is an alphanumeric literal that specifies the name of a system I/O device or file.
- (2) *Mnemonic-name-1* is a mnemonic-name used in the program to refer to *literal-1*.
- (3) *Integer-1* is an integer literal that specifies a channel number with a value from 1 through 12.
- (4) *Literal-2* must be a nonnumeric literal that is either a single or multiple character alphanumeric literal.
- (5) If the literal phrase of the alphabet clause is specified, a given character must not be specified more than once in that clause.
- (6) The literals specified in the literal phrase of the alphabet clause:
  - a. If numeric, must be unsigned integers and have a value within the range of one through the maximum number of characters in the native character set (256).
  - b. If nonnumeric and associated with a THROUGH or ALSO phrase, must each be one character in length.
- (7) The words THRU and THROUGH are equivalent.

(8) *Literal-6* must not specify a figurative constant.

#### D.3.6 General Rules (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

(0) The “*literal-1 IS mnemonic-1*” clause is for documentation purposes only.

(1) The on status and/or off status of a switch literal may be associated with *condition-names*. The status of that switch may be interrogated by testing these *condition-names*.

(2) The status of a switch may be altered by execution of a Format 3 SET statement which specifies as its operand the *mnemonic-name* associated with that switch. See the SET Statement.

(3) The ALPHABET clause provides a means for relating a name to a specified character code set and/or collating sequence. When *alphabet-name-1* is referenced in the SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS clause, the ALPHABET clause specifies a character code set.

a. If the STANDARD-1 phrase is specified, the character code set or collating sequence identified is that defined in the ANSI X3.4-1977, Code for Information Interchange. If the STANDARD-2 phrase is specified, the character code set identified is the International Reference Version of the ISO 7-bit code defined in International Standard 646, 7-bit Coded Character Set for Information Processing Interchange. Each character of the standard character set is associated with its corresponding character of the native character set.

b. If the NATIVE phrase is specified, the native character code set or collating sequence is used.

c. If the literal phrase is specified, the alphabet-name may not be referenced in a CODE-SET clause. The collating sequence identified is that defined according to the following rules:

1) The value of each literal specifies:

a) The ordinal number of a character within the native character set, if the literal is numeric. This value must not exceed the value which represents the number of characters in the native character set (256).

b) The actual character within the native character set, if the literal is nonnumeric. If the value of the nonnumeric literal contains multiple characters, each character in the literal, starting with the leftmost character, is assigned successive ascending positions in the collating sequence being specified.

2) The order in which literals appear in the ALPHABET clause specifies, in ascending sequence, the ordinal number of the character within the collating sequence being specified.

3) Any characters within the native collating sequence, which are not explicitly specified in the literal phrase, assume a position, in the collating sequence being specified, greater than any of the explicitly specified characters. The relative order within the set of these unspecified characters is unchanged from the native collating sequence.

4) If the THROUGH phrase is specified, the set of contiguous characters in the native character set beginning with the character specified by the value of *literal-1*, and ending with the characters specified by the value of *literal-2*, is assigned a successive ascending position in the collating sequence being specified. In addition, the set of contiguous characters specified by a given THROUGH phrase may specify characters of the native character set in either ascending or descending sequence.

5) If the ALSO phrase is specified, the characters of the native character set specified by the value of *literal-1* and *literal-3* are assigned to the same ordinal position in the collating sequence being specified or in the character code set that is used to represent the data, and if *alphabet-name-1* is referenced in a SYMBOLIC CHARACTERS clause, only *literal-1* is used to represent the character in the native character set.

(4) When specified as literals in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, the figurative constants HIGH-VALUE and LOW-VALUE are associated with those characters having the highest and lowest positions, respectively, in the native collating sequence.

(5) If the IN phrase is not specified, *symbolic-character-1* represents the character whose ordinal position in the native character set is specified by *integer-1*. If the IN phrase is specified, *integer-1* specifies the ordinal position of the character that is represented in the character set name by *alphabet-name-2*.

(6) The internal representation of *symbolic-character-1* is the internal representation of the character that is represented in the native character set.

(7) The CLASS clause provides a means for relating a name to the specified set of characters listed in that clause. *Class-name* can be referenced only in a class-condition. The characters specified by the values of the literals in this clause define the exclusive set of characters of which this class-name consists.

The value of each literal specifies:

a. The ordinal number of a character within the native character set, if the literal is numeric. This value must not exceed the value which represents the number of characters in the native character set.

b. The actual character within the native character set, if the literal is nonnumeric. If the value of the nonnumeric literal contains multiple characters, each character in the literal is included in the set of characters identified by *class-name-1*.

If the THROUGH phrase is specified, the contiguous characters in the native character set beginning with the character specified by the value *literal-4*, and ending with the character specified by the value of *literal-5*, are included in the set of characters identified by *class-name-1*. In addition, the contiguous characters specified by a given THROUGH phrase may specify characters of the native character set in either ascending or descending sequence.

(8) *Literal-6* which appears in the CURRENCY SIGN clause is used in the PICTURE clause to represent the currency symbol. The literal must be nonnumeric and is limited to a single character. It may be any character from the computer's character set except one of the following:

- a. digits 0 through 9;
- b. alphabetic characters consisting of the uppercase letters A, B, C, D, P, R, S, V, X, Z; the lowercase letters a through z; or the space;
- c. Special characters \* + - , . ; ( ) " = /

If this clause is not present, only the currency sign defined in the COBOL character set (\$) may be used as the currency symbol in the PICTURE clause.

(9) The clause DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA means that the functions of comma and period are exchanged in the character-string of the PICTURE clause and in numeric literals.

### D.3.7 General Rules (***VXCOBOL***)

(1) The DEVICE clause (*literal-1 IS mnemonic-name-1*) is for documentation purposes only.

(2) The CHANNEL clause declares a line printer control channel. You can use channel names in the ADVANCING clause of a WRITE statement to format printed forms.

(3) The on status and/or off status of a switch literal may be associated with condition-names. The status of that switch may be interrogated by testing these condition-names.



(4) The ALPHABET clause provides a means for relating a name to a specified character code set and/or collating sequence.

a. If the ASCII, NATIVE, or STANDARD-1 phrase is specified, the character code set or collating sequence identified is that defined in the ANSI X3.4-1977, Code for Information Interchange. Each character of the standard character set is associated with its corresponding character of the native character set. APPENDIX J, on page [899](#), provides a copy of the ASCII character set.

b. If the EBCDIC phrase is specified, the EBCDIC character code set or collating sequence is used. APPENDIX K, on page [901](#), provides a copy of the EBCDIC character set.

c. The collating sequence identified is that defined according to the following rules:

1) The value of each literal specifies:

a) The ordinal number of a character within the native character set, if the literal is numeric. This value must not exceed the value which represents the number of characters in the native character set.

b) The actual character within the native character set, if the literal is nonnumeric. If the value of the nonnumeric literal contains multiple characters, each character in the literal, starting with the leftmost character, is assigned successive ascending positions in the collating sequence being specified.

2) The order in which literals appear in the ALPHABET clause specifies, in ascending sequence, the ordinal number of the character within the collating sequence being specified.

3) Any characters within the native collating sequence, which are not explicitly specified in the literal phrase, assume a position, in the collating sequence being specified, greater than any of the explicitly specified characters. The relative order within the set of these unspecified characters is unchanged from the native collating sequence.

4) If the THROUGH phrase is specified, the set of contiguous characters in the native character set beginning with the character specified by the value of literal-3, and ending with the characters specified by the value of literal-4, is assigned a successive ascending position in the collating sequence being specified. In addition, the set of contiguous characters specified by a given THROUGH phrase may specify characters of the native character set in either ascending or descending sequence.

5) If the ALSO phrase is specified, the characters of the native character set specified by the value of literal-3 and literal-5 are assigned to the same ordinal position in the collating sequence being specified or in the character code set that is used to represent the data.

(5) When specified as literals in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, the figurative constants HIGH-VALUE and LOW-VALUE are associated with those characters having the highest and lowest positions, respectively, in the native collating sequence.

(6) *Literal-6*, which appears in the CURRENCY SIGN clause, is used in the PICTURE clause to represent the currency symbol. The literal must be nonnumeric and is limited to a single character. It may be any character from the computer's character set except one of the following:

a. digits 0 through 9;

b. alphabetic characters consisting of the uppercase letters A, B, C, D, P, R, S, V, X, Z; the lowercase letters a through z; or the space;

c. Special characters \* + - , . ; ( ) " = /

If this clause is not present, only the currency sign defined in the COBOL character set (\$) may be used as the currency symbol in the PICTURE clause.

(7) The DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause means that the functions of comma and period are exchanged in the character-string of the PICTURE clause and in numeric literals.

### D.3.8 Examples

(1) This example shows how a program switch is defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, and then illustrates how it is used in the procedure division paragraph, CHECK-SECURITY.

```
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    SWITCH "MGR" ON STATUS IS MANAGER-JOB.  
  
CHECK-SECURITY.  
    IF MANAGER-JOB MOVE 9 TO WS-SECURITY-CODE.
```

#### EXAMPLE 2. Using a Program Switch

The next several examples show how to modify the collating sequence from the native order, for the current program.

(2) The following will cause characters to collate in the order: <space>, 1-9, a-z, null, |, ', #, ... All characters not explicitly defined will follow in their native order.

```
ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:  
  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    ALPHABET NEW-SEQ IS " ", "1" THRU "9", "a" THRU "z".  
  
VXCOBOL:  
  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    NEW-SEQ IS " ", "1" THRU "9", "a" THRU "z".
```

#### EXAMPLE 3. Modifying the collating sequence for a program

(3) The following leaves the native system intact, with the exception of making the underscore (95) the highest character.

```
ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:  
  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    ALPHABET NEW-SEQ IS 1 THRU 94, 96 THRU 126, 95.  
  
VXCOBOL:  
  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
    NEW-SEQ IS 1 THRU 94, 96 THRU 126, 95.
```

#### EXAMPLE 4. Changing 1 character in the collating sequence

(4) The following equates the space with zero, giving them the same ordinal position in the collating sequence.

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**

```
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
ALPHABET NEW-SEQ IS " " ALSO "0".
```

**VXCOBOL:**

```
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
NEW-SEQ IS " " ALSO "0", "a" ALSO "A".
```

EXAMPLE 5. Making multiple characters the same in the collating sequence

- (5) The following reverses the typical collating sequence for digits and uppercase alphabet characters. Note, however, that all other characters not explicitly defined will follow in their usual order.

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**

```
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
ALPHABET REVERSE-SEQ IS "9" THRU "0", "Z" THRU "A".
```

**VXCOBOL:**

```
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
REVERSE-SEQ IS "9" THRU "0", "Z" THRU "A".
```

EXAMPLE 6. Reversing collating sequence for digits, uppercase alphabet



## E. INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION

The Input-Output Section is located in the Environment Division of a source program. The Input-Output Section deals with the information needed to control transmission and handling of data between external media and the object program. The Input-Output Section is optional in the Environment Division of a COBOL source program.

### **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**

#### INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

#### FILE-CONTROL.

{ *file-control-entry* }...

#### [ I-O-CONTROL.

d	[ RERUN [ ON <i>file-name-1</i> ] EVERY	}	<table style="border: none; margin: 0 auto;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">[ END OF ]</td> <td style="border: none;">{</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;">REEL UNIT</td> <td style="border: none;">}</td> <td style="border: none;">OF <i>file-name-2</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><i>integer-1</i></td> <td style="border: none;">RECORDS</td> <td colspan="3" style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><i>integer-2</i></td> <td style="border: none;">CLOCK-UNITS</td> <td colspan="3" style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><i>condition-name-1</i></td> <td colspan="3" style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table>	[ END OF ]	{	REEL UNIT	}	OF <i>file-name-2</i>	<i>integer-1</i>	RECORDS				<i>integer-2</i>	CLOCK-UNITS					<i>condition-name-1</i>				} ]...
[ END OF ]	{	REEL UNIT	}	OF <i>file-name-2</i>																				
<i>integer-1</i>	RECORDS																							
<i>integer-2</i>	CLOCK-UNITS																							
	<i>condition-name-1</i>																							
	[ SAME	[	RECORD SORT SORT-MERGE	]	AREA FOR <i>file-name-3</i> { <i>file-name-4</i> }... ]...																			
d	[ MULTIPLE FILE TAPE CONTAINS { <i>file-name-5</i> [ POSITION <i>integer-3</i> ] }... ]...																							
	.]																							

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#### INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

#### FILE-CONTROL.

{ *file-control-entry* }...

#### [ I-O-CONTROL.

d	[ SAME	[	RECORD SORT SORT-MERGE	]	AREA FOR <i>file-name-1</i> { <i>file-name-2</i> }... ]...
d	[ MULTIPLE FILE TAPE CONTAINS { <i>file-name-3</i> [ POSITION <i>integer</i> ] }... ]...				
	.]				

#### E.1. FILE-CONTROL Paragraph

##### E.1.1 Function

The FILE-CONTROL paragraph allows specification of file-related information.

##### E.1.2 General Format

#### FILE-CONTROL.

{ *file-control-entry* }...

E.2. File Control Entry

E.2.1 Function

The file control entry declares the relevant physical attributes of a sequential, relative, indexed, sort, or merge file.

E.2.2 General Format

The clauses for each SELECT are given in alphabetical order since they are order independent.

**Sequential File (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85):**

SELECT [ OPTIONAL ] *file-name*  
 [ ACCESS MODE IS SEQUENTIAL ]

[ ASSIGN TO {  
     PRINTER  
     PRINTER-1  
     DISPLAY  
     KEYBOARD  
     DISK  
     INPUT ... ]  
     INPUT-OUTPUT  
     OUTPUT  
     RANDOM  
     *identifier*  
     *literal*  
 }

d [ DATA SIZE IS *integer-1* ]  
 [ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
 [ [ ORGANIZATION IS ] [ LINE / BINARY ] SEQUENTIAL ]

[ QUEUE IS { *integer-2* / *identifier-3* } ]

[ RECORD DELIMITER IS {  
     STANDARD-1  
     BINARY LENGTH  
     ASCII LENGTH  
     SIZE  
     DATA-SENSITIVE [ DELIMITER INTO *identifier-1* ]  
     *literal* [ DELIMITER INTO *identifier-2* ]  
 } ].

**Sequential File (VXCOBOL):**

SELECT [ OPTIONAL ] *file-name*  
 [ ACCESS MODE IS SEQUENTIAL ]  
ASSIGN TO

{  
     { PRINTER / PRINTER-1 / DISK } [ *identifier-1* / *literal-1* ]  
     { DISPLAY / KEYBOARD } [ *identifier-1* / *literal-1* ]  
     { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer-2* [ CONTIGUOUS [[NO]INITIALIZATION]] ]  
 }

[ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
 [ INFOS STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
 [ [ ORGANIZATION IS ] SEQUENTIAL ]

- d [ PARITY IS { ODD }  
          { EVEN } ]
- d [ RESERVE *integer* [ AREA ]  
                          [ AREAS ] ] .

**Relative File (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85):**

- SELECT [ OPTIONAL ] *file-name*
- [ ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL [ RELATIVE KEY IS *data-name* ]  
                          { { RANDOM }  
                              { DYNAMIC } } RELATIVE KEY IS *data-name* } ]
- [ ASSIGN TO { DISK  
                  { *identifier*  
                  { *literal* } ... } ]
- d [ DATA SIZE IS *integer* ]
  - d [ INDEX SIZE IS *integer* ]
- [ DELETE IS { LOGICAL }  
                  { PHYSICAL } ]
- [ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ ORGANIZATION IS ] RELATIVE .

**Relative File (VXCOBOL):**

- SELECT *file-name*
- [ ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL [ RELATIVE KEY IS *data-name* ]  
                          { { RANDOM }  
                              { DYNAMIC } } RELATIVE KEY IS *data-name* } ]
- ASSIGN TO
- { DISK { *identifier-1*  
          { *literal-1* } }  
          { { *identifier-1* }  
          { *literal-1* } } [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer-2* [ CONTIGUOUS [[NO]INITIALIZATION]] ] }
- [ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ INFOS STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ ORGANIZATION IS ] RELATIVE
- d [ RESERVE *integer* [ AREA ]  
                          [ AREAS ] ] .

**Indexed File (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85):**

- SELECT [ OPTIONAL ] *file-name*
- [ ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL  
                          { RANDOM  
                          { DYNAMIC } } ]
- [ ALTERNATE RECORD KEY IS *id-1* [ = *id-2* { ALSO *id-3...*  
                                                  { PLUS *id-3...*  
                                                  [ PLUS *id-3...* ] OCCURS *integer* TIMES } ] ]
- [ ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER ]  
[ SUPPRESS WHEN *literal* ]

[ VALUES ARE { ASCENDING }  
DESCENDING } ]  
[ WITH DUPLICATES ] ]...  
[ ASSIGN TO { DISK  
identifier  
literal } ... ]  
d [ DATA SIZE IS *integer* ]  
d [ INDEX SIZE IS *integer* ]  
[ DELETE IS { LOGICAL }  
PHYSICAL } ]  
[ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ ORGANIZATION IS ] INDEXED  
RECORD KEY IS *id-1* [ = *id-2* PLUS { *id-3* } ... ]  
[ ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER ]  
[ VALUES ARE { ASCENDING }  
DESCENDING } ] .

**Indexed File (VXCOBOL):**

SELECT *file-name*

[ ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL }  
RANDOM  
DYNAMIC } ]  
[ ALTERNATE RECORD { KEY IS }  
KEYS ARE } *data-name*  
[ KEY LENGTH IS *integer* ]  
[ WITH DUPLICATES ] ]...

ASSIGN INDEX TO

{ DISK { *identifier-1* }  
*literal-1* }  
{ *identifier-1* } [ MERIT *integer* ] [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer-2* ] [ CONTIGUOUS [[NO]INITIALIZATION]] ]

d [ ROOT MERIT IS *integer* ]  
d [ SPACE MANAGEMENT ]  
d [ TEMPORARY ]  
d [ HIERARCHICAL ]  
LRU ]

d { [ COMPRESSION ]  
[ KEY COMPRESSION ] [ DATA COMPRESSION ] }

d [ DATA SIZE IS *integer* ]  
d [ INDEX SIZE IS *integer* ]  
[ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ INFOS STATUS IS *data-name* ]  
[ ORGANIZATION IS ] INDEXED

RECORD { KEY IS }  
KEYS ARE } *data-name*  
[ KEY LENGTH IS *integer* ]

d [ RESERVE *integer* INDEX [ AREA  
AREAS ] ]

d [ RESERVE *integer* DATA [ AREA  
AREAS ] ] .



**Sort-Merge File (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85):**

SELECT *file-name* [ ASSIGN TO { DISK  
identifier  
literal } ... ] .

**Sort-Merge File (VXCOBOL):**

SELECT *file-name* ASSIGN TO { DISK  
identifier  
literal } ... [ [ ORGANIZATION IS ] SEQUENTIAL ] .

**INFOS Files (VXCOBOL):**

SELECT *file-name*

[ ACCESS MODE IS { SEQUENTIAL  
RANDOM  
DYNAMIC } ]

[ ALLOW SUB-INDEX  
[ LEVELS IS *integer* ] ]

ASSIGN INDEX TO { { *identifier*  
literal } } [ MERIT *integer* ] [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer* ] [ CONTIGUOUS

d [ [ NO ] INITIALIZATION ] ] } ...

d [ TEMPORARY  
[ SPACE MANAGEMENT  
[ ROOT MERIT IS *integer* ]

d [ HIERARCHICAL  
LRU ]

[ ASSIGN DATA TO { { *identifier*  
literal } } [ MERIT *integer* ]

d [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer* [ CONTIGUOUS [ [ NO ] INITIALIZATION ] ] ] } ...  
[ SPACE MANAGEMENT ] ]

{ [ COMPRESSION ]  
[ [ KEY COMPRESSION ] [ DATA COMPRESSION ] ] }

d [ DATA SIZE IS *integer* ]

d [ INDEX SIZE IS *integer* ]

[ FILE STATUS IS *data-name* ]

[ INFOS STATUS IS *data-name* ]

[ ORGANIZATION IS ] INDEXED

RECORD { KEY IS  
KEYS ARE } { *data-name*

[ KEY LENGTH IS { *identifier*  
literal } ]

[ WITH DUPLICATES [ OCCURRENCE IS *identifier* ] ] } ...

d [ RESERVE *integer* INDEX [ AREA  
AREAS ] ]

d [ RESERVE *integer* DATA [ AREA  
AREAS ] ] .

### E.2.3 Syntax Rules:

(1) The SELECT clause must be specified first in the file control entry. The clauses which follow the SELECT clause may appear in any order.

(2) Each *file-name* in the Data Division must be specified only once in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph. Each *file-name* specified in the SELECT clause must have a file description entry in the Data Division of the same program.

(3) *Literal* must be a nonnumeric literal and must not be a figurative constant.

(4) Each sort or merge file in the Data Division must be specified only once in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph. Each sort or merge file specified in the SELECT clause must have a sort-merge file description entry in the Data Division of the same program.

(5) For Sort-Merge Entry. Since file-name represents a sort or merge file, only the ASSIGN clause is permitted to follow file-name in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph.

(6) The OPTIONAL phrase is only allowed for **ANSI 85** and **VXCOBOL**.

#### **For ANSI 74 and ANSI 85.**

(7) The ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM indexed files.

(8) The DELETE clause applies only to version 7 or greater ICISAM files.

(9) The RECORD DELIMITER clause can only be specified on SEQUENTIAL files with the RECORD IS VARYING clause in the FD. If the RECORD DELIMITER clause is absent and RECORD IS VARYING is specified, the length of the record written is determined by the DEPENDING ON variable or implied by the record definitions.

### E.2.4 General Rules

(1) For **ANSI 85**, the OPTIONAL phrase applies only to files opened in input, I-O, or extend mode. Its specification is required for files that are not necessarily present each time the object program is executed. See OPEN for more information.

For **VXCOBOL**, the OPTIONAL phrase applies only to sequential files opened in input mode. Its specification is required for files that are not necessarily present each time the object program is executed. If you specify this clause and the file is not present, the first READ statement for the file signals an end-of-file condition.

(2) For **VXCOBOL**, the PARITY, DATA SIZE, INDEX SIZE, INITIALIZATION, TEMPORARY, HIERARCHICAL/LRU, RESERVE, RESERVE INDEX, and RESERVE DATA clauses are used for documentation purposes only.

#### **For relative, indexed, and INFOS files:**

(3) The native character set is assumed for data on the external media.

(4) For an indexed file or INFOS, the collating sequence associated with the native character set is assumed. This is the sequence of values of a given key of reference used to process the file sequentially.

(5) The ASSIGN clause specifies the association of the file referenced by file-name to a storage medium referenced by the specified name or literal.

(6) For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, the INDEX SIZE and DATA SIZE clauses are used for documentation purposes only.

E.3. ACCESS MODE Clause

E.3.1 Function

The ACCESS MODE clause specifies the order in which records are to be accessed in the file.

E.3.2 General Format

**Sequential File:**

ACCESS MODE IS SEQUENTIAL

**Relative File:**

$$\text{ACCESS MODE IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SEQUENTIAL [RELATIVE KEY IS data-name-1]} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RANDOM} \\ \text{DYNAMIC} \end{array} \right\} \text{RELATIVE KEY IS data-name-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Indexed File** (all **ICOBOL** dialects) and **INFOS File** (**VXCOBOL**):

$$\text{ACCESS MODE IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SEQUENTIAL} \\ \text{RANDOM} \\ \text{DYNAMIC} \end{array} \right\}$$

E.3.3 Syntax Rules:

- (1) ACCESS MODE is DYNAMIC or RANDOM can only be used for relative, indexed, or INFOS files.

For relative files:

- (1) *Data-name-1* may be qualified.
- (2) *Data-name-1* must reference an unsigned integer data item whose description does not contain the PICTURE symbol 'P'.
- (3) If a relative file is referenced by a START statement, the RELATIVE KEY phrase within the ACCESS MODE clause must be specified for that file.
- (4) For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, *data-name-1* must not be defined in a record description entry associated with that file-name.

E.3.4 General Rules

- (1) If the ACCESS MODE clause is not specified, sequential access is assumed.
- (2) Records in the file are accessed in the sequence dictated by the file organization. For sequential files, this sequence is specified by predecessor-successor record relationships established by the execution of WRITE statements when the file is created or extended. For relative files, this sequence is ascending relative record number of existing records in the file. For indexed or INFOS files, this sequence is ascending within a given key of reference according to the collating sequence of the file.

For relative files:

(3) If the access mode is random, the value of the relative key data item for relative files indicates the record to be accessed.

(4) If the access mode is dynamic, records in the file may be accessed sequentially and/or randomly.

(5) All records stored in a relative file are uniquely identified by relative record numbers. The relative record number of a given record specifies the record's logical ordinal position in the file. The first logical record has a relative record number of 1, and subsequent logical records have relative record numbers 2, 3, ... .

(6) The data item specified by *data-name-1* is used to communicate a relative record number between the user and the file system.

(7) The relative key data item associated with the execution of an input-output statement is the data item referenced by *data-name-1* in the ACCESS MODE clause.

For indexed files:

(8) If the access mode is random, the value of a record key data item for indexed files indicates the record to be accessed.

For INFOS files (**VXCOBOL**):

(9) If the access mode is random, the value of a series of record key data items (with their associated occurrence values, if any) and a relative motion specifier indicates the record to be accessed.

(10) If the access mode is sequential, the sequence of access is in ascending order by keys within a given index or subindex. The subindex may be changed with a relative motion specifier.

E.4. ALLOW SUB-INDEX and LEVELS Clauses (**VXCOBOL**)

E.4.1 Function

The ALLOW SUB-INDEX and LEVELS clauses must be used to define the maximum number of subindex levels permitted in an INFOS file.

E.4.2 General Format

ALLOW SUB-INDEX [ LEVELS IS *integer* ]

E.4.3 Syntax Rules

(1) Integer is a positive integer between 1 and 8 that specifies the maximum number of index and subindex levels the file can have.

E.4.4 General Rules

(1) ALLOW SUB-INDEX must be specified for any file that already has subindexing or will allow subindexing.

(2) The LEVELS clause indicates the expected maximum number of index and subindex levels that the file will have. If you do not specify this clause on file creation, the maximum number of levels will default to the number of keys in the RECORD KEY clause.

(3) The maximum number of levels for a U/FOS file is 8.

E.5. ALTERNATE RECORD KEY Clause (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

E.5.1 Function

The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause specifies an alternate record key access path to the records in an indexed file. The ALSO, ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER, PLUS, SUPPRESS, and VALUES phrases are extensions to ANSI COBOL.

E.5.2 General Format

ALTERNATE RECORD KEY IS *id-1* [ = *id-2* {  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ALSO } id-3\dots \\ \text{PLUS } id-3\dots \\ [ \text{PLUS } id-3\dots ] \text{ OCCURS } integer \text{ TIMES} \end{array} \right\} ]$

[ ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER ]  
 [ SUPPRESS WHEN *literal* ]  
 [ VALUES ARE {  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ASCENDING} \\ \text{DESCENDING} \end{array} \right\} ]$   
 [ WITH DUPLICATES ]

E.5.3 Syntax Rules

(0) The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause may occur at most 16 times for ICISAM files.

(1) The phrases following the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clauses (ORDER BY, SUPPRESS WHEN, VALUES ARE, and WITH DUPLICATES) may be specified in any order.

(2) *id-1* must not reference an item whose left-most character position corresponds to the left-most character position of the primary record key or of any other alternate record key associated with this file. **NOT ENFORCED BY ICOBOL.**

(3) If *id-2* is not specified, *id-1* may be qualified and must reference a data-item of category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY is subordinate. *id-1* must not reference a group item containing a variable occurrence data-item.

If *id-2* is specified, *id-1* must be a unique word within the program and is not defined elsewhere. *id-1* may be referenced only in the KEY IS phrases of the READ or START statements.

(4) Each instance of *id-2* or *id-3* must reference a data-item of category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY is subordinate. No instance of *id-2* or *id-3* may reference a group item which contains a variable occurrence data-item

(5) If the ALSO phrase is specified, *id-3* may be specified up to six times. If the ALSO phrase is not specified (i.e., the PLUS case), *id-3* may be specified up to three times.

(6) If *id-2* is not specified, the length of *id-1* may not exceed 255 bytes for ICISAM files.

If *id-2* is specified, each instance of *id-2* and *id-3* must have a length that does not exceed 255 bytes. If the ALSO phrase is specified, each *id-3* must have the same length as *id-2*. If the ALSO phrase is not specified, the sum of the lengths of *id-2* and each *id-3* must not exceed 255 bytes.

(7) If the OCCURS phrase is specified, *integer* must be in the range from 1 to 31. *id-2* and each *id-3* must each be in the same record definition. Additionally, they must be subordinate to a common OCCURS phrase which is defined as occurring integer times. Each of the identifiers must be specified without a subscript.

If the OCCURS phrase is not specified, none of the identifiers may have an OCCURS phrase in their description or be subordinate to an item which has an OCCURS phrase its definition.

(8) Within the record definition the byte positions of *id-2* and each *id-3* must be disjoint, i.e., they may not overlap.

(9) If the SUPPRESS WHEN phrase is specified, *lit* may be either a single character alphanumeric literal or a figurative constant.

(10) If the index files contains variable length records, each alternate record key must be contained within the first *x* character positions of the record where *x* equals the minimum record size for the file.

### E.5.4 General Rules

(1) The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause specifies an alternate record key for the file with which this clause is associated. It may specify that one or more key values to be entered into the associated index for each record.

The alternate key may consist of a single data-item (*id-1* with no additional phrases). It may also be a composite key (identified by the key name *id-1*) defined as a root key (*id-2*) plus one or more key suffixes (*id-3*). The value of a composite alternate key is determined by appending the values of the root key and each key suffix together in the order in which they appear in the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause.

Multiple key values (inversions) may be entered into the index for a given alternate key in two ways:

a. The ALSO phrase may be specified. In this case, the key-name *id-1* represents an alternate record key which supports multiple key values. A value is entered into the index for *id-2* and each instance of *id-3*. This allows for scattered fields in the record to be entered into the index as key values.

b. The OCCURS phrase may be specified. In this case, the key-name *id-1* represents an alternate record key which supports multiple key values in a tabularized form. For each occurrence of *id-2* in the record definition, optionally suffixed by occurrences of *id-3*, a key value is entered into the index.

(2) The data description and relative location within a record of *id-1* (if it is used alone) and of *id-2* and each *id-3* must be the same as that used when the file was created.

(3) If the file has more than one record description entry, *id-1* (if it is used alone) or *id-2* and each *id-3* need only be described in one of these record description entries except when the OCCURS phrase is present. If the OCCURS phrase is present *id-2* and each *id-3* must be in the same record description entry. In all cases, the identical character positions referenced by *id-1* (if it is used alone), *id-2*, and each *id-3* that appear in one record description are implicitly referenced as keys for all other record description entries of that file.

(4) The ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files. It specifies that all values for this alternate key are entered into the index as uppercase only. Lookups for this key path will be performed in uppercase. The effect is that the keys on this key path are processed in a case insensitive manner. If ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER is not present, then key values are entered and looked up as they appear in the record.

(5) The SUPPRESS WHEN *lit* phrase specifies that when all characters of a key value are equal to the character specified by *lit*, that key value should not be entered into the index. This phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files.

(6) The VALUES ARE phrase is used to specify the order in which key values are entered into the index. If the ASCENDING phrase is specified, key values are entered in ascending order. That is, key values appear with increasing values. If the DESCENDING phrase is specified, key values are entered in descending order. That is,



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key values appear with decreasing values -- in reverse sequential order. If the VALUES ARE phrase is not present, VALUES ARE ASCENDING is implied. This phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files.

(7) The WITH DUPLICATES phrase specifies that the value or values of the associated ALTERNATE RECORD KEY may be duplicated within any of the records in the file and within the record itself if multiple key values are specified. If the WITH DUPLICATES phrase is not specified, the value or values of the associated alternate key must not be duplicated among any of the records in the file or within the record itself if multiple key values are specified. If the phrase is not present, duplicate key values are not allowed. Version 7 and greater indexed files observe the duplicates option correctly.

(8) Alternate record keys are sorted based on the following criteria:

- a. ascending root segment position of *id-1* (if it is a data-item) or by *id-2* if it is present.
- b. ascending root segment length of *id-1* (if it is a data-item) or by *id-2* if it is present.
- c. absence of ALSO keys and, if present, ascending number of ALSO and ascending ALSO's position.
- d. absence of suffixes and, if present, ascending number of suffixes, ascending suffix position, and ascending suffix length.
- e. absence of OCCURS and, if present, ascending number of OCCURS and ascending occurs span.
- f. absence of duplicates allowed.
- g. absence of descending order.
- h. absence of uppercase conversion.
- i. absence of SUPPRESS when value and, if present, ascending suppress when value.

(9) If the associated file connector is an external file connector, every file control entry in the run unit which is associated with that file connector must specify the same data description entry for *data-name-1*, the same relative location within the associated record, the same number of alternate record keys, and the same DUPLICATES phrase.

### E.6. ALTERNATE RECORD KEY Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

#### E.6.1 Function

The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause specifies an alternate record key access path to the records in an indexed file.

#### E.6.2 General Format

**ALTERNATE RECORD** { **KEY IS**  
**KEYS ARE** } *data-name*  
[ **KEY LENGTH IS** *integer* ]  
[ **WITH DUPLICATES** ]

#### E.6.3 Syntax Rules

(1) Data-name may be qualified.

(2) Data-name must be defined as a data item of the category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause is subordinate. *Data-name* must not reference a group item that contains a variable occurrence data-item.

(3) Data-name must not reference an item whose left-most character position corresponds to the left-most character position of the primary record key or of any other alternate record key associated with this file. **NOT ENFORCED BY ICOBOL.**

(4) *integer* must be exactly the length of the item referenced by *data-name*.

(5) If the index file contains variable length records, *data-name* must be contained within the maximum record size number of characters. If *data-name* is not contained within the specified minimum record size, the minimum record size will be adjusted upward to contain *data-name*.

#### E.6.4 General Rules

(1) An ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause specifies an alternate record key for the file with which this clause is associated. The ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause may be specified no more than 16 times.

(2) The data description of data-name as well as its relative location within a record must be the same as that used when the file was created. The number of alternate record keys for the file must also be the same as that used when the file was created.

(3) The DUPLICATES phrase specifies that the value of the associated alternate record key may be duplicated within any of the records in the file. If the DUPLICATES phrase is not specified, the value of the associated alternate record key must not be duplicated among any of the records in the file.

(4) If the file has more than one record description entry, data-name need only be described in one of these record description entries. The identical character positions referenced by data-name in any one record description entry are implicitly referenced in keys for all other record description entries of that file.

(5) Alternate keys are sorted by their leftmost character position. Under **ICOBOL**, if multiple alternate keys start at the same position, they are sorted in ascending order by length (smallest to largest).

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(6) If the associated file connector is an external file connector, every file control entry in the run unit which is associated with that file connector must specify the same data description entry for *data-name*, the same relative location within the associated record, the same number of alternate record keys, and the same DUPLICATES phrase.

E.7. ASSIGN Clause

E.7.1 Function

The ASSIGN clause specifies the association of the file referenced to a defined storage medium.

E.7.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

**Sequential File:**

$$\text{ASSIGN TO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PRINTER} \\ \text{PRINTER-1} \\ \text{DISPLAY} \\ \text{KEYBOARD} \\ \text{DISK} \\ \text{INPUT} \\ \text{INPUT-OUTPUT} \\ \text{OUTPUT} \\ \text{RANDOM} \\ \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

**Relative, Indexed, and Sort-Merge Files:**

$$\text{ASSIGN TO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DISK} \\ \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

E.7.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

**Sequential:**

$$\text{ASSIGN TO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PRINTER} \\ \text{PRINTER-1} \\ \text{DISK} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DISPLAY} \\ \text{KEYBOARD} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right] \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{VOLUME SIZE IS } \text{integer-2} \left[ \text{CONTIGUOUS} \left[ \left[ \text{NO} \right] \text{INITIALIZATION} \right] \right] \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

**Relative:**

$$\text{ASSIGN TO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DISK } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{VOLUME SIZE IS } \text{integer-2} \left[ \text{CONTIGUOUS} \left[ \left[ \text{NO} \right] \text{INITIALIZATION} \right] \right] \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

**Indexed:**

**ASSIGN INDEX TO**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DISK } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-1} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-1} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [VOLUME SIZE IS } \textit{integer-2} \text{ [ CONTIGUOUS } \text{ [[NO]INITIALIZATION]]}] \end{array} \right\}$$

d [ ROOT MERIT IS *integer* ] [ SPACE MANAGEMENT ] [ TEMPORARY ]

d [ HIERARCHICAL ]

LRU

**Sort-Merge File:**

ASSIGN TO  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DISK} \\ \textit{identifier} \\ \textit{literal} \end{array} \right\} \dots$

**INFOS Files:**

ASSIGN INDEX TO  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier} \\ \textit{literal} \end{array} \right\}$  [ MERIT *integer* ] [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer*

d [ CONTIGUOUS [ [ NO ] INITIALIZATION ] ] }...

d [ TEMPORARY ]

[ SPACE MANAGEMENT ]

[ ROOT MERIT IS *integer* ]

d [ HIERARCHICAL ]

LRU

[ ASSIGN DATA TO  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier} \\ \textit{literal} \end{array} \right\}$  [ MERIT *integer* ]

d [ VOLUME SIZE IS *integer* [ CONTIGUOUS [ [ NO ] INITIALIZATION ] ] ] }...

[ SPACE MANAGEMENT ] ]

**E.7.4 Syntax Rules**

- (1) Only one storage medium (PRINTER, PRINTER-1, DISPLAY, KEYBOARD, DISK, INPUT, INPUT-OUTPUT, OUTPUT, or RANDOM) may be specified.
- (2) Only one external filename specifier (*identifier-1* or *literal-1*) may be specified except for INFOS files.

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- (3) *Integer-1* and *integer-4* are positive integer literals between 1 and 32 that specify the merit factor of a volume. If not specified the merit factor is 1.
- (4) *Integer-2* and *integer-5* are positive integer literals that specify a number of 512-byte blocks.
- (5) *Integer-3* is a positive integer literal between 1 and 32 that specifies which volume priority has the highest level root node.

E.7.5 General Rules

- (1) If no storage medium is specified DISK is assumed.
- (2) If no *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is specified, the default external filename is defined below for sequential files.

Device	Default Filename <b>VXCOBOL</b>	Default Filename <b>ANSI 74/85</b>
PRINTER	@LPT	\$LPT
PRINTER-1	@LPT1	\$LPT1
DISPLAY	@CONSOLE	\$TTO
KEYBOARD	@CONSOLE	\$TTI
DISK, INPUT, INPUT-OUTPUT, OUTPUT, RANDOM	Characters of the internal filename with \$ replacing -	First ten character of the internal filename with \$ replacing -.

TABLE 1. Default External Filenames for Sequential Files

**NOTE:** The -N h compiler switch will suppress the translation of “-“ to “\$” in the generation of default filenames.

(3) For **VXCOBOL**, relative, indexed, and INFOS files have no default external filename. For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, an external filename is generated from the internal name by selecting the characters of the internal name and replacing - with \$.

(4) Only sequential files may be ASSIGN'ed to PRINTER, PRINTER-1, KEYBOARD, DISPLAY, INPUT, INPUT-OUTPUT, or OUTPUT.

(5) For INFOS files, VOLUME SIZE sets the maximum volume size. It is ignored on sequential, relative, and indexed files.

(6) For sequential files, RANDOM is equivalent to DISK.

(7) When INPUT is specified, the assigned storage medium is DISK and the compiler restricts the file usage to only those operations that are compatible with an input-only usage: OPEN INPUT, READ, and as a USING file in a SORT-MERGE operation.

(8) When OUTPUT is specified, the assigned storage medium is DISK, and the compiler restricts the file usage to only those operations that are compatible with an output-only usage: OPEN OUTPUT or EXTEND, WRITE, and as a GIVING file in a SORT-MERGE operation.

(9) When INPUT-OUTPUT is specified, the assigned storage medium is DISK with no further restrictions.

E.8. COMPRESSION Clauses (**VXC***OBOL*)

E.8.1 Function

The COMPRESSION clauses enable INFOS space saving.

E.8.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [ \text{KEY COMPRESSION} ] [ \text{DATA COMPRESSION} ] \\ [ \text{COMPRESSION} ] \end{array} \right\}$$

E.8.3 General Rules

- (1) KEY COMPRESSION enables space saving in an INFOS indexed file.
- (2) DATA COMPRESSION enables space saving in an INFOS data file.
- (3) COMPRESSION enables both KEY COMPRESSION and DATA COMPRESSION.
- (4) U/FOS ignores the KEY COMPRESSION clause and the implied key compression in the COMPRESSION clause.

E.9. DELETE LOGICAL/PHYSICAL Clause (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

E.9.1 Function

The DELETE LOGICAL/PHYSICAL clause specifies whether DELETE record operations should be either logical (thus allowing the record to be UNDELETE'd) or physical (allowing reuse of the record area for a new record and thus NOT allowing an UNDELETE). DELETE LOGICAL/PHYSICAL is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.9.2 General Format

DELETE IS { LOGICAL }  
                  { PHYSICAL }

E.9.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The DELETE clause applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM (relative and indexed) files.

E.9.4 General Rules

(1) The DELETE clause specifies the value of the "delete-is-physical" attribute in version 7 or greater ICISAM files and controls the default behavior for record deletions. If the DELETE IS LOGICAL clause is specified, a deleted record is retained in the file and is simply flagged as being deleted. It may be undeleted. If DELETE IS PHYSICAL is specified, the space used by the deleted record is made available for reuse. The record may not be undeleted. The default behavior may be overridden by including the LOGICAL or PHYSICAL phrases on the DELETE statement.

(2) If this clause is specified and an existing file is opened, the value of the specification must agree with the value of the file's "delete-is-physical" attribute.

- (3) If this clause is omitted and a file is created, the default is DELETE IS LOGICAL.



E.10. FILE STATUS Clause

E.10.1 Function

The FILE STATUS clause specifies a data item which contains the status of an input-output operation.

E.10.2 General Format

FILE STATUS IS *data-name*

E.10.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Data-name* may be qualified.

(2) *Data-name* must be defined in the Data Division as a two-character data item of the category alphanumeric and must not be defined in the File Section.

E.10.4 General Rules

(1) If the FILE STATUS clause is specified, the data item referenced by *data-name* is always updated to contain the value of the I-O status whenever the I-O status is updated. This value indicates the status of execution of the statement. See I-O Status, page [267](#) or the APPENDIX on FILE STATUS codes for the values.

(2) The data item referenced by *data-name* which is updated during the execution of an input-output statement is the one specified in the file control entry associated with that statement.

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(3) If either FILE STATUS or INFOS STATUS clause is specified for a file, then even if there is no declaratives to trap an exception, the program proceeds. Only if there is neither a FILE STATUS nor INFOS STATUS nor a declaratives entry will the program abort with a Fatal Error.

(4) FILE STATUS and INFOS STATUS are updated at the same time.

(5) INFOS STATUS values are either an octal number representing an INFOS or AOS/VS compatible error code or a string beginning with an 'X' followed by a decimal number representing an exception status code.

E.11. INDEX SIZE, DATA SIZE Clauses

E.11.1 Function

These clauses are comment fields. They allow older programs with these clauses to compile without errors. INDEX SIZE and DATA SIZE are extensions to ANSI COBOL.

E.11.2 General Format

DATA SIZE is *integer*  
INDEX SIZE is *integer*

E.11.3 General Rules

- (1) The INDEX clause can only be used for relative, indexed, and INFOS files.
- (2) The DATA SIZE and INDEX SIZE clauses are used for documentation purposes only.

E.12. INFOS STATUS Clause (**VXC***OBOL*)

E.12.1 Function

The INFOS STATUS clause specifies a data item which contains the INFOS status of an input-output operation.

E.12.2 General Format

INFOS STATUS IS *data-name*

E.12.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Data-name* may be qualified.
- (2) *Data-name* must be defined in the Data Division as a four-character to eleven-character data item of the category alphanumeric and must not be defined in the File Section.

E.12.4 General Rules

- (1) If the INFOS STATUS clause is specified, the data item referenced by *data-name* is always updated to contain the value of the INFOS STATUS whenever the status is updated. This value indicates the status of execution of the statement.
- (2) The data item referenced by *data-name* which is updated during the execution of an input-output statement is the one specified in the file control entry associated with that statement.
- (3) If either a FILE STATUS or INFOS STATUS clause is specified for a file, then even if there is no declaratives to trap an exception, the program proceeds. Only if there is neither a FILE STATUS nor INFOS STATUS nor a declaratives entry will the program abort with a Fatal Error.
- (4) FILE STATUS and INFOS STATUS are updated at the same time.
- (5) INFOS STATUS values are either an octal number representing an INFOS or AOS/VS compatible error code or a string beginning with an 'X' followed by a decimal number representing an exception status code.

E.13. ORGANIZATION Clause

E.13.1 Function

The ORGANIZATION clause specifies the type (sequential, relative, or indexed) of organization as the logical structure of a file and, for sequential files, may also imply information about the record format.

E.13.2 General Format

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**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 Sequential File:**

[ ORGANIZATION IS ] [  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE} \\ \text{BINARY} \end{array} \right\}$  ] SEQUENTIAL

**Others:**

[ ORGANIZATION IS ] {  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SEQUENTIAL} \\ \text{RELATIVE} \\ \text{INDEXED} \end{array} \right\}$  }

E.13.3 General Rules

(1) The ORGANIZATION IS SEQUENTIAL clause specifies sequential organization as the logical structure of a file. The file organization is established at the time a file is created and cannot subsequently be changed.

(2) Sequential organization is a permanent logical file structure in which a record is identified by a predecessor-successor relationship established when the record is placed into the file.

(3) The ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL clause specifies sequential organization and it specifies that the record format is data sensitive. If the ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL clause is specified, the RECORDING MODE clause of the file's FD may not be specified.

(4) The ORGANIZATION IS BINARY SEQUENTIAL clause specifies sequential organization and it specifies that the record format is binary and not data-sensitive. If the ORGANIZATION IS BINARY SEQUENTIAL clause is specified, the RECORDING MODE clause of the file's FD may not be specified.

(5) When the ORGANIZATION clause is not specified, sequential organization is implied (without the optional LINE or BINARY option).

(6) The ORGANIZATION IS RELATIVE clause specifies relative organization as the logical structure of a file. The file organization is established at the time a file is created and cannot subsequently be changed.

(7) Relative organization is a permanent logical file structure in which each record is uniquely identified by an integer value greater than zero, which specifies the record's logical ordinal position in the file.

(8) The ORGANIZATION IS INDEXED clause specifies indexed organization as the logical structure of a file. The file organization is established at the time a file is created and cannot subsequently be changed. For VXCIBOL, the file may be either an indexed file or INFOS file.

(9) Indexed organization is a permanent logical file structure in which each record is identified by the value of one or more keys within that record.

E.14. QUEUE Clause (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)

E.14.1 Function

The QUEUE clause allows the specification of a destination printer control queue for the sequential file.

E.14.2 General Format

QUEUE IS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} integer \\ identifier \end{array} \right\}$

E.14.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *integer* must be in the range 0 through 2047 inclusive. (Was 127 in pre-3.30 versions).
- (2) *identifier* may be qualified, but may not be subscripted.
- (3) *identifier* must be defined in the Data Division as an integer data-item and must not be defined in the File Section.

E.14.4 General Rules

- (1) If *identifier* is specified, its value must be in the range 0 through 2047 inclusive.
- (2) The value specified in *identifier* is used to represent a particular printer control queue (PCQ). Zero identifies @PCQ0, one identifies @PCQ1, two identifies @PCQ2, etc. The name of the specified file will be entered into that queue.
- (3) At runtime, the selected queue should correspond to a queue which is available.

E.15. RECORD DELIMITER Clause (*ANSI 74* and *ANSI 85*)

E.15.1 Function

The RECORD DELIMITER clause indicates the method of determining the length of a variable-length record on the external medium.

E.15.2 General Format

RECORD DELIMITER IS { STANDARD-1  
BINARY LENGTH  
ASCII LENGTH  
SIZE  
DATA-SENSITIVE [ DELIMITER INTO identifier-1 ]  
literal [ DELIMITER INTO identifier-2 ] }

E.15.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The RECORD DELIMITER clause may be specified only for sequential files that have variable-length records. Such a file contains the RECORD IS VARYING clause in the FD.
- (2) If the RECORD DELIMITER clause is absent and RECORD IS VARYING is specified, the implied RECORD DELIMITER for a file with LINE SEQUENTIAL organization is DATA-SENSITIVE, and for others is BINARY LENGTH.
- (3) If the RECORD DELIMITER clause is specified, the RECORDING MODE clause of the file's FD may not be specified.
- (4) *identifier-1* must be a 2-byte alphanumeric data-item, not defined in the FILE Section.
- (5) *identifier-2* must be a 1-byte alphanumeric data-item not defined in the FILE Section.

E.15.4 General Rules

- (1) The RECORD DELIMITER options are described below:
  - a. STANDARD-1 is for documentation purposes only and is processed in the same manner as SIZE.
  - b. BINARY LENGTH indicates the presence of a record header with the length of the record stored as a 2-byte big-endian unsigned binary value. This is the traditional **ICOBOL** format. The stored length does not include the length of the header. The BINARY LENGTH option may not be specified if the organization is LINE SEQUENTIAL.
  - c. ASCII LENGTH indicates the presence of a record header with the length of the record stored as 4 ASCII digits. This is the traditional **VXCOBOL** and AOS/VS format. The stored length includes the 4 bytes occupied by the header. The ASCII LENGTH option may not be specified if the organization is LINE SEQUENTIAL.
  - d. SIZE indicates that the size of the record is determined completely by the record length requested. The file itself has no underlying structure and is simply a stream of bytes. If RECORD DELIMITER IS SIZE is specified, then the RECORD IS VARYING clause must include a DEPENDING ON id from which the record's size is obtained for both read and write operations. The SIZE option may not be specified if the organization is LINE SEQUENTIAL.

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e. **DATA-SENSITIVE** indicates that the size of the record is determined by the presence of a delimiter from the set NL, CR, FF, NUL and the CR-NL pair. On WRITE operations, the length of the record is the minimum of that which is explicitly specified in the RECORD IS VARYING clause and the size determined due to the presence of a delimiter within the record itself. If a delimiter is in the record, it is emitted on the WRITE. Otherwise, the standard delimiter for the operating system is emitted, i.e. NL **on Linux** and the CR-NL pair **on Windows**. For READ operations with the ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD phrase, the delimiter is included in the record area. If the DELIMITER INTO phrase is present, the delimiter is stored in the identifier. (The delimiter will be stored with a LOW-VALUE as its second character if it is any delimiter other than the CR-NL pair.) The DATA-SENSITIVE option may not be specified if the organization is BINARY SEQUENTIAL.

f. *Literal* is an alphanumeric literal in which each character serves as a record delimiter. On WRITE operations, the length of the record is the minimum of that which is explicitly specified in the RECORD IS VARYING clause and the size determined due to the presence of a delimiter within the record itself. If a delimiter is in the record it is emitted on the WRITE. Otherwise, the character from the literal with the lowest ASCII value is emitted as the record delimiter. For READ operations with the ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD phrase, the delimiter is included in the record area in other cases it is not. If the DELIMITER INTO phrase is present, the delimiter is stored in the identifier. The *Literal* option may not be specified if the organization is BINARY SEQUENTIAL.

(2) At the time of a successful execution of an OPEN statement, the record delimiter is the one specified in the RECORD DELIMITER clause in the file control entry associated with the file-name specified in the OPEN statement.

E.16. RECORD KEY Clause

E.16.1 Function

The RECORD KEY clause specifies the primary record key access path to the records in an indexed file. For an INFOS file, it specifies the valid indexes for this file. The ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER, PLUS, VALUES ARE, KEY LENGTH, and OCCURRENCE phrases are extensions to ANSI COBOL.

E.16.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

RECORD KEY IS *id-1* [ = *id-2* PLUS { *id-3* }... ] [ ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER ]  
[ VALUES ARE { ASCENDING }  
{ DESCENDING } ]

E.16.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

**Indexed:**

RECORD { KEY IS }  
{ KEYS ARE } *data-name-1* [ KEY LENGTH IS *literal-1* ]

**INFOS:**

RECORD { KEY IS } { *data-name-1*  
{ KEYS ARE } { *data-name-1*  
[ KEY LENGTH IS { *identifier-1* }  
{ *literal-1* } ]  
[ WITH DUPLICATES [ OCCURRENCE IS *identifier-2* ] ] }...

E.16.4 Syntax Rules (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

(1) The phrases following the RECORD KEY clause (ORDER BY and VALUES ARE) may be specified in any order.

(2) If *id-2* is not specified, *id-1* may be qualified and must reference a data-item of category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the RECORD KEY is subordinate. *Id-1* must not reference a group item which contains a variable occurrence data item.

If *id-2* is specified, *id-1* must be a unique word within the program and is not defined elsewhere. *Id-1* may be referenced only in the KEY IS phrases of the READ or START statements.

(3) Each instance of *id-2* or *id-3* must reference a data-item of category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the RECORD KEY is subordinate. No occurrence of *id-2* or *id-3* may reference a group item which contains a variable occurrence data item.

(4) If *id-2* is not specified, the length of *id-1* may not exceed 255 bytes for indexed files.

If *id-2* is specified, each instance of *id-2* and *id-3* must have a length that does not exceed 255 bytes. The sum of the lengths of *id-2* and each *id-3* must not exceed 255 bytes.

(5) Within the record definition the byte positions of *id-2* and each *id-3* must be disjoint, i.e., they may not overlap.



(6) *id-3* may be specified at most three(3) times.

(7) If the indexed file contains variable length records, *id-1* or all occurrences of *id-2* and *id-3* must be contained in the first x character positions of the record where x equals the minimum record size specified for the file.

#### E.16.5 Syntax Rules (**VXCOBOL**)

(1) *Data-name-1* may be qualified.

(2) For indexed files, *data-name-1* must reference a data item of the category alphanumeric within a record description entry associated with the file-name to which the RECORD KEY clause is subordinate. *Data-name-1* must not reference a group item that contains a variable occurrence data item.

(3) *Identifier-1* or *literal-1* specifies the length of the associated key. *Identifier-1* must be an unsigned integer data item and *literal-1* must be a positive integer literal. If neither is specified, the key length defaults to be the length of the item referenced by *data-name-1*. When used with an indexed file, *literal-1* must be exactly equal to the length of the item referenced by *data-name-1*.

(4) *Identifier-2* is an unsigned integer or alphanumeric data item that receives an occurrence number. It can hold up to 10 digits (PIC 9(10)). It must be defined in Working-Storage.

(5) If the indexed file contains variable length records, *data-name-1* must be contained within the maximum record size number of characters. If *data-name-1* is not contained within the specified minimum record size, the minimum record size will be adjusted upward to contain *data-name-1*.

#### E.16.5 General Rules (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

(1) The RECORD KEY clause specifies the primary key record key for the file with which this clause is associated. The values of the primary key must be unique among all records of the file. The record key may consist of a single data-item (*id-1* with no additional phrases). It may also be a composite key (identified by the key name *id-1*) defined as a root key (*id-2*) plus one or more key suffixes (*id-3*). The value of a composite primary key is determined by appending the values of the root key and each key suffix together in the order in which they appear in the RECORD KEY clause.

(2) The data description and relative location within a record of *id-1* (if it is used alone) and of *id-2* and each *id-3* must be the same as that used when the file was created.

(3) If the file has more than one record description entry, *id-1* (if it is used alone) or *id-2* and each *id-3* need only be described in one of these record description entries. In all cases, the identical character positions referenced by *id-1* (if it is used alone), *id-2*, and each *id-3* that appear in one record description are implicitly referenced as keys for all other record description entries of that file.

(4) The ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files. It specifies that all values for this alternate key are entered into the index as uppercase only. Lookups for this key path will be performed in uppercase. The effect is that the keys on this key path are processed in a case insensitive manner. If ORDER BY ALPHABETIC-UPPER is not present, then key values are entered and looked up as they appear in the record.

(5) The VALUES ARE phrase is used to specify the order in which key values are entered into the index. If the ASCENDING phrase is specified, key values are entered in ascending order. That is, key values appear with increasing values. If the DESCENDING phrase is specified, key values are entered in descending order. That is, key values appear with decreasing values -- in reverse sequential order. If the VALUES ARE phrase is not present, VALUES ARE ASCENDING is implied. This phrase applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files.

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(6) If the associated file connector is an external file connector, all file description entries in the run unit which are associated with that file connector must specify the same data description entry for *data-name-1* with the same relative location within the associated record.

### E.16.7 General Rules (**VXCOBOL**)

(1) For indexed, the RECORD KEY clause specifies the primary record key for the file with which this clause is associated. The values of the primary record key must be unique among records of the file. For INFOS, the RECORD KEY clause specifies a list of data-items which may be used as keys. These items may occur in any order and there may be more or less keys specified that subindex levels in the file.

(2) For indexed, the data description of *data-name-1* as well as its relative location within a record must be the same as that used when the file was created.

(3) For indexed, if the file has more than one record description entry, *data-name-1* need only be described in one of these record description entries. The identical character positions referenced by *data-name-1* in any one record description entry are implicitly referenced as keys for all other record description entries of that file.

(4) For INFOS, if *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is given, then on an open of a file for output, that value is the maximum key length for the main level, on a WRITE statement the value represents the number of characters in *data-name-1* that will be stored as the value of that record's index, and when you specify a READ with a GENERIC clause, the value represents the number of characters in *data-name-1* that must be matched in order to access a given record.

(5) If you use the OCCURRENCE clause, an occurrence number is assigned for each duplicate key. With INFOS II, occurrence numbers are only unique within a subindex. With U/FOS, occurrence numbers are unique through the entire database.

(6) The occurrence number and length of a key can be obtained by issuing a RETRIEVE KEY statement.

(7) After a WRITE or a RETRIEVE statement, the occurrence number associated with the first key named in the SELECT is updated.

(8) If the associated file connector is an external file connector, all file description entries in the run unit which are associated with that file connector must specify the same data description entry for *data-name-1* with the same relative location within the associated record.

E.17. RESERVE Clause (**VXC***OBOL*)

(Documentation only)

E.17.1 Function

The RESERVE clause allows the user to specify the number of input-output areas allocated.

E.17.2 General Format

**Sequential and Relative:**

d RESERVE *integer* [ AREA  
AREAS ]

**Indexed and INFOS:**

d RESERVE *integer* DATA [ AREA  
AREAS ]

d RESERVE *integer* INDEX [ AREA  
AREAS ]

E.17.3 General Rules

(1) Under **ICOBOL**, the RESERVE clause is used for documentation only. **ICOBOL** buffers sequential disk files as part of its implementation.



E.19. SAME Clause

E.19.1 Function

The SAME clause specifies the memory area which is to be shared by different files.

E.19.2 General Format

$$\underline{\text{SAME}} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{RECORD} \\ \text{SORT} \\ \text{SORT-MERGE} \end{array} \right] \text{AREA FOR } \textit{file-name-1} \{ \textit{file-name-2} \} \dots$$

E.19.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name-1* and *file-name-2* must be specified in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph of the same program.
- (2) More than one SAME clause may be included in the program, subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. A file-name must not appear in more than one SAME AREA clause.
  - b. A file-name must not appear in more than one SAME RECORD AREA clause.
- (3) The files referenced in the SAME AREA or SAME RECORD AREA clause need not all have the same organization or access.
- (4) SORT and SORT-MERGE are equivalent.
- (5) A file-name that represents a sort or merge file must not appear in the SAME clause unless the SORT, SORT-MERGE, or RECORD phrase is used, i.e. it may not appear in a SAME AREA clause.
- (6) *filename-1* and *filename-2* may not reference external file connectors.

E.19.4 General Rules

- (1) The SAME AREA clause is for documentation purposes only. We recommend that you remove them or make them comment lines.
- (2) The SAME RECORD AREA clause specifies that two or more files referenced by *file-name-1*, *file-name-2* are to use the same memory area for processing of the current logical record. All of these files may be in the open mode at the same time. A logical record in the SAME RECORD AREA is considered as a logical record of each file open in the output mode whose file-name appears in this SAME RECORD AREA clause and of the most recently read file open in the input mode whose file-name appears an this SAME RECORD AREA clause. This is equivalent to an implicit redefinition of the area, i.e., records are aligned on the left-most character position.
- (3) If the SAME SORT AREA or SAME SORT-MERGE AREA is used, at least one of the file-names must represent a sort or merge file. The SAME SORT AREA and SAME SORT-MERGE AREA clause is for documentation purposes only. We recommend that you remove them or make them comment lines.



## V. DATA DIVISION

### A. General Description

The Data Division describes the data that is to be processed by the object program. The Data Division is optional in a COBOL source program.

### B. Concepts

To make data as computer-independent as possible, the characteristics or properties of the data are described in relation to a standard data format rather than an equipment-oriented format. This standard data format is oriented to general data processing applications and uses the decimal system to represent numbers (regardless of the radix used by the computer) and all characters of the COBOL character set to describe nonnumeric data items.

#### B.1. Logical Record Concept

In order to separate the logical characteristics of data from the physical characteristics of the data storage media, separate clauses or phrases are used. The following paragraphs discuss the characteristics of files.

##### B.1.1 Physical Aspects of a File

The physical aspects of a file describe the data as it appears on the input or output media and includes the means by which the file can be identified.

##### B.1.2 Conceptual Characteristics of a File

The conceptual characteristics of a file are the explicit definition of each logical entity within the file itself. In a COBOL program, the input or output statements refer to one logical record.

A COBOL logical record is a group of related information, uniquely identifiable, and treated as a unit,

In this document, references to records mean references to logical records.

The concept of a logical record is not restricted to file data but is carried over into the definition of working storage. Thus, working storage is grouped into logical records and defined by a series of record description entries.

##### B.1.3 Record Concepts

The record description consists of a set of data description entries which describe the characteristics of a particular record. Each data description entry consists of a level-number followed by a data-name, if required, followed by a series of independent clauses, as required.

#### B.2. Concept of Levels

A level concept is inherent in the structure of a logical record. This concept arises from the need to specify subdivision of a record for the purpose of data reference. Once a subdivision has been specified, it may be further subdivided to permit more detailed data referral.

The most basic subdivisions of a record, that is, those not further subdivided, are called elementary items; consequently, a record is said to consist of a sequence of elementary items, or the record itself may be an elementary item.

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In order to refer to a set of elementary items, the elementary items are combined into groups. Each group consists of a named sequence of one or more elementary items. Groups, in turn, may be combined into groups of two or more groups, etc. Thus, an elementary item may belong to more than one group.

### B.2.1 Level-Numbers

A system of level-numbers shows the organization of elementary items and group items. Since records are the most inclusive data items, level-numbers for records start at 01. Less inclusive data items are assigned higher (not necessarily successive) level-numbers not greater in value than 49. There are special level-numbers, 66, 77, and 88, which are exceptions to this rule (see below). Separate entries are written in the source program for each level-number used.

A group includes all group and elementary items following it until a level-number less than or equal to the level-number of that group is encountered. All items which are immediately subordinate to a given group item must be described using identical level-numbers greater than the level-number used to describe that group item.

Three types of entries exist for which there is no true concept of level. These are:

(1) Entries that specify elementary items or groups introduced by a RENAME clause. Entries describing items by means of RENAME clauses for the purpose of re-grouping data items have been assigned the special level-number 66.

(2) Entries that specify noncontiguous working storage and linkage data items. Entries that specify noncontiguous data items, which are not subdivisions of other items, and are not, themselves, subdivided, have been assigned the special level-number 77.

(3) Entries that specify condition-names. Entries that specify condition-names, to be associated with particular values of a conditional variable, have been assigned the special level-number 88.

### B.3. Concept of Class and Category of Data

Every elementary data item, every literal, and every identifier has a class and a category. The class and category of a data item are defined by its picture character-string, by the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause, or by its usage. The class and category of an identifier are the class and category of the unique data item referenced by that identifier, as defined in the section on identifiers on page [133](#). The class and category of a literal are defined in the section on literals beginning on page [47](#). The following table depicts the relationship of the class and categories of data items.

The class and category of a group item is alphanumeric.

**(ISQL)** The class and category of an item with usage CHARACTER is alphanumeric; and the class and category of an item with usage INTEGER, SMALLINT, or NUMERIC is numeric.



## DATA DIVISION - Concepts (Character Representation)

LEVEL OF ITEM	CLASS	CATEGORY
Elementary	Alphabetic Numeric Alphanumeric " " Index Date-Time** " " Interval** " Indicator**	Alphabetic Numeric Numeric edited Alphanumeric edited Alphanumeric Index Date** Time** Timestamp** Year-to-Month** Day-to-Time** Indicator**
Nonelementary (group)	Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric
	** <i>ISQL</i> only	** <i>ISQL</i> only

TABLE 2. Relationship of the Class and Categories of Data Items

### B.4. Selection of Character Representation and Radix

The value of a numeric item may be represented in either binary or decimal form depending on the equipment. In addition there are several ways of expressing decimal. Since these representations are actually combinations of bits, they are commonly called binary-coded decimal forms. The selection of radix is generally dependent upon the arithmetic capability of the computer. If more than one arithmetic radix is provided, the selection is dependent upon the specification of the USAGE clause.

The size of an elementary data item or a group item is the number of characters in standard data format of the item. Synchronization and usage may cause a difference between this size and that required for internal representation.

### B.5. Algebraic Signs

Algebraic signs fall into two categories: operational signs, which are associated with signed numeric data items and signed numeric literals to indicate their algebraic properties; and editing signs, which appear, for example on edited reports to identify the sign of the item.

The SIGN clause permits the programmer to state explicitly the location of the operational sign. This clause is optional; if it is not used, operational signs will be represented as defined by **ICOBOL**. See The USAGE clause, pages [195](#), [198](#), [233](#).

Editing signs are inserted into a data item through the use of the sign control symbols of the PICTURE clause.

### B.6. Standard Alignment Rules

The standard rules for positioning data within an elementary item depend on the category of the receiving item. These rules are:

- (1) If the receiving data item is described as numeric:
  - a. The data is aligned by decimal point and is moved to the receiving digit positions with zero fill or truncation on either end as required.
  - b. When an assumed decimal point is not explicitly specified, the data item is treated as if it has an assumed decimal point immediately following its right-most digit and is aligned as in paragraph 1a.
- (2) If the receiving data item is a numeric edited data item, the data moved to the edited data item is aligned by decimal point with zero fill or truncation at either end as required within the receiving character positions of the data item, except where editing requirements cause replacement of the leading zeros.

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(3) If the receiving data item is alphanumeric (other than a numeric edited data item), alphanumeric edited, or alphabetic, the sending data is moved to the receiving character positions and aligned at the left-most character position in the data item with space fill or truncation to the right, as required.

If the JUSTIFIED clause is specified for the receiving item, these standard rules are modified.

(4) (**ISQL**) If the receiving data item is an interval, the data is aligned by the fields that compose the interval with re-computation of high-order fields or truncation of low order fields as necessary. With regard to fractional seconds, the seconds and fractional seconds are treated as a standard numeric data item with regard to alignment. For example, moving INTERVAL "48:12:13.1234" HOUR TO SECOND interval to INTERVAL DAY TO MINUTE will result in the value INTERVAL "2 0:12" DAY TO MINUTE, where the high-order is re-computed and the low-order is truncated.

### B.7. Item Alignment for Increased Object-Code Efficiency

Some computer memories are organized in such a way that there are natural addressing boundaries in the computer memory (e.g., word boundaries, half-word boundaries, byte boundaries). The way in which data is stored is determined by the object program, and need not respect these natural boundaries.

However, certain uses of data (e.g., in arithmetic operations or in subscripting) may be facilitated if the data is stored so as to be aligned on these natural boundaries. Specifically, additional machine operations in the object program may be required for the accessing and storage of data if portions of two or more data items appear between adjacent natural boundaries, or if certain natural boundaries bifurcate a single data item.

Data items which are aligned on these natural boundaries in such a way as to avoid such additional machine operations are defined to be synchronized.

Synchronization can be accomplished in two ways:

(1) By use of the SYNCHRONIZED clause.

(2) By recognizing the appropriate natural boundaries and organizing the data suitably without the use of the SYNCHRONIZED clause.

**ICOBOL** treats the SYNCHRONIZED clause as documentation. However, it aligns each 77 and 01 level item on an even byte address. (This default alignment can be altered with the -B compiler switch to select 1, 2, or 4 byte alignment.)

### B.8. Table Handling

Tables of data are common components of business data processing problems. Although the repeating items that make up a table could be otherwise described by a series of separate data description entries all having the same level-number and all subordinate to the same group item, there are two reasons why this approach is not satisfactory. First, from a documentation standpoint, the underlying homogeneity of the items would not be readily apparent; and second, the problem of making available an individual element of such a table would be severe when there is a decision as to which element is to be made available at object time.

Tables of data items are defined in COBOL by including the OCCURS clause in their data description entries. This clause specifies that the item is to be repeated as many times as stated. The item is considered to be a table element and its name and description apply to each repetition or occurrence. Since each occurrence of a table element does not have assigned to it a unique data-name, reference to a desired occurrence may be made only by specifying the data-name of the table element together with the occurrence number of the desired table element. The occurrence number is known as a subscript.

The number of occurrences of a table element may be specified to be fixed or variable.

**(ISQL)** An SQL table is very similar to a simple two-dimensional data table in COBOL. It can be defined quite simply as one or more columns and zero or more rows with each row containing one elementary value for each column.

### B.8.1 Table Definition

To define a one-dimensional table, the programmer uses an OCCURS clause as part of the data description of the table element, but the OCCURS clause must not appear in the description of group items which contain the table element. The following example shows a one-dimensional table defined by the item TABLE-ELEMENT.

```
01 TABLE-1.
   02 TABLE-ELEMENT OCCURS 20 TIMES.
      03 DOG...
      03 FOX...
```

EXAMPLE 7. Definition for a one-dimensional table

In the next example, TABLE-ELEMENT defines a one-dimensional table, but DOG does not since there is an OCCURS clause in the description of the group item (TABLE-ELEMENT) which contains DOG.

```
02 TABLE-1.
   03 TABLE-ELEMENT OCCURS 20 TIMES.
      04 DOG OCCURS 5 TIMES.
         05 EASY...
         05 FOX...
```

EXAMPLE 8. Another one-dimensional table

In both of the two previous examples, the complete set of occurrences of TABLE-ELEMENT has been assigned the name TABLE-1. However, it is not necessary to give a group name to the table unless it is desired to refer to the complete table as a group item.

None of the three one-dimensional tables which appear in the following two examples has a group name.

**Example 9A:**

```
01 ABLE.
   02 BAKER...
   02 CHARLIE OCCURS 20 TIMES...
   02 DOG...
```

**Example 9B:**

```
01 ABLE.
   02 BAKER OCCURS 20 TIMES...
   02 CHARLIE...
   02 DOG OCCURS 5 TIMES...
```

EXAMPLE 9. Three one-dimensional tables without group names

Defining a one-dimensional table within each occurrence of an element of another one-dimensional table gives rise to a two-dimensional table. To define a two-dimensional table, then, an OCCURS clause must appear in the data description of the element of the table, and in the description of only one group item which contains that table element. Thus, in the next example, DOG is an element of a two-dimensional table; it occurs 5 times within each element of the item BAKER which itself occurs 20 times. BAKER is an element of a one dimensional table.

```
01 ABLE.  
  02 BAKER OCCURS 20 TIMES...  
  03 CHARLIE...  
  03 DOG OCCURS 5 TIMES...
```

EXAMPLE 10. Definition for a two-dimensional table

In the general case, to define an n-dimensional table, the OCCURS clause should appear in the data description of the element of the table and in the descriptions of (n - 1) group items which contain the element.

B.8.2 Initial Values of Tables

In the Working-Storage Section, initial values of elements within tables are specified in one of the following ways:

(1) The table may be described as a series of separate data description entries all subordinate to the same group item, each of which specifies the value of an element, or part of an element, of the table. In defining the record and its elements, any data description clause (USAGE, PICTURE, etc.) may be used to complete the definition, where required. The hierarchical structure of the table is then shown by use of the REDEFINES entry and its associated subordinate entries. The subordinate entries, following the REDEFINES entry, which are repeated due to OCCURS clauses, must not contain VALUE clauses.

(2) All the dimensions of a table may be initialized by associating the VALUE clause with the description of the entry defining the entire table. The lower level entries will show the hierarchical structure of the table; lower level entries must not contain VALUE clauses.

(3) The value of selected table elements may be specified using VALUE clauses.

B.8.3 References to Table Items

Whenever the user references a table element or a condition-name associated with a table element, the reference must indicate which occurrence of the element is intended. For access to a one-dimensional table the occurrence number of the desired element provides complete information. For tables of more than one dimension, an occurrence number must be supplied for each dimension of the table. In the previous example, then, a reference to the fourth BAKER or the fourth CHARLIE would be complete, whereas a reference to the fourth DOG would not. To reference DOG, which is an element of a two-dimensional table, the user must reference, for example, the fourth DOG in the fifth BAKER.

```
01 ABLE.  
  02 BAKER OCCURS 20 TIMES...  
  03 CHARLIE...  
  03 DOG OCCURS 5 TIMES...  
  
Invalid (DOG needs 2 subscripts):  
  
  DISPLAY BAKER(4) CHARLIE(4) DOG(4) .  
  
Valid:  
  DISPLAY BAKER(4) CHARLIE(4) DOG(5,4) .
```

EXAMPLE 11. Referencing single- and multi-dimensional table elements

#### B.8.4 Subscripting

Occurrence numbers are specified by appending one or more subscripts to the data-name.

The subscript can be represented either by an integer, a data-name which references an integer numeric elementary item, or an index-name associated with the table. A data-name or index-name may be followed by either the operator + or the operator - and an integer, which is used as an increment or decrement, respectively. It is permissible to mix integers, data-names, and index-names. In addition to these standard subscripting options, **ICOBOL** allows any arithmetic expression which evaluates to a positive integer to be used as a subscript.

The subscripts, enclosed in parentheses, are written immediately following any qualification for the name of the table element. The number of subscripts in such a reference must equal the number of dimensions in the table whose element is being referenced. That is, there must be a subscript for each OCCURS clause in the hierarchy containing the data-name including the data-name itself.

When more than one subscript is required, they are written in the order of successively less inclusive dimensions of the data organization. If a multi-dimensional table is thought of as a series of nested tables and the most inclusive or outermost table in the nest is considered to be the major table with the innermost or least inclusive table being the minor table, the subscripts are written from left to right in the order major, intermediate, and minor.

A reference to an item must not be subscripted if the item is not a table element or an item or condition-name within a table element.

The lowest permissible occurrence number is 1. The highest permissible occurrence number in any particular case is the maximum number of occurrences of the item as specified in the OCCURS clause.

##### B.8.4.1 Subscripting Using Integers or Data-Names

When an integer or data-name is used to represent a subscript, it may be used to reference items within different tables. These tables need not have elements of the same size. The same integer or data-name may appear as the only subscript with one item and as one of two or more subscripts with another item.

##### B.8.4.2 Subscripting Using Index-Names

In order to facilitate such operations as table searching and manipulating specific items, a technique called indexing is available. To use this technique, the programmer assigns one or more index-names to an item whose data description entry contains an OCCURS clause. An index associated with an index-name acts as a subscript, and its value corresponds to an occurrence number for the item to which the index-name is associated.

The INDEXED BY phrase, by which the index-name is identified and associated with its table, is an optional part of the OCCURS clause. There is no separate entry to describe the index associated with index-name since its definition is completely hardware oriented. At object time the contents of the index correspond to an occurrence number for that specific dimension of the table with which the index is associated. The initial value of an index at object time is undefined, and the index must be initialized before use. The initial value of an index is assigned with the PERFORM statement with the VARYING phrase, the SEARCH statement with the ALL phrase, or the SET statement.

The use of an arithmetic-expression or data-name as a subscript referencing a table element or an item within a table element does not cause the alteration of any index associated with that table.

An index-name can be used to reference only the table to which it is associated via the INDEXED BY phrase.

Relative indexing is an additional option for making references to a table element or to an item within a table element. When the name of a table element is followed by a subscript of the form (index-name + or - integer), the occurrence number required to complete the reference is the same as if index-name were set up or down by integer via the SET statement before the reference. The use of relative indexing does not cause the object program to alter the value of the index.

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The following example illustrates the subscripts needed for various elements in an example table.

### EXAMPLE 12. Referencing elements in 1-, 2-, and 3-dimensional tables

```
Consider the following data definition:

02 XCOUNTER...

02 BAKER OCCURS 20 TIMES INDEXED BY BAKER-INDEX...
03 CHARLIE...
03 DOG OCCURS 5 TIMES...
04 EASY
88 MAX VALUE IS...
04 FOX...
05 GEORGE OCCURS 10 TIMES...
06 HARRY...
06 JIM...

The number of subscripts required to reference various table
elements is as follows, with an example for each:

1 subscript:  BAKER(20)
              CHARLIE(12)

2 subscripts: DOG(20,5)
              EASY(5,5)
              MAX(11,3)
              FOX(5,1)

3 subscripts: GEORGE(20,5,10)
              HARRY(5,5,5)
              JIM(12,1,1)
```

## B.9. Uniqueness of Reference

The purpose of every user-defined name in a COBOL program is to name a resource that is to be used in solving a data processing problem. (See User-defined words, on page 44.) In order to use a resource, a statement in a COBOL program must contain a reference that uniquely identifies the resource. In order to ensure uniqueness of reference, a user-defined name may be qualified, subscripted, or reference modified, as described in the following paragraphs.

When the same name has been assigned in separate programs to two or more occurrences of a resource of a given type, and when qualification by itself does not allow the reference in one of those programs to differentiate between the two identically named resources, then certain conventions which limit the scope of names apply. These conventions ensure that the resource identified is that described in the program containing the reference.

Unless otherwise specified by the rules for a statement, any subscripting and reference modification are evaluated only once as the first operation of the execution of that statement.

### B.9.1 Qualification

Every user-defined name explicitly referenced in a COBOL source program must be uniquely referenced because either:

- (1) No other name has the identical spelling and hyphenation.
- (2) It is unique within the context of a REDEFINES clause.

(3) The name exists within a hierarchy of names such that reference to the name can be made unique by mentioning one or more of the higher level names in the hierarchy.

These higher level names are called qualifiers and this process that specifies uniqueness is called qualification. Identical user-defined names may appear in a source program; however, uniqueness must then be established through qualification for each user-defined name explicitly referenced, except in the case of redefinition. All available qualifiers need not be specified so long as uniqueness is established. The LINAGE-COUNTER identifier requires qualification to provide uniqueness of reference whenever a source program would result in more than one occurrence of the identifier.

Regardless of the above, the same data-name must not be used as the name of an external record and as the name of any other external data item described in any program contained within or containing the program which describes that external data record.

The general formats for qualification are:

**Format 1:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{data-name-1} \\ \text{condition-name} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \text{data-name-2} \right\} \dots \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \text{file-name} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \text{file-name} \right\}$$

**Format 2:**

$$\text{paragraph-name} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \text{section-name}$$

**Format 3:**

$$\text{LINAGE-COUNTER} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \text{file-name}$$

The rules for qualification are as follows:

(1) For each non-unique user-defined name that is explicitly referenced, uniqueness must be established through a sequence of qualifiers which precludes any ambiguity of reference.

(2) A name can be qualified even though it does not need qualification; if there is more than one combination of qualifiers that ensures uniqueness, then any such set can be used.

(3) IN and OF are logically equivalent.

(4) In Format 1, each qualifier must be the name associated with a level indicator, the name of a group item to which the item being qualified is subordinate, or the name of the conditional variable with which the condition-name being qualified is associated. Qualifiers are specified in the order of successively more inclusive levels in the hierarchy.

(5) In Format 1, *data-name-1* or *data-name-2* may be a record-name.

(6) If explicitly referenced, a *paragraph-name* must not be duplicated within a section. When a *paragraph-name* is qualified by a *section-name*, the word SECTION must not appear. A *paragraph-name* need not be qualified when referred to from within the same section.

(7) LINAGE-COUNTER must be qualified each time it is referenced if more than one file description entry containing a LINAGE clause has been specified in the source program.

### B.9.2 Subscripting

#### B.9.2.1 Function

Subscripts are used when reference is made to an individual element within a table of like elements that have not been assigned individual data-names.

#### B.9.2.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{data-name-1} \\ \text{condition-name} \end{array} \right\} \left( \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{data-name-2} \\ \text{index-name} \\ \text{arithmetic-expression} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \{ + \} \\ \{ - \} \end{array} \right] \text{integer-2} \right] \dots \left. \right)$$

#### B.9.2.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The data description entry containing *data-name-1* or the data-name associated with *condition-name* must contain an OCCURS clause or must be subordinate to a data description entry which contains an OCCURS clause.

(2) Except as defined in syntax rule 4, when a reference is made to a table element, the number of subscripts must equal the number of OCCURS clauses in the description of the table element being referenced. When more than one subscript is required, the subscripts are written in the order of successively less inclusive dimensions of the table.

(3) *Index-name* must correspond to a data description entry in the hierarchy of the table being referenced which contains an INDEXED BY phrase specifying that *index-name*.

(4) Each table element reference must be subscripted except when such reference appears:

- a) in a REDEFINES clause.
- b) as subject of a SEARCH statement,
- c) in the KEY IS phrase of an OCCURS clause.

(5) *Data-name-2* may be qualified and must be a numeric elementary item representing an integer.

(6) *Integer-1* may be signed and, if signed, it must be positive.

(7) *Arithmetic-expression* is any arithmetic expression that evaluates to a positive integer not more than the number of occurrences specified in the OCCURS clause(s) associated with the table element being referenced. (Note that all other forms are special cases of the arithmetic expression and are presented only for clarity.)

#### B.9.2.4 General Rules

(1) The value of the subscript must be a positive integer. The lowest possible occurrence number represented by a subscript is 1. The first element of any given dimension of a table is referenced by an occurrence number of 1. Each successive element within that dimension of the table is referenced by occurrence numbers of 2, 3, ... . The highest permissible occurrence number for any given dimension of the table is the maximum number of occurrences of the item as specified in the associated OCCURS clause.

(2) The value of the index referenced by *index-name* corresponds to the occurrence number of an element in the associated table.



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(3) The value of the index referenced by *index-name* must be initialized before it is used as a subscript. An index may be given an initial value by either a PERFORM statement with the VARYING phrase, or a SET statement. An index may be modified only by the PERFORM and SET statements.

(4) If *integer-2* is specified, the value of the subscript is determined by incrementing by the value of *integer-2* (when the operator + is used) or by decrementing by the value of *integer-2* (when the operator - is used) either the occurrence number represented by the value of the index referenced by *index-name* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-2*.

(5) If *arithmetic-expression* is specified, the value of the subscript is determined by evaluating the expression and using this result to specify the occurrence number. This value must evaluate to a positive integer between 1 and the specified maximum for the associated OCCURS clause.

### B.9.3 Identifiers

#### B.9.3.1 Identifier

An identifier is a sequence of character-strings and separators used to reference a data item uniquely.

##### B.9.3.1.1 General format

#### **Format 1 (function-identifier):**

*function-identifier-1*

#### **Format 2 (qualified-data-name-with-subscripts):**

*qualified-data-name-with-subscripts-1*

#### **Format 3 (reference-modification):**

*identifier-1 reference-modifier-1*

#### **Format 4 (predefined-address):**

NULL

#### **Format 5 (address-identifier):**

ADDRESS OF *identifier-1*

#### **Format 6 (qualified-linage-counter):**

LINAGE-COUNTER  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\}$  *filename-1*

#### **Format 7 (sqlstate-identifier):**

SQLSTATE

### Format 8 (length-identifier):

LENGTH OF *identifier-1*

#### B.9.3.1.2 Syntax rules

##### All Formats

(1) Identifier is defined recursively: whenever the format for an identifier allows another identifier to be specified, that other identifier may be any of the formats for an identifier, including the one being defined provided the rules for each format are followed.

##### Format 1

(2) Function-identifier is defined on page [135](#).

##### Format 2

(3) Qualified-data-name-with-subscripts is defined on page [131](#), under Subscripting.

##### Format 3

(4) Reference-modification is defined on page [136](#).

##### Format 4

(5) Predefined-address is defined on page [137](#). This format is not available under *VXCOBOL*.

##### Format 5

(6) Address-identifier is defined on page [137](#), [138](#). This format is not available under *VXCOBOL*.

##### Format 6

(7) Qualified-linage-counter is defined on page [138](#).

##### Format 7

(8) (*ISQL*) Sqlstate-identifier is defined on page [139](#).

##### Format 8

(9) Length-identifier is defined on page [138](#).

#### B.9.3.1.3 General rules

(1) The order in which the various components of an identifier are applied is as follows, with the first to be applied listed first:

- a. a *qualified-data-name-with-subscript*; a *function-identifier* without arguments; a *qualified-linage-counter*, a *sqlstate-identifier* or a predefined address are atomic identifiers
- b. an *address-identifier* or *length-identifier* applies to an identifier on the right
- c. a *function-identifier* with arguments applies the function-name on the left to a list of arguments enclosed

in parentheses on the right

- d. a *reference-modifier* applies to the identifier on the left.

### B.9.3.2 Function-identifier

A *function-identifier* references the unique data item that results from the evaluation of a function.

#### B.9.3.2.1 General format

**FUNCTION** { *intrinsic-function-name-1* } [ ( [ *argument-1*]... ) ]

#### B.9.3.2.2 Syntax rules

- (1) A *function-identifier* shall not be specified as a receiving operand.
- (2) The word **FUNCTION** is required.
- (3) If a function's definition permits arguments and a left parenthesis immediately follows *intrinsic-function-name-1*, the left parenthesis is always treated as the left parenthesis of that function's arguments.

NOTE - For a function that may be referenced either with or without arguments, such as the **RANDOM** function, careful coding is necessary to ensure correct interpretation.

For example, in the following

```
FUNCTION MAX (FUNCTION RANDOM (A) B)
```

'A' is treated as an argument to the **RANDOM** function. If 'A' is instead meant to be a second argument to the **MAX** function, different coding is necessary - either:

```
FUNCTION MAX ( (FUNCTION RANDOM) (A) B)
```

or

```
FUNCTION MAX (FUNCTION RANDOM () A B)
```

or

```
FUNCTION MAX (FUNCTION RANDOM A B) .
```

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- (4) *Argument-1* shall be an identifier, a literal, or an arithmetic expression. Specific rules governing the number, class, and category of *argument-1* are given for intrinsic functions in the definition of that intrinsic function.

- (5) A numeric function shall not be specified where an integer operand is required, even though a particular reference of the numeric function might yield an integer value.

- (6) An integer function other than the integer form of the **ABS** function shall not be specified where an unsigned integer is required.

#### B.9.3.2.3 General rules

- (1) A *function-identifier* references a temporary data item whose value is determined when the function is referenced at runtime.

If *intrinsic-function-name-1* is specified, the temporary data item is an elementary data item whose description and category are specified by the definition of that intrinsic function. The Intrinsic Functions section begins on page [613](#).

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(2) At the time reference is made to a function, its arguments are evaluated individually in the order specified in the list of arguments, from left to right. An argument being evaluated may itself be a function-identifier or may be an expression containing function-identifiers. There is no restriction preventing the function referenced in evaluating an argument from being the same function as that for which the argument is specified. Additional rules for intrinsic functions are given in the definitions for each intrinsic function, beginning on page [613](#).

(3) If a required argument is omitted, the **ICOBOL** compiler gives an error. There is no runtime error for a missing argument.

(4) Evaluation of the function-identifier proceeds as follows:

a. Each *argument-1* is evaluated at the beginning of the evaluation of the function-identifier. If an exception condition exists, no function is activated. If an exception condition does not exist, the values of *argument-1* are made available to the activated function at the time control is transferred to that function.

b. The function specified by the *function-identifier* is made available for execution and control is transferred to the activated function in a manner consistent with the call convention for the function.

c. After control is returned from the activated function, any exception condition (e.g. SIZE ERROR) is propagated from the function and execution continues.

### B.9.3.3 Reference-modifier

Reference modification defines a unique data item by specifying an identifier, a leftmost position, and a length.

#### B.9.3.3.1 General format

*identifier-1* ( *leftmost-position* : [ *length* ] )

#### B.9.3.3.2 Syntax rules

(1) *Identifier-1* shall reference a data item that is an alphanumeric, elementary item, a group item, or a numeric item with USAGE DISPLAY..

(2) If *identifier-1* is a function-identifier, it shall reference an alphanumeric function.

(3) *Identifier-1* shall not be a reference-modification format identifier.

(4) *Leftmost-position* and *length* shall be arithmetic expressions.

(5) Unless otherwise specified, reference modification is allowed anywhere an identifier referencing a data item of class alphanumeric is permitted.

#### B.9.3.3.3 General rules

(1) *Leftmost-position* shall represent an alphanumeric position.

(2) If the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is explicitly or implicitly described as usage DISPLAY and its category is other than alphanumeric, it shall be operated upon for purposes of reference modification as if it were redefined as a data item of class and category alphanumeric of the same size as the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

(3) Each position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is assigned an ordinal number incrementing by one from the leftmost position to the rightmost position. The leftmost position is assigned the ordinal number one. If the

data description entry for *identifier-1* contains a SIGN IS SEPARATE clause, the sign position is assigned an ordinal number within that data item.

(4) Reference modification creates a unique data item that is a subset of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. This unique data item is defined as follows:

a. Positions used in evaluation are character positions.

b. The evaluation of *leftmost-position* specifies the ordinal position of the leftmost character of the unique data item in relation to the leftmost character of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. Evaluation of *leftmost-position* shall result in a positive nonzero integer less than or equal to the number of positions in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

c. The evaluation of *length* specifies the number of character positions of the data item to be used in the operation. The evaluation of *length* shall result in a positive nonzero integer. The sum of *leftmost-position* and *length* minus the value one shall be less than or equal to the number of positions in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. If *length* is not specified, the unique data item extends from and includes the position identified by *leftmost-position* up to and including the rightmost position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

If the evaluation of *leftmost-position* or *length* results in a non-integer value or a value that references a position outside the area of *identifier-1*, the **ICOBOL** runtime system will halt the program executing with an appropriate error.

(5) The unique data item is considered to be an elementary data item without the JUSTIFIED clause. The unique data item has the same class, category, and usage as that defined for *identifier-1*, except that the categories numeric, numeric-edited, and alphanumeric-edited are considered class and category alphanumeric.

#### B.9.3.4 Predefined-address

NULL is a predefined address of class pointer.

##### B.9.3.4.1 General Format

##### NULL

##### B.9.3.4.2 Syntax Rules

(1) This format may be used only as a sending operand in a SET statement, in the VALUE clause of an item with usage POINTER, or in a data-pointer relation-condition.

##### B.9.3.4.3 General Rules

(1) The predefined address NULL references a data item of category data-pointer that contains the null address; i.e., it does not represent the address of any data item.

#### B.9.3.5 Data-address-identifier

A data-address-identifier references the unique data item that contains the address of a data item.

##### B.9.3.5.1 General Format

##### ADDRESS OF *identifier-1*

B.9.3.5.2 Syntax Rules

(1) *Identifier-1* shall reference a data item defined in the file section, working-storage section, or linkage section.

(2) This identifier format shall not be specified as a receiving operand in a SET statement or in a data-pointer relation condition.

B.9.3.5.3 General Rules

(1) Data-address-identifier creates a unique data item of class pointer and category data-pointer that contains the address of *identifier-1*.

B.9.3.6 Length-identifier

A length-identifier references the unique data item that contains the length of a data item.

B.9.3.6.1 General Format

LENGTH OF *identifier-1*

B.9.3.6.2 Syntax Rules

(1) *Identifier-1* shall reference a data item defined in the file section, working-storage section, or linkage section.

(2) This identifier format shall not be specified as a receiving operand in a SET statement or in a data-pointer relation condition.

B.9.3.6.3 General Rules

(1) LENGTH OF references a temporary unsigned integer data item of class and category numeric whose size is equal to the number of character positions in *identifier-1*.

B.9.3.7 LINAGE-COUNTER

The LINAGE-COUNTER identifier is generated by the presence of a LINAGE clause in a file description entry.

B.9.3.7.1 General format

LINAGE-COUNTER  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IN} \\ \text{OF} \end{array} \right\} \textit{filename-1}$

B.9.3.7.2 Syntax rules

(1) LINAGE-COUNTER shall only be referenced in procedure division statements.

(2) The LINAGE-COUNTER identifier shall not be referenced as a receiving operand or as an operand in the USING list of a CALL or CALL PROGRAM statement..

(3) Qualification requirements for LINAGE-COUNTER are defined on page [130](#), under Qualification.

#### B.9.3.7.3 General rules

(1) LINAGE-COUNTER references a temporary unsigned integer data item of class and category numeric whose size is equal to the page size specified in the LINAGE clause.

(2) The semantics of the LINAGE-COUNTER identifier is described on page [159](#), under the LINAGE clause General Rules.

#### B.9.3.8 SQLSTATE (**ISQL**)

The SQLSTATE identifier is generated by the presence of an **ISQL** feature-set. Conceptually it is similar to a FILE STATUS item.

##### B.9.3.8.1 General format

#### SQLSTATE

##### B.9.3.8.2 Syntax rules

(1) SQLSTATE shall only be referenced in procedure division statements.

(2) The SQLSTATE identifier shall not be referenced as a receiving operand or as an operand in the USING list of a CALL or CALL PROGRAM statement.

(3) The SQLSTATE identifier shall not be subscripted, but it may be reference modified.

##### B.9.3.8.3 General rules

(1) SQLSTATE references a predefined data item of class and category alphanumeric whose size is exactly five characters and whose scope is the run unit.

(2) The value of the SQLSTATE data item is initialized to "00000" when the run unit is initialized.

(3) The value of the SQLSTATE data item is modified by the execution of the following **ISQL** statements: CONNECT, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, FETCH, PREPARE, and SET CONNECTION.

(4) The value of the SQLSTATE data item is defined to be composed of a two-character class field followed by a three-character subclass field. Some common class field values are:

- 00 - Successful completion
- 01 - Warning
- 02 - Data not found
- 07 - Dynamic SQL error
- 08 - Connection error
- 0A - Feature not supported
- 21 - Cardinality violation
- 22 - Data exception
- 23 - Constraint violation

- 24 - Invalid cursor
- 25 - Invalid transaction state
- 26 - Invalid SQL identifier
- 40 - Rollback
- 42 - Syntax or access error
- 44 - Check option violation
- HY -
- IC - Generated by ICOBOL ISQL driver
- IM - Generated by ODBC Driver Manager

(5) Some common values and their meaning:

00000 "Success"

### From runtime/ISQL:

- 01000 "General Warning: The statement identifier does not exist"
- 01503 "The number of result columns is larger than the number of INTO items"
- 02000 "No data was affected by the operation"
- 07001 "More data is needed"
- 07001 "The number of USING items is not the same as the number of parameter markers"
- 07004 "The USING clause is required for dynamic parameters"
- 07006 "Restricted data type attribute violation"
- 07500 "Numeric parameter conversion error"
- 07501 "Date parameter conversion error"
- 07502 "Time parameter conversion error"
- 07503 "Timestamp parameter conversion error"
- 07504 "Interval parameter conversion error"
- 08001 "Client unable to establish connection"
- 08002 "Connection name in use"
- 08003 "Connection does not exist"
- 08004 "Server rejected connection"
- 08S01 "Communication link failure"
  
- 22002 "Indicator variable required but not supplied"
- 22003 "Numeric value out of range"
- 22007 "Invalid datetime format"
- 22015 "Interval field overflow"
- 22018 "Invalid character value for cast specification"
- 24000 "Invalid cursor state"
- 26501 "The statement identifier does not exist"
- 28000 "Invalid authorization"
- 28001 "Authorization failure: ICSQL License could not be opened"
- HY000 "General error"
- HY001 "Memory allocation error"
- HY004 "Invalid SQL type"
- HY009 "Invalid use of null pointer"
- HY010 "Invalid sequence error"
- HY013 "Memory management error"
- HY090 "Invalid string or buffer length"
  
- IC001 "General error: SQL is not loaded"
- IC002 "Unable to load ODBC"
- IC003 "Unable to load ODBC symbols"
- IC004 "The ISQL subsystem is not properly initialized"
- IC005 "Get Diagnostics exception number is out of range"
- IC006 "Unable to allocate ODBC environment"
- IC007 "Memory allocation error"



IC008 "Internal error"  
IC009 "Unexpected Error from ODBC"  
IC010 "Invalid Handle error from ODBC"

**From driver/driver manager:**

01001 "Cursor operation conflict"  
01002 "Disconnect error"  
01003 "NULL value eliminated in set function"  
01004 "String data right truncated"  
07002 "COUNT field incorrect"  
08001 "Client unable to establish connection"  
08002 "Connection name in use"  
08003 "Connection does not exist"  
08004 "Server rejected connection"  
08S01 "Communication link failure"  
23000 "Integrity constraint violation"  
24000 "Invalid cursor"  
25000 "Invalid transaction state"  
28000 "Invalid authorization"  
  
42000 "Syntax error or access violation"  
HY000 "General error"  
HY001 "Memory allocation error"  
HY009 "Invalid use of null pointer"  
HY010 "Invalid sequence error"  
HY013 "Memory management error"  
HY090 "Invalid string or buffer length"  
  
HYC00 "Optional feature not implemented"  
HYT00 "Timeout expired before the connection was made"  
HYT01 "Connection timeout expired before the data source responded"  
IM001 "Driver does not support this function"  
IM002 "Database not found"  
IM003 "Specified driver could not be connected to"  
IM004 "Allocate on Environment failed"  
IM005 "Allocate on DBC failed"  
IM009 "Unable to load translation DLL"  
IM010 "Data source name too long"

These are only some messages. The Driver Manager and/or Driver may have many more. Use the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement to retrieve the text of the messages.

### B.9.4. Condition-Name

A condition-name identifies a specific value, set of values, or range of values, within a complete set of values that a data item may assume. The data item itself is called a conditional variable.

Condition-names may be defined in the data division or in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph within the environment division where a condition-name shall be assigned to the on or off status, or both of implementor-defined switches.

A condition-name is used in conditions as an abbreviation for the relation condition; this relation condition posits that the associated conditional variable is equal to one of the set of values to which that condition-name is assigned. A condition-name is also used in a SET statement, indicating either that a value is moved to the associated conditional variable that make the condition-name either 'true' or 'false', depending on the format of the SET statement, or that an implementor-defined switch is set to 'on' or 'off' status.

If explicitly referenced, a condition-name must be unique or be made unique through qualification and/or subscripting except when the scope of the names conventions by themselves ensure uniqueness of reference.

If qualification is used to make a condition-name unique, the associated conditional variable may be used as the first qualifier. If qualification is used, the hierarchy of names associated with the conditional variable itself must be used to make the condition-name unique.

If references to a conditional variable require subscripting, reference to any of its condition-names also requires the same combination of subscripting.

The format and restrictions on the combined use of qualification and subscripting of condition-names is exactly that of a Format 2 'identifier'. See page [131](#) under Subscripting.

In the general format of the chapters that follow, 'condition-name' refers to a condition-name qualified or subscripted, as necessary.

## C. Organization

The Data Division is subdivided into sections. These are the File, Working-Storage, Linkage, and Screen sections. With the **VXCOBOL** dialect, there is an additional section: Virtual-Storage.

### C.1.1 Function

The *File Section* defines the structure of data files. Each file is defined by a file description entry and one or more record description entries, or by a file description entry and one or more report description entries. Record description entries are written immediately following the file description entry.

The *Virtual-Storage Section* (**VXCOBOL**) and the *Working-Storage Section* describe records and subordinate data items which are not part of external data files but are developed and processed internally. Also described in these sections are data items whose values are assigned in the source program and whose values do not change during the execution of the object program.

The *Linkage Section* appears in the called program and describes data items that are to be referred to by the calling program and the called program. Its structure is the same as the Working-Storage Section.

The *Screen Section* describes various input and output structures called screens that can be used by the ACCEPT and DISPLAY verbs to present and/or get entire screen of data including literal fields.

### C.1.2 General Format

The following gives the general format of the sections in the Data Division, and defines the order of their presentation in the source program. The VIRTUAL-STORAGE section is available only with the **VXCOBOL** dialect.

#### DATA DIVISION.

##### [ FILE SECTION.

```
[ file-description-entry { record-description-entry }...
  sort-merge-file-description-entry { record-description-entry }... ] ... ]
```

##### [ WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

```
[ 77-level-description-entry
  record-description-entry ] ... ]
```

##### [ VIRTUAL-STORAGE SECTION.

**(VXCOBOL only)**

```
[ 77-level-description-entry
  record-description-entry ] ... ]
```

##### [ LINKAGE SECTION.

```
[ 77-level-description-entry
  record-description-entry ] ... ]
```

##### [ SCREEN SECTION.

```
[ screen-description-entry ]... ]
```

## **D. FILE SECTION**

The File Section is located in the Data Division of a source program. The File Section defines the structure of data files and sort files and merge files. Each data file is defined by a file description entry and one or more record description entries. Each sort or merge file is defined by a sort-merge file description entry and one or more record description entries. Record description entries are written immediately following the file description entry.

The general format of the File Section is shown below.

### FILE SECTION.

```
[ file-description-entry {record-description-entry}...  
  sort-merge-file-description-entry {record-description-entry}... ]**
```

#### D.1. File Description Entry/Sort-Merge Description Entry

In a COBOL program the file description entry (FD entry) represents the highest level of organization in the File Section. The File Section header is followed by a file description entry consisting of a level indicator (FD), a file-name, and a series of independent clauses. The clauses of a file description entry (FD entry) specify a number of attributes of the file. The entry itself is terminated by a period.

In a COBOL program the sort-merge file description entry (SD entry) represents the highest level of organization in the File Section. The File Section header is followed by a sort-merge file description entry consisting of a level indicator (SD), a file-name, and a series of independent clauses. The clauses of a sort-merge file description entry (SD entry) specify the size and the names of the data records associated with a sort file or a merge file. There are no label procedures which the user can control, and the rules for blocking and internal storage are peculiar to the SORT and MERGE statements. The entry itself is terminated by a period.

##### D.1.1 Function

The file description entry furnishes information concerning the physical structure, identification, and record-names pertaining to a file.

The sort-merge file description entry furnishes information concerning the physical structure and record-names pertaining to a sort or merge file.

D.1.2. General Format

Below is the general format with each phrase in alphabetical order since they are order independent.

**Sequential File: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

FD *file-name* [ IS EXTERNAL ]

- d [ BLOCK CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] { RECORDS }  
CHARACTERS ]
- [ CODE-SET IS { ASCII  
STANDARD-1  
NATIVE  
EBCDIC  
*alphabet-name* } [ { FIELD [IS]  
FIELDS [ARE] } *identifier, ...* ] ]
- d [ DATA { RECORD IS } { *data-name* }... ]  
RECORDS ARE ]
- d [ LABEL { RECORD IS } { STANDARD }  
RECORDS ARE ] { OMITTED } ]
- [ [ LINAGE IS { *identifier*  
*literal* } LINES  
[ WITH FOOTING AT { *identifier*  
*literal* } ]  
[ LINES AT TOP { *identifier*  
*literal* } ]  
[ LINES AT BOTTOM { *identifier*  
*literal* } ] ] ]
- [ RECORD { CONTAINS *integer* CHARACTERS  
IS VARYING IN SIZE [ [ FROM *integer* ] [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ]  
DEPENDING ON *data-name*  
CONTAINS *integer* TO *integer* CHARACTERS } ] ]
- [ RECORDING MODE IS { VARIABLE }  
FIXED } ] .

**Sequential File: (VXCOBOL)**

FD *file-name* [ IS EXTERNAL ]

- d [ BLOCK CONTAINS integer [ TO integer ] { RECORDS  
CHARACTERS } ]
  
- [ CODE-SET [ IS ] { ASCII  
STANDARD-1  
NATIVE  
EBCDIC  
*alphabet-name* } [ { FIELD [IS]  
FIELDS [ARE] } *identifier, ...* ] ]
  
- d [ DATA { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]
  
- d [ LABEL { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { ASCII [ *integer* ]  
NATIVE [ *integer* ]  
STANDARD [ *integer* ]  
EBCDIC [ *integer* ]  
OMITTED } ]
  
- [ [ LINAGE IS { *identifier*  
*literal* } LINES
- [ WITH FOOTING AT { *identifier*  
*literal* } ]
- [ LINES AT TOP { *identifier*  
*literal* } ]
- [ LINES AT BOTTOM { *identifier*  
*literal* } ] ]
  
- d [ MULTIPLE I-O PROCEDURES ]
- d [ PAD CHARACTER IS { *identifier*  
*literal* } ]
- d [ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ]
- [ RECORDING MODE IS
- { FIXED  
UNDEFINED [ RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* ]  
VARIABLE [ RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* ]  
DATA-SENSITIVE [ DELIMITER IS *literal* ] [ RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* ]  
DYNAMIC RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* } ]
  
- d [ VALUE OF [ OWNER IS *identifier* ] [ EXPIRATION DATE IS *identifier* ]
- d [ SEQUENCE NUMBER IS *identifier* ] [ GENERATION NUMBER IS *identifier* ]
- d [ ACCESSIBILITY IS *identifier* ] [ OFFSET IS *identifier* ]
- d [ VOLUME STATUS IS *identifier* ] [ USER VOLUME { LABEL IS  
LABELS ARE } *identifier, ...* ]
  
- d [ USER HEADER { LABEL IS  
LABELS ARE } *identifier, ...* ]
  
- d [ USER TRAILER { LABEL IS  
LABELS ARE } *identifier, ...* ] ] .

**Relative File & Indexed File: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

FD file-name [ IS EXTERNAL ]

- d [ BLOCK CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] { RECORDS } { CHARACTERS } ]
- d [ DATA { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]
- d [ LABEL { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { STANDARD } { OMITTED } ]
- [ RECORD { CONTAINS *integer* CHARACTERS } { IS VARYING IN SIZE [ [ FROM *integer* ] [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ] } { DEPENDING ON *data-name* } { CONTAINS *integer* TO *integer* CHARACTERS } ]

**Relative File: (VXCOBOL)**

FD file-name [ IS EXTERNAL ]

- d [ BLOCK CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] { RECORDS } { CHARACTERS } ]
- d [ DATA { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]
- d [ LABEL { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { STANDARD } { OMITTED } ]
- d [ PAD CHARACTER IS { *identifier* } { *literal* } ]
- d [ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ]
- [ RECORDING MODE IS FIXED ] .

**Indexed File: (VXCOBOL)**

FD file-name [ IS EXTERNAL ]

- d [ DATA BLOCK CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] { RECORDS } { CHARACTERS } ]
- d [ DATA { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]
- d [ FEEDBACK IS *identifier* ]
- d [ MERIT IS *identifier* ]
- d [ INDEX BLOCK CONTAINS [ *integer* TO ] *integer* CHARACTERS ]
- d [ INDEX NODE SIZE IS *integer* CHARACTERS ]
- d [ LABEL { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { STANDARD } { OMITTED } ]
- d [ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ]
- [ RECORDING MODE IS { VARIABLE [ RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* ] } { FIXED } ] .

FD *file-name* [ IS EXTERNAL ]

[ DATA BLOCK CONTAINS [ *integer* TO ] *integer* { RECORDS  
CHARACTERS } ]

d [ DATA { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]

[ FEEDBACK IS *identifier* ]

d [ MERIT IS *identifier* ]

[ INDEX BLOCK CONTAINS [ *integer* TO ] *integer* CHARACTERS ]

d [ INDEX NODE SIZE IS *integer* CHARACTERS ]

d [ LABEL { RECORD IS } { STANDARD  
RECORDS ARE } { OMITTED } ]

[ PARTIAL RECORD IS *identifier* ]

d [ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ]

[ RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE [ RECORD LENGTH IS *identifier* ] ] .

**Sort-Merge File: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

SD *file-name*

d [ DATA { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]

[ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ] .

**Sort-Merge File: (VXCOBOL)**

SD *file-name*

d [ BLOCK CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] { RECORDS  
CHARACTERS } ]

d [ RECORDING MODE IS FIXED ]

d [ DATA { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }... ]

d [ RECORD CONTAINS *integer* [ TO *integer* ] CHARACTERS ] .

### D.1.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The level indicator FD identifies the beginning of a file description entry and must precede file-name.
- (2) The level indicator SD identifies the beginning of a sort-merge file description entry and must precede *file-name*.
- (3) The clauses which follow *file-name* may appear in any order.
- (4) One or more record description entries must follow the file description entry.
- (5) One or more record description entries must follow the sort-merge file description entry; however no input-output statements may be executed for this sort or merge file.



D.1.4 General Rules

(1) A file description entry associates *file-name* with a file connector.

(2) The following chart lists the file description clauses for all of the **ICOBOL** dialects, by file type. It also indicates which ones are for documentation purposes only. The clauses are presented on the following pages in alphabetical order, with one exception: INDEX BLOCK is described with DATA BLOCK. Of the “documentation only” clauses, only BLOCK CONTAINS, DATA RECORD and LABEL RECORD, are included.

File Description Clause	ANSI 74 & 85	VXCOBOL
BLOCK CONTAINS	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only)	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only)
CODE-SET	Sequential	Sequential
DATA BLOCK	N/A	Indexed (doc only) INFOS files
DATA RECORD	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only)	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only)
EXTERNAL	Sequential Relative & Indexed	Sequential Relative & Indexed INFOS
FEEDBACK	N/A	Indexed (doc only) INFOS (doc only)
INDEX BLOCK	N/A	Indexed (doc only) INFOS
INDEX NODE	N/A	Indexed (doc only) INFOS (doc only)
LABEL RECORD	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only)	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only) INFOS (doc only)
LINAGE	Sequential	Sequential
MERIT	N/A	Indexed & INFOS (doc only)
MULTIPLE	N/A	Sequential (doc only)
PAD CHARACTER	N/A	Sequential (doc only) Relative (doc only)
PARTIAL RECORD	N/A	INFOS
RECORD	Sequential Relative & Indexed	Sequential (doc only) Relative & Indexed (doc only) INFOS (doc only)
RECORDING MODE	Sequential	Sequential Relative & Indexed INFOS
VALUE OF	N/A	Sequential (doc only)

TABLE 3. File Description Clauses by **ICOBOL** dialect and file type, noting which are documentation only

D.2. Record Description Structure

A record description consists of a set of data description entries which describe the characteristics of a particular record. Each data description entry consists of a level-number followed by the data-name or FILLER clause, if specified, followed by a series of independent clauses as required. A record description may have a hierarchical structure and therefore the clauses used with an entry may vary considerably, depending upon whether or not it is followed by subordinate entries. The structure of a record description and the elements allowed in a record description entry are explained under Concept of Levels on page [123](#) and under Data Description Entry on page [172](#).

D.3. Initial Values

The initial value of a data item in the File Section is undefined.



D.5. CODE-SET Clause

D.5.1 Function

The CODE-SET clause specifies the character code convention used to represent data on the external media.

D.5.2 General Format

$$\underline{\text{CODE-SET}} \text{ [ IS ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ASCII} \\ \text{STANDARD-1} \\ \text{NATIVE} \\ \text{EBCDIC} \\ \text{alphabet-name} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIELD [IS]} \\ \text{FIELDS [ARE]} \end{array} \right\} id-1, \dots \right]$$

D.5.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) If the CODE-SET clause is specified for a file, all data in that file must be described as USAGE IS DISPLAY and any signed numeric data must be described with the SIGN IS SEPARATE clause.
- (2) The alphabet-name clause referenced by the CODE-SET clause must not specify the literal phrase.
- (3) If specified, each *id-1* must not be subscripted.
- (4) *id-1* must appear in a record-description for the associated file-connector, and if more than one *id-1* is specified all must appear within the same record-description.
- (5) No two occurrences of *id-1* may reference all or part of the same storage area.

D.5.4 General Rules

- (1) ASCII, STANDARD-1, and NATIVE are equivalent and all represent the native character set of the computer. For **ICOBOL**, this is ASCII. EBCDIC represents the EBCDIC character set.
- (2) If the CODE-SET clause is specified:
  - a. Upon successful execution of an OPEN statement, the character set used to represent the data on the external media is the one referenced by *alphabet-name* in the file-description entry associated with the file-name specified in the OPEN statement.
  - b. It specifies the algorithm for converting the character set on the external media from/to the native character set during the execution of an input or output operation. In particular, data is translated from the specified character to the native character set upon execution of a READ statement, and from the native character set to the specified character set upon execution of a WRITE or REWRITE statement. Note also that these translations also occur as part of SORT and MERGE statements when records are read or written pursuant to processing the USING or GIVING clauses.
  - c. If the FIELD IS/FIELDS ARE clause appears, the representation and conversion of data is restricted to the fields referenced by each *id-1*. Otherwise, the entire data record is affected.
- (3) If the CODE-SET is not specified, the native character set is assumed for data on the external media.
- (4) If the associated file-connector is an external file connector, all CODE-SET clauses in the run unit which are associated with that file connector must have the same character set. In addition, if the FIELD IS/FIELDS ARE

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clause is specified, the number of occurrences and the offset and length of each *id-1* within the data record must be the same for each file-connector in the run unit that is associated with the external file-connector.

(5) If the associated file-connector is specified with `RECORD DELIMITER IS DATA-SENSITIVE` or literal (**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**) or with `RECORDING MODE IS DATA-SENSITIVE` (**VXCOBOL**), any delimiter characters specified are assumed to be in the native character set and are translated to the character set specified by the `CODE-SET` clause.

(6) If the associated file-connector is specified with `RECORD DELIMITER IS ASCII LENGTH` (**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**) or with `RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE` (**VXCOBOL**), only the data contained within the record is translated. The record header, which contains the length, is assumed to be in the native character set and is not translated.

(7) If the associated file-connector is specified with `ASSIGN TO PRINTER` or `ASSIGN TO DISPLAY`, only the data contained within the record is translated. All carriage control is assumed to be in the native character set and is not translated.

(8) The record area accessible to the program is always specified in the native character set.



### D.7. DATA RECORDS Clause

#### D.7.1 Function

The DATA RECORDS clause serves as documentation for the names of data records within their associated file. The DATA RECORDS clause is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL. We suggest that you remove it from your source or change it to be a comment line.

#### D.7.2 General Format

DATA { RECORD IS } { RECORDS ARE } { *data-name* }...

#### D.7.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Data-name* is the name of a data record and must have an 01 level-number record description, with the same name, associated with it.

#### D.7.4 General Rules

(1) The DATA RECORDS clause is used for documentation purposes only, although the compiler checks that the specified names do occur as record descriptors.

(2) The presence of more than one *data-name* indicates that the file contains more than one type of data record. These records may be of differing sizes, different formats, etc. The order in which they are listed is not significant.

(3) Conceptually, all data records within a file share the same area. This is in no way altered by the presence of more than one type of data record within the file.

D.8. EXTERNAL Clause

D.8.1 Function

The EXTERNAL clause specifies that a file connector is external. The file and constituent data records are available in a run unit to all programs that describe the file as external.

D.8.2 General Format

IS EXTERNAL

D.8.3 Syntax Rules

(1) If you define data items in the FD or SELECT statement of an EXTERNAL file, you must specify them as EXTERNAL. For example, INFOS STATUS (**VXCOBOL**), FILE STATUS, RECORD LENGTH, etc. must be EXTERNAL if the file is external. The compiler will flag these items with a warning if they are not EXTERNAL but the file is EXTERNAL.

D.8 .4 General Rules

- (1) The file connector associated with this file description entry is an external file connector.
- (2) The data contained in all record description entries subordinate to that file description entry are external and may be accessed by any runtime element in the run unit that describes the same file and records as external, subject to the following rules.
- (3) Any LINAGE-COUNTER data item associated with the file is external.
- (4) An EXTERNAL file uses the declaratives of the program which it is currently running. To ensure that the same action is taken for all exceptions, a COPY file for the declaratives should be used in all programs that reference this file.
- (5) An EXTERNAL file can only be opened once. An error will occur if you attempt to open the file again (either in the main program or a subprogram) without first explicitly closing the file.
- (6) If record keys are declared for a file with the EXTERNAL clause, then the record keys must also be declared EXTERNAL if there are not implicitly external by being in the data record, and in the same order in each subprogram which references the file.
- (7) At runtime, if any of the file's characteristics do not match those of a previously referenced external file, **ICOBOL** will generate an exception status 1296 "External item in called program does not match existing item" on the call of a subprogram that contains an external file.

D.9. FEEDBACK Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

D.9.1 Function

The FEEDBACK clause contains the location of records for an INFOS file.

D.9.2 General Format

FEEDBACK IS *identifier*

D.9.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Identifier* is a 4-byte data item in Working-Storage that receives feedback information about the location of records in INFOS files.

(2) This clause is ignored for an indexed file.

D.9.4 General Rules

(1) If you specify FEEDBACK for a file, each time you read, write, or rewrite a record in the file, the FEEDBACK data item is updated with the location of the record you just accessed. A WRITE INVERTED uses the FEEDBACK data item to obtain the location of the record to which another key is already pointing.

(2) READ, REWRITE, and WRITE update the FEEDBACK data items if specified.

(3) FEEDBACK can not be used to READ a particular record.



D.10. INDEX NODE Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

D.10.1 Function

The INDEX NODE clause specifies the size, in characters, of an index node in an INFOS file.

D.10.2 General Format

INDEX NODE SIZE IS *integer* CHARACTERS

D.10.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Integer* is a positive integer literal that specifies the number of characters in an index node.
- (2) This clause is ignored for an indexed file.

D.10.4 General Rules

- (1) The node size must be large enough to hold three keys. If you omit this option, the system calculates the size according to the maximum key length, the partial record length, and whether or not subindexing is allowed.

D.11. LABEL RECORD Clause

D.11.1 Function

The LABEL RECORD clause specifies whether labels are present. The LABEL RECORD clause is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.

D.11.2 General Format

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**

d LABEL { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { STANDARD  
OMITTED }

**VXCOBOL**

d LABEL { RECORD IS  
RECORDS ARE } { ASCII [ int-1 ]  
NATIVE [ int-1 ]  
STANDARD [ int-1 ]  
EBCDIC [ int-2 ]  
OMITTED }

D.11.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *int-1* is a positive integer literal indicating the level number of the tape; it may be either 1 or 3.
- (2) *int-2* is a positive integer literal indicating the level number of the tape; it may be either 1 or 2.

D.11.4 General Rules

- (1) The LABEL RECORD clause is used for documentation purposes only.
- (2) OMITTED specifies that no explicit labels exist for the file or the device to which the file is assigned.
- (3) STANDARD specifies that labels exist for the file or the device to which the file is assigned and the labels conform to the label specifications.
- (4) For **VXCOBOL**, EBCDIC indicates IBM format labels. If *int-2* is not specified it is assumed to be 2. ASCII is equivalent to STANDARD. NATIVE refers to Data General Format. If *int-1* is not specified it is assumed to be 3.

D.12. LINAGE Clause

D.12.1 Function

The LINAGE clause provides a means for specifying the depth of a logical page in terms of number of lines. It also provides for specifying the size of the top and bottom margins on the logical page, and the line number, within the page body, at which the footing area begins.

D.12.2 General Format

```

LINAGE IS { data-name-1 }
             { integer-1 } LINES
[ WITH FOOTING AT { data-name-2 }
                  { integer-2 } ]
[ LINES AT TOP { data-name-3 }
              { integer-3 } ]
[ LINES AT BOTTOM { data-name-4 }
               { integer-4 } ]
    
```

D.12.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Data-name-1*, *data-name-2*, *data-name-3*, and *data-name-4* must reference elementary unsigned numeric data items.
- (2) *Data-name-1*, *data-name-2*, *data-name-3*, and *data-name-4* may be qualified.
- (3) *Integer-2* must not be greater than *integer-1*.
- (4) *Integer-3* and *integer-4* may be zero.

D.12.4 General Rules

(0) The associated file must have been specified with PRINTER or PRINTER-1 in the ASSIGN Clause of the SELECT statement. If no device or DISK is specified and the LINAGE clause is present, the file will be treated as if PRINTER was specified in the ASSIGN clause.

(1) The LINAGE clause provides a means for specifying the size of a logical page in terms of number of lines. The logical page size is the sum of the values referenced by each phrase except the FOOTING phrase. If the LINES AT TOP or LINES AT BOTTOM phrases are not specified, the values of these items are zero. If the FOOTING phrase is not specified, no end-of-page condition independent of the page overflow condition exists.

There is not necessarily any relationship between the size of the logical page and the size of a physical page.

(2) *Integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* specifies the number of lines that can be written and/or spaced on the logical page. The value must be greater than zero. That part of the logical page in which these lines can be written and/or spaced is called the page body.

(3) *Integer-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-2* specifies the line number within the page body at which the footing begins. The value must be greater than zero and not greater than *integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*.

The footing area comprises the area of the page body between the line represented by *integer-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-2* and the line represented by *integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*, inclusive.

(4) *Integer-3* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-3* specifies the number of lines that comprise the top margin on the logical page. The value may be zero.

(5) *Integer-4* or the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-4* specifies the number of lines that comprise the bottom margin on the logical page. The value may be zero.

(6) *Integer-1*, *integer-3*, and *integer-4*, if specified, are used at the time the file is opened by the execution of an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase, to specify the number of lines that comprise each of the indicated sections of a logical page. *Integer-2*, if specified, is used at that time to define the footing area. These values are used for all logical pages written for that file during a given execution of the program.

(7) The values of the data items referenced by *data-name-1*, *data-name-3*, and *data-name-4*, if specified, are used as follows:

a. The values of the data items, at the time an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase is executed for the file, are used to specify the number of lines that are to comprise each of the indicated sections for the first logical page.

b. The values of the data items, at the time a WRITE statement with the ADVANCING PAGE phrase is executed or a page overflow condition occurs, are used to specify the number of lines that are to comprise each of the indicated sections for the next logical page. (See the WRITE Statement.)

(8) The value of the data item referenced by *data-name-2*, if specified, at the time an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase is executed for the file, is used to define the footing area for the first logical page. At the time a WRITE statement with the ADVANCING PAGE phrase is executed or a page overflow condition occurs, it is used to define the footing area for the next logical page.

(9) A LINAGE-COUNTER is generated by the presence of a LINAGE clause. The value in the LINAGE-COUNTER at any given time represents the line number at which the device is positioned within the current page body. The rules governing the LINAGE-COUNTER are as follows:

a. A separate LINAGE-COUNTER is supplied for each file described in the File Section whose file description entry contains a LINAGE clause.

b. LINAGE-COUNTER may be referenced only in Procedure Division statements; however, only the input-output control system may change the value of LINAGE-COUNTER. Since more than one LINAGE-COUNTER may exist in a program, the user must qualify LINAGE-COUNTER by file-name when necessary.

c. LINAGE-COUNTER is automatically modified, according to the following rules, during the execution of a WRITE statement to an associated file:

1) When the ADVANCING PAGE phrase of the WRITE statement is specified, the LINAGE-COUNTER is automatically reset to one. During the resetting of LINAGE-COUNTER to the value one, the value of LINAGE-COUNTER is implicitly incremented to exceed the value specified by *integer-1* or the data item referenced by *data-name-1*.

2) When the ADVANCING *identifier-2* or *integer-1* phrase of the WRITE statement is specified, the LINAGE-COUNTER is incremented by *integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*.

3) When the ADVANCING phrase of the WRITE statement is not specified, the LINAGE-COUNTER is incremented by the value one. (See the WRITE Statement.)

4) The value of LINAGE-COUNTER is automatically reset to one when the device is repositioned to the first line that can be written on for each of the succeeding logical pages. (See the WRITE Statement.)

d. The value of LINAGE-COUNTER is automatically set to one at the time an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase is executed for the associated file. An OPEN with the EXTEND phrase leaves the value of LINAGE-COUNTER undefined.

(10) Each logical page is contiguous to the next with no additional spacing provided.

(11) If the file connector associated with this file description entry is an external file connector, all file description entries in the run unit which are associated with this file connector must have:

- a. A LINAGE clause, if any file description entry has a LINAGE clause.
- b. The same corresponding values for *integer-1*, *integer-2*, *integer-3*, and *integer-4*, if specified.
- c. The same corresponding external data items referenced by *data-name-1*, *data-name-2*, *data-name-3*, and *data-name-4*.

D.13. MERIT Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

D.13.1 Function

The MERIT clause allows record distribution to be optimized in an INFOS file.

D.13.2 General Format

MERIT IS *identifier*

D.13.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Identifier* is an integer data item that specifies a merit factor from 1 to 32. Two volumes can have the same merit factor.

D.13.4 General Rules

(1) If a merit factor is given for a record, INFOS places the record on the first volume that has both available space and a merit factor equal to or less than the record's merit factor. If the system cannot find a volume that satisfies these criteria, it places the record on the volume with the lowest merit factor that is higher than the one specified.

(2) This clause is ignored.

D.14. PARTIAL RECORD Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

D.14.1 Function

The PARTIAL RECORD clause allows a frequently used portion of the record to be accessed with a key.

D.14.2 General Format

PARTIAL RECORD IS *identifier*

D.14.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Identifier* is an alphanumeric data item that receives the partial record data. It receives the partial record on every operation that accesses a data record (unless the partial record is suppressed.)

D.14.4 General Rules

(1) The size of the data item specified by *identifier* determines the length that the partial record can have. This length cannot be larger than the maximum size of the partial record set at index or subindex creation time (up to 255). When a data record for this file is accessed, the partial record is returned to *identifier*.

(2) With INFOS II, the partial record is stored in the index with the key. With U/FOS, the partial record is stored as a second data record.

D.15. RECORD Clause (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

D.15.1 Function

The RECORD clause specifies the number of character positions in a fixed length record, or specifies the range of character positions in a variable length record. If the number of character positions does vary, the clause specifies the minimum and maximum number of character positions.

D.15.2 General Format

**Format 1 (fixed-length):**

RECORD CONTAINS *integer-1* CHARACTERS

**Format 2 (variable-length):**

RECORD IS VARYING IN SIZE [ [ FROM *integer-2* ] [ TO *integer-3* ] CHARACTERS ]  
[ DEPENDING ON *data-name-1* ]

**Format 3 (fixed or variable length):**

RECORD CONTAINS *integer-4* TO *integer-5* CHARACTERS

D.15.3 Syntax Rules

Format 1:

- (1) No record description entry for the file may specify a number of character positions greater than *integer-1*.
- (2) For **VXCOBOL**, this format is for documentation purposes only.

Format 2:

- (3) This format is not supported under **VXCOBOL**.
- (4) No record description entry for the file may specify a number of character positions less than *integer-2* or greater than *integer-3*.
- (5) *Integer-3* shall be greater than *integer-2*.
- (6) *Data-name-1* shall describe an elementary unsigned integer in working storage or linkage section.
- (7) *Integer-2* shall be greater than zero.
- (8) This format may not be specified if the RECORDING MODE clause is specified.

Format 3:

- (9) For **VXCOBOL**, this format is for documentation purposes only.
- (10) *Integer-4* shall be greater than zero.
- (11) *Integer-5* shall be greater than *integer-4*.



D.15.4 General Rules

All Formats:

(1) Each integer in a RECORD clause specifies a record size in terms of alphanumeric character positions.

(2) The implicit or explicit RECORD clause specifies the size of the records in the record area. The size of records on physical storage media may be different due to control information required by the operating environment.

(3) The size of each data record is specified in terms of the number of alphanumeric character positions required to store the logical record, regardless of the types of characters used to represent the items within the logical record. The size of the record is determined by the sum of the number of alphanumeric character positions in all fixed length elementary items plus the sum of the maximum number of alphanumeric character positions in any variable-length data item subordinate to the record.

(4) If the RECORD clause is not specified, an implicit format 1 or format 2 RECORD clause is assumed to be specified. This implicit RECORD clause is defined with the following characteristics:

a. Format 1 is implied when RECORDING MODE clause is absent or FIXED. *Integer-1* shall be the record size of the largest record description entry in this file description entry.

b. Format 2 is implied when the RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE. *Integer-2* shall be the record size of the smallest record description entry in this file description entry, and *integer-3* shall be the largest record description entry in this file description entry. The DEPENDING ON phrase is assumed to be omitted.

Format 1:

(5) Format 1 is used to specify fixed length records. *Integer-1* specifies the number of character positions contained in each record in the file.

Format 2:

(6) Format 2 is used to specify variable-length records. *Integer-2* specifies the minimum number of alphanumeric character positions to be contained in any record of the file. *Integer-3* specifies the maximum number of alphanumeric character positions in any record of the file.

(7) The number of alphanumeric character positions associated with a record description is determined by the sum of the number of alphanumeric character positions in all elementary data items excluding redefinitions and renamings, plus any implicit FILLER due to synchronization. If a table is specified:

a. The minimum number of table elements described in the record is used in the summation above to determine the minimum number of alphanumeric character positions associated with the record description.

b. The maximum number of table elements described in the record is used in the summation above to determine the maximum number of alphanumeric character positions associated with the record description.

(8) If *integer-2* is not specified, the minimum number of alphanumeric character positions to be contained in any record of the file is equal to the least number of alphanumeric character positions described for a record in that file.

(9) If *integer-3* is not specified, the maximum number of alphanumeric character positions to be contained in any record of the file is equal to the greatest number of alphanumeric character positions described for a record in that file.

(10) If *data-name-1* is specified, the number of alphanumeric character positions in the record shall be placed into the data item referenced by *data-name-1* before any RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement is executed for the file.

(11) If *data-name-1* is specified, the execution of a DELETE, RELEASE, REWRITE, START, or WRITE statement or the unsuccessful execution of a READ or RETURN statement does not alter the content of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*.

(12) During the execution of a RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement, the number of alphanumeric character positions in the record is determined by the following conditions:

- a. If *data-name-1* is specified, by the content of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*.
- b. If *data-name-1* is not specified and the record does not contain a variable-occurrence data item, by the number of alphanumeric character positions in the record.
- c. If *data-name-1* is not specified and the record does contain a variable-occurrence data item, by the sum of the fixed portion and that portion of the table described by the number of occurrences at the time of execution of the output statement.
- d. If the file had been specified with a RECORD DELIMITER IS DATA-SENSITIVE or RECORD DELIMITER IS literal, by the first occurrence of a delimiter character or as determined by rules a) - c) if that number of alphanumeric character positions is less.

(13) If the number of alphanumeric character positions in the record to be written is less than *integer-2* or greater than *integer-3*, then if a RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement is being executed, exception 185 condition is set to exist, and the execution of the RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement is unsuccessful with I-O status 92 (ANSI 74) or I-O status 44 (ANSI 85).

(14) If *data-name-1* is specified, after the successful execution of a READ or RETURN statement for the file, the contents of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* will indicate the number of alphanumeric character positions in the record just read.

(15) If the INTO phrase is specified in the READ or RETURN statement, the number of alphanumeric character positions in the current record that participate as the sending operands in the implicit MOVE statement is determined by the following conditions:

- a. If *data-name-1* is specified, by the content of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*.
- b. If *data-name-1* is not specified, by the value that would have been moved into the data item referenced by *data-name-1* had *data-name-1* been specified.

If the number of alphanumeric character positions determined as above is zero, the record is a zero-length item.

(16) INDEXED and RELATIVE files are varying length within a fixed allocation. SEQUENTIAL files are written with a varying length and format based on the RECORD DELIMITER clause of the SELECT statement.

### Format 3

(17) Format 3 of the RECORD clause produces fixed-length records if the RECORDING MODE clause is absent or FIXED. Format 3 produces variable-length records if the RECORDING MODE is VARIABLE.

(18) When format 3 of the RECORD clause is used, *integer-4* and *integer-5* refer to the minimum number of alphanumeric characters in the smallest size data record and the maximum number of alphanumeric characters in the largest size data record, respectively. However, in this case, the size of each data record is completely defined in the record description entry.

(19) If the number of alphanumeric character positions in the logical record to be written is less than *integer-4* or greater than *integer-5*, then if a RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement is being executed, the exception 185 is set to exist and the execution of the RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement is unsuccessful with I-O status 92 (ANSI 74) or 44 (ANSI 85).

D.16. RECORDING MODE Clause (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

D.16.1 Function

The RECORDING MODE clause specifies whether a sequential disk file is have a fixed length record or a variable length record based on the specified record. This clause is obsolete; variable sequential files may be obtained with the RECORD DELIMITER IS BINARY LENGTH and RECORD IS VARYING clauses. The RECORDING MODE clause is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

D.16.2 General Format

RECORDING MODE IS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{VARIABLE} \\ \text{FIXED} \end{array} \right\}$ .

D.16.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) RECORDING MODE is only allowed for sequential disk files.
- (2) This clause may not be specified with the RECORD IS VARYING clause.

D.16.4 General Rules

- (1) If this clause is not specified, RECORDING MODE IS FIXED is assumed.

D.17. RECORDING MODE Clause (**VXCOBOL**)

D.17.1 Function

The RECORDING MODE clause specifies the record format used in the file. The RECORDING MODE clause is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

D.17.2 General Format

RECORDING MODE IS

{	<p><u>FIXED</u></p> <p><u>UNDEFINED</u> [ RECORD LENGTH IS identifier-1 ]</p> <p><u>VARIABLE</u> [ RECORD LENGTH IS identifier-1 ]</p> <p><u>DATA-SENSITIVE</u> [ DELIMITER IS literal-1 ] [ RECORD LENGTH IS identifier-1 ]</p> <p><u>DYNAMIC</u> RECORD LENGTH IS identifier-1</p>	}
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D.17.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Identifier-1* is an integer data item that either specifies or receives a number of characters.
- (2) *Literal-1* is a numeric literal specifying a character that delimits the end of a record, replacing the default delimiter.
- (3) RECORDING MODE IS FIXED is the only format allowed for relative files.
- (4) RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE is the only format allowed for INFOS files.
- (5) RECORDING MODE IS FIXED and RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE are allowed for indexed files.

D.17.4 General Rules

- (1) If this clause is not specified, RECORDING MODE IS FIXED is assumed for sequential and relative. RECORD MODE IS VARIABLE is assumed for indexed and INFOS files.
- (2) If FIXED is specified, all records have the same number of characters, the length of which is determined by the size of the file's record area.
- (3) If VARIABLE is specified, the maximum length for records can be specified in the RECORD LENGTH clause. No two records in the file need to be the same length. However, they cannot exceed the maximum length and they must never be 1. If a RECORD LENGTH clause is not used, the number of characters in a record determines the maximum length for that record. For an index file, the record length must always be large enough to include the RECORD key and all the ALTERNATE keys.
- (4) If DYNAMIC is specified, the value of the data item specified in the RECORD LENGTH clause is used as the length of the record. Therefore the RECORD LENGTH clause must be specified when using DYNAMIC.
- (5) If DATA-SENSITIVE is specified, the length of the record is determined by the occurrence of a special character (*literal-1*). If a delimiter character is not specified, carriage-return, form feed, null, or newline is used. The RECORD LENGTH clause can also be used to set a maximum length for a data-sensitive record. The delimiter should be counted as part of the record. DATA-SENSITIVE is ignored for printer files unless you use the DELIMITER IS clause to specify the delimiters.

(6) If undefined is specified, the file is read only as a sequence of binary bytes rather than a sequence of records.

(7) In all cases, if RECORD LENGTH is omitted, a record cannot be more than the length of the file's record area. If RECORD LENGTH is specified, the number of characters read from a record is returned. On output in variable record format, identifier will specify the number of characters to write.

## **E. WORKING-STORAGE SECTION**

The Working-Storage Section is located in the Data Division of a source program. The Working-Storage Section describes records and subordinate data items which are not part of data files.

The Working-Storage Section is composed of the section header, followed by record description entries and/or data description entries for noncontiguous data items.

The general format of the Working-Storage Section is shown below.

### WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

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[ 77-level-description-entry ] ...
 [ record-description-entry ] ...
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#### E.1. Noncontiguous Working Storage

Items and constants in working storage which bear no hierarchical relationship to one another need not be grouped into records, provided they do not need to be further subdivided. Instead, they are classified and defined as noncontiguous elementary items. Each of these items is defined in a separate data description entry which begins with the special level-number, 77.

The following data clauses are required in each data description entry:

1. level-number 77
2. data-name
3. the PICTURE clause, the USAGE IS INDEX clause, or the USAGE IS POINTER (**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**) clause

Other data description clauses are optional and can be used to complete the description of the item if necessary.

#### E.2. Working Storage Records

Data elements in working storage which bear a definite hierarchical relationship to one another must be grouped into records according to the rules for formation of record descriptions. Data elements in the Working-Storage Section which bear no hierarchical relationship to any other data item may be described as records which are single elementary items. All clauses which are used in record descriptions in the File Section can be used in record descriptions in the Working-Storage Section.

#### E.3. Record Description Structure

A record description consists of a set of data description entries which describe the characteristics of a particular record. Each data description entry consists of a level-number followed by the data-name or FILLER clause, if specified, followed by a series of independent clauses as required. A record description may have a hierarchical structure and therefore the clauses used within an entry may vary considerably, depending upon whether or not it is followed by subordinate entries. The structure of a record description and the elements allowed in a record description entry are explained in Concept of Levels and in The Data Description Entry.

#### E.4. Initial Values

The initial value of any data item in the Working-Storage Section except an index data item is specified by associating the VALUE clause with the data item. The initial value of any index data item or any data item not associated with a VALUE clause is undefined.

E.5. Data Description Entry

E.5.1 Function

A data description entry specifies the characteristics of a particular item of data.

E.5.2 General Format

Format 1:

*level-number*  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{data-name-1} \\ \text{FILLER} \end{array} \right] [ \text{ IS } \underline{\text{EXTERNAL}} ]$   
 [ BLANK WHEN ZERO ]  
 [  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{JUSTIFIED}} \\ \underline{\text{JUST}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ RIGHT} ]$   
 [ OCCURS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{integer TIMES} \\ \text{integer TO integer TIMES } \underline{\text{DEPENDING ON identifier}} \end{array} \right\} ]$   
 [  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{ASCENDING}} \\ \underline{\text{DESCENDING}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ KEY IS } \{ \text{data-name} \} \dots ] \dots$   
 [ INDEXED BY  $\{ \text{index-name} \} \dots ]$   
 [  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{PICTURE}} \\ \underline{\text{PIC}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \text{character-string} ]$   
 [ REDEFINES *data-name-2* ]  
 [ [ SIGN IS ]  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{LEADING}} \\ \underline{\text{TRAILING}} \end{array} \right\} [ \underline{\text{SEPARATE CHARACTER}} ] ]$   
 d [  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{SYNCHRONIZED}} \\ \underline{\text{SYNC}} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{LEFT}} \\ \underline{\text{RIGHT}} \end{array} \right] ]$   
 [ usage-clause ]  
 [ VALUE IS  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{literal} \\ \underline{\text{NULL}} \\ \underline{\text{VALID}} \\ \underline{\text{OVERFLOW}} \end{array} \right\} ] .$

Where *usage-clause* is:

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**:

[ USAGE IS ]  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{BINARY}} \\ \underline{\text{COMPUTATIONAL}} \mid \underline{\text{COMP}} \\ \underline{\text{COMPUTATIONAL-3}} \mid \underline{\text{COMP-3}} \\ \underline{\text{COMPUTATIONAL-5}} \mid \underline{\text{COMP-5}} \\ \underline{\text{DISPLAY}} \\ \underline{\text{INDEX}} \\ \underline{\text{PACKED-DECIMAL}} \\ \underline{\text{POINTER}} \end{array} \right\}$



For **VXCOBOL**:

$$[ \text{USAGE IS} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{COMPUTATIONAL} \mid \text{COMP} \\ \text{COMPUTATIONAL-3} \mid \text{COMP-3} \\ \text{DISPLAY} \\ \text{INDEX} \end{array} \right\}$$

For **ISQL**: add the following selections:

$$[ \text{USAGE IS} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTER} \\ \text{CHAR} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{VARYING} ] [ ( \text{integer-1} ) ] \\ \text{DATE} \\ \text{INDICATOR} \\ \text{INT} \\ \text{INTEGER} \\ \\ \text{INTERVAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{YEAR} ( \text{integer-2} ) [ \text{TO MONTH} ] \\ \text{MONTH} ( \text{integer-2} ) \\ \text{DAY} ( \text{integer-2} ) [ \text{TO} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HOUR} \\ \text{MINUTE} \end{array} \right\} ] \\ \text{HOUR} ( \text{integer-2} ) [ \text{TO} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MINUTE} \\ \text{SECOND} [ ( \text{integer-3} ) ] \end{array} \right\} ] \\ \text{MINUTE} ( \text{integer-2} ) [ \text{TO SECOND} [ ( \text{integer-3} ) ] ] \\ \text{SECOND} ( \text{integer-2} [ \text{integer-3} ] ) \end{array} \right\} \\ \\ \text{NUMERIC} ( \text{integer-4} [ \text{integer-5} ] ) \\ \text{SMALLINT} \\ \text{TIME} [ ( \text{integer-3} ) ] \\ \text{TIMESTAMP} [ ( \text{integer-3} ) ] \end{array} \right\}$$

Format 2:

66 *data-name-1* RENAMES *data-name-2* [ {  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{THROUGH} \\ \text{THRU} \end{array} \right\}$  } *data-name-3* ] .

Format 3:

88 *condition-name* {  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{VALUE IS} \\ \text{VALUES ARE} \end{array} \right\}$  } { literal-1 [ {  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{THROUGH} \\ \text{THRU} \end{array} \right\}$  } literal-2 ] } ... .

### E.5.3 Syntax Rules

(1) Level number in Format 1 may be any number from 01 through 49 or 77.

(2) In Format 1, the *data-name-1* or FILLER clause, if specified, must immediately follow the level number. The REDEFINES clause, if specified, must immediately follow the *data-name-1* or FILLER clause if either is specified; otherwise, it must immediately follow the *level-number*. The remaining clauses may be written in any order.

(3) The EXTERNAL clause and the REDEFINES clause must not be specified in the same data description entry.

(4) *Data-name-1* must be specified for an entry containing the EXTERNAL clause or for record descriptions associated with a file description entry which contains the EXTERNAL clause.

(5) The PICTURE clause must be specified for every elementary item except an index or pointer data item in which case use of this clause is prohibited.

(6) The words THRU and THROUGH are equivalent.

(7) (**ISQL**) The words CHAR and CHARACTER are equivalent.

(8) (**ISQL**) The words INT and INTEGER are equivalent.

(9) The EXTERNAL clause may be specified only in data description entries in the Working-Storage Section whose level-number is 01 or 77.

### E.5.4 General Rules

(1) The clauses SYNCHRONIZED, PICTURE, JUSTIFIED, and BLANK WHEN ZERO must not be specified except for an elementary item.

(2) Format 3 is used for each *condition-name*. Each *condition-name* requires a separate entry with level-number 88. Format 3 contains the name of the condition and the value, values, or range of values associated with the *condition-name*. The *condition-name* entries for a particular conditional variable must immediately follow the entry describing the item with which the *condition-name* is associated. A *condition-name* can be associated with any data description entry which contains a level-number except the following:

a. Another condition-name.

b. A level 66 item.

c. A group containing items with descriptions including JUSTIFIED, SYNCHRONIZED, or USAGE (other than USAGE IS DISPLAY).

d. An index or pointer data item.

(3) Multiple level 01 entries subordinate to any given level indicator (i.e., FD or SD) represent implicit redefinitions of the same area.

E.6. BLANK WHEN ZERO Clause

E.6.1 Function

The BLANK WHEN ZERO clause permits the blanking of an item when its value is zero.

E.6.2 General Format

**BLANK WHEN ZERO**

E.6.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The BLANK WHEN ZERO clause can be specified only for an elementary item whose PICTURE is specified as numeric or numeric edited.

(2) The numeric or numeric edited data description entry to which the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause applies must be described, either implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

E.6.4 General Rules

(1) When the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause is used, the item will contain nothing but spaces if the value of the item is zero.

(2) When the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause is used for an item whose PICTURE is numeric, the category of the item is considered to be numeric edited.

### E.7. Data-Name or FILLER Clause

#### E.7.1 Function

A data-name specifies the name of the data item being described. The keyword FILLER may be used to specify a data item which is not referenced explicitly.

#### E.7.2 General Format

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \textit{data-name-1} \\ \text{FILLER} \end{array} \right]$$

#### E.7.3 Syntax Rules

(1) In the File, Working-Storage, and Linkage Sections, *data-name-1* or the keyword FILLER, if either is specified, must be the first word following the level-number in each data description entry.

#### E.7.4 General Rules

(1) If this clause is omitted, the data item being described is treated as though FILLER had been specified.

(2) The keyword FILLER may be used to name a data item. Under no circumstances can a FILLER item be referred to explicitly. However, the keyword FILLER may be used to name a conditional variable because such use does not require explicit reference to the data item itself, but only to the value contained therein.

E.8. EXTERNAL Clause

E.8.1 Function

The EXTERNAL clause specifies that a data item is external. A data item is external if the storage associated with that object is associated with the run unit rather than with any particular program within the run unit. The constituent data items and group data items of an external data record are available to every program in the run unit which describes that record.

E.8.2 General Format

IS EXTERNAL

E.8.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The EXTERNAL clause may be specified only in data description entries in the Working-Storage Section whose level number is 01 or 77. For *VXCOBOL*, the EXTERNAL clause may be specified on a data description in the FILE SECTION as long as it is also specified on the FD of the file.

(2) In the same program, the data-name specified as the subject of the entry whose level-number is 01 or 77 that includes the EXTERNAL clause must not be the same data-name specified for any other data description entry which includes the EXTERNAL clause.

(3) The EXTERNAL clause shall not be specified for a data item of class pointer.

E.8.4 General Rules

(1) The data contained in the data description entry named by the data-name clause is external and may be accessed and processed by any program in the run unit which describes and optionally, redefines it subject to the following general rules.

(2) Within a run unit, if two or more programs describe the same external data record or elementary item, each record-name or data-name of the associated data description entries must be the same and the data descriptions must define the same number of standard format characters. The items must be of the same type. However, a program which describes an external record may contain a data description entry including the REDEFINES clause which redefines the complete external record, and this complete redefinition need not occur identically in other programs in the run unit.

(3) If the VALUE clause is specified for a data description entry with the EXTERNAL clause or subordinate to a data description entry with an EXTERNAL clause, then every program describing that external item must specify an identical VALUE clause on its declaration of the external item.

(4) On the call of a subprogram that contains the declaration of an EXTERNAL item, if any of the external data item's characteristics fail to match those of a previously loaded external item of the same name, **ICOBOL** will generate an exception status 1296 "External item in called program does not match existing item" and the call will fail.

### E.9. JUSTIFIED Clause

#### E.9.1 Function

The JUSTIFIED clause permits alternate positioning of data within a receiving data item, specifically right justification.

#### E.9.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{JUSTIFIED} \\ \text{JUST} \end{array} \right\} \text{RIGHT}$$

#### E.9.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The JUSTIFIED clause can be specified only at the elementary item level.
- (2) JUST is an abbreviation for JUSTIFIED.
- (3) The JUSTIFIED clause cannot be specified for any data item described as numeric or for which editing is specified. (i.e., it can only be used with an unedited alphabetic or alphanumeric data item.)
- (4) The JUSTIFIED clause must not be specified for an index data item.

#### E.9.4 General Rules

- (1) When the receiving data item is described with the JUSTIFIED clause and the sending data item is larger than the receiving data item, the left-most characters are truncated. When the receiving data item is described with the JUSTIFIED clause and it is larger than the sending data item, the data is aligned at the right-most character position in the data item with space fill for the left-most character positions.
- (2) When the JUSTIFIED clause is omitted, the standard rules for aligning data within an elementary item apply.

E.10. Level-Number

E.10.1 Function

The level-number indicates the position of a data item within the hierarchical structure of a logical record. In addition, it is used to identify entries for working storage items, linkage items, condition-names and the RENAME clause.

E.10.2 General Format

*level-number*

E.10.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) A *level-number* is required as the first element in each data description entry.
- (2) Data description entries subordinate to a FD or SD entry must have level-numbers with the values 01 through 49, 66, or 88.
- (3) Data description entries in the Working-Storage Section and Linkage Section must have level-numbers 01 through 49, 66, 77, or 88.
- (4) Data description entries in the Screen Section must have level-numbers 01 through 49.
- (5) A level number in the range 01 through 09 may be specified as 1 through 9.

E.10.4 General Rules

- (1) The level-number 01 identifies the first entry in each record description.
- (2) Special level-numbers have been assigned to certain entries where there is no real concept of hierarchy:
  - a. Level-number 77 is assigned to identify noncontiguous working storage data items, noncontiguous linkage data items, and can be used only as described by Format 1 of the data description entry.
  - b. Level-number 66 is assigned to identify RENAME entries and can be used only as described by Format 2 of the data description entry.
  - c. Level-number 88 is assigned to entries which define condition-names associated with a conditional variable and can be used only as described by Format 3 of the data description entry.
- (3) Multiple level 01 entries subordinate to any given level indicator (i.e., FD or SD) represent implicit redefinitions of the same area.

### E.11. OCCURS Clause

#### E.11.1 Function

The OCCURS clause eliminates the need for separate entries for repeated data items and supplies information required for the application of subscripts.

#### E.11.2 General Format

$$\text{OCCURS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer-1 TO integer-2 TIMES } \underline{\text{DEPENDING}} \text{ ON } \text{data-name-1} \\ \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ASCENDING}} \\ \underline{\text{DESCENDING}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ KEY IS } \{ \text{data-name-2} \} \dots \right] \dots \\ \left[ \underline{\text{INDEXED BY}} \{ \text{index-name-1} \} \dots \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

#### E.11.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The OCCURS clause must not be specified in a data description entry that has a level-number of 01, 66, 77, 88, or which has a variable occurrence data-item subordinate to it. For VXCOBOL, the occurs clause may occur on a data description entry that has a level number or 01.

(2) *Data-name-1* and *data-name-2* may be qualified.

(3) The first specification of *data-name-2* must be the name of either the entry containing the OCCURS clause or an entry subordinate to the entry containing the OCCURS clause. Subsequent specification of *data-name-2* must be subordinate to the entry containing the OCCURS clause.

(4) *Data-name-2* must be specified without the subscripting that is normally required.

(5) *Integer-2* must be greater than zero.

(6) If *integer-1* is given it must be greater than or equal to zero, and *integer-2* must be greater than *integer-1* but less than or equal to 16,777,216.

(7) *Data-name-1* must describe an integer and its picture must not include the character P. The data item described by *data-name-1* must not occupy a character position within the range of the first character position defined by the data description entry containing the OCCURS clause and the last character position defined by the record description entry containing that OCCURS clause.

(8) If the OCCURS clause is specified in a data description entry included in a record description entry containing the EXTERNAL clause, data-name if specified, must reference a data item possessing the external attribute which is described in the same Data Division.

(9) A data description entry that contains a DEPENDING ON may only be followed, within that record description, by data description entries which are subordinate to it.

(10) The data item identified by *data-name-2* must not contain an OCCURS clause except when *data-name-2* is the subject of the entry.

(11) There must not be an entry that contains an OCCURS clause between the descriptions of the data items identified by data-names in the KEY IS phrase and the subject of the entry.



(12) An INDEXED BY phrase is required if the subject of this entry, or an entry subordinate to this entry, is to be referenced by indexing. The *index-name-1* identified by this phrase is not defined elsewhere since its allocation and format are dependent on the hardware and, not being data, cannot be associated with any data hierarchy.

(13) *Index-name-1* must be a unique word within the program.

#### E.11.4 General Rules

(1) Except for the OCCURS clause itself, all data description clauses associated with an item whose description includes an OCCURS clause apply to each occurrence of the item described.

(2) If the DEPENDING ON phrase is not given, the value of integer-2 represents the exact number of occurrences of the subject entry. If the DEPENDING ON phrase is given, the number of occurrences of the subject entry is defined to be the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1*. In this case the subject of the entry has a variable number of occurrences. The value of integer-2 represents the maximum number of occurrences and the value of integer-1 represents the minimum number of occurrences. This does not imply that the length of the subject entry is variable, but that the number of occurrences is variable.

At the time the subject entry is referenced or any data item subordinate or superordinate to the subject of entry is referenced, the value of the data item referenced by identifier must fall within the range of integer-1 through integer-2. The contents of the data items whose occurrence numbers exceed the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* are undefined. **ICOBOL** will raise an "Index out of range" error in this case.

(3) When a group data item, having subordinate to it an entry that specifies a DEPENDING ON, is referenced, the part of the table area used in the operation is determined as follows:

a. If the data item referenced by *data-name-1* is outside the group, only that part of the table area that is specified by the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* at the start of the operation will be used.

b. If the data item referenced by *data-name-1* is included in the same group and the group data item is referenced as a sending item, only that part of the table area that is specified by the value of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* at the start of the operation will be used in the operation. If the group is a receiving item, the maximum length of the group will be used. (This last sentence is different than how AOS/VS COBOL behaves.)

(4) When the KEY IS phrase is specified, the repeated data must be arranged in ascending or descending order according to the values contained in *data-name-3*. The ascending or descending order is determined according to the rules for the comparison of operands. The data-names are listed in their descending order of significance.

(5) At most ten (10) KEY IS phrases may be specified.

(6) If the OCCURS WITH DEPENDING is specified in a record description entry and the associated file description or sort-merge description entry contains the VARYING phrase of the RECORD clause, the records are variable length. If the DEPENDING ON phrase of the RECORD clause is not specified, the content of the data item referenced by *data-name-1* of the OCCURS clause must be set to the number of occurrences to be written before the execution of any RELEASE, REWRITE, or WRITE statement.

### E.12. PICTURE Clause

#### E.12.1 Function

The PICTURE clause describes the general characteristics and editing requirements of an elementary item.

#### E.12.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PICTURE} \\ \text{PIC} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \textit{character-string}$$

#### E.12.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The PICTURE clause can be specified only at the elementary item level.
- (2) A *character-string* consists of certain allowable combinations of characters in the COBOL character set used as symbols. The allowable combinations determine the category of the elementary item.
- (3) The lowercase letters corresponding to the uppercase letters representing the PICTURE symbols A, B, P, S, V, X, Z, CR, and DB are equivalent to their uppercase representations in a PICTURE character-string. All other lowercase letters are not equivalent to their corresponding uppercase representations.
- (4) The maximum number of characters allowed in the character-string is 30.
- (5) The PICTURE clause must be specified for every elementary item except an index data item. In that case the use of this clause is prohibited.
- (6) PIC is an abbreviation for PICTURE.
- (7) The asterisk, when used as the zero suppression symbol, and the clause BLANK WHEN ZERO may not appear in the same entry.
- (8) In the Screen section, unless the SIGN IS phrase is specified, the S PICTURE character is ignored by the compiler to be consistent with older versions of Interactive COBOL.
- (9) In the Screen section, the PICTURE symbols P, V, CR, and DB can only be used with output (FROM) fields.

#### E.12.4 General Rules

- (1) There are five categories of data that can be described with a PICTURE clause: alphabetic, numeric, alphanumeric, alphanumeric edited, and numeric edited.
- (2) To define an item as **alphabetic**:
  - a. Its PICTURE character-string can contain only the symbol `A'; and
  - b. Its content, when represented in standard data format, must be one or more alphabetic characters.

(3) To define an item as **numeric**:

- a. Its PICTURE character-string can contain only the symbols `9', `P', `S', and `V'. The number of digit positions that can be described by the PICTURE character-string must range from 1 to 18 inclusive; and
- b. If unsigned, its content when represented in standard data format must be one or more numeric characters; if signed, the item may also contain a `+', `-', or other representation of an operational sign.

(4) To define an item as **alphanumeric**:

- a. Its PICTURE character-string is restricted to certain combinations of the symbols `A', `X', `9', and the item is treated as if the character-string contained all `X's. A PICTURE character-string which contains all `A's or all `9's does not define an alphanumeric item, and;
- b. Its content, when represented in standard data format, must be one or more characters in the computer's character set.

(5) To define an item as **alphanumeric edited**:

- a. Its PICTURE character-string is restricted to certain combinations of the following symbols: `A', `X', `9', `B', `0', and `/'; and must contain at least one `A' or `X' and must contain at least one `B' or `0' (zero) or `/' (slant).
- b. Its content when represented in standard data format must be two or more characters in the computer's character set.

(6) To define an item as **numeric edited**:

- a. Its PICTURE character-string is restricted to certain combinations of the symbols `B', `/', `P', `V', `Z', `0', `9', `;', `!', `\*', `+', `-', `CR', `DB', and the currency symbol. The allowable combinations are determined from the order of precedence of symbols and the editing rules; and

1) The number of digit positions that can be represented in the PICTURE character-string must range from 1 to 18 inclusive; and

2) The character-string must contain at least one `0', `B', `/', `Z', `\*', `+', `;', `!', `-', `CR', `DB', or the currency symbol.

- b. The content of each of the character positions must be consistent with the corresponding PICTURE symbol.

(7) The size of an elementary item, where size means the number of character positions occupied by the elementary item in standard data format, is determined by the number of allowable symbols that represent character positions. An unsigned nonzero integer which is enclosed in parentheses following the symbols `A', `;', `X', `9', `P', `Z', `\*', `B', `/', `0', `+', `-', or the currency symbol indicates the number of consecutive occurrences of the symbol. The following symbols may appear only once in a given PICTURE: `S', `V', `.', `CR', and `DB'.

(8) The functions of the symbols, used to describe an elementary item are explain as follows:

A Each `A' in the character-string represents a character position which can contain only an alphabetic character and is counted in the size of the item.

B Each `B' in the character-string represents a character position into which the space character will be inserted and is counted in the size of the item.

P Each `P' in the character-string indicates an assumed decimal scaling position and is used to specify the location of an assumed decimal point when the point is not within the number that appears in the data item. The scaling position character `P' is not counted in the size of the data item. Scaling position characters are counted in

determining the maximum number of digit positions (18) in numeric edited items or numeric items. The scaling position character, `P` can appear only as a continuous string of `P`'s in the left-most or right-most digit positions within a PICTURE character-string; since the scaling position character `P` implies an assumed decimal point (to the left of `P`'s if `P`'s are left-most PICTURE symbols and to the right if `P`'s are right-most PICTURE symbols), the assumed decimal point symbol `V` is redundant as either the left-most or right-most character within such a PICTURE description. The symbol `P` and the insertion symbol `.` (period) cannot both occur in the same PICTURE character-string.

In certain operations that reference a data item whose PICTURE character-string contains the symbol `P`, the algebraic value of the data item is used rather than the actual character representation of the data item. This algebraic value assumes the decimal point in the prescribed location and zero in place of the digit position specified by the symbol `P`. The size of the value is the number of digit positions represented by the PICTURE character-string. These operations are any of the following:

- a. Any operation requiring a numeric sending operand.
- b. A MOVE statement where the sending operand is numeric and its PICTURE character-string contains the symbol `P`.
- c. A MOVE statement where the sending operand is numeric edited and its PICTURE character-string contains the symbol `P` and the receiving operand is numeric or numeric edited.
- d. A comparison operation where both operands are numeric.

In all other operations the digit positions specified with the symbol `P` are ignored and are not counted in the size of the operand.

**S** The `S` is used in a character-string to indicate the presence, but neither the representation nor, necessarily, the position of an operational sign; it must be written as the left-most character in the PICTURE. The `S` is not counted in determining the size (in terms of standard data format characters) of the elementary item unless the entry is subject to a SIGN clause which specifies the optional SEPARATE CHARACTER phrase.

**V** The `V` is used in a character-string to indicate the location of the assumed decimal point and may only appear once in a character-string. The `V` does not represent a character position and therefore is not counted in the size of the elementary item. When the assumed decimal point is to the right of the right-most symbol in the string representing a digit position or scaling position, the `V` is redundant.

**X** Each `X` in the character-string is used to represent a character position which contains any allowable character from the computer's character set and is counted in the size of the item.

**Z** Each `Z` in a character-string may only be used to represent the left-most leading numeric character positions which will be replaced by a space character when the content of that character position is a leading zero. Each `Z` is counted in the size of the item.

**9** Each `9` in the character-string represents a digit position which contains a numeric character and is counted in the size of the item.

**0** Each `0` (zero) in the character-string represents a character position into which the character zero will be inserted. The `0` is counted in the size of the item.

**/** Each `/` (slant) in the character-string represents a character position into which the slant character will be inserted. The `/` is counted in the size of the item.

**,** Each `,` (comma) in the character-string represents a character position into which the character `,` will be inserted. This character position is counted in the size of the item.

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. When the symbol `.' (period) appears in the character-string it is an editing symbol which represents the decimal point for alignment purposes and, in addition, represents a character position into which the character `.' will be inserted. The character `.' is counted in the size of the item. For a given program the functions of the period and comma are exchanged if the clause DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA is stated in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. In this exchange the rules for the period apply to the comma and the rules for the comma apply to the period wherever they appear in a PICTURE clause.

+ - CR DB These symbols are used as editing sign control symbols. When used, they represent the character position into which the editing sign control symbol will be placed. The symbols are mutually exclusive in any one character-string and each character used in the symbol is counted in determining the size of the data item.

\* Each `\*' (asterisk) in the character-string represents a leading numeric character position into which an asterisk will be placed when the content of that position is a leading zero. Each `\*' is counted in the size of the item.

cs The currency symbol in the character-string represents a character position into which a currency symbol is to be placed. The currency symbol in a character-string is represented by either the currency sign (\$) or by the single character specified in the CURRENCY SIGN clause in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. The currency symbol is counted in the size of the item.

**E.12.5 Editing Rules**

(1) There are two general methods of performing editing in the PICTURE clause, either by insertion or by suppression and replacement. There are four types of insertion editing available. They are:

- a. Simple insertion
- b. Special insertion
- c. Fixed insertion
- d. Floating insertion

There are two types of suppression and replacement editing:

- a. Zero suppression and replacement with spaces
- b. Zero suppression and replacement with asterisks

(2) The type of editing which may be performed upon an item is dependent upon the category to which the item belongs. The following table specifies which type of editing may be performed upon a given category:

CATEGORY	TYPE OF EDITING
Alphabetic	None
Numeric	None
Alphanumeric	None
Alphanumeric edited	Simple insertion `0', `B', and `/'
Numeric edited	All, subject to rule 3 below

TABLE 4. PICTURE Editing

(3) Floating insertion editing and editing by zero suppression and replacement are mutually exclusive in a PICTURE clause. Only one type of replacement may be used with zero suppression in a PICTURE clause.

(4) Simple insertion editing. The `,' (comma), `B' (space), `0' (zero), and `/' (slant) are used as the insertion characters. The insertion characters are counted in the size of the item and represent the position in the item into which the character will be inserted. If the insertion character `,' (comma) is the last symbol in the PICTURE character-string, the PICTURE clause must be the last clause of the data description entry and must be immediately followed by the separator period. This results in the combination of `,' appearing in the data description entry, or, if the DECIMAL POINT IS COMMA clause is used, in two consecutive periods.

(5) Special insertion editing. The `.' (period) is used as the insertion character. In addition to being an insertion character it also represents the decimal point for alignment purposes. The insertion character used for the actual

decimal point is counted in the size of the item. The use of the assumed decimal point, represented by the symbol `V' and the actual decimal point, represented by the insertion character, in the same PICTURE character-string is disallowed. If the insertion character is the last symbol in the PICTURE character-string, the PICTURE clause must be the last clause of that data description entry and must be immediately followed by the separator period. This results in two consecutive periods appearing in the data description entry, or in the combination of `,' if the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause is used. The result of special insertion editing is the appearance of the insertion character in the item in the same position as shown in the character-string.

(6) Fixed insertion editing. The currency symbol and the editing sign control symbols `+', `-', `CR', and `DB' are the insertion characters. Only one currency symbol and only one of the editing sign control symbols can be used in a given PICTURE character-string. When the symbols `CR' or `DB' are used they represent two character positions in determining the size of the item and they must represent the right-most character positions that are counted in the size of the item. If these character positions contain the symbols `CR' or `DB', the uppercase letters are the insertion characters. The symbol `+' or `-' when used, must be either the left-most or right-most character position to be counted in the size of the item. The currency symbol must be the left-most character position to be counted in the size of the item except that it can be preceded by either a `+' or a `-' symbol. Fixed insertion editing results in the insertion character occupying the same character position in the edited item as it occupied in the PICTURE character-string. Editing sign control symbols produce the following results depending upon the value of the data item:

EDITING SYMBOL IN PICTURE CHARACTER-STRING	RESULT	
	DATA ITEM POSITIVE OR ZERO	DATA ITEM NEGATIVE
+	+	-
-	space	-
CR	2 spaces	CR
DB	2 spaces	DB

TABLE 5. Sign Control in Fixed PICTURE Editing

(7) Floating insertion editing. The currency symbol and editing sign control symbols `+' and `-' are the floating insertion characters and as such are mutually exclusive in a given PICTURE character-string.

Floating insertion editing is indicated in a PICTURE character-string by using a string of at least two of the floating insertion characters. This string of floating insertion characters may contain any of the simple insertion characters or have simple insertion characters immediately to the right of this string. These simple insertion characters are part of the floating string. When the floating insertion character is the currency symbol, this string of floating insertion characters may have the fixed insertion characters `CR' and `DB' immediately to the right of this string.

The left-most character of the floating insertion string represents the left-most limit of the floating symbols in the data item. The right-most character of the floating string represents the right-most limit of the floating symbols in the data item.

The second floating character from the left represents the left-most limit of the numeric data that can be stored in the data item. Nonzero numeric data may replace all the characters at or to the right of this limit.

In a PICTURE character-string, there are only two ways of representing floating insertion editing. One way is to represent any or all of the leading numeric character positions on the left of the decimal point by the insertion character. The other way is to represent all of the numeric character positions in the PICTURE character-string by the insertion character.

If the insertion character positions are only to the left of the decimal point in the PICTURE character-string, the result is that a single floating insertion character will be placed into the character position immediately preceding either the decimal point or the first nonzero digit in the data represented by the insertion symbol string, whichever is farther to the left in the PICTURE character-string. The character positions preceding the insertion character are replaced with spaces.

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If all numeric character positions in the PICTURE character-string are represented by the insertion character, at least one of the insertion characters must be to the left of the decimal point.

When the floating insertion character is the editing control symbol '+' or '-' the character inserted depends upon the value of the data item:

EDITING SYMBOL IN PICTURE CHARACTER-STRING	RESULT	
	DATA ITEM POSITIVE OR ZERO	DATA ITEM NEGATIVE
+	+	-
-	space	-

TABLE 6. Sign Control in Floating PICTURE Editing

If all numeric character positions in the PICTURE character-string are represented by the insertion character, the result depends upon the value of the data. If the value is zero the entire data item will contain spaces. If the value is not zero, the result is the same as when the insertion character is only to the left of the decimal point.

To avoid truncation, the minimum size of the PICTURE character-string for the receiving data item must be the number of characters in the sending data item, plus the number of nonfloating insertion characters being edited into the receiving data item, plus one for the floating insertion character. If truncation does occur, the value of the data that is used for editing is the value after truncation.

(8) Zero suppression editing. The suppression of leading zeros in numeric character positions is indicated by the use of the alphabetic character 'Z' or the character '\*' (asterisk) as suppression symbols in a PICTURE character-string. These symbols are mutually exclusive in a given PICTURE character-string. Each suppression symbol is counted in determining the size of the item. If 'Z' is used the replacement character will be the space and if the asterisk is used, the replacement character will be '\*'.

Zero suppression and replacement is indicated in a PICTURE character-string by using a string of one or more of the allowable symbols to represent leading numeric character positions which are to be replaced when the associated character position in the data contains a leading zero. Any of the simple insertion characters embedded in the string of symbols or to the immediate right of this string are part of the string.

In a PICTURE character-string, there are only two ways of representing zero suppression. One way is to represent any or all of the leading numeric character positions to the left of the decimal point by suppression symbols. The other way is to represent all of the numeric character positions in the PICTURE character-string by suppression symbols.

If the suppression symbols appear only to the left of the decimal point, any leading zero in the data which corresponds to a symbol in the string is replaced by the replacement character. Suppression terminates at the first nonzero digit in the data represented by the suppression symbol string or at the decimal point, whichever is encountered first.

If all numeric character positions in the PICTURE character-string are represented by suppression symbols and the value of the data is not zero the result is the same as if the suppression characters were only to the left of the decimal point. If the value is zero and the suppression symbol is 'Z', the entire data item, including any editing characters, is spaces. If the value is zero and the suppression symbol is '\*' the entire data item, including any insertion editing symbols except the actual decimal point, will be '\*'. In this case, the actual decimal point will appear in the data item.

(9) The symbols '+', '-', '\*', 'Z', and the currency symbol, when used as floating replacement characters, are mutually exclusive within a given character-string.

E.12.6 Precedence Rules

The following table shows the order of precedence when using characters as symbols in a character-string. An 'X' at an intersection indicates that the symbol(s) at the top of the column may precede (but not necessarily immediately), in a given character-string, the symbol(s) at the left of the row. Two arguments appearing together indicate that the symbols are mutually exclusive. The currency symbol is indicated by the symbol 'cs'.

At least one of the symbols 'A', 'X', 'Z', '9', or '\*', or at least two occurrences of one of the symbols '+', '-', or 'cs' must be present in a PICTURE character-string.

Nonfloating insertion symbols '+' and '-', floating insertion symbols 'Z', '\*', '+', '-', and 'cs', and other symbol 'P' appear twice in the PICTURE character precedence chart in the table. The left-most column and upper-most row for each symbol represents its use to the left of the decimal point position. The second appearance of the symbol in the chart represents its use to the right of the decimal point position.

First Symbol	Non-floating Insertion Symbols								Floating Insertion Symbols						Other Symbols						
	B	0	/	,	.	+	-	CR	cs	Z	*	+	-	cs	cs	9	A	X	S	V	P
Non-floating Insertion Symbols	B	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	/	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	,	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	+																				
	-																				
	CR	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Floating Insertion Symbols	Z	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	cs	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	cs	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Other Symbols	9	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	X	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	S																				
	V	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	P	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

TABLE 7. PICTURE Precedence Rules

**Note:** When two of the same symbols appear twice in the chart, the left-most column and upper-most row symbol represents its use to the left of the decimal point position. The second appearance of the symbol in the chart represents its use to the right of the decimal point position.



E.13. REDEFINES Clause

E.13.1 Function

The REDEFINES clause allows the same computer storage area to be described by different data description entries.

E.13.2 General Format

**level-number** [  $\begin{matrix} \text{data-name-1} \\ \text{FILLER} \end{matrix}$  ] [ **REDEFINES** *data-name-2* ]

**Note:** Level-number, data-name-1, and FILLER are shown in the above format to improve clarity. Level-number, data-name-1, and FILLER are not part of the REDEFINES clause.

E.13.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The REDEFINES clause, when specified, must immediately follow the subject of the entry.
- (2) The level-numbers of *data-name-2* and the subject of the entry must be identical, but must not be 66 or 88.
- (3) This clause must not be used in level 01 entries in the File Section.
- (4) The data description entry for *data-name-2* cannot contain an OCCURS clause. However, *data-name-2* may be subordinate to an item whose data description entry contains an OCCURS clause. In this case, the reference to *data-name-2* in the REDEFINES clause may not be subscripted. Neither the original definition nor the redefinition can include a variable occurrence item.
- (5) *Data-name-2* must not be qualified even if it is not unique; no ambiguity of reference exists in this case because of the required placement of the REDEFINES clause within the source program.
- (6) Multiple redefinitions of the same character positions are permitted. Multiple redefinitions of the same character positions must all use the data-name of the entry that originally defined the area.
- (7) The entries giving the new description of the character positions must not contain any VALUE clauses, except in condition-name entries.
- (8) No entry having a level-number numerically lower than the level-number of *data-name-2* and the subject of the entry may occur between the data description entries of *data-name-2* and the subject of the entry.
- (9) The entries giving the new descriptions of the character positions must follow the entries defining the area of *data-name-2*, without intervening entries that define new character positions.
- (10) *Data-name-2* may be subordinate to an entry which contains a REDEFINES clause.
- (11) If the data item referenced by *data-name-2* is either declared to be an external data record or is specified with a level-number other than 01, the number of character positions it contains must be equal to the number of character positions in the data item referenced by the subject of this entry. If the data-name referenced by *data-name-2* is specified with a level-number of 01 and is not declared to be an external data record, there is no such constraint.

E.13.4 General Rules

(1) Storage allocation starts at *data-name-2* and continues over a storage area sufficient to contain the number of character positions in the data item referenced by the *data-name-1* or FILLER clause.

(2) When the same character position is defined by more than one data description entry, the data-name associated with any of those data description entries can be used to reference that character position.

E.14. RENAMES Clause

E.14.1 Function

The RENAMES clause permits alternative, possibly overlapping, groupings of elementary items.

E.14.2 General Format

66 *data-name-1* RENAMES *data-name-2* [ { THROUGH  
THRU } *data-name-3* ] .

**Note:** Level-number 66 and *data-name-1* are shown in the above format to improve clarity. Level-number 66 and *data-name-1* are not part of the RENAMES clause.

E.14.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) Any number of RENAMES entries may be written for a logical record.
- (2) All RENAMES entries referring to data items within a given logical record must immediately follow the last data description entry of the associated record description entry.
- (3) *Data-name-1* cannot be used as a qualifier, and can only be qualified by the names of the associated level 01, FD, or SD entries. Neither *data-name-2* nor *data-name-3* may have an OCCURS clause in its data description entry nor be subordinate to an item that has an OCCURS clause in its data description entry.
- (4) *Data-name-2* and *data-name-3* must be names of elementary items or groups of elementary items in the same logical record, and cannot be the same data-name. A 66 level entry cannot rename another 66 level entry nor can it rename a 77, 88, or 01 level entry.
- (5) *Data-name-2* and *data-name-3* may be qualified.
- (6) None of the items within the range, including *data-name-2* and *data-name-3*, if specified, can be variable occurrence data items.
- (7) The words THROUGH and THRU are equivalent.
- (8) The beginning of the area described by *data-name-3* must not be to the left of the beginning of the area described by *data-name-2*. The end of the area described by *data-name-3* must be to the right of the end of the area described by *data-name-2*. *Data-name-3*, therefore, cannot be subordinate to *data-name-2*.

E.14.4 General Rules

- (1) When *data-name-3* is specified, *data-name-1* is a group item which includes all elementary items starting with *data-name-2* (if *data-name-2* is an elementary item) or the first elementary item in *data-name-2* (if *data-name-2* is a group item), and concluding with *data-name-3* (if *data-name-3* is an elementary item) or the last elementary item in *data-name-3* (if *data-name-3* is a group item).
- (2) When *data-name-3* is not specified, all of the data attributes of *data-name-2* become the data attributes for *data-name-1*.

### E.15. SIGN Clause

#### E.15.1 Function

The SIGN clause specifies the position and the mode of representation of the operational sign when it is necessary to describe these properties explicitly.

#### E.15.2 General Format

[ SIGN IS ] { LEADING }  
                  { TRAILING } [ SEPARATE CHARACTER ]

#### E.15.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The SIGN clause may be specified only for a numeric data description entry whose PICTURE contains the character 'S'.

(2) The numeric data description entries to which the SIGN clause applies must be described, implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

(3) If the CODE-SET clause is specified in a file description entry, any signed numeric data description entries associated with that file description entry must be described with the SIGN IS SEPARATE clause.

#### E.15.4 General Rules

(1) The optional SIGN clause, if present, specifies the position and the mode of representation of the operational sign for the numeric data description entry to which it applies, or for each numeric data description entry subordinate to the group to which it applies. The SIGN clause applies only to numeric data description entries whose PICTURE contains the character 'S'; the 'S' indicates the presence of, but neither the representation nor, necessarily, the position of the operational sign.

(2) If a SIGN clause is specified in a group item subordinate to a group item for which a SIGN clause is specified, the SIGN clause specified in the subordinate group item takes precedence for that subordinate group item.

(3) If a SIGN clause is specified in an elementary numeric data description entry subordinate to a group item for which a SIGN clause is specified, the SIGN clause specified in the subordinate elementary numeric data description entry takes precedence for that elementary numeric data item.

(4) A numeric data description entry whose PICTURE contains the character 'S', but to which no optional SIGN clause applies, has an operational sign, but neither the representation, nor, necessarily, the position of the operational sign is specified by the character 'S'. For items whose USAGE IS DISPLAY, the default operational sign is the same as SIGN IS TRAILING. For items whose USAGE IS COMPUTATION, the operational sign is inherent in the binary representation of the value. General rules 5 through 7 do not apply to such default signed numeric data items.

(5) If the optional SEPARATE CHARACTER phrase is not present, then:

a. The operational sign will be presumed to be associated with the leading (or, respectively, trailing) digit position of the elementary numeric data item, more commonly called over punched.

b. The letter 'S' in a PICTURE character-string is not counted in determining the size of the item (in terms of standard data format characters).

c. The table below defines the valid sign(s) for data items.

Digit	Positive	Negative
0	{ <173>	} <175>
1	A <101>	J <112>
2	B <102>	K <113>
3	C <103>	L <114>
4	D <104>	M <115>
5	E <105>	N <116>
6	F <106>	O <117>
7	G <107>	P <120>
8	H <110>	Q <121>
9	I <111>	R <122>

TABLE 8. SIGN Overpunch Characters

(6) If the optional SEPARATE CHARACTER phrase is present, then:

a. The operational sign will be presumed to be the leading (or, respectively, trailing) character position of the elementary numeric data item; this character position is not a digit position.

b. The letter 'S' in a PICTURE character-string is counted in determining the size of the item (in terms of standard data format characters).

c. The operational signs for positive and negative are the standard data format characters '+' and '-' respectively.

(7) Every numeric data description entry whose PICTURE contains the character 'S' is a signed numeric data description entry. If a SIGN clause applies to such an entry and conversion is necessary for purposes of computation or comparisons, conversion takes place automatically.

E.16. SYNCHRONIZED Clause

(Documentation only)

E.16.1 Function

The SYNCHRONIZED clause specifies the alignment of an elementary item on the natural boundaries of the computer memory.

E.16.2 General Format

d { SYNCHRONIZED } [ LEFT ]  
d { SYNC } [ RIGHT ]

E.16.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) This clause may only appear with an elementary item.
- (2) SYNC is an abbreviation for SYNCHRONIZED.

E.16.4 General Rules

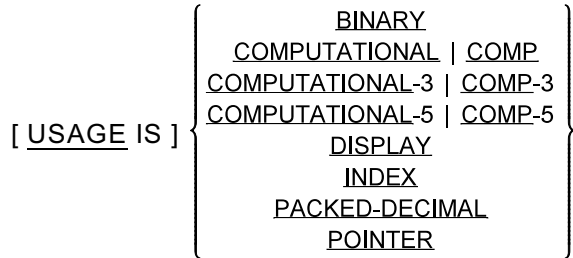
- (1) The SYNCHRONIZED clause is used for documentation only. All data items within a record are aligned on the next available byte in storage.
- (2) All 01 and 77 level items are aligned on an even byte boundary. This default alignment may be overridden with the -B compiler switch.

E.17. USAGE Clause

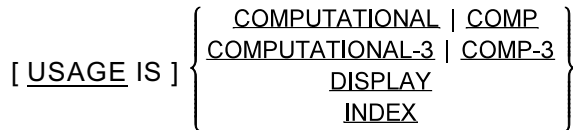
E.17.1 Function

The USAGE clause specifies the format of a data item in the computer storage.

E.17.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)



E.17.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)



E.17.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) A USAGE clause specifying BINARY, COMPUTATION-5, PACKED-DECIMAL, or POINTER may not be used with the **VXCOBOL** dialect.
- (2) The USAGE clause may be written in any data description entry with a level-number other than 66 or 88.
- (3) If the USAGE clause is written in the data description entry for a group item, it may also be written in the data description entry for any subordinate elementary item or group item, but the same usage must be specified in both entries.
- (4) An elementary data item whose declaration contains, or an elementary data item subordinate to a group item whose declaration contains, a USAGE clause specifying BINARY, COMPUTATIONAL, COMPUTATIONAL-3, COMPUTATIONAL-5, or PACKED-DECIMAL, must be declared with a PICTURE character-string that describes a numeric item, i.e., a PICTURE character-string that contains only the symbols 'P', 'S', 'V', and '9'.
- (5) COMP is an abbreviation for COMPUTATIONAL.
- (6) COMP-3 is an abbreviation for COMPUTATIONAL-3.
- (7) COMP-5 is an abbreviation for COMPUTATIONAL-5.
- (8) An index data item can be referenced explicitly only in a SET statement, a relation condition, the USING phrase of a Procedure Division header, or the USING phrase of a CALL statement.
- (9) The BLANK WHEN ZERO, JUSTIFIED, PICTURE, SIGN, SYNCHRONIZED, and VALUE clauses must not be specified for data items whose usage is INDEX.

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(10) An elementary data item described with a USAGE IS INDEX or USAGE IS POINTER clause must not be a conditional variable.

(11) An elementary data item described with a USAGE IS POINTER must contain no other data description clauses other than VALUE IS NULL.

### E.17.5 General Rules

(1) If the USAGE clause is written at a group level, it applies to each elementary item in the group.

(2) The USAGE clause specifies the manner in which a data item is represented in the storage of a computer. It may affect the use of the data item, and the specifications for some statements in the Procedure Division may restrict the USAGE clause of the operands referred to. The USAGE clause may affect the radix or type of character representation of the item.

(3) The USAGE IS BINARY or COMPUTATIONAL clause specifies a twos-complement big-endian binary representation of the numeric item in the storage of the computer. The table below lists the bytes required to store BINARY and COMPUTATIONAL items.

VXCOBOL	ANSI 74 and ANSI 85		Bytes Required
	Number of Decimal Digits		
	Unsigned	Signed	
1-2	1-2	1-2	1
3-4	3-4	3-4	2
5-6	5-7	5-6	3
7-9	8-9	7-9	4
10-11	10-12	10-11	5
12-14	13-14	12-14	6
15-16	15-16	15-16	7
17-18	17-18	17-18	8

TABLE 9. BINARY & COMPUTATIONAL Storage Allocation

(4) The USAGE IS DISPLAY clause (whether specified explicitly or implicitly) specifies that a standard data format is used to represent a data item in the storage of the computer, and that the data item is aligned on a character boundary. The data is stored as ASCII characters in bytes.

(5) If the USAGE clause is not specified for an elementary item, or for any group to which the item belongs, the usage is implicitly DISPLAY.

(6) The USAGE IS COMPUTATIONAL-3 and PACKED-DECIMAL clauses specify that a radix of 10 (packed decimal) is used to represent a numeric item in the storage of the computer. Furthermore, this clause specifies that each digit position must occupy the minimum possible configuration in computer storage. COMPUTATIONAL-3 and PACKED-DECIMAL items are stored most significant digit first as a string of 4-bit half-bytes (nibbles). Each nibble except the rightmost, contains a hexadecimal digit of 0 through 9; the remaining nibble contains a hexadecimal C if the data is positive or unsigned or D if the data is negative. The sign nibble is always present as the last nibble. Because there must be an even number of nibbles (i.e., you cannot store a half-byte) and a sign nibble is always stored, the number of digits stored is always rounded up to an odd number. Thus a PIC 99 is stored the same as a PIC 999.

(7) The usage is COMPUTATIONAL-5 clause specifies a twos-complement binary representation of the numeric item in the storage of the computer. The format of a COMPUTATIONAL-5 item differs from that of a COMPUTATIONAL item in that it is stored in an order that is natural to the host computer. On "big-endian" machines, data is stored with high-order bytes at the lowest addresses and successively lower-order bytes at successively higher addresses. On "little-endian" machines, data is stored in the reverse order, i.e., the lower the address the lower the significance of the byte. For example, a computational item with a four byte hexadecimal



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value of 12 34 56 78 would be stored as 12 34 56 78 on a “*big-endian*” machine and as 78 56 34 12 on a “*little-endian*” machine. Most RISC processors are “*big-endian*” and most Intel processors are “*little-endian*”.

**NOTE: Data stored in a COMPUTATIONAL-5 field may not be transportable to a different machine since different machines have different byte orderings.**

The number of bytes required to store COMPUTATIONAL-5 items is described in the following table. Storage does not differ between signed and unsigned items.

Number of Decimal Digits	Bytes Required
1-2	1
3-4	2
5-9	4
10-18	8

TABLE 10. COMPUTATIONAL-5 Storage Allocation

(8) The USAGE IS INDEX clause specifies that a data item is an index data item and contains a value which must correspond to an occurrence number of a table element. INDEX items are represented internally as 4-byte unsigned items.

(9) The USAGE IS POINTER clause specifies a data-item in which the address of a data item can be stored. **A pointer item requires 4 bytes with compiler revisions 6 and below and 8 bytes for revision 7 and greater.** The format of the item is machine dependent. USAGE IS POINTER data items have their values assigned by the SET or INITIALIZE statements and may appear in relational conditions for equality and inequality.

(10) When a MOVE statement or an input-output statement that references a group item that contains an index data item or a pointer data item is executed, no conversion of the data item takes place.

(11) The ON SIZE condition is processed as follows for the various usages:

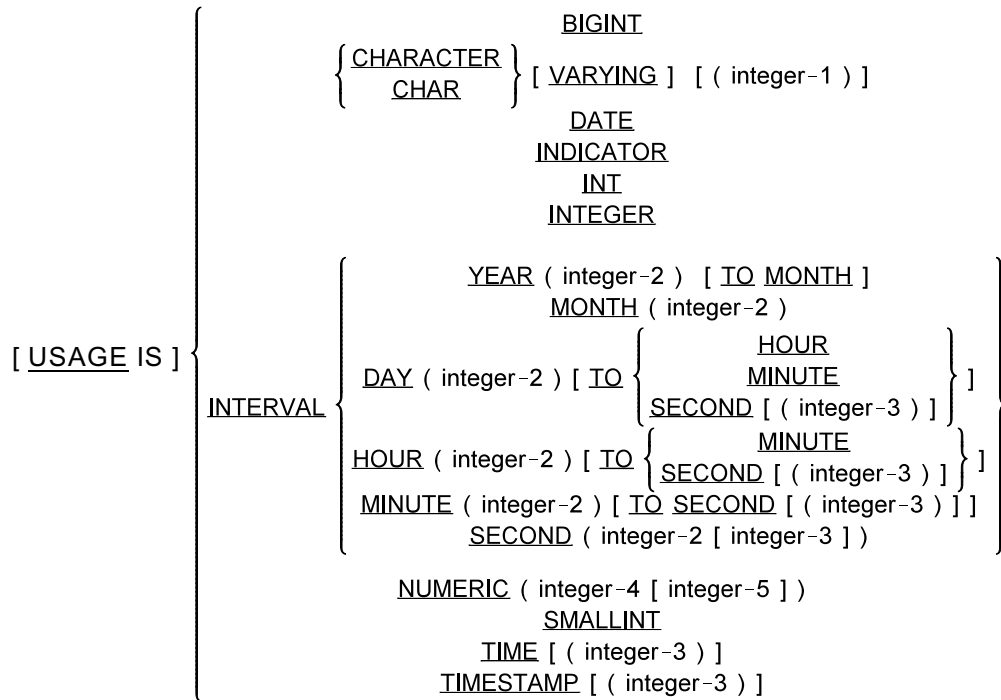
- a. For a BINARY item, the number of digits used in the check is based on the picture specified.
- b. For a COMPUTATIONAL item, the check is based on the picture specified except for ANSI 74 where it is based on storage size rather than the picture. (The -G p and -G b compiler switches allow COMPUTATIONAL items to be size checked based on picture and storage respectively thus allowing the default behavior to be overridden.)
- c. For a PACKED-DECIMAL item, the number of digits used in the check is based on the picture specified.
- d. For a COMPUTATIONAL-3 item, the check is based on storage size rather than the picture; i.e., it uses the rounded-up digit count as explained in rule 8.
- e. For a COMPUTATIONAL-5 item, the check is based on storage size rather than picture.

E.18. USAGE Clause (*ISQL*)

E.18.1 Function

This USAGE clause specifies the format of a data item in the computer storage when used with the *ISQL* feature set.

E.18.2 General Format



E.18.3 Syntax Rules

(1) A USAGE clause specifying BIGINT, CHARACTER, DATE, INDICATOR, INTEGER, INTERVAL, NUMERIC, SMALLINT, TIME, or TIMESTAMP is available only when the *ISQL* feature-set is enabled and appear as USAGE options that are in addition to certain dialect-specific options.

(2) The USAGE clause may be written in any data description entry with a level-number other than 66 or 88.

(3) A USAGE clause specifying BIGINT, CHARACTER, DATE, INDICATOR, INTEGER, INTERVAL, NUMERIC, SMALLINT, TIME, or TIMESTAMP must not be specified at the group level.

(4) If the USAGE clause is written in the data description entry for a group item, it may also be written in the data description entry for any subordinate elementary item or group item, but the same usage must be specified in both entries.

(5) CHAR is an abbreviation for CHARACTER.

(6) INT is an abbreviation for INTEGER.

(7) The BLANK WHEN ZERO, JUSTIFIED, PICTURE, SIGN, and SYNCHRONIZED clauses must not be specified for data items whose usage is BIGINT, CHARACTER, DATE, INDICATOR, INTEGER, INTERVAL, NUMERIC, SMALLINT, TIME, or TIMESTAMP.

(8) The value of *integer-1* must be greater than zero and less than or equal to 65535. If *integer-1* is omitted it is assumed to have a value of one.

(9) The value of *integer-2* must be greater than zero and less than the values specified in the general rules below.

(10) The value of *integer-3* must be greater than zero and less than or equal to six.

(11) The value of *integer-4* must be greater than zero and less than or equal to 18.

(12) The value of *integer-5* must be greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to the value of *integer-4*. If *integer-5* is omitted it is assumed to have a value of zero.

#### E.18.4 General Rules

(1) If the USAGE clause is written at a group level, it applies to each elementary item in the group.

(2) The USAGE clause specifies the manner in which a data item is represented in the storage of a computer. It may affect the use of the data item, and the specifications for some statements in the Procedure Division may restrict the USAGE clause of the operands referred to. The USAGE clause may affect the radix or type of character representation of the item.

(3) The USAGE IS BIGINT clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL integer value. It has the same storage format and runtime behavior as a signed 8-byte COMPUTATIONAL-5 data item.

(4) The USAGE IS CHARACTER clause specifies a data-item which can store an SQL character string value. The value of *integer-1* specifies the number of characters that can be stored in the item. If *integer-1* is omitted, it is assumed to have a value of one. The maximum value for *integer-1* is 65535.

If the VARYING phrase is specified, the data item may vary in length from zero characters to the number of characters specified by *integer-1*. The format of an elementary item in storage has a two-byte binary current-length field (equivalent to a 2-byte unsigned COMPUTATIONAL field) followed by the alphanumeric data field. The format is equivalent to the following data redefinition:

01	TOP-LEVEL.
02	VARYING-ITEM CHARACTER VARYING (20).
02	VARYING-RED REDEFINES VARYING-ITEM.
03	RED-LENGTH PIC 9(4) COMPUTATIONAL.
03	RED-ITEM PIC X(20).

When the data item is referenced at execution, the value of the length field is implicitly referenced to determine the effective length of the data field. Only the data positions encompassed by the current length are referenced.

(5) The USAGE IS DATE clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL date value. The value is stored as a sequence of 8 ASCII decimal digits (yyyymmdd), with the leftmost four-digits specifying the year field, the next two-digits specifying the month field, and the final two digits specifying the day of the month field. The values or the various fields must meet the rules for valid month and day values in the Gregorian calendar. The size of a DATE data item is 8 bytes.

(6) The USAGE IS INTEGER clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL integer value. It has the same storage format and runtime behavior as a signed 4-byte COMPUTATIONAL-5 data item.

(7) The USAGE IS INDICATOR clause specifies a data item which can store the value that indicates whether an item has no value (is NULL), has a valid value (is VALID), or has a truncated value (is OVERFLOW). The value can be set by using the SET statement or by specifying the data-item in the INDICATOR clause in the parameter list of an SQL statement.

(8) The USAGE IS INTERVAL clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL interval value. The value is stored as a sign, containing an ASCII '+' or '-' character, followed by a sequence of ASCII decimal digits expressing the interval value in units of the rightmost field. Thus "10:08" MINUTE TO SECOND is stored as +0608. The number of digits in the leftmost field can be set by specifying *integer-2*. The maximum and default values for *integer-2* depend on the type of the leftmost field specifier and are specified in the following table. The size is 1 byte plus the sum of the sizes of the individual fields in the range, except for the DAY TO SECOND interval, which is one less (just the sum of the sizes of the individual fields.) This yields a minimum size of 2 bytes (sign plus a single field of precision 1) and a maximum size of 19 bytes.

Field	Maximum Precision as Leftmost Field	Default Precision
YEAR	4	4
MONTH	6	2
DAY	7	2
HOURL	8	2
MINUTE	10	2
SECOND	12	2

TABLE 11. INTERVAL Field Maximum Precision (*ISQL*)

(9) The USAGE IS NUMERIC clause specifies a data item that can store an SQL decimal numeric value. It has the same storage format and runtime behavior as an numeric data item declared as follows.

If *integer-5* is not specified:

PICTURE S9(*integer-4*) SIGN IS LEADING SEPARATE USAGE IS DISPLAY

If *integer-5* is specified:

PICTURE S9(*integer-4* – *integer-5*)V9(*integer-5*) SIGN IS LEADING SEPARATE USAGE IS DISPLAY

(10) The USAGE IS SMALLINT clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL small integer value. It has the same storage format and runtime behavior as a signed 2-byte COMPUTATIONAL-5 data item.

(11) The USAGE IS TIME clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL time value. The value is stored as a sequence of 6 (hhmmss) plus *integer-3* ASCII decimal digits, with the leftmost two-digits specifying the hours field, the next two-digits specifying the minutes field, the next two-digits specifying the seconds field, and the final *integer-3* digits specifying the fractional seconds field. If *integer-3* is omitted, it is assumed to be zero. The value of *integer-3* must be less than or equal to 6. The values for the various fields must meet the rules for time keeping using a 24 hour clock, i.e., 00-23 for hours and 00-59 for minutes and seconds. Thus size of a TIME item is 6 plus *integer-3* bytes, with a maximum of 12 bytes.

(12) The USAGE IS TIMESTAMP clause specifies a data item which can store an SQL timestamp value. The value is stored as a DATE data item directly followed by a TIME data item with *integer-3* fraction digits. The size of a TIMESTAMP data item is 14 plus *integer-3* bytes.

(13) When a MOVE statement or an input-output statement that references a group item that contains an indicator data item is executed, no conversion of the data item takes place.

(14) The ON SIZE condition is processed as follows for the various usages:

- a. For an INTEGER or SMALLINT item, the check is based on storage size rather than picture.

b. For a NUMERIC item, the check is based on the declared precision.

(14) Uninitialized DATE and TIME items can cause exceptions if used before a valid value is stored.

### E.19. VALUE Clause

#### E.19.1 Function

The VALUE clause defines the initial value of Working-Storage data items and the values associated with condition-names.

#### E.19.2 General Format

Format 1:

$$\underline{\text{VALUE IS}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{literal-1} \\ \text{NULL} \\ \text{VALID} \\ \underline{\text{OVERFLOW}} \end{array} \right\}$$

Format 2:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{VALUE IS}} \\ \underline{\text{VALUES ARE}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \textit{literal-2} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{THROUGH}} \\ \underline{\text{THRU}} \end{array} \right\} \textit{literal-3} \right] \right\} \dots$$

#### E.19.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The words THROUGH and THRU are equivalent.
- (2) A signed numeric literal must have associated with it a signed numeric PICTURE *character-string* or a usage that represents a signed numeric item.
- (3) All numeric literals in a VALUE clause of an item must have a value which is within the range of values indicated by the PICTURE clause, and must not have a value which would require truncation of nonzero digits. Items whose USAGE enables size checking by storage must have a value which will fit in the storage allocated.
- (4) Nonnumeric literals in a VALUE clause of an item must not exceed the size indicated by the PICTURE clause.
- (5) The word NULL may only be specified for an item with usage POINTER or (**ISQL**) INDICATOR.
- (6) (**ISQL**) The words VALID and OVERFLOW may only be specified for an item of usage INDICATOR.
- (7) (**ISQL**) If the class of the item is date-time or interval, the literals in the VALUE clause must be of the same category and must not have a value which would require the truncation of nonzero digits.
- (8) *Literal-1* may not be specified for an item with usage POINTER or (**ISQL**) usage INDICATOR.

#### E.19.4 General Rules

- (1) The VALUE clause must not conflict with other clauses in the data description of the item or in the data description within the hierarchy of the item.
- (2) If the category of the item is numeric, all literals in the VALUE clause must be numeric. If the literal defines the value of a working storage item, the literal is aligned in the data item according to the standard alignment rules.

(3) If the category of the item is alphabetic, alphanumeric, alphanumeric edited, or numeric edited, all literals in the VALUE clause must be nonnumeric literals. The literal is aligned in the data item as if the data item had been described as alphanumeric. Editing characters in the PICTURE clause are included in determining the size of the data item but have no effect on initialization of the data item. Therefore, the VALUE for an edited item must be specified in an edited form.

(4) Initialization is not affected by any BLANK WHEN ZERO or JUSTIFIED clause that may be specified.

(5) (**ISQL**) If the category of the item is date, time, or timestamp the literals in the VALUE clause must be of the same category. If the literal defines the value of a working-storage item, the literal may also be a simple nonnumeric literal whose content matches the content of a literal of the same category as the item.

(6) (**ISQL**) If the category of the item is year-to-month or day-to-time, the literals in the VALUE clause must be of the same category and have the same range of field specifiers. If the literal defines the value of a working-storage item, the literal may also be a simple nonnumeric literal whose content matches the content of a literal of the same category and with the same range of field specifiers as the item.

#### E.19.5 Condition-Name Rules

(1) In a condition-name entry, the VALUE clause is required. The VALUE clause and the *condition-name* itself are the only two clauses permitted in the entry. The characteristics of a *condition-name* are implicitly those of its conditional variable.

(2) Format 2 can be used only in conjunction with condition-names. Whenever the THRU phrase is used, *literal-2* must be less than *literal-3*.

(3) A condition-name entry may not be used if the conditional variable is defined with usage POINTER, usage INDEX or (**ISQL**) usage INDICATOR.

#### E.19.6 Data Description Entries Other Than Condition-Names

(1) Rules governing the use of the VALUE clause differ with the respective sections of the Data Division:

a. In the File Section, the VALUE clause may be used only in condition-name entries; therefore, the initial value of the data item in the File Section is undefined.

b. In the Linkage Section, the VALUE clause may only be used in condition-name entries.

c. In the Working-Storage Section, the VALUE clause must be used in condition-name entries. VALUE clauses in the Working-Storage Section of a program take effect only when the program is placed into its initial state. If the VALUE clause is used in the description of the data item, the data item is initialized to the defined value. If the VALUE clause is not associated with a data item, the initial value of that data item is undefined.

d. In the Screen Section a figurative constant cannot be used.

(2) The VALUE clause must not be stated in a data description entry that contains a REDEFINES clause, or in an entry that is subordinate to an entry containing a REDEFINES clause. This rule does not apply to condition-name entries.

(3) If the VALUE clause is used in an entry at the group level, the literal must be a figurative constant or a nonnumeric literal, and the group area is initialized without consideration for the individual elementary or group items contained within this group. The VALUE clause cannot be stated at the subordinate levels within this group.

(4) The VALUE clause must not be specified for a group item containing items subordinate to it with descriptions including JUSTIFIED, SYNCHRONIZED, or USAGE (other than USAGE IS DISPLAY).

(5) A Format 1 VALUE clause specified in a data description entry that contains an OCCURS clause or in a entry that is subordinate to an OCCURS clause causes every occurrence of the associated data item to be assigned the specified value.

(6) If a VALUE clause is specified in a data description entry of a data item which is associated with a variable occurrence data item, the initialization of the data item behaves as if the value of the data item referenced by the DEPENDING ON phrase in the OCCURS clause specified for that variable occurrence data item is set to the maximum number of occurrences as specified by the OCCURS clause. A data item is associated with a variable occurrence data item in any of the following cases:

- a. It is a group data item containing a variable occurrence data item.
- b. It is a variable occurrence data item.
- c. It is subordinate to a variable occurrence data item.

If a VALUE clause is associated with the data item referenced by a DEPENDING ON phrase, that value is considered to be placed in the data item after the variable occurrence data item has been initialized.

(7) (**ISQL**) If the VALUE clause is specified in a data description entry that contains the VARYING phrase, the current length of the data item is also initialized to the length of the literal item specified in the VALUE clause. If the literal item is a figurative constant, the length is the length of a single occurrence of the constant.



**F. VIRTUAL-STORAGE SECTION (VXCOBOL)**

The Virtual-Storage Section is located in the Data Division of a source program. The Virtual-Storage Section is treated as an extension of the Working-Storage Section.

The general format of the Virtual-Storage Section is the same as that shown for the Working-Storage Section.

All rules that apply to the Working-Storage Section apply equally to the Virtual-Storage Section.

## **G. LINKAGE SECTION**

The Linkage Section is located in the Data Division of a source program. The Linkage Section appears in the called program and describes data items that are to be referred to by the calling program and the called program.

The Linkage Section in a program is meaningful if and only if the object program is to function under the control of a CALL statement, and the CALL statement in the calling program contains a USING phrase or if the program was passed data from another program with a CALL PROGRAM statement that contained a USING phrase or the program was started with data passed in when the runtime system was initially started.

The Linkage Section is used for describing data that is available through the calling program but is to be referred to in both the calling and the called program. The mechanism by which a correspondence is established between the data items described in the Linkage Section of a called program and data items described in the calling program is described elsewhere in these specifications. In the case of index-names, no such correspondence is established and index-names in the called and calling programs always refer to separate indices.

The structure of the Linkage Section is the same as that previously described for the Working-Storage Section, beginning with a section header, followed by noncontiguous data items and/or record description entries.

The general format of the Linkage Section is shown below.

### LINKAGE SECTION.

```
[ 77-level-description-entry ]  
[ record-description-entry ] ...
```

If a data item in the Linkage Section is accessed in a program which is not a called program, the effect is undefined.

#### G.1. Noncontiguous Linkage Storage

Items in the Linkage Section that bear no hierarchical relationship to one another need not be grouped into records and are classified and defined as noncontiguous elementary items. Each of these items is defined in a separate data description entry which begins with the special level-number 77.

The following data clauses are required in each data description entry:

1. level-number 77
2. data-name
3. the PICTURE clause or a USAGE clause that precludes the use of a PICTURE clause.

Other data description clauses are optional and can be used to complete the description of the item if necessary.

#### G.2. Linkage Records

Data elements in the Linkage Section which bear a definite hierarchical relationship to one another must be grouped into records according to the rules for formation of record descriptions. Data elements in the Linkage Section which bear no hierarchical relationship to any other data item may be described as records which are single elementary items.

#### G.3. Initial Values

The VALUE clause must not be specified in the Linkage Section except in condition-name entries (level-number 88).

## **H. SCREEN SECTION**

The Screen Section is located in the Data Division of a source program. The Screen Section defines the attributes of screens to be used in interactive screen I/O. Screen section entries are referenced in the procedure Division with the ACCEPT and DISPLAY verbs. The Screen Section is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

The Screen Section is composed of the section header, followed by screen description entries.

The general format of the Screen Section is shown below.

### **SCREEN SECTION.**

[ *screen-description-entry* ]...

#### **H.1. Screen Description**

A screen description consists of a set of screen description entries which describe the characteristics of a particular screen. Each screen description entry consists of a level-number followed by the screen-name, if specified, followed by a series of independent clauses as required. A screen description may have a hierarchical structure and therefore the clauses used within an entry may vary considerably, depending upon whether or not it is followed by subordinate entries.

In its simplest form, the screen description consists of a single, named 01 level item that can be a screen-literal or screen-data format entry. In its more complex form, the screen description consists of a named 01 level item that is a screen-group format item. The screen description consists of the 01 level item and all items subordinate to it. It can have the same type of hierarchical structure as a record description.

The screen description entry and the allowable elements are explained in the next section.

#### **H.2. Screen Description Entry**

##### **H.2.1 Function**

A screen description entry specifies the characteristics of a particular item in a screen.

Screen data description entries can be screen-literal, screen-data, or screen-group format items. Screen-literal format is used to display constant information, such as prompts. Screen-data format is used to perform input/output operations and transfer data between the screen-data and data items in the File, Working-Storage, and Linkage sections. Screen-group format is used to organize multiple screen-literal and screen-data items into logical groups for input/output operations as well as to specify attributes that apply to several screen-data items.

Screen description entries consist of a level number, an optional screen-name, and optional clauses that specify the position of a field, along with various attributes.

H.2.2 General Format

**Screen-Literal Format: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

*level-number* { *screen-name* / FILLER } ]

[ { BACKGROUND-COLOR / BACKGROUND } IS { *integer* / *color-name* / *identifier* } ]

[ { FOREGROUND-COLOR / FOREGROUND } IS { *integer* / *color-name* / *identifier* } ]

[ { COLUMN / COL } [ NUMBER IS [ PLUS / MINUS ] { *integer* / *identifier* } ] ]

[ LINE [ NUMBER IS [ PLUS / MINUS ] { *integer* / *identifier* } ] ]

[ BLANK { LINE / REMAINDER / SCREEN } ]

[ ERASE { LINE / SCREEN / EOL / EOS / END OF LINE / END OF SCREEN } ]

[ BELL / BEEP ]

[ BLINK ]

[ { BOLD / BRIGHT / [ NO ] HIGHLIGHT / DIM / LOWLIGHT } ]

[ { REVERSE-VIDEO / REVERSE / REVERSED } ]

[ { UNDERLINED / UNDERLINE } ]

[ [ VALUE IS ] *literal* ] .

**Screen-Literal Format: (VXCOBOL)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 01 \text{ screen-name [ VIRTUAL ] } \\ \text{level-number} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{screen-name} \\ \text{FILLER} \end{array} \right\} \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

[ BELL ]

$$[ \text{BLANK} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE} \\ \text{REMAINDER} \\ \text{SCREEN} \end{array} \right\} ]$$

[ BLINK ]

[ BOLD ]

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{COLUMN} \\ \text{COL} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{NUMBER IS} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer} \\ \text{identifier} \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$$

$$\left[ \text{LINE} [ \text{NUMBER IS} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer} \\ \text{identifier} \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$$

[ [ VALUE IS ] *literal* ] .

**Screen-Data Format: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

$level-number \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} screen-name \\ FILLER \end{array} \right\} \right]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} BACKGROUND-COLOR \\ BACKGROUND \end{array} \right\} IS \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ color-name \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} \right]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} FOREGROUND-COLOR \\ FOREGROUND \end{array} \right\} IS \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ color-name \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} \right]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} COLUMN \\ COL \end{array} \right\} [ NUMBER IS \left[ \begin{array}{c} PLUS \\ + \\ MINUS \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$

$\left[ LINE [ NUMBER IS \left[ \begin{array}{c} PLUS \\ + \\ MINUS \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$

$[ BLANK \left\{ \begin{array}{c} LINE \\ REMAINDER \\ SCREEN \end{array} \right\} ]$

$[ ERASE \left[ \left[ \begin{array}{c} LINE \\ SCREEN \\ EOL \\ EOS \\ END OF LINE \\ END OF SCREEN \end{array} \right] \right] ]$

$[ BELL ]$

$[ BEEP ]$

$[ BLINK ]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} BOLD \\ BRIGHT \\ [NO] HIGHLIGHT \\ DIM \\ LOWLIGHT \end{array} \right\} \right]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} UNDERLINED \\ UNDERLINE \end{array} \right\} \right]$

$[ OCCURS integer TIMES ]$

$[ AUTO ]$

$[ BLANK WHEN ZERO ]$

$[ CONVERTING \left\{ \begin{array}{c} UP \\ DOWN \end{array} \right\} ]$

$[ FULL ]$

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} JUSTIFIED \\ JUST \end{array} \right\} RIGHT \right]$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} PICTURE \\ PIC \end{array} \right\} IS character-string$

$[ REQUIRED ]$

[ SECURE [ { WITH ECHO  
NO ECHO } ] ]

[ [ SIGN IS ] { LEADING  
TRAILING } SEPARATE CHARACTER ]

d [ [ USAGE IS ] DISPLAY ]  
 { FROM { *arith-exp*  
identifier } [ IO identifier ]  
literal }  
 IO identifier FROM { *arith-exp*  
identifier }  
literal }  
 USING identifier }

For **ISQL** Add:

[ [ USAGE IS ] INTERVAL {  
 DATE  
 YEAR ( integer-2 ) [ IO MONTH ]  
 MONTH ( integer-2 )  
 DAY ( integer-2 ) [ IO { HOUR  
MINUTE } ]  
 SECOND [ ( integer-3 ) ]  
 HOUR ( integer-2 ) [ IO { MINUTE  
SECOND [ ( integer-3 ) ] } ]  
 MINUTE ( integer-2 ) [ IO SECOND [ ( integer-3 ) ] ]  
 SECOND ( integer-2 [ integer-3 ] )  
 TIME [ ( integer-3 ) ]  
 TIMESTAMP [ ( integer-3 ) ]  
 } ]

**Screen-Data Format: (VXCOBOL)**

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 01 \text{ screen-name [ VIRTUAL ] } \\ \text{level-number } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{screen-name} \\ \text{FILLER} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\}$   
 [ AUTO ]  
 [ BELL ]  
 [ BLANK  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE} \\ \text{REMAINDER} \\ \text{SCREEN} \end{array} \right\}$  ]  
 [ BLANK WHEN ZERO ]  
 [ BLINK ]  
 [ BOLD ]  
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{COLUMN} \\ \text{COL} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [ NUMBER IS } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer} \\ \text{identifier} \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$   
 $\left[ \text{LINE [ NUMBER IS } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer} \\ \text{identifier} \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$   
 [ FULL ]  
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{JUSTIFIED} \\ \text{JUST} \end{array} \right\} \text{ RIGHT} \right]$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PICTURE} \\ \text{PIC} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS character-string}$   
 [ REQUIRED ]  
 [ SECURE ]  
 [ [ SIGN IS ]  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LEADING} \\ \text{TRAILING} \end{array} \right\}$  SEPARATE CHARACTER ]  
 d [ [ USAGE IS ] DISPLAY ]  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FROM } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [ IO identifier ] } \\ \text{TO identifier [ FROM } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\} ] } \\ \text{USING identifier} \end{array} \right\} .$

For **ISQL** Add:

$\left[ \left[ \text{USAGE IS} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DATE} \\ \text{INTERVAL } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{YEAR ( integer-2 ) [ IO MONTH ]} \\ \text{MONTH ( integer-2 )} \\ \text{DAY ( integer-2 ) [ IO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{HOUR} \\ \text{MINUTE} \end{array} \right\} ] } \\ \text{HOUR ( integer-2 ) [ IO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MINUTE} \\ \text{SECOND [ ( integer-3 ) ] } \end{array} \right\} ] } \\ \text{MINUTE ( integer-2 ) [ IO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SECOND [ ( integer-3 ) ] } \\ \text{SECOND ( integer-2 [ integer-3 ] )} \end{array} \right\} ] } \\ \text{TIME [ ( integer-3 ) ]} \\ \text{TIMESTAMP [ ( integer-3 ) ]} \end{array} \right\} \right]$



**Screen-Group Format: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

$level-number \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} screen-name \\ FILLER \end{array} \right\} \right]$   
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} BACKGROUND-COLOR \\ BACKGROUND \end{array} \right\} IS \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ color-name \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} \right]$   
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} FOREGROUND-COLOR \\ FOREGROUND \end{array} \right\} IS \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ color-name \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} \right]$   
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} COLUMN \\ COL \end{array} \right\} [ NUMBER IS \left[ \begin{array}{c} PLUS \\ + \\ MINUS \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$   
 $\left[ LINE [ NUMBER IS \left[ \begin{array}{c} PLUS \\ + \\ MINUS \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} integer \\ identifier \end{array} \right\} ] \right]$   
 [ BLANK SCREEN ]  
 [ { BELL } ]  
 [ { BEEP } ]  
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} BOLD \\ BRIGHT \\ [NO] HIGHLIGHT \\ DIM \\ LOWLIGHT \end{array} \right\} \right]$   
 $\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} REVERSE \\ REVERSED \\ REVERSE-VIDEO \end{array} \right\} \right]$   
 [ { UNDERLINED } ]  
 [ { UNDERLINE } ]  
 [ OCCURS *integer* TIMES ]  
 [ AUTO ]  
 [ FULL ]  
 [ REQUIRED ]  
 [ SECURE [ { WITH ECHO } ] ]  
 [ { NO ECHO } ] ]  
 d [ [ USAGE IS ] DISPLAY ]  
 [ [ SIGN IS ] { LEADING } ]  
 [ { TRAILING } ] SEPARATE CHARACTER ] .  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} screen-data-item \\ screen-literal-item \end{array} \right\} \dots$

**Screen-Group Format: (VXCOBOL)**

```

{ 01 screen-name [ VIRTUAL ]
  level-number [ { screen-name
                 FILLER } ] ]
  [ AUTO ]
  [ { COLUMN } [ NUMBER IS [ PLUS
                          +
                          MINUS ] { integer } ] ]
  [ { COL } [ NUMBER IS [ PLUS
                        +
                        MINUS ] { integer } ] ]
  [ LINE [ NUMBER IS [ PLUS
                    +
                    MINUS ] { integer } ] ]
  [ BLANK SCREEN ]
  [ BELL ]
  [ BOLD ]
  [ FULL ]
  [ REQUIRED ]
  [ SECURE ]
  { screen-data-item } ...
  { screen-literal-item } ...

```

**H.2.3 Syntax Rules**

- (1) *Level-number* may be any number from 01 through 49.
- (2) *Screen-name* is required for level 01.
- (3) In all formats, if *screen-name* is present it must immediately follow the level number.
- (4) The literal in the VALUE clause must be a nonnumeric literal and it cannot be a figurative constant.
- (5) Unnamed items cannot be referenced individually, but only indirectly by referencing a containing named screen-group item.
- (6) A screen-literal format item cannot specify a PICTURE clause.
- (7) A screen-data format item cannot specify a VALUE clause.
- (8) A screen-data format item must include a PICTURE clause as well as one of the following combinations of the TO, FROM, and USING clauses:
  - a. a FROM clause,
  - b. a TO clause,
  - c. a FROM clause and a TO clause, or
  - d. a USING clause.
- (9) The JUSTIFIED and BLANK WHEN ZERO clauses may only be specified for a screen-data format item and are subject to the same PICTURE compatibility restrictions as apply to a data item in Working Storage.
- (10) If more than one clause is specified for an entry, the clauses may occur in any order. Since at execution time a specific order is followed, it is useful to follow this same order in the source program.

The order of execution for a DISPLAY statement is as follows:

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**:

BACKGROUND-COLOR & FOREGROUND-COLOR  
BLANK SCREEN  
COLUMN and LINE positioning  
BLANK LINE/ERASE EOL, ERASE EOS, ERASE LINE  
BELL  
display literal or data with appropriate attributes

For **VXCOBOL**:

BLANK SCREEN  
COLUMN and LINE positioning  
BLANK LINE  
BELL  
display literal or data with appropriate attributes

The order of execution for an ACCEPT statement is as follows:

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**:

BACKGROUND-COLOR & FOREGROUND-COLOR  
COLUMN and LINE positioning  
accept data with appropriate attributes

For **VXCOBOL**:

COLUMN and LINE positioning  
accept data with appropriate attributes

(11) USAGE IS DISPLAY is for documentation purposes only as USAGE IS DISPLAY is the default.

### **Additional Syntax Rule for VXCOBOL:**

(12) The VIRTUAL clause is used for documentation only, but may only be specified for an 01 level entry.

#### H.2.4 General Rules

(1) The PICTURE, JUSTIFIED, and BLANK WHEN ZERO clauses have the same meaning for screen-data items as for data items in Working Storage. The other clauses are described more fully in the sections that follow.

(2) A screen-data item with a FROM clause and no TO clause is described as an output field.

(3) A screen-data item with a TO clause and no FROM clause is described as an input field.

(4) A screen-data item with both a FROM clause and a TO clause is described as an input-output field.

(5) A screen-data item with a USING clause is described as an update field.

(6) The relationship of the level numbers in a screen description are used to differentiate between the screen-group format items and the elementary format items, which are screen-literal and screen-data.

(7) For the two elementary format items, the presence of a PICTURE clause is used to differentiate between a screen-data format item and a screen-literal format item.

#### **Notes:**

1. The default appearance for literal and output fields is DIM.
2. The default appearance for input, input-output, and update fields is BOLD.

### H.3. AUTO, FULL, REQUIRED Clauses

#### H.3.1 Function

The clauses AUTO, FULL, and REQUIRED affect the behavior of data entry to input, input-output, and update fields during the execution of an ACCEPT statement.

#### H.3.2 General Format

AUTO  
FULL  
REQUIRED

#### H.3.3 Syntax Rules

(1) These clauses can only be used with input, input-output, or update screen-data items or with screen-group items.

#### H.3.4 General Rules

(1) If one of these clauses is written at a screen-group level, it applies to each elementary input, input-output, and update item in the screen-group.

(2) These clauses have no effect during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.

(3) The AUTO clause causes data entry for the field to automatically terminate when data is entered into the last character position in the field. If this field is the last field in the screen the ACCEPT is terminated as if a normal terminator (any key with an ESCAPE KEY value of 00) had been entered.

(4) The FULL clause requires that a character or space must be entered in every position of a field, if any character is entered. USING fields are initially always full.

(5) The REQUIRED clause requires that there must be at least one non-blank character in the data entry field before data entry for the field can be terminated.

<p><b>Note:</b> A non-blank update field will always satisfy this requirement.</p>
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H.4. BACKGROUND-COLOR, FOREGROUND-COLOR Clauses (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

H.4.1 Function

The BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND-COLOR clauses set the background and foreground color for a screen item.

H.4.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BACKGROUND-COLOR} \\ \text{BACKGROUND} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{integer} \\ \textit{color-name} \\ \textit{identifier} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FOREGROUND-COLOR} \\ \text{FOREGROUND} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{integer} \\ \textit{color-name} \\ \textit{identifier} \end{array} \right\}$$

H.4.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) BACKGROUND-COLOR and BACKGROUND are synonyms.
- (2) FOREGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND are synonyms.

H.4.4 General Rules

- (1) The BACKGROUND-COLOR clause determines the background color for a screen item.
- (2) The FOREGROUND-COLOR clause determines the foreground color for a screen item.
- (3) These clauses are effective only with color screens.
- (4) The color is specified by entering an integer from 0 to 7, the appropriate color-name, or an integer whose value ranges from 0 to 7. The color-names with their integer values are shown in the chart below.

Color	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN	CYAN	RED	MAGENTA	BROWN	WHITE
Integer	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

TABLE 12. BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND-COLOR

- (5) If the value of *identifier* falls outside of the range 0 through 7, then the associated BACKGROUND-COLOR or FOREGROUND-COLOR clause is ignored.
- (6) When used at the screen-group level, these clauses apply to all subordinate screen items. If no colors are specified, the terminal uses its default background and foreground colors.

H.5. BELL Clause

H.5.1 Function

The BELL clause sounds the tone on the user's display device.

H.5.2 General Format

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BELL} \\ \text{BEEP} \end{array} \right\}$

H.5.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The words BELL and BEEP are synonyms.

H.5.4 General Rules

- (1) The BELL clause is effective only during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.
- (2) If BELL is specified on a screen-group format item, the tone is only sounded when the screen-group item is processed, not when each item subordinate to the screen-group item is processed.

### H.6. BLANK Clause

#### H.6.1 Function

The BLANK clause is used to erase part or all of the user's display device during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.

#### H.6.2 General Format

$$\underline{\text{BLANK}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE} \\ \text{REMAINDER} \\ \text{SCREEN} \end{array} \right\}$$

#### H.6.3 General Rules

(1) The BLANK LINE, BLANK SCREEN, and BLANK REMAINDER clauses are effective only during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.

(2) BLANK SCREEN erases the entire screen and positions the cursor to line 1 column 1.

(3) BLANK SCREEN is processed before any LINE and COLUMN positioning clauses because it has an implicit positioning of the cursor.

(4) BLANK LINE erases the current line from the cursor position to the end of the line without changing the cursor position.

(5) BLANK REMAINDER erases the screen starting at the cursor position to the end of the screen. The cursor is not affected.

(6) BLANK LINE and BLANK REMAINDER are processed after the LINE and COLUMN positioning clauses and before any screen-literal or screen-data items so that they can be used to clear data previously displayed on the screen before displaying new data at the same position.

**NOTE:** If the compiler's ISO screen behavior option (-G e) is specified, the BLANK LINE clause will erase the entire line starting in column 1 rather than starting at the specified or implied column position.



H.7. BLINK, BOLD/BRIGHT/HIGHLIGHT/DIM/LOWLIGHT, REVERSE/REVERSED/REVERSED-VIDEO, UNDERLINE/UNDERLINED Clauses

H.7.1 Function

These clauses are used to control the appearance of data that is displayed on the user's display device.

H.7.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

BLINK

{  
  BOLD  
  BRIGHT  
  [NO] HIGHLIGHT  
  DIM  
  LOWLIGHT  
}

{  
  REVERSE-VIDEO  
  REVERSE  
  REVERSED  
}

{  
  UNDERLINED  
  UNDERLINE  
}

H.7.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

**BLINK**  
**BOLD**

H.7.4 Syntax Rules

(1) These clauses can be specified for a screen-literal format item, a screen-data format item, or a screen-group format item.

H.7.5 General Rules

- (1) These clauses apply to both ACCEPT and DISPLAY.
- (2) The BLINK clause causes the field to blink.
- (3) The BOLD, BRIGHT, or HIGHLIGHT clauses cause the field to be displayed at high intensity.
- (4) The DIM, LOWLIGHT, or NO HIGHLIGHT clauses cause the field to be displayed at low intensity.
- (5) The REVERSE, REVERSED, or REVERSE-VIDEO clauses cause the field to be displayed in reverse-video.
- (6) The UNDERLINE or UNDERLINED clauses cause a field to be displayed underlined.
- (7) The clauses can be combined to provide combined effects, such as bold and underlined. However, not all video display devices are capable of displaying all of the combinations.

**Notes:**

1. The default appearance for literal and output fields is DIM.
2. The default appearance for input, input-output, and update fields is BOLD.

H.8. CONVERTING Clause

H.8.1 Function

The CONVERTING clause is used to insure that accepted data is in a consistent case.

H.8.2 General Format

CONVERTING { UP  
DOWN }

H.8.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The CONVERTING clause may only be specified in a screen description which includes either the TO or USING clauses.

H.8.4 General Rules

(1) The CONVERTING clause is effective only during the execution of an ACCEPT statement.

(2) If CONVERTING UP is specified character data entered during an ACCEPT is echoed to the screen and stored in uppercase. In particular characters between 'a' and 'z' inclusive are converted to the corresponding character between 'A' and 'Z'.

(3) If CONVERTING DOWN is specified character data entered during an ACCEPT is echoed to the screen and stored in lowercase. In particular characters between 'A' and 'Z' inclusive are converted to the corresponding character between 'a' and 'z'.

### H.9. ERASE Clause

#### H.9.1 Function

The ERASE clause is used to erase part or all of the user's display device during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.

#### H.9.2 General Format

ERASE [ { LINE  
SCREEN  
EOL  
EOS  
END OF LINE  
END OF SCREEN } ]

#### H.9.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The word EOL is equivalent to the phrase END OF LINE.
- (2) The word EOS is equivalent to the phrase END OF SCREEN.

#### H.9.4 General Rules

- (1) The ERASE clause is effective only during the execution of a DISPLAY statement.
- (2) ERASE SCREEN and ERASE with no additional modifiers erases the entire screen and positions the cursor to line 1 column 1.
- (3) ERASE LINE erases the current line from column 1 to the end of the line without changing the cursor position.
- (4) ERASE EOL and ERASE END OF LINE erase the screen starting at the cursor position to the end of the line. The cursor is not affected.
- (5) ERASE EOS and ERASE END OF SCREEN erase the screen starting at the cursor position and continuing to the end of the screen. The cursor position is not changed.
- (6) ERASE and ERASE SCREEN are processed before any LINE and COLUMN positioning clauses because they have an implicit positioning of the cursor. All other ERASE clauses are processed after the LINE and COLUMN positioning clauses and before any screen-literal or screen-data items so that they can be used to clear data previously displayed on the screen before displaying new data at the same position.

**NOTE:** If the compiler's ISO screen behavior option (-G e) is specified, the ERASE LINE clause will erase the line beginning at the cursor position and continuing to the end of the line. Similarly, the ERASE SCREEN clause will erase from the cursor position to the end of the screen.

H.10. FROM, TO, USING Clauses

H.10.1 Function

These clauses are used to determine the types of input-output operations (ACCEPT and DISPLAY) that can be performed on an item, as well as the associated data items or values.

H.10.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FROM } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{TO identifier-2} ] \\ \text{TO identifier-2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{FROM } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{USING identifier-3} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

H.10.3 General Rules

- (1) A FROM clause with no TO clause defines the field as an output field.
- (2) A TO clause with no FROM clause defines the field as an input field.
- (3) A FROM clause and a TO clause together define a field as an input-output field.
- (4) A USING clause defines the field as an update field.
- (5) The default attribute for output fields is DIM, and for input, input-output, or update fields is BOLD. This may be overridden by using the appropriate attribute.
- (6) When a DISPLAY statement is executed, an input field is displayed as underscore characters. The number of underscores displayed corresponds to the number of characters in the picture string.
- (7) The item specified by *literal-1* or *identifier-1* (for an output or input-output field) or by *identifier-3* (for an update field) must be compatible with the screen-data according to the rules for the MOVE statement, where *literal-1*, *identifier-1*, or *identifier-3* is the sending item, and the screen-data is the receiving item.
- (8) The item specified by *identifier-2* (for an input or input-output field) or *identifier-3* (for an update field) must be compatible with the screen-data according to the rules for the MOVE statement, where screen-data is the sending item and *identifier-2* or *identifier-3* is the receiving item, with the exception that the combination of a numeric edited sending item and numeric receiving item is allowed.
- (9) If the subject of the TO, FROM or USING entry is subject to an OCCURS clause, *identifier-1*, *identifier-2*, or *identifier-3* shall be specified without the subscripting normally required.
- (10) For more on how each clause works see ACCEPT screen, page [289](#); or DISPLAY screen, page [346](#).

### H.11. LINE and COLUMN Clauses

#### H.11.1 Function

The LINE and COLUMN clauses specify the vertical and horizontal location of the cursor on the user's display device (and thus the location of the erase, input, or output operation being specified.)

#### H.11.2 General Format

$$\text{LINE [ NUMBER IS } \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer-1} \\ \text{identifier-1} \end{array} \right\} ]}$$
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{COLUMN} \\ \text{COL} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{NUMBER IS } \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{PLUS} \\ + \\ \text{MINUS} \\ - \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{integer-2} \\ \text{identifier-2} \end{array} \right\} ]$$

#### H.11.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Integer-1* and *integer-2* must be unsigned and non-zero.
- (2) *Identifier-1* and *identifier-2* must represent an unsigned elementary numeric data item.
- (3) The word COL is an abbreviation for the word COLUMN.
- (4) PLUS and + are synonyms.
- (5) MINUS and - are synonyms.
- (6) Neither the PLUS nor MINUS phrase shall be specified for the first elementary item in a screen record.
- (7) If generating for code revision 1, *identifier-1* and *identifier-2* may not be specified if either the PLUS or MINUS clauses are present.

#### H.11.4 General Rules

- (1) The screen description entries in a screen description are processed beginning with the 01 level item and proceeding through all screen description entries subordinate to the 01 level item in the order in which they appear in the source program.
- (2) As the screen description entries are processed, the compiler maintains a current cursor position for the screen description. The current cursor position determines the placement of fields on the user's display screen when an ACCEPT or DISPLAY statement is executed. This current cursor position is composed of two components, the current cursor line and the current cursor column, with the upper left corner of the display being line 1, column 1.
- (3) The current cursor position cannot be greater than line 128 or column 128 at the beginning of a BLANK LINE operation or as the starting character position for a screen-literal or screen-data item.
- (4) The current cursor position after a screen-literal or screen-data cannot be greater than line 128 or column 256.
- (5) At execution time, if the current cursor position exceeds the size of the display device, the component of the position that exceeds the display size (line or column or both), is re-computed to be the remainder of the original

value divided by the display size, e.g., a cursor position of line 20 column 132 on a 24 line, 80 column display is re-computed as line 20, column 52.

(6) Each screen description is assumed to start (at the 01 level) with a current cursor position of line 1, column 1.

(7) If no LINE or COLUMN clause is specified, the current cursor position is not modified before the processing of any input, output, input-output, or update field that might be present, except by the BLANK SCREEN or ERASE SCREEN clause (which sets the current cursor position to line 1, column 1.)

(8) In the rules that follow, the components of the current cursor position are often treated independently.

(9) Line and/or column positions may be specified in one of three ways: Absolute positioning; Relative positioning; and Variable positioning.

(10) Absolute line positioning is defined by a LINE clause with *integer-1* and without either PLUS or MINUS. The value of *integer-1* becomes the new current cursor line value. It may not exceed the value 128 and should not exceed the usual number of lines in the display device. If a COLUMN phrase is also specified, it is handled independently. If one is not specified, it is assumed to be the same as specifying COLUMN 1.

(11) Absolute column positioning is defined by a COLUMN clause with *integer-2* and without either PLUS or MINUS. The value of *integer-2* becomes the current cursor column value. It may not exceed the value 128 and should not exceed the usual number of columns in the display device.

(12) Relative line positioning is defined by using the LINE clause with either the PLUS or MINUS phrase and *integer-1* or *identifier-1*. If PLUS is specified, the current cursor line is incremented by the value of *integer-1* or the contents of *identifier-1*. If MINUS is specified, the current cursor line is decremented by the value of *integer-1* or the contents of *identifier-1*. The resulting value must not exceed 128 or be less than 1. If a COLUMN phrase is also specified, it is handled independently. If one is not specified, it is assumed to be the same as specifying COLUMN 1.

(13) Relative column positioning is defined by using the COLUMN clause with either the PLUS or MINUS phrase and *integer-2* or *identifier-2*. If PLUS is specified, the current cursor column is incremented by the value of *integer-2* or the contents of *identifier-2*. If MINUS is specified, the current cursor column is decremented by the value of *integer-2* or the contents of *identifier-2*. The resulting value must not exceed 128 or be less than 1.

(14) Variable line positioning is defined by using the LINE clause with *identifier-1* and without either PLUS or MINUS. The actual line value is not known until execution time. If a COLUMN phrase is also specified, it is handled independently. If one is not specified, it is assumed to be the same as specifying COLUMN 1.

(15) Variable column positioning is defined by using the COLUMN clause with *identifier-2* and without either PLUS or MINUS. The actual column value is not known until execution time.

(16) If generating for code revision 1, relative line positioning cannot be specified for an entry that follows an entry with variable line positioning unless there is an intervening entry with absolute line positioning. If generating for code revision 2 or greater, this restriction does not apply.

(17) If generating for code revision 1, relative column positioning cannot be specified for an entry that follows an entry with variable column positioning unless there is an intervening entry with absolute column positioning. The absolute column positioning may be derived from the COLUMN 1 clause that is implied in certain cases. If generating for code revision 2 or greater, this restriction does not apply.

(18) If the screen description entry also contains a VALUE clause or is an input, output, input-output, or update field, the value of the current cursor position is associated with the literal or field item. The current cursor column is also updated to be positioned at the first column after the literal or field item (i.e., it is incremented by the length of the literal or field item) unless the current cursor column is currently undefined because of variable column positioning. The updated current column position cannot exceed 256.

(19) The effects of LINE and COLUMN clauses in combination with each other is defined in the following table:

LINE Clause	COLUMN Clause	Field Position
No clause	No clause	No change
	COL	Same line, column plus 1
	COL n	Same line, column n
	COL PLUS n	Same line, column plus n
	COL id	Same line, column id
LINE	No clause	Line plus 1, column 1
	COL	Line plus 1, column plus 1
	COL n	Line plus 1, column n
	COL PLUS n	Line plus 1, column plus n
	COL id	Line plus 1, column id
LINE m	No clause	Line m, column 1
	COL	Line m, column plus 1
	COL n	Line m, column n
	COL PLUS n	Line m, column plus n
	COL id	Line m, column id
LINE PLUS m	No clause	Line plus m, column 1
	COL	Line plus m, column plus 1
	COL n	Line plus m, column n
	COL PLUS n	Line plus m, column plus n
	COL id	Line plus m, column id
LINE id	No clause	Line id, column 1
	COL	Line id, column plus 1
	COL n	Line id, column n
	COL PLUS n	Line id, column plus n
	COL id	Line id, column id

TABLE 13. LINE and COLUMN relationship



H.12. OCCURS Clause

H.12.1 Function

The OCCURS clause is similar to the OCCURS clause defined in the Working-Storage Section. It eliminates the need for separate entries for repeated screen items and supplies information needed for the application of subscripts.

H.12.2 General Format

OCCURS *integer* TIMES

H.12.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The maximum number of dimensions for a table described in a screen description entry is two.

(2) If a screen description entry includes the OCCURS clause, then if it or any item subordinate to it has a description that includes the TO, FROM, or USING clause, that screen description entry shall be part of a table with the same number of dimensions and number of occurrences in each dimension as the identifier representing the receiving or sending operand. The identifier representing the receiving or sending operand shall not be subordinate to an OCCURS clause with the DEPENDING phrase.

(3) If a screen description entry that includes the OCCURS clause also contains the COLUMN clause, then the COLUMN clause shall include the PLUS or MINUS phrase, unless the screen description entry also includes a LINE clause with a PLUS or MINUS phrase.

(4) If a screen description entry that includes the OCCURS clause also contains the LINE clause, then the LINE clause shall include the PLUS or MINUS phrase, unless the screen description entry also includes a COLUMN clause with a PLUS or MINUS phrase.

H.12.4 General Rules

(1) During a DISPLAY screen or an ACCEPT screen statement that references a screen item whose description includes the OCCURS clause and whose description or whose subordinate's description includes a FROM, TO, or USING clause, the data values for corresponding table elements are moved from the data table element to the screen table element or from the screen table element to the data table element.

(2) If the description of a screen item includes the OCCURS clause, the positioning within the screen record of each occurrence of that screen item is as follows:

a. If the description of that screen item contains a COLUMN clause, each occurrence behaves as though it had the same column clause specified.

b. If that screen item is a group item with a subordinate screen item whose description contains a COLUMN clause with the PLUS or MINUS phrase and that group screen item is subordinate to a screen item whose description contains a LINE clause, each occurrence behaves as though it had the same subordinate entries with the same COLUMN clause specified.

c. If the description of that screen item contains a LINE clause with the PLUS or MINUS phrase, each occurrence behaves as though it had the same LINE clause specified.

d. If that screen item is a group item with a subordinate screen item whose description contains a LINE clause with the PLUS or MINUS phrase, each occurrence behaves as though it had the same subordinate entries with the same LINE clause specified.

### H.13. PICTURE Clause

#### H.13.1 Function

The PICTURE clause is similar to the PICTURE clause defined in the Working-Storage Section. It is used to determine the size of a screen-data, the format of the data when it is presented to the user through the execution of a DISPLAY statement, and the data validation rules to apply to the data when it is entered by the user in response to the execution of an ACCEPT statement.

#### H.13.2 General Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{PICTURE} \\ \text{PIC} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \textit{character-string}$$

#### H.13.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The picture characters P, V, CR, and DB can be used only with output (FROM) fields.

#### H.13.4 General Rules

- (1) The rules for compatibility between the screen-data PICTURE and the literal or data items specified in the TO, FROM, or USING clauses are specified under the section for TO, FROM, and USING.

- (2) Unless the SIGN IS clause is also specified, the S PICTURE character is ignored by the compiler to be consistent with older versions of Interactive COBOL.

H.14. SECURE Clause

H.14.1 Function

This clause affects the behavior of data entry to input fields while in an ACCEPT and how the entry is displayed during an ACCEPT.

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**

The SECURE or SECURE ECHO clause causes asterisks to be echoed on the display during data entry or data display. The SECURE NO ECHO clause prevents characters from echoing on the display during data entry or data display.

**VXCOBOL:**

The SECURE clause prevents characters from echoing on the display during data entry or data display.

H.14.2 General Format (***ANSI 74*** and ***ANSI 85***)

SECURE [ { WITH ECHO }  
          { NO ECHO } ]

H.14.3 General Format (***VXCOBOL***)

SECURE

H.14.4 Syntax Rules

(1) This clause can only be used with input, input-output, or update screen-data items or with screen-group format items.

H.14.5 General Rules

(1) The SECURE clause is effective only during the execution of an ACCEPT statement.

(2) If the SECURE clause is specified for a screen-group item, the clause applies to each elementary input, input-output, and update item subordinate to the screen-group item.

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**

(3) During the execution of an ACCEPT statement for a screen item that contains SECURE or SECURE ECHO, any characters entered by the user will be echoed as asterisks.

(4) During the execution of an ACCEPT statement for a screen item that contains SECURE NO ECHO, any characters entered by the user will not be echoed, and the cursor will not move as the characters are entered.

**VXCOBOL:**

(5) During the execution of an ACCEPT statement, any characters entered by the user will not be echoed. Additionally, the cursor will not move as the characters are entered.

### H.15. SIGN Clause

#### H.15.1 Function

The SIGN clause specifies the position and the mode of representation of the operational sign when it is necessary to describe these properties explicitly.

#### H.15.2 General Format

[ SIGN IS ] { LEADING  
TRAILING } SEPARATE CHARACTER

#### H.15.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The SIGN clause may be specified only for a numeric data description entry whose PICTURE contains the character 'S'.

(2) The numeric data description entries to which the SIGN clause applies must be described, implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

#### H.15.4 General Rules

(1) The optional SIGN clause, if present, specifies the position and the mode of representation of the operational sign for the numeric data description entry to which it applies, or for each numeric data description entry subordinate to the group to which it applies. The SIGN clause applies only to numeric data description entries whose PICTURE contains the character 'S'; the 'S' indicates the presence of, but neither the representation nor, necessarily, the position of the operational sign.

(2) If a SIGN clause is specified in a group item subordinate to a group item for which a SIGN clause is specified, the SIGN clause specified in the subordinate group item takes precedence for that subordinate group item.

(3) If a SIGN clause is specified in an elementary numeric data description entry subordinate to a group item for which a SIGN clause is specified, the SIGN clause specified in the subordinate elementary numeric data description entry takes precedence for that elementary numeric data item.

(4) a. The operational sign will be presumed to be the leading (or, respectively, trailing) character position of the elementary numeric data item; this character position is not a digit position.

b. The letter 'S' in a PICTURE character-string is counted in determining the size of the item (in terms of standard data format characters).

c. The operational signs for positive and negative are the standard data format characters '+' and '-' respectively.

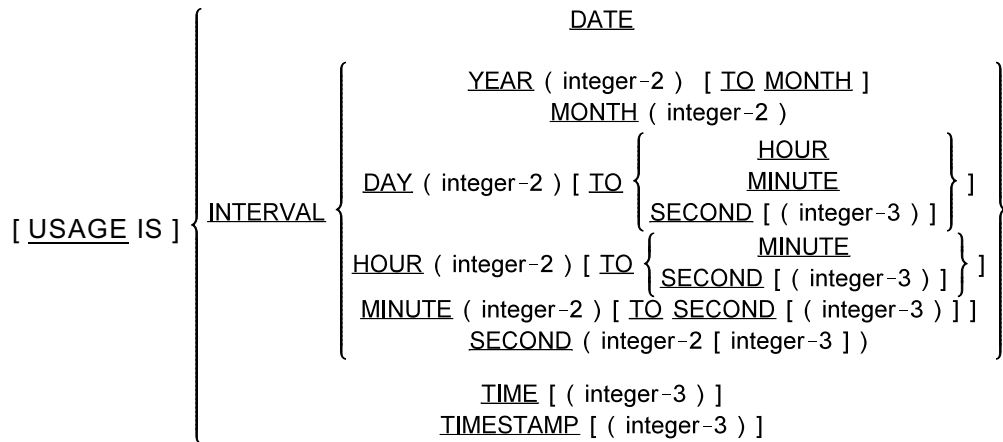
(5) Every numeric data description entry whose PICTURE contains the character 'S' is a signed numeric data description entry. If a SIGN clause applies to such an entry and conversion is necessary for purposes of computation or comparisons, conversion takes place automatically.

H.16. USAGE Clause (**ISQL**)

H.16.1 Function

The USAGE clause specifies the special formatting of the data for the corresponding usage in the TO, FROM, or USING data items or literals.

H.16.2 General Format



H.16.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The USAGE clause specifying DATE, INTERVAL, TIME, or TIMESTAMP is available only when the **ISQL** feature-set is enabled and appear as USAGE options that are in addition to certain dialect-specific options.

(2) A USAGE clause specifying DATE, INTERVAL, TIME, or TIMESTAMP must not be specified at the group level.

(3) The BLANK WHEN ZERO, JUSTIFIED, PICTURE, and SIGN clauses must not be specified for screen items whose usage is DATE, INTERVAL, TIME, or TIMESTAMP.

(4) The value of *integer-2* must be greater than zero and less than the values specified in the general rules below.

(5) The value of *integer-3* must be greater than zero and less than or equal to six.

E.17.5 General Rules

(1) If the USAGE clause is not specified, the usage is implicitly DISPLAY.

(2) The USAGE IS DATE clause specifies a screen item that can accept and display an SQL date value. Upon output, the date value will be formatted with intervening hyphens in the same manner as a date literal. Upon input, the field will appear as three separate fields separated by intervening hyphens. The system will automatically skip over the hyphens. The entered value will be tested to be a valid date and an appropriate message will be displayed to the user if it is not. A screen field of usage DATE occupies 10 characters. (yyyy-mm-dd)

(3) The USAGE IS INTERVAL clause specifies a screen item that can accept or display an SQL interval value. Upon output, the interval value will be formatted in the same manner as the corresponding interval literal. The number of digits in the leftmost field can be set by specifying *integer-3*. The maximum and default values for

*integer-3* depend on the type of the leftmost field specifier and are specified in the following table. The size of the screen field is 1 byte plus the sum of the sizes of the individual fields in the range, plus the number of fields minus one for the intervening formatting characters. Upon input, the field will appear as separate fields (one for each of the interval fields) separated by the appropriate punctuation. The system will automatically skip over the punctuation. The entered value will be tested to be a valid interval and an appropriate message will be displayed to the user if it is not. The field has a minimum size of 2 characters (sign plus a single field of precision 1) and a maximum size of 24 characters.

For example, DAY (7) TO SECOND (6) may have a value that displays as:

+1234567 12:34:56.123456

Field	Maximum Precision as Leftmost Field	Default Precision
YEAR	4	4
MONTH	6	2
DAY	7	2
HOURL	8	2
MINUTE	10	2
SECOND	12	2

TABLE 14. INTERVAL Field Maximum Precision (**ISQL**)

(4) The USAGE IS TIME clause specifies a screen item that can accept and display an SQL time value. If *integer-3* is omitted, it is assumed to be zero. The value of *integer-3* must be less than or equal to 6 and specifies the number of fractional seconds field. Upon output, the data is formatted in the same manner as a time literal with the intervening colons and an optional decimal point. Upon input, the field will appear as three (or four) separate fields separated by the colons and an optional decimal point. The system will automatically skip over the colons (and decimal point) as data is entered. The entered value will be tested to be a valid time and an appropriate message will be displayed to the user if it is not. A screen field of usage TIME occupies from 8 to 15 characters on the screen. I.E., from hh:mm:ss to hh:mm:ss.nnnnnn.

(5) The USAGE IS TIMESTAMP clause specifies a screen item that can accept and display an SQL timestamp value. The screen item is a composite of a date screen field and a time screen field with an intervening space. A TIMESTAMP screen item occupies from 19 to 26 characters, depending on the number of fractional second digits.

## H.17. VALUE Clause

### H.17.1 Function

The VALUE clause specifies literal information to be displayed.

### H.17.2 General Format

[ VALUE IS ] *literal-1*

### H.17.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must be a nonnumeric-literal.
- (2) *Literal-1* must not be a figurative constant.
- (3) The words VALUE IS are not required.

### H.17.4 General Rules

(1) During the execution of a DISPLAY statement, the contents of *literal-1* are displayed on the user's display device at the current cursor position (see LINE and COLUMN clauses).

- (2) Literals are displayed DIM unless the BOLD/BRIGHT/HIGHLIGHT attribute was specified.





## VI. PROCEDURE DIVISION

### A. General Description

The Procedure Division contains procedures to be executed by the object program. The Procedure Division is optional in a COBOL source program.

#### A.1. DECLARATIVES

Declarative sections must be grouped at the beginning of the Procedure Division preceded by the keyword `DECLARATIVES` and followed by the keywords `END DECLARATIVES`.

#### A.2. Procedures

A procedure is composed of a paragraph, or a group of successive paragraphs, or a section, or a group of successive sections within the Procedure Division. If one paragraph is in a section, all paragraphs must be in sections. A procedure-name is a word used to refer to a paragraph or section in the source program in which it occurs. It consists of a paragraph-name (which may be qualified) or a section-name.

A section consists of a section header followed by zero, one, or more successive paragraphs. A section ends immediately before the next section or at the end of the Procedure Division or, in the declaratives portion of the Procedure Division, at the keywords `END DECLARATIVES`.

A paragraph consists of a paragraph-name followed by a period and a space and by zero, one, or more successive sentences. A paragraph ends immediately before the next paragraph-name or section-name or at the end of the Procedure Division or, in the declaratives portion of the Procedure Division, at the keywords `END DECLARATIVES`. A sentence consists of one or more statements and is terminated by the separator period.

A statement is a syntactically valid combination of words, literals, and separators beginning with a COBOL verb.

The term 'identifier' is defined as the word or words necessary to make unique reference to a data item.

#### A.3. Execution

Execution begins with the first statement of the Procedure Division, excluding declaratives. Statements are then executed in the order in which they are presented for compilation, except where the rules indicate some other order.

The general formats of the Procedure Division are shown below.

**Format 1:**

PROCEDURE DIVISION [ USING { *data-name* }... ] .

[ DECLARATIVES.

{ *section-name* SECTION [ *segment-number* ] .

USE *statement*.

[ *paragraph-name*.

    [ *sentence* ]... ]... }...

END DECLARATIVES. ]

{ *section-name* SECTION [ *segment-number* ] .

[ *paragraph-name*.

    [ *sentence* ]... ]... }...

**Format 2:**

PROCEDURE DIVISION [ USING { *data-name* }... ] .

{ *paragraph-name*.

    [ *sentence* ]... }...

## **B. Concepts**

### B.1. Arithmetic Expressions

#### B.1.1 Definition of an Arithmetic Expression

An arithmetic expression can be an identifier of a numeric elementary item, a numeric literal, the figurative constant ZERO (ZEROS, ZEROES), such identifiers, figurative constants, and literals separated by arithmetic operators, two arithmetic expressions separated by an arithmetic operator, or an arithmetic expression enclosed in parentheses. Any arithmetic expression may be preceded by a unary operator. The permissible combinations of identifiers, numeric literals, arithmetic operators, and parentheses are given in the table, Combination of Symbols in Arithmetic Expressions, below.

Those identifiers and literals appearing in an arithmetic expression must represent either numeric elementary items or numeric literals on which arithmetic may be performed.

#### B.1.2 Arithmetic Operators

There are five binary arithmetic operators and two unary arithmetic operators that may be used in arithmetic expressions. They are represented by specific characters that must be preceded by a space and followed by a space.

<u>Binary</u> <u>Arithmetic Operator</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
**	Exponentiation

<u>Unary</u> <u>Arithmetic Operator</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
+	The effect of multiplication by the numeric literal +1
-	The effect of multiplication by the numeric literal -1

**B.1.3 Formation and Evaluation Rules**

(1) Parentheses may be used in arithmetic expressions to specify the order in which elements are to be evaluated. Expressions within parentheses are evaluated first, and, within nested parentheses, evaluation proceeds from the least inclusive set to the most inclusive set. When parentheses are not used, or parenthesized expressions are at the same level of inclusiveness, the following hierarchical order of execution is implied:

- 1st - Unary plus and minus
- 2nd - Exponentiation
- 3rd - Multiplication and division
- 4th - Addition and subtraction

(2) Parentheses are used either to eliminate ambiguities in logic where consecutive operations of the same hierarchical level appear, or to modify the normal hierarchical sequence of execution in expressions where it is necessary to have some deviation from the normal precedence. When the sequence of execution is not specified by parentheses, the order of execution of consecutive operations of the same hierarchical level is from left to right.

(3) The ways in which identifiers, literals, operators, and parentheses may be combined in an arithmetic expression are summarized in the table below, where:

- a. The letter 'P' indicates a permissible pair of symbols.
- b. The character '-' indicates an invalid pair.

FIRST SYMBOL	SECOND SYMBOL				
	Identifier or Literal	+ - * / **	Unary + or -	(	)
Identifier or Literal	-	P	-	-	P
+ - * / **	P	-	P	P	-
Unary + or -	P	-	-	P	-
(	P	-	P	P	-
)	-	-	-	-	P

TABLE 15. Combination of Symbols in Arithmetic Expressions

(4) An arithmetic expression may only begin with the symbol '(', '+', '-', an identifier, or a literal and may only end with a ')', an identifier, or a literal. There must be a one-to-one correspondence between left and right parentheses of an arithmetic expression such that each left parenthesis is to the left of its corresponding right

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parenthesis. If the first operator in an arithmetic expression is a unary operator, it must be immediately preceded by a left parenthesis if that arithmetic expression immediately follows an identifier or another arithmetic expression.

(5) The following rules apply to evaluation of exponentiation in an arithmetic expression:

a. If the value of an expression to be raised to a power is zero, the exponent must have a value greater than zero. Otherwise, the size error condition exists.

b. If the evaluation yields both a positive and a negative real number, the value returned as the result is the positive number.

c. If no real number exists as the result of the evaluation, the size error condition exists.

(6) Arithmetic expressions allow the user to combine arithmetic operations without the restrictions on composite of operands and/or receiving data items.

(7) (**ISQL**) The following table summarizes the valid arithmetic operations involving items of class date-time and interval.

First Operand	Operator(s)	Second Operand	Result
date-time	-	date-time	interval
date-time	+ -	interval	date-time
interval	+	date-time	date-time
interval	+ -	interval	interval
interval	+ - * /	number	interval
number	+ *	interval	interval

(8) (**ISQL**) The following rules apply to arithmetic operations involving items of class date-time and interval:

a. If both operands are of class date-time, they must both have the same category.

b. If both operands are of class interval, they must both have the same category. The result is of the same category with a span of fields that encompasses the span of fields of both operands. For example. Adding a DAY TO HOUR interval to an HOUR TO MINUTE interval will yield a DAY TO MINUTE interval as the result.

c. If one operand is class date-time and the other operand is class interval, the category of the interval operand must be defined such that it contains date-time fields that are also contained in the date-time operand. The category of the date-time result is of the same as the category of the date-time operand.

d. The difference of two timestamp operands, two date operands, or two time operands is a day-time interval.

e. The computation of an interval combined with a number is accomplished by first converting the interval into an equivalent interval value consisting of just the lowest order field, performing the arithmetic on that value, discarding any fraction that cannot be contained in the field, and then converting back to the original interval (normalized). For example, INTERVAL "4:30.25" MINUTE TO SECOND(2) / 2 is handled by converting to the equivalent INTERVAL "270.25" SECOND (3, 2), dividing by 2 to yield INTERVAL "135.12" SECOND (3,2), discarding the .005 second fraction, and then converting back to the original format INTERVAL "2:15.12" MINUTE TO SECOND (2).

### B.2. Conditional Expressions

Conditional expressions identify conditions that are tested to enable the object program to select between alternate paths of control depending upon the truth value of the condition. A conditional expression has a truth value

represented by either true or false. Conditional expressions are specified in the EVALUATE, IF, PERFORM, and SEARCH statements. There are two categories of conditions associated with conditional expressions: simple conditions and complex conditions. Each may be enclosed within any number of paired parentheses, in which case its category is not changed.

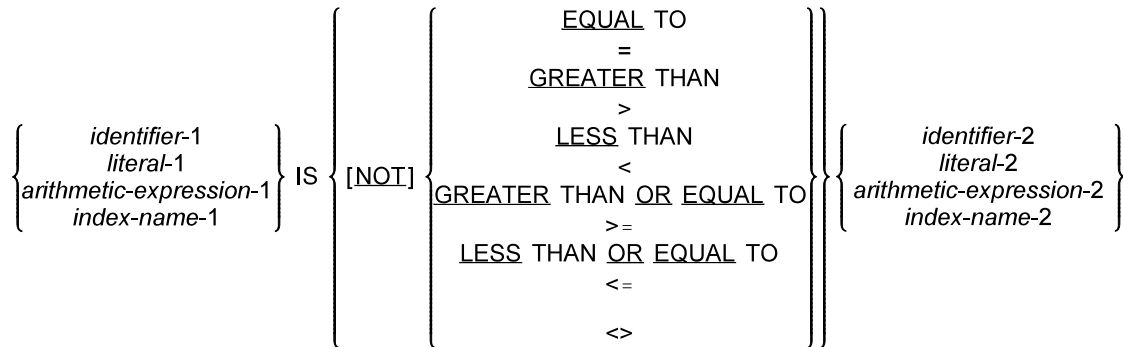
### B.2.1 Simple Conditions

The simple conditions are the relation, class, condition-name, switch-status, and sign conditions. A simple condition has a truth value of true or false. The inclusion in parentheses of simple conditions does not change the simple condition truth value.

#### B.2.1.1 Relation Condition

A relation condition causes a comparison of two operands, each of which may be the data item referenced by an identifier, a literal, the value resulting from an arithmetic-expression, or an index-name. A relation condition has a truth value of true if the relation exists between the operands. Comparison of two numeric operands is permitted regardless of the formats specified in their respective USAGE clauses. However, for all other comparisons, the operands must have the same usage. If either of the operands is a group item, the nonnumeric comparison rules apply. Comparisons involving POINTER items have their own explicit rules. See section B.2.1.1.4 on page [243](#), [244](#).

The format for a relation condition is as follows:



The first operand (*identifier-1*, *literal-1*, *arithmetic-expression-1*, or *index-name-1*) is called the subject of the condition; the second operand (*identifier-2*, *literal-2*, *arithmetic-expression-2*, or *index-name-2*) is called the object of the condition. The relation condition must contain at least one reference to a variable.

The relational operators specify the type of comparison to be made in a relation condition. A space must precede and follow each reserved word comprising the relational operator. When used, NOT and the next keyword or relation character are one relational operator that defines the comparison to be executed for truth value. The following relational operators are equivalent:

IS NOT GREATER THAN is equivalent to IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO;

IS NOT LESS THAN is equivalent to IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO.

IS  $\diamond$  is equivalent to IS NOT =.

IS NOT  $\diamond$  is equivalent to IS =.

Relational Operator	Meaning
IS [NOT] GREATER THAN IS [NOT] >	Greater than OR not greater than
IS [NOT] LESS THAN IS [NOT] <	Less than OR not less than
IS [NOT] EQUAL TO IS [NOT] =	Equal to OR not equal to
IS [NOT] GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO IS [NOT] >=	Greater than or equal to OR not greater than or equal to
IS [NOT] LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO IS [NOT] <=	Less than or equal to OR not less than or equal to
IS <>	Not equal to

TABLE 16. Relational Operators

#### B.2.1.1.1 Comparison of Numeric Operands

For operands whose class is numeric, a comparison is made with respect to the algebraic value of the operands. The length of the literal or arithmetic-expression operands, in terms of the number of digits represented, is not significant. Zero is considered a unique value regardless of the sign.

Comparison of these operands is permitted regardless of the manner in which their usage is described. Unsigned numeric operands are considered positive for purposes of comparison.

#### B.2.1.1.2 Comparison of Nonnumeric Operands

For nonnumeric operands, or one numeric and one nonnumeric operand, a comparison is made with respect to a specified collating sequence of characters. If one of the operands is specified as numeric, it must be an integer data item or an integer literal and:

(1) If the nonnumeric operand is an elementary data item or a nonnumeric literal, the numeric operand is treated as though it were moved to an elementary alphanumeric data item of the same size as the numeric data item (in terms of standard data format characters), and the content of this alphanumeric data item were then compared to the nonnumeric operand.

(2) If the nonnumeric operand is a group item, the numeric operand is treated as though it were moved to a group item of the same size as the numeric data item (in terms of standard data format characters), and the content of this item were then compared to the nonnumeric operand.

(3) A non-integer numeric operand cannot be compared to a nonnumeric operand.

The size of an operand is the total number of standard data format characters in the operand. Numeric and nonnumeric operands may be compared only when their usage is the same.

When comparing two nonnumeric operands there are two cases to consider: operands of equal size and operands of unequal size.

(1) Operands of equal size. If the operands are of equal size, comparison effectively proceeds by comparing characters in corresponding character positions starting from the high order end and continuing until either a pair of unequal characters is encountered or the low order end of the operand is reached, whichever comes first. The operands are determined to be equal if all pairs of corresponding characters are equal.

The first encountered pair of unequal characters is compared to determine their relative position in the collating sequence. The operand that contains the character that is positioned higher in the collating sequence is considered to be the greater operand.

(2) Operands of unequal size. If the operands are of unequal size, comparison proceeds as though the shorter operand were extended on the right by sufficient spaces to make the operands of equal size.

**B.2.1.1.3 Comparisons Involving Index-Names and/or Index Data Items**

Relation tests may be made only between:

- (1) Two index-names. The result is the same as if the corresponding occurrence numbers were compared.
- (2) An index-name and a data item (other than an index data item) or literal. The occurrence number that corresponds to the value of the index-name is compared to the data item or literal.
- (3) An index data item and an index-name or another index data item. The actual values are compared without conversion.

**B.2.1.1.4 Comparisons Involving USAGE POINTER Data Items (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

Two data items that are explicitly or implicitly defined as USAGE POINTER can be compared. Pointer comparisons can include only relational operators which test for equality or inequality. The general format of such comparisons is:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ADDRESS OF identifier-1} \\ \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{NULL} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \left\{ [ \text{NOT} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{EQUAL TO} \\ = \\ <> \end{array} \right\} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ADDRESS OF identifier-3} \\ \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{NULL} \end{array} \right\}$$

Syntax Rules:

- (1) *Identifier-1* and *identifier-3* can refer to any data items defined in the Data Division.
- (2) *Identifier-2* and *identifier-4* must be defined as USAGE IS POINTER.

General Rules:

- (1) If ADDRESS OF clause is specified, the address if the named identifier is referenced, not the contents of the identifier.
- (2) The operands are equal if the two address are identical. Otherwise, they are unequal.
- (3) This type of condition is allowed in the IF, PERFORM and Format 1 SEARCH statement. It is not allowed in a Format 2 SEARCH statement (SEARCH ALL) since there is no implied ordering to pointer data items.

**B.2.1.1.5 Comparisons Involving Date-Time Items (ISQL)**

General Rules:

- (1) Two items of class date-time may be compared provided that they have the same category.
- (2) Comparisons are performed in accordance with chronological ordering.

B.2.1.1.6 Comparisons Involving Interval Items (*ISQL*)

General Rules:

- (1) Two items of class interval may be compared provided that they have the same category.
- (2) An item of class interval and a numeric item may be compared provided that the interval item consists of only a single date-time field. The interval items is treated as a signed integer item for the purpose of the comparison.
- (3) Comparisons are performed in accordance with the sign and magnitude.
- (4) When the set of fields of the two intervals match, the comparison is straightforward and proceeds field by field from left to right.
- (5) When the set of fields of the two intervals does not match, the comparison extends either operand as necessary with additional fields of value zero such that the set of fields matches. The extended values are 'normalized' by beginning with the rightmost field and normalizing it to its usual range and carrying any overflow to the next field to the left. Comparison then proceeds as in rule 4.

For example:

Taking the comparison (INTERVAL "1:45" HOUR TO MINUTE < INTERVAL "105:23" MINUTE TO SECOND) and applying the rules of extension above, we would have (INTERVAL "1:45:00" HOUR TO SECOND < INTERVAL "0:105:23" HOUR TO SECOND) and normalizing the second operand yields (INTERVAL "1:45:00" HOUR TO SECOND < INTERVAL "1:45:23" HOUR TO SECOND), which evaluates to TRUE.

B.2.1.2 Class Condition

The class condition determines whether an operand is numeric, alphabetic, or contains only the characters in the set of characters specified by the CLASS clause as defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division.

B.2.1.2.1 General Format

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**

$$identifier \text{ IS } [ \text{ NOT } ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NUMERIC} \\ \text{ALPHABETIC} \\ \text{ALPHABETIC-LOWER} \\ \text{ALPHABETIC-UPPER} \\ \text{class-name-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$identifier \text{ IS } [ \text{ NOT } ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NUMERIC} \\ \text{ALPHABETIC} \end{array} \right\}$$

B.2.1.2.1 Syntax Rules

- (1) If the NUMERIC phrase is specified, the usage of the operand being tested must be described as DISPLAY, except for **VXCOBOL** where the NUMERIC test will allow any numeric item.



(2) If the NUMERIC phrase is specified, the operand being tested must not be an item whose data description describes the item as alphabetic or as a group item composed of elementary items whose data description indicates the presence of operational sign(s).

(3) If the NUMERIC phrase is **not** specified, the usage of the operand being tested must be described as DISPLAY.

(4) If the ALPHABETIC, ALPHABETIC-UPPER, ALPHABETIC-LOWER, or *class-name-1* phrase is specified, the operand being tested must not be an item whose data description describes the item as numeric.

#### B.2.1.2.2 General Rules

(1) When used, NOT and the next keyword specify one class condition that defines the class test to be executed for truth value and which has the opposite truth value from the test without the NOT. So, e.g., NOT NUMERIC is a truth test for determining that an operand is nonnumeric. The remaining rules are expressed in terms of the truth of the condition expressed without the NOT.

(2) When the operand being tested is a zero-length item, the result of the test is always false.

(3) If the NUMERIC phrase is specified, the following rules apply:

a. If the data description of the item being tested does not indicate the presence of an operational sign, the item being tested is determined to be numeric only if the content is numeric and an operational sign is not present. If the data description of the item does indicate the presence of an operational sign, the item being tested is determined to be numeric only if the content is numeric and a valid operational sign is present. Valid operational signs for data items described with the SIGN IS SEPARATE clause are the standard data format characters + and -; see The USAGE clause on page [195](#), [198](#), [233](#) for more information.

b. (**VXCOBOL**) The result is true for a usage display operand if it consists entirely of the characters 0, 1, 2, ... 9 and space with or without the operation sign; however, if the '-G a' compiler switch is used, space is not allowed. The result is true for non-display identifiers if their content is in agreement with the data description.

c. (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**) The result is true if the operand consists entirely of the characters 0, 1, 2, 3, ... , 9, with or without an operational sign.

(4) If the ALPHABETIC phrase is specified, the following rules apply:

a. (**ANSI 74** and **VXCOBOL**) The result is true if the operand consists entirely of the uppercase letters A, B, C, ... , Z, or space, or any combination of the uppercase letters and spaces.

b. (**ANSI 85**) The result is true if the operand consists entirely of the uppercase letters A, B, C, ... , Z, space, or the lowercase letters a, b, c, ... , z, or any combination of the uppercase and lowercase letters and spaces.

(5) If the ALPHABETIC-LOWER phrase is specified, the result is true if the operand consists entirely of the lowercase letters a, b, c, ... , z, or space, or any combination of the lowercase letters and spaces.

(6) If the ALPHABETIC-UPPER phrase is specified, the result is true if the operand consists entirely of the uppercase letters A, B, C, ... , Z, or space, or any combination of the uppercase letters and spaces.

(7) If the *class-name-1* phrase is specified, the result is true if the operand consists entirely of the characters listed in the definition of *class-name-1* in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph.

### B.2.1.3 Condition-Name Condition (Conditional Variable)

In a condition-name condition, a conditional variable is tested to determine whether or not its value is equal to one of the values associated with *condition-name-1*. The general format for the condition-name condition is as follows:

*condition-name-1*

If *condition-name-1* is associated with a range or ranges of values, then the conditional variable is tested to determine whether or not its value falls in this range, including the end values.

The rules for comparing a conditional variable with a condition-name value are the same as those specified for relation conditions.

The result of the test is true if one of the values corresponding to *condition-name-1* equals the value of its associated conditional variable.

### B.2.1.4 Switch-Status Condition

A switch-status condition determines the on or off status of an external switch. The switch-name and the on or off value associated with the condition must be named in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division. (See The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph on page [80](#) for the description of switch conditions.) The general format for the switch-status condition is as follows:

*condition-name-1*

The result of the test is true if the switch is set to the specified position corresponding to *condition-name-1*.

### B.2.1.5 Sign Condition

The sign condition determines whether or not the algebraic value of an arithmetic expression is less than, greater than, or equal to zero. The general format for a sign condition is as follows:

$$\textit{arithmetic-expression-1} \text{ IS [ NOT ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{POSTIVE} \\ \text{NEGATIVE} \\ \text{ZERO} \end{array} \right\}$$

When used, NOT and the next keyword specify one sign condition that defines the algebraic test to be executed for truth value; e.g., NOT ZERO is a truth test for a nonzero (positive or negative) value. An operand is positive, if its value is greater than zero, negative if its value is less than zero, and zero if its value is equal to zero.

*Arithmetic-expression-1* must contain at least one reference to a variable.

### B.2.1.6 (**ISQL**) Indicator Condition

The indicator condition determines the status of an indicator value. The general format for an indicator condition is as follows:

$$\textit{identifier} \text{ IS [ NOT ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NULL} \\ \text{VALID} \\ \text{OVERFLOW} \end{array} \right\}$$

When used, NOT and the next keyword specify one indicator condition that defines the test to be executed for truth value. Since there are only three valid values, the NOT test is a test for either one of the values other than the one specified, e.g., NOT VALID is a truth test for either NULL or OVERFLOW. An indicator value of NULL means

that the database item was a NULL item and the corresponding data item was not set. An indicator value of VALID means that the database item was fetched and stored in the corresponding data item. An indicator value of OVERFLOW means that the database item was fetched, but it had to be truncated in order to be stored in the data item.

### B.2.2 Complex Conditions

A complex condition is formed by combining simple conditions and/or complex conditions with logical connectors (logical operators 'AND' and 'OR') or by negating these conditions with logical negation (the logical operator 'NOT'). The truth value of a complex condition, whether parenthesized or not, is that truth value which results from the interaction of the stated logical operators on its constituent conditions.

The logical operators and their meanings are:

<u>Logical Operator</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
AND	Logical conjunction; the truth value is true if both of the conjoined conditions are true; false if both of the conjoined conditions is false.
OR	Logical inclusive OR; the truth value is true if one or both of the included conditions is true; false if both included conditions are false.
NOT	Logical negation or reversal of truth value; the truth value is true if the condition is false; false if the condition is true.

The logical operators must be preceded by a space and followed by a space.

#### B.2.2.1 Negated Conditions

A condition is negated by use of the logical operator 'NOT' which reverses the truth value of the condition to which it is applied. Thus, the truth value of a negated condition is true if and only if the truth value of the condition being negated is false; the truth value of a negated condition is false if and only if the truth value of the condition being negated is true. Including a negated condition in parentheses does not change its truth value.

The general format for a negated condition is:

NOT *condition-1*

#### B.2.2.2 Combined Conditions

A combined condition results from connecting conditions with one of the logical operators 'AND' or 'OR'. The general format of a combined condition is:

$$condition \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{AND} \\ \underline{OR} \end{array} \right\} condition \dots$$

#### B.2.2.3 Precedence of Logical Operators and the Use of Parentheses

In the absence of the relevant parentheses in a complex condition, the precedence (i.e., binding power) of the logical operators determines the conditions to which the specified logical operators apply and implies the equivalent parentheses. The order of precedence is 'NOT', 'AND', 'OR'. Thus, specifying '*condition-1* OR NOT *condition-2* AND *condition-3*' implies and is equivalent to specifying '*condition-1* OR ((NOT *condition-2*) AND *condition-3*)'.

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Where parentheses are used in a complex condition, they determine the binding of conditions to logical operators. Parentheses can, therefore, be used to depart from the normal precedence of logical operators as specified above. Thus, the example complex condition above can be given a different meaning by specifying it as '(condition-1 OR (NOT condition-2)) AND condition-3'.

The following table indicates the ways in which conditions and logical operators may be combined and parenthesized. There must be a one-to-one correspondence between left and right parentheses such that each left parenthesis is to the left of its corresponding right parenthesis.

Given the following element:	In a conditional expression:		In a left-to-right sequence of elements:	
	May element be first?	May element be last?	Element, when not first, may be immediately followed by only:	Element, when not last, may be immediately followed by only:
simple-condition	Yes	Yes	OR, NOT, AND, (	OR, AND, )
OR or AND	No	No	simple-condition, )	simple-condition, NOT, (
NOT	Yes	No	OR, AND, (	simple-condition, (
(	Yes	No	OR, NOT, AND, (	simple-condition, NOT, (
)	No	Yes	simple-condition, )	OR, AND, )

TABLE 17. Combinations of Conditions, Logical Operators, and Parentheses

Thus, the element pair 'OR NOT' is permissible, while the pair 'NOT OR' is not permissible; the pair 'NOT (' is permissible, while the pair 'NOT NOT' is not permissible.

### B.2.3 Abbreviated Combined Relation Conditions

When simple or negated simple relation conditions are combined with logical connectives in a consecutive sequence such that a succeeding relation condition contains a subject or subject and relational operator that is common with the preceding relation condition, and no parentheses are used within such a consecutive sequence, any relation condition except the first may be abbreviated by:

- (1) The omission of the subject of the relation condition, or
- (2) The omission of the subject and relational operator of the relation condition.

The format for an abbreviated combined relation condition is:

$$relation-condition \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{AND} \\ \underline{OR} \end{array} \right\} [ \underline{NOT} ] [ relational-operator ] object \dots$$

Within a sequence of relation conditions both of the above forms of abbreviation may be used. The effect of using such abbreviations is as if the last preceding stated subject were inserted in place of the omitted subject, and the last stated relational operator were inserted in place of the omitted relational operator. The result of such implied insertion must comply with the rules of TABLE 17. This insertion of an omitted subject and/or relational operator terminates once a complete simple condition is encountered within a complex condition.

The interpretation applied to the use of the word NOT in an abbreviated combined relation condition is as follows:

- (1) If the word immediately following NOT is GREATER, >, LESS, <, EQUAL, =, then the NOT participates as part of the relational operator; otherwise,

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(2) The NOT is interpreted as a logical operator and, therefore, the implied insertion of subject or relational operator results in a negated relation condition.

Some examples of abbreviated combined and negated combined relation conditions and expanded equivalents follow.

<u>Abbreviated Combined Relation Condition</u>	<u>Expanded Equivalent</u>
a > b AND NOT < c OR d	( ( a > b ) AND ( a NOT < c ) ) OR ( a NOT < d )
a NOT EQUAL b OR c	( a NOT EQUAL b ) OR ( a NOT EQUAL c )
NOT a = b OR c	( NOT ( a = b ) ) OR ( a = c )
NOT ( a GREATER b OR < c )	NOT ( ( a GREATER b ) OR ( a < c ) )
NOT ( a NOT > b AND c AND NOT d )	NOT ( ( ( a NOT > b ) AND ( a NOT > c ) ) AND ( NOT ( a NOT > d ) ) )

EXAMPLE 14. Abbreviated combined and negated combined relation conditions

**B.2.4 Order of Evaluation of Conditions**

Parentheses, both explicit and implicit, denote a level of inclusiveness within a complex condition. Two or more conditions connected by only the logical operator 'AND' or only the logical operator 'OR' at the same level of inclusiveness establish a hierarchical level within a complex condition. Thus, an entire complex condition may be considered to be a nested structure of hierarchical levels with the entire complex condition itself being the most inclusive hierarchical level. Within this context, the evaluation of the conditions within an entire complex condition begins at the left of the entire complex condition and proceeds according to the following rule recursively applied where necessary:

(1) The constituent connected conditions within a hierarchical level are evaluated in order from left to right, and evaluation of that hierarchical level proceeds until all the constituent connected conditions within that hierarchical level have been evaluated.

Negated conditions are evaluated when it is necessary to evaluate the complex condition that they represent.

Application of the above rules is shown in the 4 figures that follow.

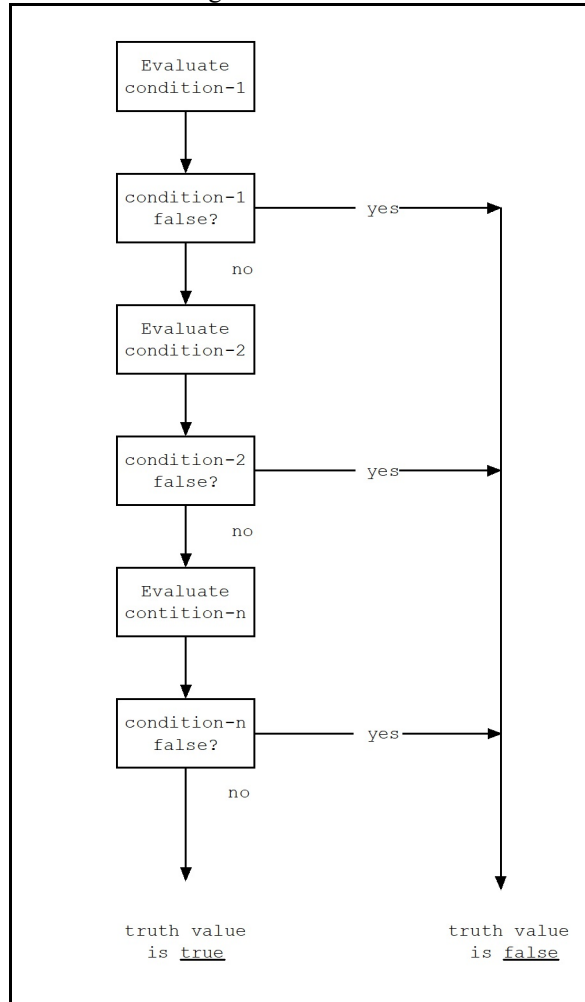


FIGURE 1. Evaluation of *condition-1* AND *condition-2* AND ... *condition-n*

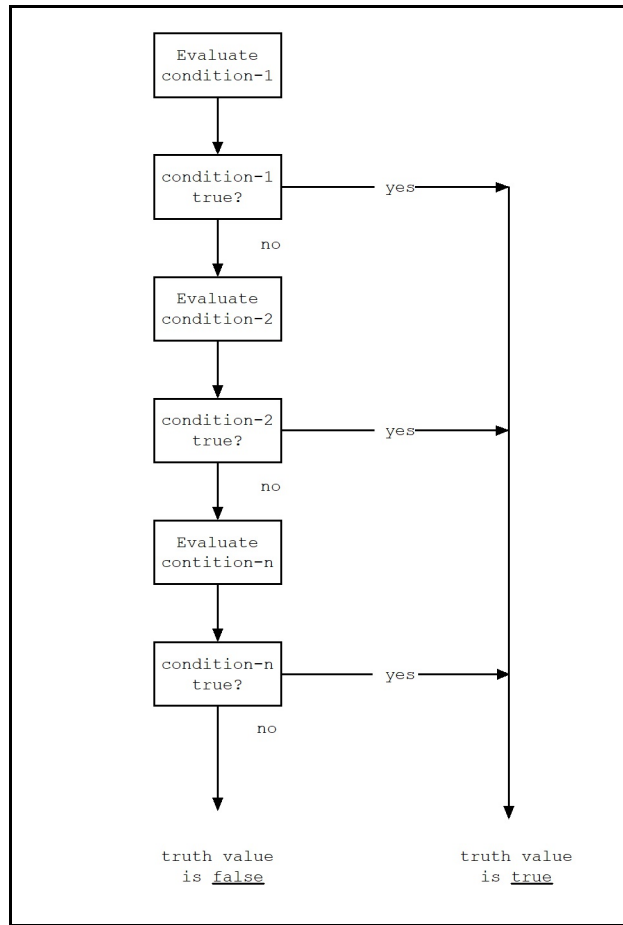


FIGURE 2. Evaluation of *condition-1* OR *condition-2* OR ... *condition-n*

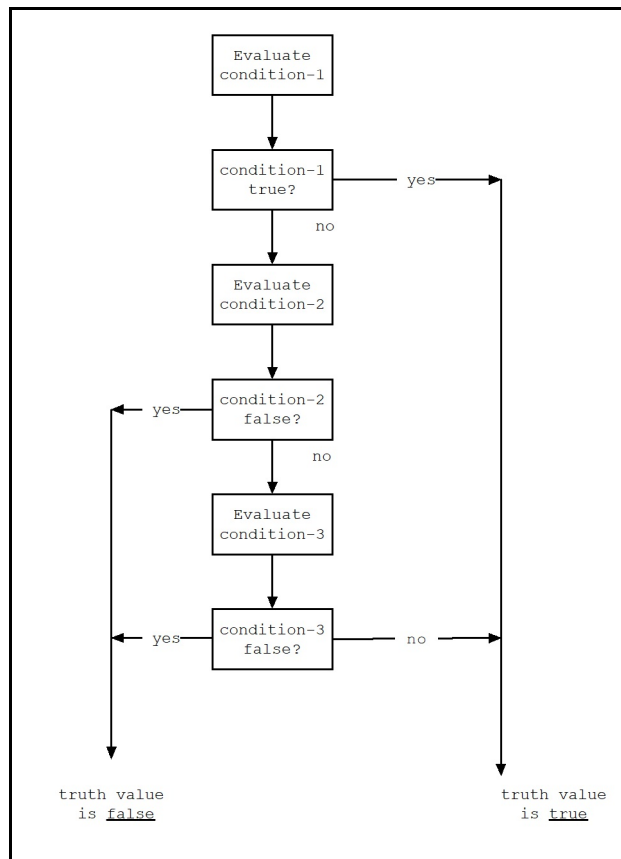


FIGURE 3. Evaluation of *condition-1* OR *condition-2* AND *condition-3*



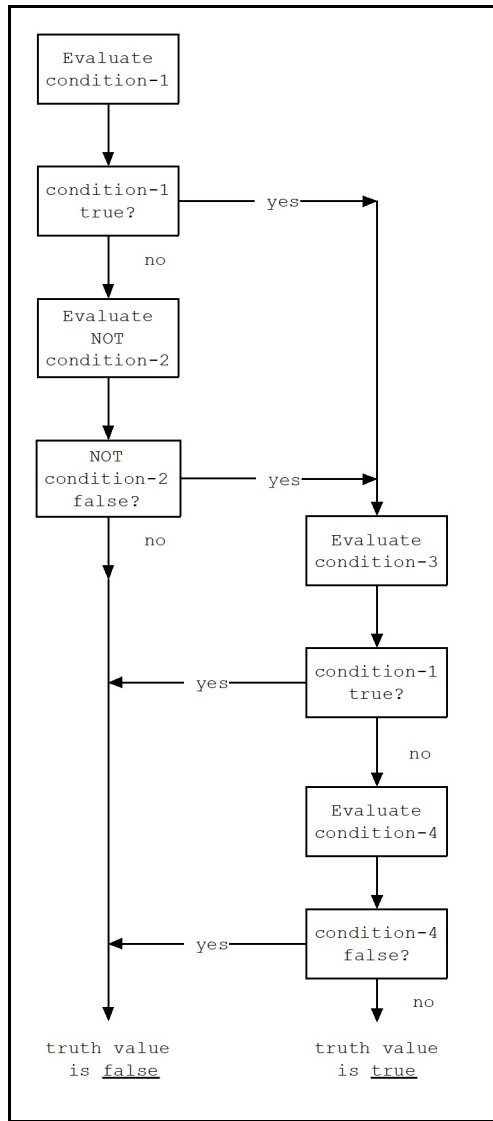


FIGURE 4. Evaluation of  $(\text{condition-1 OR NOT condition-2}) \text{ AND condition-3 AND condition-4}$

### B.3. Common Options and Rules for Statements

Paragraph B and its subordinate paragraphs provide a description of the common options and conditions that pertain to or appear in several different statements.

#### B.3.1 ROUNDED Phrase

If, after decimal point alignment, the number of places in the fractions of the result of an arithmetic operation is greater than the number of places provided for the fraction of the resultant identifier, truncation is relative to the size provided for the resultant identifier. When rounding is requested, the absolute value of the resultant identifier is increased by one in the low-order position whenever the most significant digit of the excess is greater than or equal to five.

When the low-order integer positions in a resultant identifier are represented by the character P in the PICTURE for that resultant identifier, rounding or truncation occurs relative to the right-most integer position for which storage is allocated.

### B.3.2 ON SIZE ERROR Phrase

The size error condition occurs under the following circumstances:

- (1) Violation of the rules for evaluation of exponentiation always terminates the arithmetic operation and always causes a size error condition.
- (2) Division by zero always terminates the arithmetic operation and always causes a size error condition.
- (3) If, after radix point alignment, the absolute value of a result exceeds the largest value that can be contained in the associated resultant identifier, a size error condition exists. If the **ROUNDED** phrase is specified, rounding takes place before checking for size error.
- (4) (**ISQL**) If, after adding or subtracting an interval from a date-time value, the resulting date-time value is not a valid date-time value, the size error condition exists. For example, `DATE "2001-01-30" + INTERVAL "1" MONTH` yields `DATE "2001-02-30"`, which is not a valid date.

If the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase is specified and a size error condition exists after the execution of the arithmetic operations specified by an arithmetic statement, the values of the affected resultant identifiers remain unchanged from the values they had before execution of the arithmetic statement. The values of resultant identifiers for which no size error condition exists are the same as they would have been if the size error condition had not resulted for any of the resultant identifiers. After completion of the arithmetic operations, control is transferred to the imperative-statement specified in the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase and execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in that imperative-statement. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of the imperative-statement specified in the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, control is transferred to the end of the arithmetic statement and the **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, if specified, is ignored.

If the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase is not specified and a size error condition exists after the execution of the arithmetic operations specified by an arithmetic statement, the values of the affected resultant identifiers are undefined. The values of resultant identifiers for which no size error condition exists are the same as they would have been if the size error condition had not resulted for any of the resultant identifiers. After completion of the arithmetic operations, control is transferred to the end of the arithmetic statement and the **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, if specified, is ignored.

If the size error condition does not exist after the execution of the arithmetic operations specified by an arithmetic statement, the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, if specified, is ignored and control is transferred to the end of the arithmetic statement or to the imperative-statement specified in the **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, if it is specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in that imperative-statement. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of the imperative-statement specified in the **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** phrase, control is transferred to the end of the arithmetic statement

For the **ADD** or **SUBTRACT** statement with the **CORRESPONDING** phrase, if any of the individual operations produces a size error condition, *imperative-statement-1* in the **ON SIZE ERROR** phrase is not executed until all of the individual additions or subtractions are completed.

### B.3.3 CORRESPONDING Phrase

For the purpose of this discussion, D1 and D2 must each be identifiers that refer to group items. A pair of data items, one from D1 and one from D2 correspond if the following conditions exist:

- (1) A data item in D1 and a data item in D2 are not designated by the keyword **FILLER** and have the same data-name and the same qualifiers up to, but not including, D1 and D2.

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(2) At least one of the data items is an elementary data item and the resulting move is legal according to the move rules in the case of a MOVE statement with the CORRESPONDING phrase; and both of the data items are elementary numeric data items in the case of the ADD statement with the CORRESPONDING phrase or the SUBTRACT statement with the CORRESPONDING phrase.

(3) The description of D1 and D2 must not contain level-number 66, 77, or 88, the USAGE IS INDEX clause, or (for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**) the USAGE IS POINTER clause.

(4) A data item that is subordinate to D1 or D2 and contains a REDEFINES, RENAMES, OCCURS, or USAGE IS INDEX clause is ignored, as well as those data items subordinate to the data item that contains the REDEFINES, OCCURS, USAGE IS INDEX clause, or (for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**) the USAGE IS POINTER clause.

(5) The name of each data item which satisfies the above conditions must be unique after application of the implied qualifiers.

The following examples demonstrate the MOVE CORRESPONDING and ADD CORRESPONDING statements.

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FD PATIENT-FILE.
01 PATIENT-RECORD.
   03 PATIENT-KEY.
       05 PATIENT-NO                PIC 9(6) .
       05 PATIENT-EMPLOYER          PIC X(30) .
   03 PATIENT-NAME                  PIC X(20) .
   03 PATIENT-INSURANCE-CO          PIC X(15) .
   03 PATIENT-INS-GROUP-NO          PIC 9(3) .
   03 TODAYS-CHARGES                PIC 9(4)V99 .
   03 PATIENT-BALANCE.
       05 0-30                      PIC 9(4)V99 .
       05 31-60                     PIC 9(4)V99 .
       05 OVER-60                   PIC 9(4)V99 .
01 BILL-DETAIL-LINE.
   03 PATIENT-NAME                  PIC X(20) .
   03 FILLER                        PIC X(5) VALUE SPACE .
   03 TODAYS-CHARGES.              PIC 9(4)V99 .
   03 FILLER                        PIC X(5) VALUE SPACE .
   03 PREVIOUS-BALANCE             PIC 9(4)V99 .
   03 TOTAL-BALANCE                PIC 9(6)V99 .
01 ACCTS-REC-TOTALS
   03 SUPPLIER-BALANCE             PIC 9(8)V99 .
   03 PATIENT-BALANCE.
       05 0-30                      PIC 9(4)V99 .
       05 31-60                     PIC 9(4)V99 .
       05 OVER-60                   PIC 9(4)V99 .
*****
*** The following MOVE statement is the equivalent to:
***
***   MOVE PATIENT-NAME OF PATIENT-RECORD
***       TO PATIENT-NAME OF BILL-DETAIL-LINE.
***   MOVE TODAYS-CHARGES OF PATIENT-RECORD
***       TO TODAYS-CHARGES OF BILL-DETAIL-LINE.
*****
***   MOVE CORR PATIENT-RECORD TO BILL-DETAIL-LINE.
*****
*** The following ADD statement is equivalent to:
***
***   ADD 0-30 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF PATIENT-RECORD
***       TO 0-30 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF ACCTS-REC-TOTALS.
***   ADD 31-60 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF PATIENT-RECORD
***       TO 31-60 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF ACCTS-REC-TOTALS.
***   ADD OVER-60 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF PATIENT-RECORD
***       TO OVER-60 OF PATIENT-BALANCE OF ACCTS-REC-TOTALS.
*****
***   ADD CORR PATIENT-BALANCE OF PATIENT-RECORD TO PATIENT-BALANCE
***       OF ACCTS-REC-TOTALS.

```

**EXAMPLE 15. MOVE CORRESPONDING and ADD CORRESPONDING**

The following code demonstrates the MOVE CORRESPONDING statement.

```
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.  
01 SYSTEM-DATE                                PIC 9(8) VALUE ZERO.  
01 SYSTEM-DATE-R REDEFINES SYSTEM-DATE.  
   03 SYSTEM-YEAR                             PIC 9(4).  
   03 SYSTEM-MONTH                           PIC 9(2).  
   03 SYSTEM-DAY                             PIC 9(2).  
01 CURRENT-DATE.  
   03 SYSTEM-MONTH                           PIC 9(2).  
   03 SYSTEM-DAY                             PIC 9(2).  
   03 SYSTEM-YEAR                             PIC 9(4).  
01 CURRENT-DATE-R REDEFINES CURRENT-DATE     PIC 9(8).  
  
ACCEPT SYSTEM-DATE FROM DATE YYYYMMDD.  
MOVE CORRESPONDING SYSTEM-DATE-R TO CURRENT-DATE.
```

EXAMPLE 16. MOVE CORRESPONDING

### B.3.4 Arithmetic Statements

The arithmetic statements are the ADD, COMPUTE, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, and SUBTRACT statements. They have several common features.

(1) The data descriptions of the operands need not be the same; any necessary conversion and decimal point alignment is supplied throughout the calculation.

(2) The maximum size of each operand is 18 decimal digits. The composite of operands, which is a hypothetical data item resulting from the superimposition of specified operands in a statement aligned on their decimal points, must not contain more than 18 decimal digits.

### B.3.5 Overlapping Operands

When a sending and a receiving data item in any statement share a part or all of their storage areas, yet are not defined by the same data description entry, the result of the execution of such a statement is undefined. For statements in which the sending and receiving data items are defined by the same data description entry, the results of the execution of the statement may or may not be defined depending on the general rules associated with the applicable statement. If there are no specific rules addressing such overlapping operands, the results are undefined.

In the case of reference modification, the unique data item produced by reference modification is not considered to be the same data description entry as any other data description entry. Therefore, if an overlapping situation exists, the results of the operation are undefined.

### B.3.6 Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements

The ADD, COMPUTE, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, and SUBTRACT statements may have multiple results. Such statements behave as though they had been written in the following way:

(1) A statement whose execution accesses all data items that are part of the initial evaluation of the statement, performs any necessary arithmetic or combining of these data items and stores the result of this operation in a temporary location. See the individual statements for the rules indicating which items are part of the initial evaluation.

(2) A sequence of statements whose execution transfers or combines the value in this temporary location with each single resulting data item. These statements are considered to be written in the same left-to-right sequence that the multiple results are specified.

The result of the statement

```
ADD a, b, c, TO c, d(c), e
```

is equivalent to

```
ADD a, b, c GIVING temp
ADD temp TO c
ADD temp TO d(c)
ADD temp TO e
```

and the result of the statement

```
MULTIPLY a(i) BY i, a(i)
```

is equivalent to

```
MOVE a(i) TO temp
MULTIPLY temp BY i
MULTIPLY temp BY a(i)
```

in both cases, 'temp' is an intermediate result item provided by the compiler.

### B.3.7 Incompatible Data

Except for the class condition, when the content of a data item is referenced in the Procedure Division and the content of that data item is not compatible with the class specified for that data item by its PICTURE clause, then the result of such a reference is undefined.

## B.4. Statements and Sentences

There are four types of statements: imperative statements, conditional statements, compiler directing statements, and delimited scope statements.

There are three types of sentences: imperative sentences, conditional sentences, and compiler directing sentences.

### B.4.1 Conditional Statements and Sentences

#### B.4.1.1 Definition of Conditional Statement

A conditional statement specifies that the truth value of a condition is to be determined and that the subsequent action of the object program is dependent on this truth value.

A conditional statement is one of the following:

- (1) An EVALUATE, IF, SEARCH, or RETURN statement.
- (2) A READ statement that specifies the AT END, NOT AT END, INVALID KEY, or NOT INVALID KEY phrase.

(3) A WRITE statement that specifies the INVALID KEY, NOT INVALID KEY, END-OF-PAGE, or NOT END-OF-PAGE phrase.

(4) A DEFINE SUB-INDEX, DELETE, EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX, LINK SUB-INDEX, RETRIEVE, REWRITE, START, or UNDELETE statement that specifies the INVALID KEY or NOT INVALID KEY phrase.

(5) An arithmetic statement (ADD, COMPUTE, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, SUBTRACT) that specifies the ON SIZE ERROR or NOT ON SIZE ERROR phrase.

(6) A STRING or UNSTRING statement that specifies the ON OVERFLOW or NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase.

(7) A CALL statement that specifies the ON OVERFLOW, ON EXCEPTION, or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase.

(8) A CALL PROGRAM statement that specifies the ON EXCEPTION or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase.

(9) An ACCEPT statement that specifies ON ESCAPE or NOT ON ESCAPE.

(10) (**ISQL**) A COMMIT, CONNECT, DEALLOCATE, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, EXECUTE IMMEDIATE, FETCH, PREPARE, ROLLBACK, or SET CONNECTION statement that specifies ON SQLERROR or NOT ON SQLERROR.

(11) (**ISQL**) A GET DIAGNOSTICS statement that specifies the ON EXCEPTION or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase.

### B.4.1.1.1 Definition of Conditional Phrase

A conditional phrase specifies the action to be taken upon determination of the truth value of a condition resulting from the execution of a conditional statement.

A conditional phrase is one of the following:

(1) an AT END or NOT AT END phrase when specified within a READ statement.

(2) an INVALID KEY or NOT INVALID KEY phrase when specified within a DELETE, READ, REWRITE, START, UNDELETE, or WRITE statement.

(3) a SIZE ERROR or NOT SIZE ERROR phrase when specified within an ADD, COMPUTE, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, or SUBTRACT statement.

(4) an ON OVERFLOW or NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase when specified within a STRING or UNSTRING statement.

(5) an ON OVERFLOW, ON EXCEPTION, NOT ON OVERFLOW, or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase when specified within a CALL statement.

(6) an ON EXCEPTION or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase when specified within a CALL PROGRAM statement.

(7) an END-OF-PAGE or NOT END-OF-PAGE phrase when specified with a WRITE statement.

(8) an ON ESCAPE or NOT ON ESCAPE phrase when specified with an ACCEPT statement.

(9) (**ISQL**) an ON SQLERROR or NOT ON SQLERROR phrase when specified with a COMMIT, CONNECT, DEALLOCATE, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, EXECUTE IMMEDIATE, FETCH, PREPARE, ROLLBACK, SET CONNECTION statement.

(10) (**ISQL**) an ON EXCEPTION or NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase when specified within a GET DIAGNOSTICS statement.

**B.4.1.2 Definition of Conditional Sentence**

A conditional sentence is a conditional statement, optionally preceded by an imperative statement, terminated by the separator period.

**B.4.2 Compiler Directing Statements and Sentences**

**B.4.2.1 Definition of Compiler Directing Statement**

A compiler directing statement consists of a compiler directing verb and its operands. The compiler directing verbs are COPY and USE. A compiler directing statement causes the compiler to take a specific action during compilation.

**B.4.2.2 Definition of Compiler Directing Sentence**

A compiler directing sentence is a single compiler directing statement terminated by the separator period.

**B.4.3 Imperative Statements and Sentences**

**B.4.3.1 Definition of Imperative Statement**

An imperative statement begins with an imperative verb and specifies an unconditional action to be taken by the object program or is a conditional statement that is delimited by its explicit scope terminator (delimited scope statement). An imperative statement may consist of a sequence of imperative statements, each possibly separated from the next by a separator. The imperative verbs are:

ACCEPT <sup>7</sup>	DISCONNECT <sup>9</sup>	LINK SUB-INDEX <sup>2</sup>	SET ( <b>ISQL</b> ) <sup>9</sup>
ADD <sup>1</sup>	DISPLAY	MERGE	SORT
CALL <sup>5</sup>	DIVIDE <sup>1</sup>	MOVE	START <sup>2</sup>
CALL PROGRAM <sup>6</sup>	EXECUTE <sup>9</sup>	MULTIPLY <sup>1</sup>	STOP
CANCEL	EXIT	OPEN	STRING <sup>3</sup>
CLOSE	EXPUNGE	PERFORM	SUBTRACT <sup>1</sup>
COMPUTE <sup>1</sup>	EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX <sup>2</sup>	PREPARE <sup>9</sup>	UNDELETE <sup>2</sup>
CONNECT <sup>9</sup>	FETCH <sup>9</sup>	READ <sup>4</sup>	UNSTRING <sup>3</sup>
CONTINUE	GET <sup>6</sup>	RELEASE	WRITE <sup>8</sup>
DEALLOCATE <sup>9</sup>	GO TO	RETRIEVE <sup>2</sup>	
DEFINE SUB-INDEX	INITIALIZE	REWRITE <sup>2</sup>	
DELETE <sup>2</sup>	INSPECT	SET	

<sup>1</sup> without the optional ON SIZE ERROR and NOT ON SIZE ERROR phrases

<sup>2</sup> without the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases

<sup>3</sup> without the optional ON OVERFLOW and NOT ON OVERFLOW phrases

<sup>4</sup> without the optional AT END, NOT AT END, INVALID KEY, and NOT INVALID KEY phrases

<sup>5</sup> without the optional ON OVERFLOW, ON EXCEPTION, and NOT ON EXCEPTION phrases

<sup>6</sup> without the optional ON EXCEPTION and NOT ON EXCEPTION phrases

<sup>7</sup> without the optional ON ESCAPE and NOT ON ESCAPE phrases

<sup>8</sup> without the optional INVALID KEY, NOT INVALID KEY, END-OF-PAGE, and NOT END-OF-PAGE phrases

<sup>9</sup> without the optional ON SQLERROR and NOT ON SQLERROR phrases

Whenever 'imperative-statement' appears in the general format of statements, 'imperative-statement' refers to that sequence of consecutive imperative statements that must be ended by a period or by any phrase associated with a statement containing that 'imperative-statement'.

**(ISQL)** The COMMIT, CONNECT, DEALLOCATE, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, EXECUTE IMMEDIATE, FETCH, GET DIAGNOSTICS, PREPARE, ROLLBACK, and SET CONNECTION statements are only available when the **ISQL** feature-set is enabled.

### B.4.3.2 Definition of Imperative Sentence

An imperative sentence is an imperative statement terminated by the separator period.

### B.5. Scope of Statements

A delimited scope statement is any statement which includes its explicit scope terminator. (See section B.6.5 on page [262](#).)

When statements are nested within other statements, a separator period which terminates the sentence also implicitly terminates all nested statements.

Whenever any statement is contained within another statement, the next phrase of the containing statement following the contained statement terminates the scope of any unterminated contained statement.

When statements are nested within other statements which allow optional conditional phrases, any optional conditional phrase encountered is considered to be the next phrase of the nearest preceding unterminated statement with which that phrase is permitted to be associated according to the general format and the syntax rules for that statement, but with which no such phrase has already been associated. An unterminated statement is one which has not been previously terminated either explicitly or implicitly.

### B.6. Explicit and Implicit Specifications

There are four types of explicit and implicit specifications that occur in COBOL source programs:

- (1) Explicit and implicit Procedure Division references
- (2) Explicit and implicit transfers of control
- (3) Explicit and implicit attributes
- (4) Explicit and implicit scope terminators

#### B.6.1 Explicit and Implicit Procedure Division References

A COBOL source program can reference data items either explicitly or implicitly in Procedure Division statements. An explicit reference occurs when the name of the referenced item is written in a Procedure Division statement or when the name of the referenced item is copied into the Procedure Division by the processing of a COPY statement. An implicit reference occurs when the item is referenced by a Procedure Division statement without the name of the referenced item being written in the source statement. An implicit reference also occurs, during the execution of a PERFORM statement, when the index or data item referenced by the index-name or identifier specified in the VARYING, AFTER, or UNTIL phrase is initialized, modified, or evaluated by the control mechanism associated with that PERFORM statement. Such an implicit reference occurs if and only if the data item contributes to the execution of the statement.



B.6.2 Explicit and Implicit Transfers of Control

The mechanism that controls program flow transfers control from statement to statement in the sequence in which they were written in the source program unless an explicit transfer of control overrides this sequence or there is no next executable statement to which control can be passed. The transfer of control from statement to statement occurs without the writing of an explicit Procedure Division statement, and, therefore, is an implicit transfer of control.

COBOL provides both explicit and implicit means of altering the implicit control transfer mechanism.

In addition to the implicit transfer of control between consecutive statements, implicit transfer of control also occurs when the normal flow is altered without the execution of a procedure branching statement. COBOL provides the following types of implicit control flow alterations which override the statement-to-statement transfers of control:

(1) If a paragraph is being executed under control of another COBOL statement (for example, PERFORM, USE, SORT, and MERGE) and the paragraph is the last paragraph in the range of the controlling statement, then an implied transfer of control occurs from the last statement in the paragraph to the control mechanism of the last executed controlling statement. Further, if a paragraph is being executed under the control of a PERFORM statement which paragraph is being executed under the control of a PERFORM statement which causes iterative execution, and that paragraph is the first paragraph in the range of that PERFORM statement, an implicit transfer of control occurs between the control mechanism associated with that PERFORM statement and the first statement in that paragraph for each iterative execution of the paragraph.

(2) When a SORT or MERGE statement is executed, an implicit transfer of control occurs to any associated input or output procedures.

(3) When any COBOL statement is executed which results in the execution of a declarative section, an implicit transfer of control to the declarative section occurs. Another implicit transfer of control occurs after execution of the declarative section, as described in paragraph 1 above.

An explicit transfer of control consists of an alteration of the implicit control transfer mechanism by the execution of a procedure branching or conditional statement. An explicit transfer of control can be caused only by the execution of a procedure branching or conditional statement. The procedure branching statement EXIT PROGRAM causes an explicit transfer of control only when the statement is executed in a called program.

In this document, the term 'next executable statement' is used to refer to the next COBOL statement to which control is transferred according to the rules above and the rules associated with each language element.

There is no next executable statement when the program contains no Procedure Division or does contain the following:

(1) The last statement in a declarative section when the paragraph in which it appears is not being executed under the control of some other COBOL statement.

(2) The last statement in a declarative section when the statement is in the range of an active PERFORM statement executed in a different section and this last statement of the declarative section is not also the last statement of the procedure that is the exit of the active PERFORM statement.

(3) The last statement in a program when the paragraph in which it appears is not being executed under the control of some other COBOL statement in that program.

(4) A STOP RUN statement or EXIT PROGRAM statement that transfers control outside the COBOL program.

When there is no next executable statement and control is not transferred outside the COBOL program, the program flow of control is undefined unless the program execution is in the nondeclarative procedures portion of a program under control of a CALL statement, in which case an implicit EXIT PROGRAM statement is executed.

### B.6.3 Explicit and Implicit Attributes

Attributes may be implicitly or explicitly specified. Any attribute which has been explicitly specified is called an explicit attribute. If an attribute has not been specified explicitly, then the attribute takes on the default specification. Such an attribute is known as an implicit attribute.

For example, the usage of a data item need not be specified, in which case a data item's usage is DISPLAY.

### B.6.4 Scope Terminators

Scope terminators serve to delimit the scope of certain Procedure Division. Scope terminators are of two types: explicit and implicit.

### B.6.5 Explicit Scope Terminators

The explicit scope terminators are the following:

END-ACCEPT	END-DISCONNECT	END-MULTIPLY	END-SET
END-ADD	END-DIVIDE	END-PERFORM	END-START
END-CALL	END-EXECUTE	END-PREPARE	END-STRING
END-COMMIT	END-EVALUATE	END-READ	END-SUBTRACT
END-COMPUTE	END-EXPUNGE	END-RETRIEVE	END-UNDELETE
END-CONNECT	END-FETCH	END-RETURN	END-UNSTRING
END-DEALLOCATE	END-GET	END-REWRITE	END-WRITE
END-DEFINE	END-IF	END-ROLLBACK	
END-DELETE	END-LINK	END-SEARCH	

### B.6.6 Implicit Scope Terminators

The implicit scope terminators are the following:

(1) At the end of any sentence, the separator period which terminates the scope of all previous statements not yet terminated.

(2) Within any statement containing another statement, the next phrase of the containing statement following the contained statement terminates the scope of any unterminated contained statement. Examples of such phrases are ELSE, NOT AT END, etc.

## C. File Concepts

A file is a collection of records which may be placed into or retrieved from a storage medium. The user not only chooses the file organization, but also chooses the file processing method and sequence. Although the file organization and processing method are restricted for sequential media, no such restrictions exist for mass storage media.

When describing the capabilities of COBOL programs to manipulate files, the following conventions are used. The term 'file-name' means the user-defined word used in the COBOL source program to reference a file. The terms 'file' referenced by file-name' and 'file' mean the physical file regardless of the file-name used in the COBOL program. The term 'file connector' means the entity containing information concerning the file. All accesses to physical files occur through file connectors. In various implementations, the file connector is referred to as a file information table, a file control block, etc.

### C.1. File Attributes

A file has several attributes which apply to the file at the time it is created and cannot be changed throughout the lifetime of the file. The primary attribute is the organization of the file, which describes its logical structure. Other fixed attributes of the file provided by the COBOL program are primary record key, alternate record keys, code set, the minimum and maximum logical record size, the record type (fixed or variable), the collating sequence of the keys for indexed files, the blocking factor, the padding character, and the record delimiter.

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, there are three organizations: sequential, relative, and indexed. For **VXCOBOL**, there are four organizations: sequential, relative, indexed, and INFOS.

#### C.1.1 Sequential Organization

Sequential files are organized so that each record, except the last, has a unique successor record; each record, except the first, has a unique predecessor record. The successor relationships are established by the order of execution of WRITE statements when the file is created. Once established, successor relationships do not change except in the case where records are added to the end of a file.

A sequentially organized mass storage file has the same logical structure as a file on any sequential medium; however, a sequential mass storage file may be updated in place. When this technique is used, new records cannot be added to the file and each replaced record must be the same size as the original record.

#### C.1.2 Relative Organization

A file with relative organization is a mass storage file from which any record may be stored or retrieved by providing the value of its relative record number.

Conceptually, a file with relative organization comprises a serial string of areas, each capable of holding a logical record. Each of these areas is denominated by a relative record number. Each logical record in a relative file is identified by the relative record number of its storage area. For example, the tenth record is the one addressed by relative record number 10 and is in the tenth record area, whether or not records have been written in any of the first through the ninth record areas.

In order to achieve more efficient access to records in a relative file, the number of character positions reserved on the medium to store a particular logical record may be different from the number of character positions in the description of that record in the program.

### C.1.3 Indexed Organization

A file with indexed organization is a mass storage file from which any record may be accessed by giving the value of a specified key in that record. For each key data item defined for the records of a file, an index is maintained. Each such index represents the set of values from the corresponding key data item in each record. Each index, therefore, is a mechanism which can provide access to any record in the file.

Each indexed file has a primary index which represents the primary record key of each record in the file. Each record is inserted in the file, changed, or deleted from the file based solely upon the value of its primary record key. The primary record key of each record in the file must be unique, and it must not be changed when updating a record. The primary record key is declared in the RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry for the file.

Alternate record keys provide alternative means of retrieval for the records of a file. Such keys are named in the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clauses of the file control entry. The value of a particular alternate record key in each record need not be unique. When these values may not be unique, the DUPLICATES phrase is specified in the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause.

### C.1.4 INFOS Organization (**VXCOBOL**)

**NOTE:** As of Revision 5.30, the U/FOS data manager that provided runtime support for INFOS files is no longer sold or supported.

A file with INFOS organization is a mass storage file from which any record may be accessed by giving the value of a specified key or keys. For each key data item defined for the records of a file, a subindex is maintained. Each such index represents the set of values from the corresponding key data item. One or more keys can be associated with each record in the file.

A key may or may not be contained within the record. A key may or may not be associated with a record.

A file with INFOS organization can have several modes of indexing:

- (1) simple indexing (one index per file)
- (2) alternate indexing (multiple paths to a record)
- (3) multiple indexing
- (4) multilevel indexing

**ICOBOL** requires the U/FOS data management software from Transoft, Inc. to provide INFOS support.

## C.2. Logical Records

A logical record is the unit of data which is retrieved from or stored into a file. There are two types of records: fixed length and variable length. When a file is created, it is declared to contain either fixed length or variable length records. In any case, the content of the record does not reflect any information the implementor may add to the record on the physical storage medium (such as record length headers), nor does the length of the record used by the COBOL programmer reflect these additions.

### C.2.1 Fixed Length Records

Fixed length records must contain the same number of character positions for all the records in the file. All input-output operations on the file can only process this one record size.

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, fixed length records may be explicitly selected by specifying a Format 1 RECORD clause in the file description entry for the file regardless of the individual record descriptions.

For **VXCOBOL**, fixed length records may be explicitly selected by specifying RECORDING MODE IS FIXED clause in the file description entry for the file regardless of the individual record descriptions.

### C.2.2 Variable Length Records (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

Variable length records may contain differing numbers of character positions among the records on the file. To define variable length records explicitly, the VARYING phrase may be specified in the RECORD clause in the file description entry or the sort-merge file description entry for the file. The length of a record is affected by the data-item referenced in the DEPENDING phrase of the RECORD clause or the DEPENDING phrase of an OCCURS clause or by the length of the record description entry for this file. They may also be obtained with the RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE clause, however this is obsolete and applies to sequential files only.

### C.2.3 Variable Length Records (**VXCOBOL**)

Variable length records may contain differing numbers of character positions among the records on the file. Variable length records may be explicitly selected by selecting the RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE clause in the file regardless of the individual record descriptions.

## C.3. File Processing

A file can be processed by performing operations upon individual records or upon the file as a unit, or (for INFOS files when using the **VXCOBOL** dialect) by performing operations upon individual keys. Unusual conditions that occur during processing are communicated back to the program.

## C.4. Record Operations

The ACCESS MODE clause of the file description entry specifies the manner in which the object program operates upon records within a file. The access mode may be sequential, random, or dynamic.

For files that are organized as relative, indexed, or INFOS, any of the three access modes can be used to access the file regardless of the access mode used to create the file. A file with sequential organization may only be accessed in sequential mode.

When a file is accessed in random mode, input-output statements are used to access the records in a programmer-specified order. With the indexed organization, the programmer specifies the desired record by placing the value of one of its record keys in a record key or an alternate record key data item.

With dynamic access mode, the programmer may change at will from sequential accessing to random accessing, using appropriate forms of input-output statements.

### C.4.1 Sequential Access Mode

A file can be accessed sequentially irrespective of the file organization.

For *sequential organization*, the order of sequential access is the order in which the records were originally written. The START statement may be used to establish a starting point for a series of subsequent retrievals.

For *relative organization*, the order of sequential access is ascending or descending based on the value of the relative record numbers. Only records which currently exist in the file are made available. The START statement may be used to establish a starting point for a series of subsequent sequential retrievals.

For *indexed organization or INFOS*, the order of sequential access is ascending or descending based on the value of the key of reference according to the collating sequence associated with the native character set. Any of the keys associated with the file may be established as the key of reference during the processing of the file. The order of retrieval from a set of records which have duplicate key of reference values is the original order of arrival of those records into the set. The START statement may be used to establish a starting point within an indexed file for a series of subsequent sequential retrievals.

For **VXCOBOL**, each individual I/O operation may be used to establish a starting point within an INFOS file for subsequent sequential retrievals.

### C.4.2 Random Access Mode

When a file is accessed in random mode, input-output statements are used to access the records in a programmer-specified order. The random access mode may only be used with relative, indexed, or INFOS file organizations.

For a file with relative organization, the programmer specifies the desired record by placing its relative record number in a relative key data item. With the indexed organization, the programmer specifies the desired record by placing the value of one of its record keys in a record key or an alternate record key data item. With INFOS organization, the programmer specifies the desired record by placing the value of one or more of its record keys in appropriate record key data items.

### C.4.3 Dynamic Access Mode

With dynamic access mode, the programmer may change at will from sequential accessing to random accessing, using appropriate forms of input-output statements. The dynamic access mode may only be used on files with relative, indexed, or INFOS organizations.

### C.4.4 Open Mode

The open mode of the file is related to the actions to be performed upon it in the file. The open modes and purposes are: INPUT, to retrieve records; OUTPUT, to place records into a file; EXTEND, to append records to an existing file; and I-O, to retrieve and update records. The open mode is specified in the OPEN statement.

When the open mode is INPUT, a file may be accessed by the READ and for **VXCOBOL** the RETRIEVE statement. The START statement may also be used for files organized as indexed, relative, INFOS which are in sequential or dynamic access modes or for files organized as sequential.

When the open mode is OUTPUT, the records are placed into the file by issuing WRITE statements.

When the open mode is EXTEND, new records are added to the logical end of a file by issuing WRITE statements.

Only mass storage files may be referenced in the open I-O mode. The additional capabilities of mass storage devices permit updating in place, thus READ and REWRITE statements may always be used. A mass storage file may be updated in the same manner as a file on a sequential medium, by transcribing the entire file into another file (perhaps in a separate area of mass storage) using READ and WRITE statements. However, it is sometimes more efficient to update a mass storage file in place. This mass storage file maintenance technique uses the REWRITE statement to return to their previous locations on the storage medium only those records which have changed.

READ, REWRITE, and START statements are the only operations allowed, while updating in place sequentially organized files. However, for indexed, relative, or INFOS organized files, the following additional functions may be applied: the DELETE Statement may be used with any access mode to remove a record logically from a file; the UNDELETE Statement may be used with any access mode to add a record that had been logically removed from a file; the WRITE statement may be used in random or dynamic access mode to insert a new record into the file.

#### C.4.5 Current Volume Pointer

The current volume pointer is a conceptual entity used in this document to facilitate exact specification of the current physical volume of a sequential file. The status of the current volume pointer is affected by the CLOSE, OPEN, READ, and WRITE statements.

#### C.4.6 File Position Indicator

The file position indicator is a conceptual entity used in this document to facilitate exact specification of the next record to be accessed within a given file during certain sequences of input-output operations. The concept of a file position indicator has no meaning for a file opened in the output or extend mode.

For sequential, relative, and indexed files, the setting of the file position indicator is affected only by the OPEN, READ, and START statements. The file position indicator can be updated on all INFOS file operations.

#### C.5. File Operations

Several COBOL statements operate upon files as entities or as collections of records. These are the CLOSE, DELETE FILE, and OPEN statements. For **VXCOBOL**, the EXPUNGE statement is also included.

#### C.6. Exception Handling

During the execution of any input or output operation, unusual conditions may arise which preclude normal completion of the operation. There are four methods by which these conditions are communicated to the object program; status keys, exception declaratives, optional phrases associated with the imperative statement, and the ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS statement. If a fatal I/O error is encountered and the program terminates, the current Exception Status is displayed right after the current opcode location and current PC.

##### C.6.1 I-O Status (FILE STATUS)

The I-O status is a two-character conceptual entity whose value is set to indicate the status of an input-output operation during the execution of a CLOSE, DEFINE SUB-INDEX, DELETE, DELETE FILE, EXPUNGE, EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX, LINK SUB-INDEX, OPEN, READ, RETRIEVE, REWRITE, START, UNDELETE, UNLOCK, or WRITE statement and prior to the execution of any imperative statement associated with that input-output statement or prior to the execution of any applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure. The value of the FILE STATUS is made available to the COBOL program through the use of the FILE STATUS clause in the file control entry for the file.

For **VXCOBOL**, whenever the I-O status is updated the INFOS STATUS is also updated. INFOS STATUS is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

The I-O status also determines whether an applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure will be executed. If any condition other than those contained under the heading "Successful Completion" below results, such a procedure may be executed depending on rules stated elsewhere. If one of the conditions listed under the heading "Successful Completion" below results, no such procedure will be executed. (See The USE Statement, page [491](#)).

Certain classes of I-O status values indicate critical error conditions. These are:

- any that begin with the digit 3 or 4, and
- any that begin with the digit 9.

If the value of the I-O status for an input-output operation indicates such an error condition, and an applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure exists, it is executed. After execution of the USE procedure, control returns to the statement following the statement that caused the error. If no applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION applies, after completion of the normal input-output control system error processing, and NO I-O status (FILE STATUS) or INFOS STATUS was associated with this file, the COBOL program is terminated with a Fatal Error indicating the type of error encountered and the COBOL pc. To prevent this from happening, a Declaratives section with an applicable USE procedure should be defined.

### C.6.2 I-O Status (**ANSI 74**)

I-O status expresses one of the following conditions upon completion of the input-output operation:

- (1) Successful Completion (0x). The input-output statement was successfully executed.
- (2) At End (1x). A sequential READ statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an at end condition.
- (3) Invalid Key (2x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an invalid key condition.
- (4) Permanent Error (3x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as the result of an error that precluded further processing of the file. Any specified exception procedures are executed. The permanent error condition remains in effect for all subsequent input-output operations on the file unless an implementor-defined technique is invoked to correct the permanent error condition.
- (5) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) (9x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of a condition that is specified by **ICOBOL**.

The following is a list of the values placed in the I-O status for the previously named conditions resulting from the execution of an input-output operation on a file.

#### (1) Successful Completion

- 00 The input-output statement is successfully executed and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation.
- 02 The input-output statement is successfully executed but a duplicate key is detected. **SUPPORTED WITH -G d OPTION TO ICRUN.**
  - a. For a READ random or READ NEXT statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the next record within the current key of reference. For a READ PREVIOUS statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the previous record within the current key of reference.
  - b. For a REWRITE or WRITE statement, the record just written created a duplicate key value for at least one alternate record key for which duplicates are allowed.
- 04 A READ statement is successfully executed but the length of the record being processed does not conform to the fixed file attributes for that file.



(2) At End Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 10 A sequential READ statement is attempted and no next logical record exists in the file because:
  - a. The end of the file has been reached, or
  - b. A sequential READ statement is attempted for the first time on an optional input file that is not present.

(3) Invalid Key Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 21 A sequence error exists for a sequentially accessed indexed file. The primary record key value has been changed by the program between the successful execution of a READ statement and the execution of the next REWRITE statement for that file, or the ascending sequence requirements for successive record key values are violated.
- 22 The duplicates condition exists because:
  - a. An attempt is made to write a record that would create a duplicate key in a relative file, on the primary key, or on an alternate key that does not allow duplicates in an indexed file, or
  - b. An attempt is made to UNDELETE a record that was not deleted. **THIS IS AN EXTENSION TO ANSI COBOL.**
- 23 The no record found condition exists because:
  - a) An attempt is made to randomly access a record that does not exist in the file, or
  - b) A START or random READ statement is attempted on an optional input file that is not present.
- 24 An attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a relative or indexed file. Under ICOBOL this implies: for a relative file writing beyond the record number limit; and for an Indexed file the index structure is full.

(4) Permanent Error Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 30 A permanent error exists and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation. Generally related to some hardware condition.
- 34 A permanent error exists because of a boundary violation; an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a sequential file. Generally out of disk space.

(5) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) Condition With Unsuccessful Completion.

- 91 An OPEN error. The possible violations are:
  - a. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent.
  - b. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was already open. **This is a 41 with ANSI 85.**
  - c. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was had an illegal name.
  - d. A CLOSE statement referred to a file that had not been opened. **This is a 42 with ANSI 85.**
  - e. On OPEN, the filename already existed.
  - f. On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.

- g. On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.
  - h. On OPEN, no more files could be opened from the operating system.
  - i. On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.
  - j. On a data-sensitive READ, the line is too long for the record. **This is a 34 with ANSI 85.**
- 92 An Access mode error. The possible violations are:
- a. File not opened.
  - b. WRITE attempted to file opened for input. **This is a 48 with ANSI 85.**
  - c. DELETE attempted to file opened for input. **This is a 49 with ANSI 85.**
  - d. READ attempted for file opened for output. **This is a 47 with ANSI 85.**
  - e. OPEN attempted for file closed with lock. **This is a 38 with ANSI 85.**
  - f. DELETE or REWRITE statement not preceded by a READ statement for a file in sequential access mode. **This is a 43 with ANSI 85.**
  - g. OPEN attempted on a file with insufficient access rights for OPEN mode. **This is a 37 with ANSI 85.**
  - h. An attempt is made to WRITE or REWRITE a record that is larger than the largest or smaller than the smallest record allowed by the RECORD IS VARYING clause of the associated filename. **This is a 44 with ANSI 85.**
- 94 An In Use Error. The possible violations are:
- a. File cannot be exclusively opened because it is in use.
  - b. Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.
  - c. DELETE FILE attempted for an opened file.
- 96 A directory named by the program does not exist.
- 97 Maximum number of open files exceeded.
- 98 Attempt to write more than 65,535 records to a relative file. **This is a 24 with ANSI 85.**
- 99 Printer control file is full.
- 9A File description inconsistency. Record length, key length, or key positions specified in program does not agree with the data file. **This is a 39 with ANSI 85.** ICISAM file version is not valid.
- 9B Corruption error. The possible violations are:
- a. After a successful OPEN of an ISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Close this file; this sets the ISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.
  - b. The data (.XD) portion of an Indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.
  - c. On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.

- 9C Index (.NX) portion of an Indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
- 9E Record lock limit has been exceeded.
- 9F Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
- 9T A time out condition has occurred on an I/O operation.

### C.6.3 I-O Status (**ANSI 85**)

I-O status expresses one of the following conditions upon completion of the input-output operation:

- (1) Successful Completion (0x). The input-output statement was successfully executed.
- (2) At End (1x). A sequential READ statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an at end condition.
- (3) Invalid Key (2x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an invalid key condition.
- (4) Permanent Error (3x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as the result of an error that precluded further processing of the file. Any specified exception procedures are executed. The permanent error condition remains in effect for all subsequent input-output operations on the file unless an implementor-defined technique is invoked to correct the permanent error condition.
- (5) Logic Error (4x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an improper sequence of input-output operations that were performed on the file or as a result of violating a limit defined by the user.
- (6) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) (9x) Condition With Unsuccessful Completion. The input-output statement was unsuccessful executed as a result of a condition that is specified by **ICOBOL**.

The following is a list of the values placed in the I-O status for the previously named conditions resulting from the execution of an input-output operation on a file.

#### (1) Successful Completion

- 00 The input-output statement is successfully executed and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation.
- 02 The input-output statement is successfully executed but a duplicate key is detected.
  - a) For a READ random or READ NEXT statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the next record within the current key of reference. For a READ PREVIOUS statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the previous record within the current key of reference.
  - b) For a REWRITE or WRITE statement, the record just written created a duplicate key value for at least one alternate record key for which duplicates are allowed.
- 04 A READ statement is successfully executed but the length of the record being processed does not conform to the fixed file attributes for that file.

- 05 An OPEN statement is successfully executed but the referenced optional file is not present at the time the OPEN statement is executed. If the open mode is I-O or extend, the file has been created.

(2) At End Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 10 A sequential READ statement is attempted and no next logical record exists in the file because:
- The end of the file has been reached, or
  - A sequential READ statement is attempted on an optional input file that is not present.
- 14 A sequential READ statement is attempted for a relative file and the number is larger than the size of the relative key data item described for the file. **NEVER GENERATED BY ICOBOL.**

(3) Invalid Key Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 21 A sequence error exists for a sequentially accessed indexed file. The primary record key value has been changed by the program between the successful execution of a READ statement and the execution of the next REWRITE statement for that file, or the ascending sequence requirements for successive record key values are violated.
- 22 The duplicates condition exists because:
- An attempt is made to write a record that would create a duplicate key in a relative file, on the primary key, or on an alternate key that does not allow duplicates in an indexed file.
  - An attempt is made to UNDELETE a record that was not deleted. **THIS IS AN EXTENSION TO ANSI COBOL.**
- 23 The no record found condition exists because:
- An attempt is made to randomly access a record that does not exist in the file; or
  - A START or random READ statement is attempted on an optional input file that is not present.
- 24 An attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a relative or indexed file. Under ICOBOL this implies: for a relative file writing beyond the record number limit; and for an Indexed file the index structure is full.

(4) Permanent Error Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 30 A permanent error exists and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation. Generally related to some hardware condition.
- 34 A permanent error exists because of a boundary violation; an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a sequential file. Generally out of disk space. On a DATA-SENSITIVE READ the line is too long for the record.
- 35 A permanent error exists because an OPEN statement with the INPUT, I-O, or EXTEND phrase is attempted on a non-optional file that is not present.
- 37 A permanent error exists because an OPEN statement is attempted on a file and that file will not support the open mode specified in the OPEN statement.

The possible violations are:

- The EXTEND or OUTPUT phrase is specified but the file will not support write operations.

b. The I-O phrase is specified but the file will not support the input and output operations that are permitted for a sequential file when opened in the I-O mode.

c. The INPUT phrase is specified but the file will not support read operations.

38 A permanent error exists because an OPEN statement is attempted on a file previously closed with lock.

39 The OPEN statement is unsuccessful because a conflict has been detected between the fixed file attributes and the attributes specified for that file in the program.

(5) Logic Error Condition With Unsuccessful Completion.

41 An OPEN statement is attempted for a file in the open mode.

42 A CLOSE statement is attempted for a file not in open mode.

43 For a mass storage file in the sequential access mode, the last input-output statement executed for the associated file prior to the execution of a REWRITE statement was not a successfully executed READ statement.

44 A boundary violation exists because:

a. An attempt is made to write or rewrite a record that is larger than the largest or smaller than the smallest record allowed by the RECORD IS VARYING clause of the associated file-name, or

b. An attempt is made to rewrite a record to a sequential, relative, or indexed file and the record is not the same size as the record being replaced.

46 A sequential READ statement is attempted on a file open in the input or I-O mode and no valid next record has been established because:

a. The preceding READ statement was unsuccessful but did not cause an at end condition, or

b. The preceding READ statement caused an at end condition.

c. The preceding START statement was unsuccessful.

47 The execution of a READ or START statement is attempted on a file not open in the input or I-O mode.

48 The execution of a WRITE statement is attempted on a file not open in the I-O, output or extend mode.

49 The execution of a DELETE, REWRITE, or UNDELETE statement is attempted file not open in the I-O mode.

(6) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) Condition With Unsuccessful Completion.

91 An OPEN error. The possible violations are:

a. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent.

b. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was had an illegal name.

c. On OPEN, the filename already existed.

d. On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.

e. On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.

- f. On OPEN, no more files could be opened from the operating system.
- g. On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.
- 92 An Access mode error. The possible violations are:
  - a. File not opened.
- 94 An In Use Error. The possible violations are:
  - a. File cannot be exclusively opened because it is in use.
  - b. Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.
  - c. DELETE FILE attempted for an opened file.
- 96 A directory named by the program does not exist.
- 97 Maximum number of open files exceeded.
- 99 Printer control file is full.
- 9A ICISAM file version is not valid.
- 9B Corruption error. The possible violations are:
  - a. After a successful OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Close this file; this sets the ICISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.
  - b. The data (.XD) portion of an Indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.
  - c. On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.
- 9C Index (.NX) portion of an Indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
- 9E Record lock limit has been exceeded.
- 9F Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
- 9T A time out condition has occurred on an I/O operation.

#### C.6.4 I-O Status (**VXCOBOL**)

I-O status expresses one of the following conditions upon completion of the input-output operation:

- (1) Successful Completion (0x). The input-output statement was successfully executed.
- (2) At End (1x). A sequential READ statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an at end condition.
- (3) Invalid Key (2x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of an invalid key condition.
- (4) Permanent Error (3x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as the result of an error that precluded further processing of the file. Any specified exception procedures are executed. The permanent error

condition remains in effect for all subsequent input-output operations on the file unless an implementor-defined technique is invoked to correct the permanent error condition.

(5) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) (9x). The input-output statement was unsuccessfully executed as a result of a condition that is specified by **ICOBOL**.

The following is a list of the values placed in the I-O status for the previously named conditions resulting from the execution of an input-output operation on a file.

(1) Successful Completion

00 The input-output statement is successfully executed and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation.

02 The input-output statement is successfully executed but a duplicate key is detected.

a. For a READ random or READ NEXT statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the next record within the current key of reference. For a READ BACKWARD statement, the key value for the current key of reference is equal to the value of the same key in the previous record within the current key of reference.

b. For a REWRITE or WRITE statement, the record just written created a duplicate key value for at least one alternate record key for which duplicates are allowed.

(2) At End Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

10 A sequential READ statement is attempted and no next logical record exists in the file because:

a. The end of the file has been reached,

b. The end of a subindex has been reached, or

c. A sequential READ statement is attempted for the first time on an optional input file that is not present.

(3) Invalid Key Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

21 A sequence error exists for a sequentially accessed indexed file. The primary record key value has been changed by the program between the successful execution of a READ statement and the execution of the next REWRITE statement for that file, or the ascending sequence requirements for successive record key values are violated.

22 The duplicates condition exists because:

a. An attempt is made to write a record that would create a duplicate key in a relative file, on the primary key, or on an alternate key that does not allow duplicates in an indexed file, or any key which does not allow duplicates in an INFOS file.

b. For an INFOS file, an attempt has been made to write a record or partial record which already exists.

c. For an INFOS file, an attempt to write a duplicate key in a subindex which does not allow duplicate keys.

23 The no record found condition exists because:

a. An attempt is made to randomly access a key, data record, or partial record that does not exist in the file;

b. A START or random READ statement is attempted on an optional input file that is not present.

- c. Relative key is too large.
- d. For relative and indexed files, no valid current record pointer has been established.
- e. A subindex referenced in an INFOS key path does not exist.
- f. The total length of an INFOS key path is too long or is a single null byte.
- g. Attempt to UNDELETE a record which is not logically deleted.

24 An attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a relative or indexed file. Under **ICOBOL**, this implies that the index structure is full.

(4) Permanent Error Condition With Unsuccessful Completion

- 30 A permanent error exists and no further information is available concerning the input-output operation. Generally related to some hardware condition or any condition for which there is no logical I-O status. (more specific information is found in EXCEPTION Status.)
- 34 A permanent error exists because of a boundary violation; an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a file. Generally out of disk space.

(5) **ICOBOL**-Defined (Implementor-Defined) Condition With Unsuccessful Completion.

- 91 An OPEN error. The possible violations are:
  - a. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent.
  - b. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was already open.
  - c. An OPEN statement referred to a file that was had an illegal name.
  - d. On OPEN, the filename already existed.
  - e. On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.
  - f. On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.
  - g. On OPEN, no more files could be opened from the operating system.
  - h. On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.
  - i. On OPEN, access to the file or device is denied.
  - j. Any consistency errors on open of an INFOS file.
- 92 An Access mode error. The possible violations are:
  - a. An I/O operation referred to a file that was not opened.
  - b. WRITE attempted to file opened for input.
  - c. DELETE attempted to file opened for input.
  - d. READ attempted for file opened for output.
  - e. OPEN attempted for file closed with lock.



- f. OPEN attempted on a file with insufficient access rights for OPEN mode.
- 94 An In Use Error. The possible violations are:
  - a. File cannot be exclusively opened because it is in use.
  - b. Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.
  - c. DELETE FILE attempted for an opened file.
- 96 The record the program is trying to access has been previously marked as logically deleted either globally or locally.
- 97 REWRITE or DELETE attempted without executing previous READ statement for an indexed file with sequential access.
- 99 On a data-sensitive READ, the line is too long for the record, or for INFOS, an INFOS error has occurred for which there is no corresponding file status code. See INFOS Status for more information.
- 9A File description inconsistency. Record length, key length, or key positions specified in program does not agree with the data file. ICISAM file version is not valid.
- 9B Corruption error. The possible violations are:
  - a. After a successful OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Close this file; this sets the ICISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.
  - b. The data (.XD) portion of an ICISAM file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.
  - c. On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.
- 9C Index (.NX) portion of an ICISAM file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
- 9E Record lock limit has been exceeded.
- 9F Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
- 9T A time out condition has occurred on an I/O operation.

### C.6.5 INFOS Status (*VXCOBOL*)

The INFOS STATUS data item receives a value representing an exception code that INFOS II, U/FOS, or the operating system returns during an input-output operation. Whenever the I-O status (FILE Status) is updated, INFOS STATUS is also updated. INFOS STATUS is an 11-character item taking one of two forms:

(1) A string representing an octal AOS/VS error message code. For example, "00000007030" represents the octal AOS/VS error code 7030, "Keyed positioning error".

(2) A string beginning with the letter 'X' and representing a decimal **ICOBOL** exception status. For example, "X0000000073" corresponds to exception status 73, "Reliability flag indicates the .NX file may be corrupt".

In the first form, an AOS/VS-compatible error code is returned even on Linux or Windows systems.

On a successful input-output operation INFOS STATUS will be set to zero, i.e. "00000000000".

### C.6.6 The At End Condition

The at end condition can occur as a result of the execution of a READ or RETRIEVE statement.

### C.6.7 The Invalid Key Condition

The invalid key condition can occur as a result of the execution of a DEFINE SUB-INDEX, DELETE, EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX, LINK SUB-INDEX, READ, RETRIEVE, REWRITE, START, UNDELETE, or WRITE statement. When the invalid key condition occurs, execution of the input-output statement which recognized the condition is unsuccessful and the file is not affected.

If the invalid key condition exists after the execution of the input-output operation specified in an input-output statement, the following actions occur in the order shown:

(1) The I-O status of the file connector associated with the statement is set to a value indicating the invalid key condition.

(2) If the INVALID KEY phrase is specified in the input-output statement, any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure associated with the file connector is not executed and control is transferred to the imperative-statement specified in the INVALID KEY phrase. Execution then continues according to the rules for each statement specified in that imperative-statement. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of the imperative-statement specified in the INVALID KEY phrase, control is transferred to the end of the input-output statement and the NOT INVALID KEY phrase is ignored, if specified.

(3) If the INVALID KEY phrase is not specified in the input-output statement, a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure must be associated with the file connector and that procedure is executed and control is transferred according to the rules of the USE statement. The NOT INVALID KEY phrase is ignored, if specified.

(4) For *VXCOBOL*, if neither the INVALID KEY phrase nor a USE procedure is applicable, then control proceeds to the end of the input-output statement if either INFOS STATUS or FILE STATUS is specified. Otherwise the program is aborted.

If the invalid key condition does not exist after the execution of the input-output operation specified by an input-output statement, the INVALID KEY phrase is ignored, if specified. The I-O status of the file connector associated with the statement is updated and the following actions occur:

(1) If an exception condition which is not an invalid key condition exists, control is transferred according to the rules of the USE statement following the execution of any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure associated with the file connector. (See The USE Statement, page [491](#).) For **VXCOBOL**, if there is no applicable USE statement and either INFOS STATUS or FILE STATUS has been specified, control passes to the end of the input-output statement. Otherwise, for all dialects, the program is aborted.

(2) If no exception condition exists, control is transferred to the end of the input-output statement or to the imperative-statement specified in the NOT INVALID KEY phrase, if it is specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in that imperative-statement. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of the imperative-statement in the NOT INVALID KEY phrase, control is transferred to the end of the input-output statement.

#### C.6.8 The File Attribute Conflict Condition

The file attribute conflict condition can result from the execution of an OPEN, REWRITE, or WRITE statement. When the file attribute conflict condition occurs, execution of the input-output statement that recognized the condition is unsuccessful and the file is not affected. (See The OPEN Statement, page [411](#); The REWRITE Statement, page [445](#); and The WRITE Statement, page [495](#).)

When the file attribute conflict condition is recognized, these actions take place in the following order:

- (1) A value is placed in the I-O status associated with the file-name to indicate the file attribute conflict condition.
- (2) A USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure, if any, associated with the file-name is executed.

#### C.6.9 Exception Declaratives

A USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure, when one is specified for the file, is executed whenever an input or output condition arises which results in an unsuccessful input-output operation. However, the exception declarative is not executed if the condition is invalid key and the INVALID KEY phrase is specified, or if the condition is at end and the AT END phrase is specified.

#### C.6.10 Optional Phrases

The INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases may be associated with the DEFINE SUB-INDEX, DELETE, EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX, LINK SUB-INDEX, READ, RETRIEVE, REWRITE, START, UNDELETE, or WRITE statements.

Some of the conditions that give rise to an invalid key condition are:

- (1) A requested key does not exist in the file (DELETE, READ, START, or UNDELETE statements),
- (2) A key is already in a file and duplicates are not allowed (WRITE statement),
- (3) A key does not exist in the file, or
- (4) A key was not the last key read (REWRITE statement).

If the invalid key condition occurs during the execution of a statement for which the INVALID KEY phrase has been specified, the statement identified by that INVALID KEY phrase is executed.

The AT END and NOT AT END phrase may be associated with a READ statement. The at end condition occurs in a sequentially accessed file when no next logical record exists in the file, when the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item, when an optional file is not present, or when a READ statement is attempted and the at end condition already exists. If the at end condition occurs during the execution of a statement for which the AT END phrase has been specified, the statement identified by that AT END phrase is executed.

### C.6.11 ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS

The exception status is a very specific error number that allows much better reporting of errors than I-O status (FILE STATUS) values. An exception status is not specific to I-O. More on exception status can be found in the ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS statement discussion starting on page [296](#). ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

### C.7. Shared Record Area

This feature saves memory space in the object program, as it allows more than one file to share the same file area and input-output areas.

When the RECORD option of the SAME clause is used, only the record area is shared and the input-output areas for each file remain independent. In this case, any number of the files sharing the same record area may be active at one time. This can increase the execution speed of the object program.

To illustrate this point, consider file maintenance. If the programmer assigns the same record area to both the old and new files, he not only saves memory in the object program, but because this technique eliminates a move of each record from the input to the output area, significant time savings result. An additional benefit of this technique is that the programmer need not define the record in detail as a part of both the old and new files. Rather, he defines the record completely in one case and simply includes the level 01 entry in the other. Because these record areas are in fact the same area, one set of names suffices for all processing requirements without requiring qualification.

### C.8. INFOS File I-O Common Phrases (**VXCOBOL**)

Many of the INFOS input-output statements share a set of common phrases that direct the operation of the statement. In particular, they direct positioning of the record pointer, motion through the index structure, and the manner in which keys are used.

#### C.8.1 The POSITION Phrase (**VXCOBOL**)

The POSITION phrase allows for control of positioning within an INFOS file. The current position is a marker in an INFOS file which establishes a reference point for relative motion within the file.

The format of the position phrase is:

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{POSITION} \right]$$

If FIX POSITION is specified, the file's current position is set to the key accessed by the statement if the operation was successful. The file's current position remains unchanged if RETAIN POSITION is specified.

Each input-output statement has a default positioning behavior. This behavior can be overridden with the POSITION phrase.

RETAIN POSITION is the default for the DEFINE SUB-INDEX, EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX, LINK SUB-INDEX, RETRIEVE SUB-INDEX, RETRIEVE STATUS, REWRITE, UNDELETE, and WRITE statements. The current position remains unchanged from its last position.

FIX POSITION is the default for READ, RETRIEVE HIGH KEY, and RETRIEVE KEY. The current position is set to the key it last accessed.

The default positioning for the START and DELETE statements cannot be overridden. START sets the current position to the key it last accessed. DELETE sets the current position to the key prior to the one just deleted, possibly in front of a subindex if it was the first key.

OPEN sets the current position in front of the main index for files in SEQUENTIAL or DYNAMIC access modes.

### C.8.2 The Relative Motion Phrase (**VXCOBOL**)

The relative motion phrase is used to control motion within an INFOS file. With relative motion, the key being sought in the INFOS file is in a position relative to the current position.

The format of the relative motion phrase is:

NEXT
FORWARD
BACKWARD
UP
DOWN
UP FORWARD
UP BACKWARD
DOWN FORWARD
STATIC

NEXT and FORWARD are equivalent. They imply movement to the next higher key in the index relative to the current position. If there is no next higher key, an "end of subindex" error (I-O status 10, INFOS STATUS 7011) occurs.

BACKWARD implies movement to the next lower key in the index relative to the current position. If there is no next lower key, an "end of subindex" error (I-O status 10, INFOS STATUS 7011) occurs.

UP implies movement to the key entry in the immediately higher index level relative to the current position. If the current position is in the top level index (main index), a "positioned above main index" error (I-O status 99, INFOS STATUS 7006) will occur with upward motion.

DOWN implies movement to a position prior to the first key in the subindex defined for the current key. If the current key does not have an associated subindex, a "subindex not defined" error (I-O status 99, INFOS STATUS 7010) occurs.

UP FORWARD, UP BACKWARD, and DOWN FORWARD combine processing between index levels with movement to keys in the index. UP FORWARD and UP BACKWARD imply movement to the next higher level and movement to the next higher or lower key respectively. DOWN FORWARD implies movement to the first key in the subindex defined for the current key.

STATIC means no movement relative to the current position.

### C.8.3 The KEY Series Phrase (**VXCOBOL**)

The key series phrase is used to specify a specific key in an INFOS file. The format of the key series phrase is:

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{KEY IS} \\ \text{KEYS ARE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \text{identifier-1} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{APPROXIMATE} \\ \text{GENERIC} \end{array} \right] \right\} \dots \right]$$

where identifier is a RECORD KEY named in the SELECT statement for the INFOS file.

For a single level file, at most one key may be specified. If the key series phrase is present then no relative motion phrase (NEXT, FORWARD, BACKWARD, or STATIC) may be specified on the input-output statement.

For a multilevel file, the maximum number of keys that may be specified in the key series phrase on an input-output statement is equal to the number of levels in the file. If no relative motion phrase is specified on the statement, each key identifies an index entry at increasingly lower levels, i.e. the first key identifies the entry at the top level, the second key indicates an entry in the subindex defined for the top key, etc. If a relative motion phrase is specified on the input-output statement, the relative motion is performed first and the key series phrase identifies a path beginning at the key determined by the relative motion.

Each key specified in the key series phrase may be modified with the GENERIC or APPROXIMATE clauses.

**ICOBOL** searches for keys in the following manner:

- (1) Without either clause, the key value sought is the value contained in the identifier up to the length of the identifier or an optionally specified KEY LENGTH. The match must be exact in both content and length.
- (2) If the GENERIC clause is specified, the first key in the current index or subindex that matches the key up to the length specified will be a match. The key located may be longer than the key that was specified. This allows for matching based only on the first few characters of a value.
- (3) If the APPROXIMATE clause is specified, the first key in the current index or subindex that is greater than or equal to the value specified, within the length specified, will be a match.

### C.8.4 The SUPPRESS Phrase (**VXCOBOL**)

**ICOBOL** allows for suppressing the input or output of a data record or partial record. The SUPPRESS phrase has the following format:

$$[ \text{SUPPRESS} [ \text{PARTIAL RECORD} ] [ \text{DATA RECORD} ] ]$$

If PARTIAL RECORD is specified, the contents of the partial record for the key is neither read nor written. For example, a WRITE statement with a SUPPRESS PARTIAL RECORD will write only the data record.

If DATA RECORD is specified, the contents of the data record for the key is neither read nor written. For example, a READ statement with a SUPPRESS DATA RECORD will retrieve only the data in the partial record.

Both clauses may be specified together. If both clauses are specified on a READ, the result is to change the current position without retrieving any data. If both clauses are specified on a WRITE, only a key is written.

SUPPRESS alone is equivalent to specifying both phrases.

C.8.5 The LOCK/UNLOCK Phrase (**VXCOBOL**)

Many input-output statements for INFOS files support the LOCK/UNLOCK phrase. The format of the phrase is:

[ LOCK  
UNLOCK ]

Record locks are a binary condition. A record is either locked or it is not locked. Data records and partial records can be locked and unlocked independently.

If the LOCK phrase is specified on an operation, the record is locked and no other user can access the record until it is unlocked. If the UNLOCK phrase is specified, the record is unlocked and becomes accessible to any user. (Locks typically occur at the beginning of an operation and unlocks at the end.)

Data record locks are not regarded if SUPPRESS DATA RECORD is specified on the input-output statement. Partial record locks are not regarded if SUPPRESS PARTIAL RECORD is specified.

All records in a file that have been locked can be unlocked at once with the UNLOCK statement or by closing the file.

## **D. Header**

The Procedure Division is identified by, and must begin with, the following header:

**PROCEDURE DIVISION** [ **USING** { *data-name-1* }... ] .

The USING phrase is necessary only if the object program is to be invoked by a CALL statement or a CALL PROGRAM statement, and that statement includes a USING phrase.

The USING phrase of the Procedure Division header identifies the names used by the program for any parameters passed to it by a calling program. The parameters passed to a called program are identified in the USING phrase of the calling program's CALL statement. The correspondence between the two lists of names is established on a positional basis.

*Data-name-1* must be defined as a level 01 entry or a level 77 entry in the Linkage Section. A particular user-defined word may not appear more than once as *data-name-1*. The data description entry for *data-name-1* must not contain a REDEFINES clause. *Data-name-1* may, however, be the object of a REDEFINES clause elsewhere in the Linkage Section.

The following additional rules apply:

(1) If the reference to the corresponding data item in the CALL statement declares the parameter to be passed by content, the value of the item is moved when the CALL statement is executed and placed into a system-defined storage item possessing the attributes declared in the Linkage Section for *data-name-1*. The data description of each parameter in the BY CONTENT phrase of the CALL statement must be the same, meaning no conversion or extension or truncation, as the data description of the corresponding parameter in the USING phrase of the Procedure Division header.

(2) If the reference to the corresponding data item in the CALL statement declares the parameter to be passed by reference, the object program operates as if the data item in the called program occupies the same storage area as the data item in the calling program. The description of the data item in the called program must describe the same number of character positions as described by the description of the corresponding data item in the calling program.

(3) At all times in the called program, references to *data-name-1* are resolved in accordance with the description of the item given in the Linkage Section of the called program.

(4) Data items defined in the Linkage Section of the called program may be referenced within the Procedure Division of that program if, and only if, they satisfy one of the following conditions:

- a. They are operands of the USING phrase of the Procedure Division header.
- b. They are subordinate to operands of the USING phrase of the Procedure Division header.
- c. They are defined with a REDEFINES or RENAMES clause, the object of which satisfies the above conditions.
- d. They are items subordinate to any item which satisfies the condition in rule 4c.
- e. They are condition-names or index-names associated with data items that satisfy any of the above four conditions.



## E. Statements

### E.1. ACCEPT (keyboard)

#### E.1.1 Function

The ACCEPT statement causes data from the keyboard to be made available to data items in the File, Working-Storage, or Linkage sections.

Screens are an extension to ANSI COBOL. The TIME-OUT clause is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

#### E.1.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

##### **Format 1:**

$$\text{ACCEPT } \textit{identifier-1} \text{ [ FROM } \textit{mnemonic-name} \text{ ] [ TIME-OUT AFTER } \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-4} \\ \textit{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} ]}$$

$$\text{ [ ON ESCAPE } \textit{imperative-statement-1} \text{ ]}$$

$$\text{ [ NOT ON ESCAPE } \textit{imperative-statement-2} \text{ ]}$$

$$\text{ [ END-ACCEPT ]}$$

##### **Format 2:**

$$\text{ACCEPT } \textit{screen-name} \text{ [ AT } \left. \left. \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{LINE } \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-2} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{COLUMN} \\ \text{COL} \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \right\} \right\} \left. \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{COLUMN} \\ \text{COL} \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{LINE } \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-2} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \right] \right\} \right\} \left. \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ [ TIME-OUT AFTER } \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-4} \\ \textit{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \text{ ]} \\ \text{ [ ON ESCAPE } \textit{imperative-statement-1} \text{ ]} \\ \text{ [ NOT ON ESCAPE } \textit{imperative-statement-2} \text{ ]} \\ \text{ [ END-ACCEPT ]} \end{array} \right\}$$

##### **Format 3:**

$$\text{ACCEPT } \left\{ \textit{identifier-1} \text{ [ UNIT } \left. \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-5} \\ \textit{literal-4} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \text{ [ } \left\{ \textit{accept-clause} \right\} \text{ ]... } \dots$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{ON } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ESCAPE} \\ \text{EXCEPTION} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [ } \textit{identifier-14} \text{ ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{imperative-statement-1} \\ \text{NEXT SENTENCE} \end{array} \right\} \\ \left[ \text{NOT ON } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ESCAPE} \\ \text{EXCEPTION} \end{array} \right\} \textit{imperative-sentence-2} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{ [ END-ACCEPT ]}$$

where *accept-clause* is one of the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BACKGROUND-COLOR} \\ \text{BACKGROUND} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-6} \\ \textit{literal-5} \\ \textit{color-name-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{BACKGROUND-COLOR}} \\ \underline{\text{BACKGROUND}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-10} \\ \textit{literal-9} \\ \textit{color-name-2} \end{array} \right\}$

NO  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{BELL}} \\ \underline{\text{BEEP}} \end{array} \right\}$

BLINK

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{COLUMN}} \\ \underline{\text{COL}} \\ \underline{\text{POSITION}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-7} \\ \textit{literal-6} \end{array} \right\}$

CONTROL  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-8} \\ \textit{literal-7} \end{array} \right\}$

CONVERT

CONVERTING  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{UP}} \\ \underline{\text{DOWN}} \end{array} \right\}$

CURSOR  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-9} \\ \textit{literal-8} \end{array} \right\}$

ECHO

ERASE  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{EOL}} \\ \underline{\text{EOS}} \\ \underline{\text{LINE}} \\ \underline{\text{SCREEN}} \end{array} \right]$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{HIGH}} \\ \underline{\text{HIGHLIGHT}} \\ \underline{\text{LOW}} \\ \underline{\text{LOWLIGHT}} \\ \underline{\text{BOLD}} \\ \underline{\text{BRIGHT}} \\ \underline{\text{DIM}} \end{array} \right\}$

LINE  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-11} \\ \textit{literal-10} \end{array} \right\}$

PROMPT [ *literal-11* ]

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{REVERSE}} \\ \underline{\text{REVERSED}} \\ \underline{\text{REVERSE-VIDEO}} \end{array} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{SECURE}} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{WITH ECHO}} \\ \underline{\text{NO ECHO}} \end{array} \right\} \right] \\ \underline{\text{OFF}} \end{array} \right\}$

SIZE  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-12} \\ \textit{literal-12} \end{array} \right\}$

TAB

BEFORE TIME { identifier-13  
literal-13 }

TIME-OUT AFTER { identifier-4  
literal-3 }

{ UNDERLINE  
UNDERLINED }

UPDATE

### E.1.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

#### **Format 1:**

ACCEPT identifier-1 [ FROM mnemonic-name ] [ TIME-OUT AFTER { identifier-4  
literal-3 } SECONDS ]  
[ ON ESCAPE imperative-statement-1 ]  
[ NOT ON ESCAPE imperative-statement-2 ]  
[ END-ACCEPT ]

#### **Format 2:**

ACCEPT screen-name [ AT { LINE { identifier-2  
literal-1 } [ { COLUMN { identifier-3  
literal-2 } ] ] }  
{ COLUMN { identifier-3  
literal-2 } [ { LINE { identifier-2  
literal-1 } ] ] } ]  
[ TIME-OUT AFTER { identifier-4  
literal-3 } SECONDS ]  
[ ON ESCAPE imperative-statement-1 ]  
[ NOT ON ESCAPE imperative-statement-2 ]  
[ END-ACCEPT ]

### E.1.4 Syntax Rules

(1) *Screen-name* may not be subscripted.

(2) If *screen-name* is a group format item, it must have at least one input, input-output, or update screen-data item; otherwise, it must specify an input, input-output, or update screen-data item.

(3) In Format 1 and 3, *identifier-1* cannot be larger than the 132 characters for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** and 2048 for **VXCOBOL**.

(4) In Format 2, *identifier-2*, *identifier-3*, *literal-1*, and *literal-2* must be elementary integer items.

(5) In Format 3, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6*, *identifier-7*, *identifier-9*, *identifier-10*, *identifier-11*, *identifier-12*, *identifier-13*, *identifier-14*, *literal-4*, *literal-5*, *literal-6*, *literal-8*, *literal-9*, *literal-10*, *literal-12*, *literal-13* must be unsigned elementary integer items. *Identifier-8* must be a nonnumeric data-item and *literal-7* must be a nonnumeric literal. *Literal-6* must be a nonnumeric literal exactly one character in length.

(6) *Identifier-4* and *literal-3* may represent any numeric literal or elementary numeric data-item.

(7) *Color-name-1* and *color-name-2* represent one of the predefined color names: BLACK, BLUE, GREEN, CYAN, RED, MAGENTA, BROWN, or WHITE.

(8) The word COL is an abbreviation for the word COLUMN.

(9) In Format 1, *Mnemonic-name* must be specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION and must be associated with a hardware device.

(10) In Format 1, the FROM clause is for documentation purposes only.

(11) In Format 3, the word EXCEPTION is a synonym for ESCAPE, the word POSITION is a synonym for COLUMN, and the word BEEP is a synonym for BELL.

### E.1.5 General Rules

#### Format 1:

(1) The ACCEPT statement causes the transfer of data from the keyboard. This data replaces the contents of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(2) Data input for *identifier-1* must be valid for the identifier. For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, if the characters that are input do not agree with the item's PICTURE, then an error message is displayed on the last line of the display screen, and the input must be corrected. For example, alphabetic characters entered into a numeric item will be rejected. For complete details of PICTURE definitions and acceptable input, see the PICTURE Clause discussion in the WORKING-STORAGE section. For **VXCOBOL**, the data will be converted and assigned to *identifier-1* as closely as is possible if it is not valid for the identifier.

(3) If a *field terminator key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value of 00) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data is validated and transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. The ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is bypassed and the NOT ON ESCAPE phrase, if specified, is executed; otherwise, control is transferred to the end of the ACCEPT statement.

(4) If the *ESC function key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value of 01) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data from the keyboard is discarded, and the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is not changed. The ACCEPT terminates, and the ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is executed.

(5) If a *normal function key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value that is not 00 or 01) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data is validated and transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. The ACCEPT terminates, and the ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is executed.

(6) Each keyboard sequence is interpreted as defined by the current ICTERM entry. If you wish to read binary data from the terminal, you should open a file whose SELECT clause contains an ASSIGN TO DISK "@CON" and perform a READ to get non-interpreted binary data with no positioning codes sent to the terminal.

(7) An ACCEPT statement should not be executed while in Print Pass Through mode on a terminal, as the ACCEPT will generate some output that will then be printed.

(8) For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, A non-screen ACCEPT is limited to a single line and is truncated at the column width of the terminal. After entering the data, a <nl><nl><up-arrow> sequence is generated to position to the first column on the next line. For **VXCOBOL**, up to 2048 characters are read with echoing and backspace processing starting at the current cursor position. An ESC or function key will exit with an ON ESCAPE processing, but no echoing of the ESC or function key. A NL or CR will echo as a newline with no ON ESCAPE processing.

Format 2:

(9) A screen ACCEPT that extends past a terminal's width is supported by allowing the ACCEPT to wrap to the next line since the screen does not have to scroll; i.e., the wrap would otherwise move to the line after the last line on the screen.

(10) ACCEPT *screen-name* transfers information entered on the screen via the keyboard to the data items associated with *screen-name*. The program should have executed a DISPLAY *screen-name* before the ACCEPT to display any associated prompts.

(11) ACCEPT *screen-name* without the LINE or COLUMN phrases is equivalent to ACCEPT *screen-name* AT LINE 0 COLUMN 0.

(12) If *screen-name* refers to a screen-group item, the ACCEPT statement processes all input, input-output, and update screen-data items subordinate to *screen-name*. The fields are processed in the order in which they appear in the source program.

(13) The LINE phrase and COLUMN phrase in DISPLAY and ACCEPT statements allow the entire screen description referenced by *screen-name* to be moved to a different starting position on the user's display device. This capability is called *variable origin*. All screen descriptions assume that the origin is at line 1 and column 1 on the user's display device. The value specified in the DISPLAY or ACCEPT's LINE phrase, if present, is treated as a relative offset to be added to all line positions in the screen. Similarly, the value of the COLUMN phrase, if specified, is treated as a relative offset to be added to all column positions in the screen. If any line or column position becomes larger than what is supported by the current screen, the screen will wrap at its limits, and the new (wrapped) values will in turn be offset again by the variable origin.

For example, consider the code fragments:

```

01 ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.
   05 LINE 23 COL 60           "ANY CHANGE?".
   05 LINE 23 COL 75           PIC X TO ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER.

ANY-CHANGE-1.
  DISPLAY ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.
  ACCEPT ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.

ANY-CHANGE-2.
  DISPLAY ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30.
  ACCEPT ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30.
    
```

The following discussion describes how to determine the *origin point* for each of the two DISPLAY and ACCEPT pairs in the code fragments above. Assume the display device has 24 lines and 80 columns.

a. Remember, all screen descriptions assume an *origin point* of line 1, column 1. This screen has a positioning definition of line 23, column 60, and the first screen DISPLAY statement contains no positioning (line or column) clauses. Therefore, the *origin point* for the first DISPLAY is line 23, column 60.

b. For the second screen DISPLAY statement, which contains the positioning clauses AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30, the offset position will be line 28, column 90. (We added the line and column variable-positioning values in the DISPLAY statement to the *origin point* established in the previous step.)

c. Then, because the line and column numbers are larger than the size of the display device, we subtract the line and column size of the display device, to find the wrap values: line 4, column 10. This becomes the *new origin point*.

d. Finally, add the line and column positioning values which in turn will be offset to line 9, column 40. Therefore, the second screen DISPLAY will begin at line 9, column 40.

e. Determining the *origin point* for the ACCEPT field is similar. The table below illustrates how the *origin points* are calculated for the second ACCEPT and DISPLAY.

literal field		input field		Description
LINE	COLUMN	LINE	COLUMN	
23	60	23	75	Origin point in screen definition
5	30	5	30	ADD offset from DISPLAY/ACCEPT
28	90	28	105	Giving offset position
24	80	24	80	SUBTRACT display device size
4	10	4	25	Giving new origin point
5	30	5	30	ADD offset from DISPLAY/ACCEPT
9	40	9	55	Giving origin point for 2 <sup>nd</sup> DISPLAY/ACCEPT

TABLE 18. Variable Origin for DISPLAY and ACCEPT

(14) If variable origin is used for an ACCEPT operation on a *screen-name*, the same variable origin specification should be used for the corresponding DISPLAY statement of the *screen-name* in order to have the correct visual association between prompts and data-entry items..

(15) The basic operation of the ACCEPT statement is described by the following steps. The discussion assumes that *screen-name* represents a group item in the screen description that has several subordinate input, input-output, and/or update fields. The case where *screen-name* specifies a single screen-data item is simply a subset of the description below.

a. The screen management system positions to the first (in terms of its position in the source definition of *screen-name*) input, input-output, or update field that is subordinate to screen-name.

b. The content of the screen field (which has either been set by a previous execution of a DISPLAY statement for the field, or which remains from a previous execution of an ACCEPT statement for the field) is redisplayed on the screen with the specified attributes. If the field is a numeric-edited picture, the field is first de-edited by removing all the editing characters (i.e., all but the plus or minus sign, the decimal point, and the numeric digits).

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, if the field has the SECURE ECHO attribute, the field is redisplayed as all asterisk (\*) characters; if the field has the SECURE NO ECHO attribute, nothing is displayed.

For **VXCOBOL**, if the field has the SECURE attribute, nothing is displayed.

c. The cursor is positioned to the first character of the field, and the screen control system waits for the user to enter data into the field. The user may enter new data characters, field editing keys, or field termination keys. The screen management system echoes input characters and positions the cursor appropriately in response to the user's input. The field is terminated by entering an appropriate field termination key (see the ESCAPE KEY table above) or, if the field has the AUTO attribute, by entering a character into the last data position in the field.

For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, if the field has the SECURE ECHO attribute, the field is redisplayed as all asterisk (\*) characters; if the field has the SECURE NO ECHO attribute, nothing is displayed and the cursor does not move.

For **VXCOBOL**, if the field has the SECURE attribute, nothing is displayed and the cursor does not move.

d. If the field is terminated by an *ESC function key* (any key with an ESCAPE KEY value of 01), the data entered by the user is discarded, no field validation is performed, the screen field is not changed, the entire accept operation is ended, and the ESCAPE KEY value is set to 01.

e. If the field is terminated by a *field terminator key* (any key with an ESCAPE KEY value of 00), the screen control system checks that the data entered by the user is valid for its PICTURE. It also checks to make sure the data entry requirements implied by REQUIRED and FULL have been met. If there is an error, the screen control system sounds the tone, puts an error message on the last line of the display, and positions the cursor at the location of the error. The user must enter correct data before the field can be terminated. When the field passes the system checks, any error message that was displayed is erased, and the system processes the terminator. If the terminator indicates motion to a previous field, and the field is not the first field, the cursor is positioned to the previous field and the accept operation begins for that field; otherwise, the tone is sounded and the cursor remains at the first field. If the terminator indicates motion to the next field, and the field is not the last field, the cursor is moved to the next field and the accept operation begins for that field; otherwise, the action depends on additional attributes of the terminator. If it is a *field terminator key*, the entire accept operation is completed, and ESCAPE KEY is set to 00.

f. If the field is terminated by a *normal function key* (any key with an ESCAPE KEY value greater than 01), the field validation takes place as for a *field terminator key*. Once the field validation has been successfully completed, the entire accept operation is also terminated, and ESCAPE KEY is set to the value for the terminator.

g. When the entire accept operation is terminated, the screen fields are moved to their corresponding data items. Those fields that were processed during the execution of the ACCEPT will have the new data. Those fields that were not processed (whether due to entering an *ESC function key* or a *normal function key*) will have the old data (for input fields, this will usually be underscores). When the screen field is a numeric-edited item and the data item is a numeric item, the screen field is first de-edited before moving the data, thus only the numeric value is moved. In all other cases, the moves take place according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(16) If the accept operation was terminated by a *field terminator key* (a key with an ESCAPE KEY value of 00), the ON ESCAPE clause, if specified, is bypassed and control passes to the NOT ON ESCAPE clause, if present, or to the end of the ACCEPT statement.

(17) If the accept operation was terminated by an *ESC function key* or a *normal function key* (any key with an ESCAPE KEY value that is not 00), control passes to the ON ESCAPE clause, if specified. If no ON ESCAPE clause was specified, control passes to the end of the ACCEPT statement.

(18) The value of the ESCAPE KEY is available through the Format 2 ACCEPT FROM ESCAPE KEY statement.

(19) Entries that start past column 128 are undefined. When hard coded, the **ICOBOL** compiler will give an error for entries past column 128. In all other cases, the runtime will behave in an undefined fashion for a particular terminal type.

Format 3:

(20) The ACCEPT statement causes the transfer of data from the keyboard. This data replaces the contents of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(21) Data input for *identifier-1* must be valid for the identifier. If the characters that are input do not agree with the item's PICTURE, then an error message is displayed on the last line of the display screen, and the input must be corrected. For example, alphabetic characters entered into a numeric item will be rejected. For complete details of PICTURE definitions and acceptable input, see the PICTURE Clause discussion in the WORKING-STORAGE section.

(22) If a *field terminator key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value of 00) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data is validated and transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. When a *field terminator key* is pressed for the last *identifier-1*, the ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is bypassed and the NOT ON ESCAPE phrase, if specified, is executed; otherwise, control is transferred to the end of

the ACCEPT statement. When a *field terminator key* is pressed for any other *identifier-1*, the ACCEPT statement continues processing with the next *identifier-1*.

(23) If the *ESC function key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value of 01) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data from the keyboard is discarded, and the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is not changed. If the *ESC function key* is pressed for the last *identifier-1*, the ACCEPT terminates, and the ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is executed. Otherwise, processing continues with the next *identifier-1*.

(24) If a *normal function key* (i.e., any key configured in the terminal description to generate a value that is not 00 or 01) is pressed at any time during an ACCEPT statement, the data is validated and transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. When a *normal function key* is pressed for the last *identifier-1*, the ON ESCAPE clause, if present, is executed; otherwise, control is transferred to the end of the ACCEPT statement. When a *normal function key* is pressed for any other *identifier-1*, the ACCEPT statement continues processing with the next *identifier-1*.

(25) If the ON ESCAPE clause is executed and *identifier-14* has been specified, the two-digit code generated by the key that terminated the last *identifier-1* is stored into *identifier-14*. This is equivalent to executing an ACCEPT *identifier-14* FROM ESCAPE KEY statement as the first statement of the ON ESCAPE clause.

(26) Format 3 ACCEPTs that extend past a terminal's width are supported by allowing the ACCEPT to wrap to the next line since the screen does not have to scroll; i.e., the wrap would otherwise move to the line after the last line on the screen.

(27) The BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND-COLOR phrases determine the background and foreground colors used during the processing of *identifier-1*. The color is identified by an integer value from 0 to 7 specified for *literal-5* or *literal-9* or as the contents of *identifier-6* or *identifier-10*. It may also be specified by use of *color-name-1* or *color-name-2*. The color names with their integer values are BLACK=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=2, CYAN=3, RED=4, MAGENTA=5, BROWN=6, WHITE=7. BACKGROUND is a synonym for BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND is a synonym for FOREGROUND-COLOR.

(28) The NO BELL phrase causes suppression of the bell (or beep) signal which normally sounds as each *identifier-1* is processed.

(29) BLINK causes the PROMPT character and any data displayed for the field to be displayed in a blinking mode.

(30) The COLUMN and LINE phrases are used to position *identifier-1* on the screen based on the line and leftmost character position. The top line is line 1 and each succeeding line has a value one larger than the previous line. The leftmost character of a line is column 1 and the column value increases by one for each succeeding character on the line. The line number is specified by *literal-11* or the contents of *identifier-11* and should be between 1 and 128. The column number is specified by *literal-6* or the contents of *identifier-7*.

The line and column positions are determined as follows:

a. If the COLUMN phrase is omitted, column 1 is assumed for the first *identifier-1* or if a UNIT phrase has been specified for the same *identifier-1*. Otherwise the column position is set to zero.

b. If the LINE phrase is omitted or the line position is zero the line position is set as follows: If an ERASE or ERASE SCREEN phrase is specified for the same *identifier-1*, then line 1 is assumed. If the column position is not zero, the line position is the current line plus one. If the column position is zero, the line position is set to the current line.

c. If the column position is equal to zero, it is set to the current line.

At runtime, values outside the allowable ranges are wrapped.



(31) The CONTROL phrase is used to dynamically specify options to be used or overridden. *Identifier-8* or *literal-7* are used to hold an options list. This list consists of a series of keywords separated by commas. The keywords may be specified in any order, but are processed from left to right as they appear in the string. While processing the list, lowercase characters are considered equivalent to the corresponding uppercase character and blanks or unprintable characters are ignored.

The following keywords impact execution of the ACCEPT statement: BEEP, BLINK, CONVERT, ECHO, ERASE, ERASE EOL, ERASE EOS, ERASE LINE, ERASE SCREEN, HIGH, LOW, LOWER, NO BEEP, NO BLINK, NO CONVERT, NO ECHO, NO ERASE, NO LOWER, NO OFF, NO PROMPT, NO REVERSE, NO SECURE, NO TAB, NO UNDERLINE, NO UPDATE, NO UPPER, OFF, PROMPT, SECURE, SECURE ECHO, SECURE NO ECHO, TAB, UNDERLINE, UPDATE, and UPPER.

Each of the keywords has the same meaning as when statically coded plus the negative versions (NO xxx) to allow suppression of the of the option. The keywords UPPER, LOWER, NO UPPER, and NO LOWER are used to enable or suppress the CONVERTING UP or CONVERTING DOWN options.

(32) The CONVERT phrase is used to control input conversion. If *identifier-1* is numeric and the CONVERT phrase is specified, the data input from the screen is converted to a signed numeric value and stored in *identifier-1* according to the rules for a numeric MOVE. (CONVERT is implied for numeric values unless the "NO CONVERT" is specified as a value for the CONTROL option.) CONVERT is implied by the UPDATE option when *identifier-1* is numeric. If *identifier-1* is numeric and input conversion is not specified either implicitly or explicitly, *identifier-1* is treated as an elementary alphanumeric item of the same size and the unconverted input data is moved to that item according to the rules for an alphanumeric MOVE.

If *identifier-1* is numeric edited and the CONVERT phrase is specified, the data input from the screen is converted to a signed numeric value and stored in *identifier-1* according to the PICTURE of *identifier-1*.

If *identifier-1* is alphanumeric edited and the CONVERT phrase is specified, the data input from the screen is stored in *identifier-1* according to the rules for a alphanumeric to alphanumeric edited MOVE. (CONVERT is implied when *identifier-1* is alphanumeric edited.)

In all other cases or if CONVERT is not specified, data is moved from the screen to *identifier-1* according to the rules for an alphanumeric MOVE.

**NOTE:** Interactive validation is performed on numeric or numeric edited values whenever the CONVERT option is supplied or implied.

(33) The CONVERTING phrase is used to control the case of the data accepted. If CONVERTING UP is specified character data entered during an ACCEPT is echoed to the screen and stored in uppercase. In particular, characters between 'a' and 'z' inclusive are converted to the corresponding character between 'A' and 'Z'. If CONVERTING DOWN is specified character data entered during an ACCEPT is echoed to the screen and stored in lowercase. In particular, characters between 'A' and 'Z' inclusive are converted to the corresponding character between 'a' and 'z'.

(34) The CURSOR option is used to specify the initial cursor position within the screen field. The initial position is specified by *literal-8* or the contents of *identifier-9*. The leftmost position is 1. A value of 0 is treated as one and a value greater than the size of the screen field is treated as the size of the screen field. If *identifier-9* is specified, the cursor position at field termination is returned in it.

(35) The ECHO phrase causes the contents of *identifier-1* to be displayed in the screen field following completion of data input for the field. The display is performed as if a DISPLAY with similar options was performed. Note that CONVERT in an ACCEPT statement controls only input conversion. Output conversion is controlled by the UPDATE phrase. If *identifier-1* is numeric and input conversion was specified or implied, output conversion will be used on the display. If the ECHO phrase is not specified, the original input data remains in the screen field.

(36) The ERASE clause is used to control erasure of portions of the screen prior to accepting data. ERASE SCREEN and ERASE with no additional modifiers erases the entire screen and positions the cursor to line 1 column 1. ERASE LINE erases the current line from column 1 to the end of the line without changing the cursor position. ERASE EOL erases the screen starting at the cursor position to the end of the line. The cursor is not affected. ERASE EOS erases the screen starting at the cursor position and continuing to the end of the screen. The cursor position is not changed.

(37) The HIGH, HIGHLIGHT, BOLD, and BRIGHT options cause the accepted and displayed data to be displayed at high intensity. The LOW, LOWLIGHT, and DIM options cause the accepted and displayed data to be displayed at low intensity.

(38) The PROMPT clause causes fill characters to be displayed on the screen in the positions in which data is to be accepted. If *literal-11* is not specified, the fill character used is an underscore. If *literal-11* is specified, it must be of length one and represents the fill character. When PROMPT is not specified, no prompting occurs and the original contents of the screen field are not modified unless UPDATE is specified. If both PROMPT and UPDATE are specified, all positions in the screen field not occupied by characters in *identifier-1* are filled with the fill character.

(39) The REVERSE, REVERSED, and REVERSE-VIDEO options cause the accepted and displayed data to be displayed in reverse video mode. If not specified, data is displayed in normal mode.

(40) The SECURE clause controls echoing of input data as it is entered. If either SECURE with no additional options or SECURE WITH ECHO is specified, an asterisk is echoed and the cursor moved right one position as each character is entered. If SECURE NO ECHO is specified, no echoing or cursor movement takes place. If OFF is specified, a space is echoed and the cursor moved right one position as each character is entered.

(41) The SIZE clause controls the size of the screen input field. If the SIZE clause is present and *literal-12* or the contents of *identifier-12* is not zero, the size of the screen field is determined by the value of *literal-12* or *identifier-12*. Otherwise, the size of the screen field is determined by description of *identifier-1*.

When *identifier-1* is numeric and input conversion is specified or implied, the size is the number of digits in *identifier-1*'s PICTURE plus 1 if it is signed plus 1 if it is not an integer. When *identifier-1* is numeric and input conversion is not specified, the size value is determined by the number of bytes of storage required for *identifier-1*.

(42) The TAB clause causes the ACCEPT statement to wait for a field termination key to be pressed before completing the accept of the screen field. If the TAB clause is not present, the field will terminate when the end of the screen input field is reached or when a field termination key is pressed. (When TAB is absent, the field behaves much like an AUTO field in a screen description.)

(43) The BEFORE TIME clause is used to specify an interval of time to wait before automatically terminating the field when no data has been entered. *Literal-13* or the contents of *identifier-13* are integer values which specify this time interval in hundredths of seconds. If the user enters any data in the field prior to the expiration of the time interval, then the timer is cancelled and the ACCEPT of the field behaves as if no BEFORE TIME clause was specified. Valid values and their behavior are:

<u>Time-out value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
>= 4,294,967,295	No time-out (Wait forever)
0	Time-out immediately
> 630000	Set to 6300 seconds
1-630000	Set to n seconds

If the specified time interval completes before any data is entered, the field is terminated as if a Newline or Enter key was pressed. The escape key code returned will be 99.

**NOTE:** The TIME-OUT clause described below is similar, but is expressed in seconds and does not have to be an integer. It represents a time to wait between keystrokes before terminating a field. If the time-out occurs it behaves as if the ESC key were pressed. Both TIME-OUT and BEFORE TIME may not be specified for the same *identifier-1*.

(44) The UNDERLINE and UNDERLINED options cause the accepted and displayed data to be displayed in underlined mode.

(45) The UNIT clause is for documentation only and is ignored except for its impact on the COLUMN clause as previously described.

(46) The UPDATE clause control output conversion of the current value of *identifier-1*. This option changes the contents from its internal form into a form appropriate for display. The user may then modify the screen field and upon field termination the data in the screen field is stored with input conversion back into *identifier-1*.

With output conversion, numeric data is converted such that a leading separate sign is provided for negative values, an explicit decimal point is added for non-integers, leading zeros are removed and the remaining digits are left-justified.

If both UPDATE and CONVERT are specified for a numeric edited item, a numeric value for *identifier-1* is determined by the rules for a MOVE from a numeric edited item to numeric item. The numeric values is then converted as described above. If *identifier-1* is numeric edited, but only the UPDATE clause is present, then it is not converted before display.

Output conversion does not itself change the value of *identifier-1*, but only the appearance of data in the screen field. The UPDATE clause signals output conversion, and implies input conversion. Unlike with the DISPLAY statement, CONVERT does not signal output conversion, but rather signals input conversion.

All formats:

(47) The TIME-OUT phrase enables a local time-out for the particular ACCEPT statement. If provided, it overrides any other specified time-out value. The time-out specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that the runtime will wait between keystrokes. If the time expires, the ACCEPT terminates as if an ESCAPE had been struck and sets the ESCAPE KEY value to 99. Valid values are:

<u>Time-out value</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
<= 0 or >= 65535	No time-out (Wait forever)
65534	Time-out immediately
> 6300	Set to 6300 seconds
1-6300	Set to n seconds

(48) If the time-out value specified by *identifier-4* or *literal-3* is not an integer, its value is rounded to the nearest tenth of a second..

(49) When using timeouts, **ICOBOL** handles them in the following order for both the ACCEPT statement and the STOP literal statement:

- a. If a local timeout was specified by the TIME-OUT or BEFORE TIME clause of the ACCEPT statement, then it is used; otherwise,
- b. If a timeout had been set with the IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT builtin, then it is used; otherwise,
- c. The global timeout as set with ICTIMEOUT will be used. The default case for global timeout is to wait forever.

**NOTE:**

Using an extended open option to set timeout on your console does NOT affect an ACCEPT or STOP statement. Extended open options are discussed later Developer's Guide Section.

IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT is discussed in this document beginning on page [590](#), [591](#).

(50) Any system generated messages are erased whenever an ACCEPT is terminated.

E.2. ACCEPT (system)

E.2.1 Function

The ACCEPT (system) statements cause data from the system to be made available to data items in the File, Working-Storage, or Linkage sections.

ENVIRONMENT, ESCAPE KEY, EXCEPTION STATUS, LINE NUMBER, and USER NAME are extensions to ANSI COBOL.

E.2.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

**Format 1:**

ACCEPT *identifier* FROM {  
 DATE [ YYYYMMDD ]  
 DAY [ YYYYDDD ]  
 DAY-OF-WEEK  
 TIME  
 TIMESTAMP } }

**Format 2:**

ACCEPT *identifier* FROM {  
 ENVIRONMENT  
 ESCAPE KEY  
 EXCEPTION STATUS [ WITH ERROR IN *identifier-5* ]  
 LINE NUMBER  
 USER NAME } }

E.2.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

**Format 1:**

ACCEPT *identifier* FROM {  
 DATE [ YYYYMMDD ]  
 DAY [ YYYYDDD ]  
 TIME  
 TIMESTAMP } }

**Format 2:**

ACCEPT *identifier* FROM {  
 ENVIRONMENT  
 ESCAPE KEY  
 EXCEPTION STATUS [ WITH ERROR IN *identifier-5* ]  
 USER NAME } }

ACCEPT *identifier* FROM LINE NUMBER

d [ ON VIRTUAL TERMINAL *imperative-statement* [ END-ACCEPT ] ]

E.2.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) (**ISQL**) In Format 1, the **TIMESTAMP** phrase may only be specified if the **ISQL** feature-set is enabled.
- (2) (**ISQL**) If *identifier* specifies an item of class date-time and category date, the **DATE** phrase must be specified. The **YYYYMMDD** phrase is implied if it is omitted.
- (3) (**ISQL**) If *identifier* specifies an item of class date-time and category time, the **TIME** phrase must be specified.

(4) (**ISQL**) If *identifier* specifies an item of class date-time and category timestamp, the **TIMESTAMP** phrase must be specified.

### E.2.5 General Rules

(1) The **ACCEPT** statement causes the information requested to be transferred to the data item specified by *identifier* according to the rules for the **MOVE** statement. **DATE**, **DAY**, **DAY-OF-WEEK** **TIME**, and **TIMESTAMP** reference the current date and time provided by the system on which the **ACCEPT** statement is executed. **DATE**, **DAY**, **DAY-OF-WEEK** and **TIME** are standard COBOL conceptual data items and, therefore, are not described in the COBOL program. **TIMESTAMP**, **ENVIRONMENT**, **ESCAPE KEY**, **EXCEPTION STATUS**, **LINE NUMBER**, and **USER NAME** are conceptual data items and, therefore, are not described in the COBOL program.

(2) **DATE**, without the phrase **YYYYMMDD**, is composed of the data elements: year of century, month of year, and day of month (**yymmdd**). Therefore, December 25, 1986, would be expressed as 861225. **DATE** without the phrase **YYYYMMDD**, when accessed by a COBOL program, behaves as if it had been described in a COBOL program as an unsigned elementary numeric integer data item six digits in length (**PIC 9(6)**).

(3) **DATE**, with the phrase **YYYYMMDD** behaves as it had been described as an unsigned elementary integer data item of usage display eight digits in length, the character positions of which, numbered from left to right, are:

<u>Character Positions</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1-4	Four numeric characters of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
5-6	Two numeric characters of the day of the year in the range 01 through 12.
7-8	Two numeric characters of the day of the month in the range 01 through 31.

(4) **DAY**, without the phrase **YYYYDDD**, is composed of the data elements: year of century and day of year (**yyddd**). Therefore, December 25, 1986, would be expressed as 86359. **DAY**, when accessed by a COBOL program, behaves as if it had been described in a COBOL program as an unsigned elementary numeric integer data item five digits in length (**PIC 9(5)**).

(5) **DAY** with the phrase **YYYYDDD** behaves as if it had been described as an unsigned elementary integer data item of usage display seven digits in length, the character positions of which, numbered from left to right are:

<u>Character Positions</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1-4	Four numeric characters of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
5-7	Three numeric characters of the day of the year in the range 001 through 366.

(6) **TIME** is composed of the data elements hours, minutes, seconds, and hundredths of a second (**hhmmsshh**). **TIME** is based on elapsed time after midnight on a 24-hour clock basis; thus, 2:41 p. m. would be expressed as 14410000. **TIME**, when accessed by a COBOL program, behaves as if it had been described in a COBOL program as an unsigned elementary numeric integer data item eight digits in length (**PIC 9(8)**). The minimum value of **TIME** is 00000000; the maximum value of **TIME** is 23595999. If the system does not have the facility to provide fractional parts of a second, the value zero is returned for those parts which cannot be determined (e.g., 386UNIX returns 00 as the hundredths of a second in the seventh and eight character positions).

**NOTE:** If the **ISQL** feature-set is enabled, one can use the **TIMESTAMP** features to retrieve a date and time as one operation. Otherwise, the recommended method is to use either the **IC\_FULL\_DATE** builtin call or the **CURRENT-DATE** function. Each of the three methods return a four-digit year and assure that the both date and time were retrieved without the system crossing midnight, which can occur if one uses separate **ACCEPT FROM DATE** and **ACCEPT FROM TIME** statements. **IC\_FULL\_DATE** is discussed in this document beginning on page [544](#), and the **CURRENT-DATE** function is discussed on page [628](#).

(7) DAY-OF-WEEK is composed of a single data element whose content represents the day of the week. DAY-OF-WEEK, when accessed by a COBOL program, behaves as if it had been described in a COBOL program as an unsigned elementary numeric integer data item one digit in length. In DAY-OF-WEEK, the value 1 represents Monday, 2 represents Tuesday, ... , 7 represents Sunday.

(8) (**ISQL**) TIMESTAMP is composed of a 4-digit year field, a 2-digit month field, a 2-digit day field, a 2-digit hour field, a 2-digit minute field, a 2-digit second field, and a 2-digit hundredths of second field. It is equivalent to SQL TIMESTAMP(2). Conceptually it is equivalent to PIC 9(16). If *<identifier>* is a timestamp, then the internal timestamp will have all 6 fractional digits for seconds.

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(9) ENVIRONMENT is composed of a structure containing specific information for a particular operating system environment. The amount of data transferred depends on the environment and the revision of the runtime system. For revision 3.30 of **ICOBOL**, the structure is defined as follows:

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01 ENV-STRUCTURE.
  02 SYSTEM-CODE                PIC 99.
    88 IC-AOSVS                 VALUE IS 01.
    88 IC-AOSVSII               VALUE IS 04.
    88 IC-MSDOS                 VALUE IS 30.
    88 IC-386UNIX              VALUE IS 31.
    88 IC-DGUX-88K             VALUE IS 34.
    88 IC-AIX-RS                VALUE IS 39.
    88 IC-SUN-SPARC            VALUE IS 40.
    88 IC-HPUX-PA-RISC         VALUE IS 41.
    88 IC-MOTOROLA-88K         VALUE IS 43.
    88 IC-STRATUS-860          VALUE IS 44.
    88 IC-LINUX-INTEL32        VALUE IS 45.          (Renamed)
    88 IC-DGUX-INTEL           VALUE IS 47.
    88 IC-SCO-UNIX-INTEL       VALUE IS 48.
    88 IC-UNIXWARE-INTEL       VALUE IS 49.
    88 IC-MACOSX               VALUE IS 51.
    88 IC-LINUX-INTEL64        VALUE IS 52.          (New)
    88 IC-WINDOWS-9X           VALUE IS 60.
    88 IC-WINDOWS-32           VALUE IS 61.          (Renamed)
    88 IC-WINDOWS-64           VALUE IS 62.          (New)
  02 REVISION-CODE              PIC 99.
  02 PROGRAM-NAME               PIC X(28) .
  02 PID                         PIC 9(5) .
  02 CONSOLE-TYPE               PIC X.
    88 CON-BATCH                VALUE IS "B" .
    88 CON-NORMAL               VALUE IS "C" .
    88 CON-MASTER               VALUE IS "M" .          (end rev 00)
  02 SCREEN-LINES                PIC 9(3) .
  02 SCREEN-COLUMNS            PIC 9(3) .
  02 PRIVILEGES                  PIC X(16) .
  02 PRIV-REDEF REDEFINES PRIVILEGES.
    03 ABORT-PROGRAM            PIC X.
    03 INTERNAL-INFORMATION     PIC X.
    03 MESSAGE-SENDING          PIC X.
    03 TERMINAL-STATUS          PIC X.
    03 PRINTER-CONTROL          PIC X.
    03 PRINTER-CONTROL-MGMT     PIC X.
    03 SHUTDOWN-RUNTIME         PIC X.
    03 BG-CONSOLE-OR-HOST-EXEC  PIC X.
    03 CONSOLE-INTERRUPT        PIC X.
    03 DEBUG-PROGRAM            PIC X.
    03 WATCH-FACILITY           PIC X.
    03 XWATCH-FACILITY          PIC X.          (new rev 05)
    03 FILLER                    PIC X(4) .
  02 FILENAME-CASE              PIC X.
    88 CONVERT-TO-LOWER         VALUE "L" .
    88 CONVERT-TO-UPPER         VALUE "U" .
    88 CONVERT-NONE             VALUE "N" .          (end rev 01)
  02 ICREV-INFO                  PIC X(8) .          (end rev 02)
  02 PROGRAM-TYPE               PIC X.
    88 NORMAL-PROGRAM           VALUE IS "N" .
    88 HOTKEY-PROGRAM           VALUE IS "H" .
    88 NORMAL-PROGRAM-CHILD     VALUE IS "C" .
  02 MAX-LEVELS                  PIC 99.
  02 CURRENT-LEVEL              PIC 99.          (end rev 03)
  02 LARGE-PID                  PIC 9(10) .          (end rev 04)
  02 SCREEN-COLUMNS-MIN        PIC 9(3) .
  02 SCREEN-COLUMNS-MAX        PIC 9(3) .
  02 SYS-NODENAME               PIC X(16) .          (end rev 05)

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Where

SYSTEM-CODE indicates that this COBOL program is currently running under **ICOBOL** on the operating system corresponding to the 2-digit code that is returned. New codes are added as additional systems are supported. Please see the **ICOBOL** product's README file for the latest values. The current system-code can be overridden when starting the runtime with the Set System code switch (-S).

REVISION-CODE indicates the current revision of this structure under **ICOBOL** for this system and is set to 05 for this revision.

PROGRAM-NAME is the current program that is running (i.e., the same as would be seen by a IC\_TERM\_STAT on another console).

PID is the current process id.

CONSOLE-TYPE is 'B' if this process is a batch job or detached program or otherwise has the standard input set to the null device; 'C' if it is attached to an interactive console, or 'M' if this is console 0 in the configuration file (.cfi), even if the Master Console has been reset to a console number other than 0 by use of the Lowest Console number switch to ICEXEC.

SCREEN-LINES and SCREEN-COLUMNS is the number of lines and columns that **ICOBOL** is currently using for this terminal. When in Batch mode these numbers are undefined.

PRIVILEGES contains characters defining the privileges that the current program has. If the privilege is granted the indicated column will contain the letter specified, otherwise the column will contain a space.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1	A	User can run Abort Terminals
2	I	User can run System Information
3	M	User can run Message Sending
4	T	User can run Terminal Status
5	P	User can run Printer Control
6	C	User has printer control management
7	S	User can run Shutdown
8	O	User can Detach jobs or call host
9	B	Program Interrupts are allowed
10	D	User can debug
11	W	User can use the Watch Facility
12	X	This user can NOT be watched
13-16	space	Undefined (reserved)

FILENAME-CASE contains the case that **ICOBOL** on Linux is using for filenames, i.e., the -C value from the command line as U=upper, L=lower, and N=none.

ICREV-INFO contains the 8-byte string set with the ICREVSET utility or with the compiler OEM Version Switch (-o|-O ver).. If not set, it will contain nulls (LOW-VALUES).

PROGRAM-TYPE is 'H' if the current program was called via a hotkey, 'C' if the current program was called from within a hotkey program, or 'N' if the current program is a normal program.

FILLER will always contain zeros (00). (Formerly MAX-LEVELS, the maximum configured number of CALL levels allowed. This item is obsolete.)

CURRENT-LEVEL shows the current number of active and inactive programs in this run-unit. If greater than 99, then only 99 is shown.

LARGE-PID shows a 10 character pid number on those systems that support larger pid ranges, otherwise LARGE-PID matches PID

SCREEN-COLUMNS-MIN, SCREEN-COLUMNS-MAX is the minimum and maximum values for a terminal that supports compressed mode.

SYS-NODENAME is a 16 character name of the current computer.

**ICOBOL** sets batch job ('B' in CONSOLE-TYPE) when it detects that the standard input is set to the null device. An ACCEPT will generate an immediate end-of-file. All programs started with the IC\_DETACH will be considered as batch jobs. CGICOBOL programs are considered as batch jobs.

The runtime system uses the rules for a MOVE statement to transfer data into the environment structure. If the identifier is smaller than the data, data is truncated on the right. If the identifier is larger, the data is left-justified and the identifier is padded with spaces.

(10) ESCAPE KEY contains a two-digit (PIC 99) code generated by the key that terminated the last Format 3 (ACCEPT identifier-1) or Format 4 (ACCEPT screen-name) ACCEPT statement in the program. It should be queried immediately after the ACCEPT you wish to test.

The ESCAPE KEY will return a zero if a valid ACCEPT has not been done since the program was started via either a CALL PROGRAM or CALL.

The following table shows the default ESCAPE KEY codes for a Data General D2xx compatible terminal.

Key	Key alone	Key + SHIFT	Key + CTRL	Key + SHIFT+CTRL
CR	00	00	00	00
NEWLINE	00	00	00	00
ESC	01	01	01	01
F1	02	10	18	26
F2	03	11	19	27
F3	04	12	20	28
F4	05	13	21	29
F5	06	14	22	30
F6	07	15	23	31
F7	08	16	24	32
F8	09	17	25	33
F9	34	41	48	55
F10	35	42	49	56
F11	36	43	50	57
F12	37	44	51	58
F13	38	45	52	59
F14	39	46	53	60
F15	40	47	54	61
C1	62	66	62	66
C2	63	67	63	67
C3	64	68	64	68
C4	65	69	65	69
Down-arrow	00	77	00	00
Up-arrow	n/a	70	n/a	70
Right-arrow	n/a	71	n/a	71
Left-arrow	n/a	72	n/a	72
CMD-Print	73	74	73	74
HOME	n/a	75	n/a	75

TABLE 19. Function Key Escape Codes

Escape key codes are configurable in the terminal description files (.tdi) on a terminal type basis. See the Installing and Configuring manuals for complete details.

(11) EXCEPTION STATUS, without the WITH ERROR IN phrase, contains a five-digit (PIC 9(5)) code, for the most recent I/O operation. This includes all I/O operations: file I/O (which also set File Status), plus ACCEPT, DISPLAY, CALL and CALL PROGRAM. The returned Exception Status value can be used with the IC\_MSG\_TEXT builtin to get the error message text for the particular error.

**Remember: to retrieve the correct status, the ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS must be issued prior to any further I/O or CALL operation, including screen I/O operations.**

APPENDICES F (ANSI) and G (VXCOBOL), starting on pages 867 and ? respectively, show all possible Exception Status values with their meaning, along with any Linux or Windows error that will generate that Exception Status.

If a fatal I/O error is encountered and the program terminates, the current Exception Status is displayed right after the COBOL PC as E=nnn.

(12) EXCEPTION STATUS with the WITH ERROR IN phrase returns the operating system error that caused the exception, if such was the case. The program's definition of *identifier-5* should be PIC 9(5).

(13) LINE NUMBER contains a five-digit number of the console number (n of @CONn) on which this program is running. Its PICTURE is 9(5). The ON VIRTUAL TERMINAL clause, available for **VXCOBOL**, is for documentation purposes only and is therefore ignored.

(14) USER NAME contains the current system user name (if available) of the user currently running this program. Up to 15 characters are returned; i.e., its PICTURE is X(15). By default, the user name is returned in lower-case. A runtime switch (-U) may be specified to convert the case of the user name that is returned by ACCEPT FROM USER NAME. The name may be changed by the IC\_SET\_USERNAME builtin, which is discussed in this document beginning on page [592](#).



E.3. ADD

E.3.1 Function

The ADD statement causes two or more numeric operands to be summed and the result to be stored.

E.3.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

**ADD** { *identifier-1*  
*literal-1* } ... **TO** { *identifier-2* [ **ROUNDED** ] } ...  
[ **ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ **END-ADD** ]

**Format 2:**

**ADD** { *identifier-1*  
*literal-1* } ... **TO** { *identifier-2*  
*literal-2* } **GIVING** { *identifier-3* [ **ROUNDED** ] } ...  
[ **ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ **END-ADD** ]

**Format 3:**

**ADD** { **CORRESPONDING**  
**CORR** } *identifier-1* **TO** *identifier-2* [ **ROUNDED** ]  
[ **ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ **NOT ON SIZE ERROR** *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ **END-ADD** ]

E.3.3 Syntax Rules

(1) In Formats 1 and 2, each identifier must refer to an elementary numeric item, except that in Format 2 each identifier following the word GIVING must refer to either an elementary numeric item or an elementary numeric edited item. In Format 3, each identifier must refer to a group item.

(2) Each literal must be a numeric literal.

(3) The composite of operands must not contain more than 18 digits.

a. In Format 1, the composite of operands is determined by using all of the operands in a given statement.

b. In Format 2, the composite of operands is determined by using all of the operands in a given statement, excluding the data items that follow the word GIVING.

c. In Format 3, the composite of operands is determined separately for each pair of corresponding data items.

(4) CORR is an abbreviation for CORRESPONDING.

### E.3.4 General Rules

(1) If Format 1 is used, the values of the operands preceding the word TO are added together and the sum is stored in a temporary data item. The value in this temporary data item is added to the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*, with the result stored into the data item referenced by *identifier-2*. This process is repeated for each successive occurrence of *identifier-2*, in the left-to-right order in which *identifier-2* is specified.

(2) If Format 2 is used, the values of the operands preceding the word GIVING are added together, then the sum is stored as the new content of each data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

(3) If Format 3 is used, data items in *identifier-1* are added to and stored in corresponding data items in *identifier-2*.

(4) The compiler insures that enough places are carried, so as not to lose any significant digits during execution.

(5) Additional rules and explanations relative to this statement are given under the appropriate paragraphs. (See Scope of Statements, page [260](#); The ROUNDED Phrase, page [253](#); The ON SIZE ERROR Phrase, page [254](#); The Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); Overlapping Operands, page [256](#); Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); and The CORRESPONDING Phrase, page [254](#).)

E.4. CALL

E.4.1 Function

The CALL statement causes control to be transferred from one object program to another, within the run unit or to an external executable program as defined by a particular **ICOBOL** operating system version.

To see how **ICOBOL** processes the program name see the External Filename description in the Developer's Guide section on page [791](#).

E.4.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

$$\underline{\text{CALL}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\} [ \underline{\text{USING}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [ \text{BY REFERENCE} ] \text{identifier-2...} \\ \text{BY CONTENT identifier-2...} \end{array} \right\} \dots ]$$

[ ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-CALL ]

**Format 2:**

$$\underline{\text{CALL}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\} [ \underline{\text{USING}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [ \text{BY REFERENCE} ] \text{identifier-2...} \\ \text{BY CONTENT identifier-2...} \end{array} \right\} \dots ]$$

[ ON OVERFLOW *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ END-CALL ]

E.4.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal* must be a nonnumeric literal.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must be defined as an alphanumeric data item such that its value can be a program-name.
- (3) Each of the operands (*identifier-2*) in the USING phrase must have been defined as a data item in the File Section, Working-Storage Section, or Linkage Section.

E.4.4 General Rules

- (1) *Literal* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* must contain the name of the called program. The program in which the CALL statement appears is the calling program.
- (2) If, when a CALL statement is executed, the program specified by the CALL statement is made available for execution, control is transferred to the called program. After control is returned from the called program, the ON OVERFLOW or ON EXCEPTION phrase, if specified is ignored and control is transferred to the end of the CALL statement or, if the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase is specified, to *imperative-statement-2*. If control is transferred to *imperative-statement-2*, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the CALL statement.

(3) If it is determined, when a CALL statement is executed, that the program specified by the CALL statement cannot be made available for execution at that time the appropriate Exception Status is set and one of the two actions listed below will occur.

a. If the ON OVERFLOW or ON EXCEPTION phrase is specified in the CALL statement, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1*. Execution then continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the CALL statement and the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase, if specified, is ignored.

b. If the ON OVERFLOW or ON EXCEPTION phrase is not specified in the CALL statement, the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase, if specified, is ignored, and control is transferred to the end of the CALL statement.

(4) If the called program does not possess the initial attribute, the called program is in its initial state the first time it is called within a run unit and the first time it is called after a CANCEL to the called program. On all other entries into the called program, the state of the program remains unchanged from its state when last exited.

If the called program possesses the initial attribute it is placed into its initial state every time the called program is called within a run unit.

(5) Files associated with a called program's internal file connectors are not in the open mode when the program is in an initial state.

On all other entries into the called program, the states and positioning of all such files is the same as when the called program was last exited.

External file connectors always maintain their state across a CALL.

(6) The USING phrase is included in the CALL statement only if there is a USING phrase in the Procedure Division header of the called program, in which case the number of operands in each USING phrase must be identical. If the program being called is other than a COBOL program, the use of the USING phrase is defined by the program being called. For example, builtins define the expected operands.

(7) The sequence of appearance of the data-names in the USING phrase of the CALL statement and in the corresponding USING phrase in the called program's Procedure Division header determines the correspondence between the data-names used by the calling and called programs. This correspondence is *positional* and not by name equivalence; the first data-name in one USING phrase corresponds to the first data-name in the other, the second to the second, etc.

(8) The values of the parameters referenced in the USING phrase of the CALL statement are made available to the called program at the time the CALL statement is executed.

(9) Both the BY CONTENT and BY REFERENCE phrases are transitive across the parameters which follow them until another BY CONTENT or BY REFERENCE phrase is encountered. If neither the BY CONTENT nor BY REFERENCE phrase is specified prior to the first parameter, the BY REFERENCE phrase is assumed.

(10) For a parameter that is described either explicitly or implicitly as BY REFERENCE, the object program operates as if the corresponding data item in the called program occupies the same storage area as the data item in the calling program. The description of the data item in the called program must describe the same number of character positions as described by the description of the corresponding data item in the calling program.

(11) For a parameter that is described as BY CONTENT, the object program operates as if the storage area in the calling program is copied to a storage area reserved in the LINKAGE Section of the called program, by the USING phrase in the Procedure Division header, for the corresponding item in the USING phrase of the CALL. The storage area of the calling program remains unchanged when the EXIT PROGRAM statement is executed in the called program. The description of the data item in the called program must describe the same number of character



positions as described by the description of the corresponding data item in the calling program. See Values of Parameters on page 60 for more information.

(12) Called programs may contain CALL statements. However, a called program must not execute a CALL statement that directly or indirectly calls the calling program. If a CALL statement is executed within the range of a declarative, that CALL statement cannot directly or indirectly reference any called program in which control has been transferred and which has not completed execution.

(13) The maximum number of parameters that may be specified in a USING phrase is 32.

(14) The CALL statement cannot pass switches to a called program. Switches are the same for the entire run unit.

(15) A few of the more-common error conditions and their exception status codes are:

Exception Status Code	Error Condition
83	The file does not have the correct revision
203	Program not found
207	Program is already active
209	Parameter count or parameter size mismatch
213	Program file cannot be loaded.

TABLE 20. Common Error Conditions for a CALL Statement

(16) The END-CALL phrase delimits the scope of the CALL statement.

(17) CALL can be used to execute user-written C subroutines that have been bound into the currently executing runtime by using the **ICOBOL** Link Kit. These user-written are bound in dynamically using icbltn.so (Linux) or icbltn.dll (Windows). See the readlink.txt file in the **ICOBOL** link\_kit subdirectory for details.

(18) CALL can be used to execute operating system executable programs.

#### E.4.5 Calling Operating System Executables

(1) The name of the executable file *literal-1* or the contents of *identifier-1* must begin with the special character vertical bar (“|”) which indicates that the name following is an executable file and should be passed to the operating system to be executed with the given arguments *identifier-2* and then return to **ICOBOL** when finished.

(2) If the program specified cannot be executed, the Exception Status is set and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if specified, will be performed. Otherwise, the returned error code is placed into Exception Status, but the ON EXCEPTION clause is not executed.

(3) By using the CALL to an operating system executable, other copies of **ICOBOL** or **ICOBOL** utilities can be started from within a COBOL program. These other processes will get console numbers from the range of consoles that have been enabled with no device name specified; thus, you will never have another **ICOBOL** runtime running with the same console number.

(4) Multiple arguments can be passed but the contents of the data items are never modified by the operating system executables.

### Linux examples

EXAMPLE: To call the Bourne shell you could use the following:

```
MOVE "-s" TO ARGUMENT.  
CALL "|sh" USING ARGUMENT.
```

EXAMPLE 17. CALL the Bourne shell from a COBOL program (Linux)

The above example code starts the *sh* program with the initial argument "-s", which tells the shell to use stdin and stdout for its input and output. When the shell is terminated, control returns to **ICOBOL**, with the exit code being stored into Exception Status.

EXAMPLE: To call the shell and have it execute a single "ls" command and return, use the following:

```
MOVE "-c" TO ARGUMENT1.  
MOVE "ls -l" TO ARGUMENT2.  
CALL "|sh" USING ARGUMENT1, ARGUMENT2.
```

EXAMPLE 18. CALL the shell, have it execute "ls" and return (Linux)

EXAMPLE: To call the ls command directly and return, use the following:

```
MOVE "-l" TO ARGUMENT.  
CALL "|ls" USING ARGUMENT.
```

EXAMPLE 19. CALL the "ls" command directly and return (Linux)

### Windows examples

EXAMPLE: To call the Windows command processor.

```
CALL "|c:\winnt\system32\cmd.exe".
```

EXAMPLE 20. CALL the command processor (Windows)

EXAMPLE: To call the Windows command processor and have it executed the DIR command.

```
MOVE "/C DIR" TO ARGUMENT.  
CALL "|c:\winnt\system32\cmd.exe" USING ARGUMENT.
```

EXAMPLE 21. CALL the command processor and execute the DIR command (Windows)

EXAMPLE: To call the Acrobat Reader to print a particular .pdf file on the default printer:

```
MOVE "/p printfile.pdf" TO ARGUMENT.  
CALL "c:\program files\adobe\reader 8\acrod32.exe" USING ARGUMENT.
```

EXAMPLE 22. CALL Acrobat Reader and print a file (Windows)

### E.5. CALL PROGRAM

#### E.5.1 Function

The CALL PROGRAM statement begins a new run unit with another COBOL program or it performs a system function as defined by a particular **ICOBOL** operating system version. CALL PROGRAM is an extension to ANSI COBOL. Also see the table, CALL and CALL PROGRAM Compared, at the end of this description.

To see how **ICOBOL** processes the program name see the External Filename description in the Developer's Guide section on page [791](#).

#### E.5.2 General Format

```
CALL PROGRAM { identifier-1 } [ USING { identifier-2 }... ]  
              literal ]  
[ ON EXCEPTION imperative-statement-1 ]  
[ NOT ON EXCEPTION imperative-statement-2 ]  
[ END-CALL ]
```

#### E.5.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal* must be a nonnumeric literal.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must be defined as an alphanumeric data item such that its value can be a program-name.
- (3) In addition to the program-name, *literal* or *identifier-1* can include program switches, each a nonnumeric literal. For example:

```
CALL PROGRAM "REPORT/M/WEEKLY/QUARTERLY".
```

- (4) Each of the operands in the USING phrase must have been defined as a data item in the File Section, Working-Storage Section, or Linkage Section.

#### E.5.4 General Rules

(1) *Literal* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is the name of the called program and possibly program switches. The program in which the CALL PROGRAM statement appears is the calling program. *Literal* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* must contain the program-name of the program to be called or the system call to be executed.

(2) If, when a CALL PROGRAM statement is executed, the program specified by the statement is a COBOL program, it is made available for execution, all files in the current program are closed, and control is transferred to the called program. The successful transfer of control to a called program is equivalent to the execution of a STOP RUN statement within the calling program followed by the start of the called program. (You cannot return to the original or calling program, except when doing system calls.)

(3) If, when a CALL PROGRAM statement is executed, the program specified by the CALL PROGRAM statement is a system call, it is executed in accordance with the specifications for that system call. A system call is defined to be any program name starting with the '#' symbol. Valid system calls for a particular operating system and their function can be found in this manual in APPENDIX M beginning on page [907](#). If the specified system call returns to the program, and the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase is specified control is transferred to *imperative-statement-2*; otherwise, control is transferred to the end of the CALL PROGRAM statement.

(4) If it is determined, when a CALL PROGRAM statement is executed, that the program specified by the CALL PROGRAM statement cannot be made available for execution at that time, the exception status is set to the appropriate value and one of the two actions listed below will occur.

a. If the ON EXCEPTION phrase is specified in the CALL PROGRAM statement, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1*. Execution then continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the CALL PROGRAM statement and the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase, if specified, is ignored.

b. If the ON EXCEPTION phrase is not specified in the CALL PROGRAM statement, control is transferred to the end of the CALL PROGRAM statement and the NOT ON EXCEPTION phrase, if specified, is ignored.

(5) A few of the more common error conditions and their exception status codes are:

Exception Status Code	Error Condition
83	The file does not have the correct revision
203	Program not found, or this is a system call and the system call is not valid for the operating system
213	Program file could not be loaded. program

TABLE 21. Common Error Conditions for a CALL PROGRAM Statement

(6) The END-CALL phrase delimits the scope of the CALL PROGRAM statement.

(7) The USING phrase can be included in the CALL PROGRAM statement even if there is not a USING phrase in the Procedure Division header of the called program, in which case no parameters are passed to the called program. If the program being called is other than a COBOL program, the use of the USING phrase is defined by the program being called.

(8) The sequence of appearance of the data-names in the USING phrase of the CALL PROGRAM statement and in the corresponding USING phrase in the called program's Procedure Division header determines the correspondence between the data-names used by the calling and called programs. This correspondence is *positional* and not by name equivalence; the first data-name in one USING phrase corresponds to the first data-name in the other, the second to the second, etc.

(9) The values of the parameters referenced in the USING phrase of the CALL PROGRAM statement are made available to the called program at the time the CALL PROGRAM statement is executed.

(10) For a parameter, the object program operates as if the storage area in the calling program is copied to a storage area reserved in the LINKAGE Section of the called program by the USING phrase in the Procedure Division header for the corresponding item in the USING phrase of the CALL PROGRAM. The description of the data item in the called program does not have to describe the same number of character positions as described by the description of the corresponding data item in the calling program. If more bytes are passed than can be stored the extra bytes are ignored. If not enough bytes are passed the resulting storage is undefined.

(11) (Switch processing) Without the **ICOBOL** runtime options '-G s' (Strict switch processing) or '-N e' (No embedded spaces) the following default rules describe how the runtime extracts switches from the value of *literal* or *identifier-1*:

a. The switch character is the forward slash '/'.

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b. Using ':' or '\' as pathname separators or an initial '=' or '^' removes all ambiguity; i.e., everything starting with '/' is a switch.

c. Switches may be multiple characters.

d. Single character switches follow this special rule: All /x pairs are removed (beginning at the right and moving left) and treated as switches except for a pair occurring as the first 2 characters. This rule is in effect for compatibility with existing applications where program switches are a single character.

e. The first " /" (that's a space followed by a /) (from left to right) will always end a program name and begin program switches.

f. All processing is discontinued at the first CR, NL, FF or NUL.

g. By default, embedded spaces are allowed in *literal* or *identifier-1*.

(12) With the '-G s' (Strict switch processing) runtime option, a '/' in the value in *literal* or *identifier-1* always signals the start of a program switch.

(13) With the '-N e' (No embedded spaces) runtime option, embedded spaces are not allowed in program names, and processing of *literal* or *identifier-1* is discontinued at the first space not preceding either a '/' or spaces preceding a '/'.

(14) The following table shows example values for *literal* or *identifier-1* and how they are evaluated and processed by the **ICOBOL** runtime. It shows differences between a runtime that was brought up using the '-G s' option and a runtime that was brought up without that option.

	DEFAULT Behavior (without '-G s')		WITH '-G s' runtime option		
	Program	Switches	Program	Switches	
1.	/x/a/b/c	/x	<error>		
2.	/x/a/b /c	/x/a/b	<error>		
3.	/x/a/b /c/d /e	/x/a/b	<error>		
4.	x/a/b/c	x	x	a, b, c	
5.	xxx/a/b/c	xxx	xxx	a, b, c	
6.	x/a/b/ccc	x/a/b/ccc	<none>	x	a, b, ccc
7.	aaa/bbb/c	aaa/bbb	c	aaa	bbb, c
8.	aaa/bbb/ccc	aaa/bbb/ccc	<none>	aaa	bbb, ccc
9.	aaa\bbb/ccc	aaa/bbb	ccc	aaa/bbb	ccc
10.	aaa:bbb/ccc	aaa/bbb	ccc	aaa/bbb	ccc
11.	=aaa/bbb/ccc	./aaa	bbb, ccc	./aaa	bbb, ccc
12.	^aaa/bbb/ccc	../aaa	bbb, ccc	../aaa	bbb, ccc
13.	aaa/bbb /ccc	aaa/bbb	ccc	aaa	bbb, ccc
14.	aaa/x<nl>/b /ccc	aaa	x	aaa	x
15.	my dir/my prg /sw <sup>1</sup>	my_dir/my prg	sw	my_dir	my

<sup>1</sup> - The last example shows the default behavior as far as allowing embedded spaces. With the '-N e' runtime option (no embedded spaces), an error is returned.

TABLE 22. How Program Switches are evaluated

E.5.5 CALL and CALL PROGRAM Compared

This table presents a high-level view of the major differences between the CALL statement and the CALL PROGRAM statement. Details for the CALL and CALL PROGRAM statements begin on pages [305](#) and [309](#) respectively. Also see related sections in this document: PROCEDURE DIVISION USING phrase on page [60](#) and EXIT PROGRAM statement on page [365](#).

CALL	CALL PROGRAM
A "PERFORM" equivalent.	A "chain" equivalent.
<u>Returns</u> to the calling program.	Does <u>not</u> return to the calling program (except for # or ## system calls, which may perform a task and return).
Called program runs in the <u>same run unit</u> as the calling program.	Called program begins a <u>new run unit</u> or performs a system call.
<u>Cannot</u> pass switches to the called program.	<u>Can</u> pass switches to the called program.
The calling program is left in the current state except that contents of items in the USING phrase may have been altered by the called program.	All files in the calling program are closed before control is passed to the called program.
The state of the called program remains unchanged from its state when last exited unless it has the INITIAL attribute in which case it will have its initial state when next called.	N/A - Called program is always in its initial state.
CANCEL logically removes called program from the run unit so it will be in its initial state next time it is called.	CANCEL is not applicable for a program called with CALL PROGRAM.
EXIT PROGRAM marks the logical end of a called program.	EXIT PROGRAM has no effect in a called program.

TABLE 23. CALL and CALL PROGRAM Compared

### E.6. CANCEL

#### E.6.1 Function

The CANCEL statement ensures that the next time the referenced program is called it will be in its initial state.

#### E.6.2 General Format

CANCEL { *identifier* }  
          { *literal* } ...

#### E.6.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal* must be a nonnumeric literal.
- (2) *Identifier* must be defined as an alphanumeric data item such that its value can be a program name.

#### E.6.4 General Rules

- (1) *Literal* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier* identifies the program to be canceled.
- (2) Subsequent to the execution of an explicit or implicit CANCEL statement, the program referred to therein ceases to have any logical relationship to the run unit in which the CANCEL statement appears. If the program referenced by a successfully executed explicit or implicit CANCEL statement in a run unit is subsequently called in that run unit, that program is in its initial state.
- (3) A program named in a CANCEL statement in another program must be callable by that other program.
- (4) A program named in the CANCEL statement must not refer directly or indirectly to any program that has been called and has not yet executed an EXIT PROGRAM statement.
- (5) A logical relationship to a canceled program is established only by execution of a subsequent CALL statement naming that program.
- (6) A called program is canceled either by being referred to as the operand of a CANCEL statement, by the termination of the run unit of which the program is a member (STOP RUN, CALL PROGRAM, interrupt), or by execution of an EXIT PROGRAM statement in a called program that possesses the initial attribute.
- (7) No action is taken when an explicit or implicit CANCEL statement is executed naming a program that has not been called in this run unit or has been called and is at present canceled. Control is transferred to the next executable statement following the explicit CANCEL statement.
- (8) During execution of an explicit or implicit CANCEL statement, an implicit CLOSE statement without any optional phrases is executed for each file in the open mode that is associated with an internal file connector in the program named in the explicit CANCEL statement. Any USE procedures associated with any of these files are not executed.
- (9) The contents of data items in external data records described by a program are not changed when that program is cancelled.
- (10) The CANCEL statement does not close external files, even those open in the subprogram. You must explicitly close external files.



E.7. CLOSE

E.7.1 Function

The CLOSE statement terminates the processing of files with optional lock.

E.7.2 General Format

**For sequential files: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

$$\underline{\text{CLOSE}} \{ \text{file-name} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{REEL} \\ \text{UNIT} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{FOR REMOVAL} ] \\ \text{WITH} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NO REWIND} \\ \text{LOCK} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \} \dots$$

**For sequential files: (VXCOBOL)**

$$\underline{\text{CLOSE}} \{ \text{file-name} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{REEL} \\ \text{UNIT} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{FOR REMOVAL} \\ \text{WITH NO REWIND} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{WITH} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NO REWIND} \\ \text{LOCK} \\ \text{RELEASE} \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right] \} \dots$$

**For relative, indexed, and INFOS files:**

$\underline{\text{CLOSE}} \{ \text{file-name} [ \text{WITH } \underline{\text{LOCK}} ] \} \dots$

E.7.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The files referenced in the CLOSE statement need not all have the same organization or access.

E.7.4 General Rules

- (1) A CLOSE statement may only be executed for a file in an open mode.
- (2) If the LOCK phrase is specified for a file, the file cannot be reopened by the program that performed the CLOSE WITH LOCK.
- (3) The execution of the CLOSE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.
- (4) If an optional input file is not present, no end-of-file processing is performed for the file and the file position indicator is unchanged.
- (5) Following the successful execution of a CLOSE statement the record area associated with a *file-name* is no longer available. The unsuccessful execution of such a CLOSE statement leaves the availability of the record area undefined.
- (6) Following the successful execution of a CLOSE statement the file is removed from the open mode, and the file is no longer associated with the file connector.

(7) If more than one *file-name* is specified in a CLOSE statement, the result of executing this CLOSE statement is the same as if a separate CLOSE statement had been written for each *file-name* in the same order as specified in the CLOSE statement.

(8) If the CLOSE is unsuccessful, a USE procedure, if specified, is executed.

(9) The NO REWIND, REEL/UNIT, RELEASE, and FOR REMOVAL clauses are for documentation purposes only.

(10) When the CLOSE statement is executed for a file, any modified file buffers (including any that were modified by other users) are flushed to disk or other device by the **ICOBOL** system. For indexed and relative files, the ICISAM reliability flags in the file are cleared.

(11) On a CLOSE of a character device, if a timeout value was not specified on the OPEN, the CLOSE will try forever. If a timeout had been specified, the CLOSE will complete in that time, the line will be closed, and the buffer reset.

(12) An implicit CLOSE is executed for all open files within a program whenever it terminates.

E.8. COMMIT (**ISQL**)

## E.8.1 Function

The COMMIT statement allows the program to commit an SQL database connection or connections..

## E.8.2 General Format

```
COMMIT [ ALL ]  
[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]  
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]  
[ END-COMMIT ]
```

## E.8.3 Syntax Rules

## E.8.4 General Rules

(1) The ALL phrase specifies that all connections in the run unit will be committed. (if there are any). If not specified only the current connection is committed.

(2) Upon completion of the COMMIT statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the COMMIT statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the COMMIT statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the COMMIT statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the COMMIT statement.

(3) The END-COMMIT phrase delimits the scope of the COMMIT statement.

(4) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).



## E.9. COMPUTE

## E.9.1 Function

The COMPUTE statement assigns to one or more data items the value of an arithmetic expression.

## E.9.2 General Format

```
COMPUTE { identifier-1 [ ROUNDED ] }... = arithmetic-expression
[ ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-COMPUTE ]
```

## E.9.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Identifier-1* must reference either an elementary numeric item or an elementary numeric edited item.
- (2) (**ISQL**) *Identifier-1* may also be a date-time or interval elementary data item subject to the general rules for permissible combinations of operands.

## E.9.4 General Rules

- (1) An *arithmetic-expression* consisting of a single identifier or literal provides a method of setting the value of the data item reference by *identifier-1* equal to the literal or the value of the data item reference by the single identifier.
- (2) If more than one identifier is specified for the result of the operation, the value of the arithmetic expression is developed, and then is stored as the new value of each of the data items referenced by *identifier-1*.
- (3) The COMPUTE statement allows the user to combine arithmetic operations without the restrictions on composite of operands and/or receiving data items imposed by the arithmetic statements ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, and DIVIDE.
- (4) (**ISQL**) The COMPUTE statement can be used with date-time and interval operands. The category of the data-item referenced by *identifier-1* must match the result category of *arithmetic-expression*. The rules for an arithmetic expression involving date-time and interval items are covered under Arithmetic Expressions, beginning on page [238](#).
- (5) Additional rules and explanations to this statement are given under the appropriate paragraphs. (See Arithmetic Expressions, page [238](#); Scope of Statements, page [260](#); The ROUNDED phrase, page [253](#); The ON SIZE ERROR Phrase, page [254](#); The Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); Overlapping Operands, page [256](#); and Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#).)



E.10. CONNECT (*ISQL*)

E.10.1 Function

The CONNECT statement allows the program to establish a connection to an SQL database. Other SQL statements that occur in the program operate in the context of the currently active connection.

E.10.2 General Format

$$\text{CONNECT TO } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{AS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} ] [ \text{USER } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-4} \end{array} \right] ] \left. \vphantom{\text{CONNECT TO}} \right\} \text{DEFAULT}$$

[ ON SQLERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SQLERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-CONNECT ]

E.10.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1*, *literal-2*, *literal-3*, and *literal-4* must specify a nonnumeric literal and may not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1*, *identifier-2*, *identifier-3*, and *identifier-4* must specify an alphanumeric data item.
- (3) *Literal-2* or the value represented by *identifier-2* may not specify the value “default” (case-insensitive), which is reserved as the name for the connection established by specifying the DEFAULT phrase.

E.10.4 General Rules

- (1) The DEFAULT phrase specifies that a system default value is to be used for the connection string, user name, and password. This default value is selected from the environment variables ICSQLDSN, ICSQLUSER, and ICSQLPWD. If ICSQLDSN is not present, a data-set name of “default” is used. If ICSQLUSER is not present, the current login name is used (the same value returned by ACCEPT FROM USER NAME). If ICSQLPWD is not present, a null string is used. The connection will have the name “default”.
- (2) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the connection string that supplies the information necessary to connect to the database. Usually it specifies a data-set name (DSN).
- (3) *Literal-2* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-2* in the AS phrase specifies a name for the connection. The name can be used to identify the connection in a DISCONNECT or SET CONNECTION statement. The value is not case-sensitive. If the AS phrase is not supplied, the content of the connection string is used as the connection name.
- (4) *Literal-3* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-3* in the USER phrase specifies a user name for the connection. If the USER phrase is not specified, the system will use the current user login name.
- (5) *Literal-4* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-4* in the USER phrase specifies a password for the connection. If this optional field is not specified, the system will use a null string.
- (6) It is an error if the run unit already has a connection with the same name, which includes the name “default” for a connection made by using the DEFAULT phrase.
- (7) Connections are kept on a run unit basis, i.e., the scope of the connection name is the entire run unit, not the program containing the CONNECT statement.

(8) All connections in a run unit are implicitly disconnected when the run unit terminates, in a manner equivalent to the execution of a DISCONNECT ALL statement.

(9) Upon a successful connection, the currently active connection (if any) is made dormant, and the new connection is made the currently active connection.

(10) Upon completion of the CONNECT statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the CONNECT statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the CONNECT statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the CONNECT statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the CONNECT statement.

(11) The END-CONNECT phrase delimits the scope of the CONNECT statement.

(12) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

(13) CONNECT takes a DSN by default.

Under Windows, this DSN is defined in the ODBC Administrator in the User DSN or System DSN panels.

Under Linux, this DSN is defined in the .odbc.ini file in the user's home directory for User DSN and the odbc.ini file for System DSN files. More on ODBC under Linux can be found in the unixODBC documentation.

At this time only a UserDSN or a SystemDSN can be specified. FileDSN's are not supported.

Starting in 4.50 a remote DSN can be specified.

A remote DSN is a connection string that begins with the @ character. The runtime will look for a remote ISQL server prefix, which has the following format:

```
@[icnet:>//<host>[:<port>]/<connection string>
```

This prefix **always** uses forward slashes for both Windows and Linux. The host can either be a dotted IP address or valid dns hostname. The optional port can be specified if icnetd on the host is using a non-standard port.

The <connection string> is the same string that would be used if the application were running on <host> instead of remotely.

Normal icnetd login conventions apply to making the connection to <host>. Also, the ICNETUSESHEARTBEAT environment variable is supported for icsqls.



(14) To help debug ODBC connections enable Tracing to the ODBC Driver.

Under Windows, this is done in the ODBC Administrator under the Tracing panel where the actual log file and Starting and Stopping tracing is performed.

Under Linux, this is done in the odbcinst.ini file by adding:

```
[ODBC]
Trace = Yes
Trace File = filename
```

Generally tracing should not be enabled as it is VERY expensive in cpu and disk resources.

(15) A sample program that provides a Screen Interface to the **ISQL** statements is provided in the examples subdirectory of icobol as isqltest.sr

(16) In addition, the ICODBC Driver can be used to test with ICISAM files if needed.

(17) Under Windows, odbc32.dll is loaded to allow the **ISQL** statements to communicate with ODBC. Under Linux, libodbc.so is loaded to allow the ISQL statements to communicate with the unixODBC module.



E.11. CONTINUE

E.11.1 Function

The CONTINUE statement is a no operation (or “no op”) statement. It indicates that no executable statement is present.

E.11.2 General Format

CONTINUE

E.11.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The CONTINUE statement may be used anywhere a conditional statement or an imperative-statement may be used.

E.11.4 General Rules

(1) The CONTINUE statement has no effect on the execution of the program.



E.12. DEALLOCATE (**ISQL**)

## E.12.1 Function

The DEALLOCATE statement allows the program to deallocate a statement container that was allocated by a PREPARE statement once it is no longer needed.

## E.12.2 General Format

```
DEALLOCATE PREPARE { identifier-1 }
                   { literal-1 }
[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-CONNECT ]
```

## E.12.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must specify a nonnumeric literal and may not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item.
- (3) *Literal-1* or the value represented by *identifier-1* may not exceed 30 characters in length.

## E.12.4 General Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container to be deallocated in the current program. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.
- (2) If a statement container with the specified name is not found in the current program, the SQLSTATE class field is set to "01".
- (3) If a statement container with the specified name is found in the current program, it is deallocated and a statement container with the specified name will no longer exist in the current program, the SQLSTATE class field is set to "00".
- (4) Upon completion of the DEALLOCATE statement, the following occurs in the order specified:
  - a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.
  - b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the DEALLOCATE statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the DEALLOCATE statement.
  - c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. Control is transferred to the end of the DEALLOCATE statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the DEALLOCATE statement.
- (5) The END-DEALLOCATE phrase delimits the scope of the DEALLOCATE statement.



E.13. DEFINE SUB-INDEX (**VXCOBOL**)

E.13.1 Function

The DEFINE SUB-INDEX statement creates a subindex in an INFOS file and associates with it a specified index entry in that file.

E.13.2 General Format

$$\text{DEFINE SUB-INDEX } file\text{-name} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{ POSITION} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{NEXT} \\ \text{FORWARD} \\ \text{BACKWARD} \\ \text{UP} \\ \text{DOWN} \\ \text{UP FORWARD} \\ \text{UP BACKWARD} \\ \text{DOWN FORWARD} \\ \text{STATIC} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{KEY IS} \\ \text{KEYS ARE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ identifier\text{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{APPROXIMATE} \\ \text{GENERIC} \end{array} \right] \right\} \dots \right]$$
 FROM identifier-2  
 [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
 [ END-DEFINE ]

$$\text{DEFINE SUB-INDEX } file\text{-name} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{ POSITION} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{NEXT} \\ \text{FORWARD} \\ \text{BACKWARD} \\ \text{UP} \\ \text{DOWN} \\ \text{UP FORWARD} \\ \text{UP BACKWARD} \\ \text{DOWN FORWARD} \\ \text{STATIC} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{KEY IS} \\ \text{KEYS ARE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ identifier\text{-1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{APPROXIMATE} \\ \text{GENERIC} \end{array} \right] \right\} \dots \right]$$
 [ INDEX NODE SIZE IS integer-1 ]  
 [ ALLOW DUPLICATES ]  
 [ ALLOW SUB-INDEX ]  
 [ KEY COMPRESSION ]  
 [ MAXIMUM KEY LENGTH IS integer-2 ]  
 [ PARTIAL RECORD LENGTH IS integer-3 ]  
 [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
 [ END-DEFINE ]

d

### E.13.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name* is a filename that specifies an INFOS file opened for OUTPUT or I/O and selected for ALLOW SUB-INDEX.
- (2) *Identifier-1* is an alphanumeric data item that specifies a record key associated with file-name.
- (3) *Identifier-2* is an alphanumeric data item that contains data in the form of an AOS INFOS (16-bit) sub-index definition packet and that is defined in Working-Storage.
- (4) *Integer-3* is an integer or integer literal data item that specifies the maximum partial record length for the sub-index.
- (5) *Integer-2* is an integer or integer literal data item that specifies the maximum key length for a sub-index.
- (6) *Integer-1* is an integer or integer data item that specifies the size of a sub-index node.

### E.13.4 General Rules

- (1) When using the FROM option, the packet specified should be the AOS INFOS packet, not the 32-bit INFOS II packet. This packet is 16 bytes long with the following format:

01	PACKET.	
03	FILLER	PIC XX.
03	NODE-SIZE	PIC 9(4) COMP.
03	FILLER	PIC X.
03	MAX-KEYLEN	PIC 9(2) COMP.
03	FILLER	PIC X.
03	PARTIAL-REC-LEN	PIC 9(2) COMP.
03	FILLER	PIC XX.
03	FLAGS	PIC 9(4) COMP.
03	FILLER	PIC X(4).

FLAGS values are: 2048 allow duplicates, 16384 Disallow sub-index.

- (2) The location of the entry defined is determined according to that specified in the position phrase, the relative option phrase, and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is specified fully.
- (3) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.
- (4) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.
- (5) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option causes the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.
- (6) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, identifier-1, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first, and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.
- (7) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the DEFINE SUB-INDEX operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the DEFINE SUB-INDEX statement.



(8) The PARTIAL RECORD clause must be specified to allow partial records to be stored in the sub-index. For INFOS II, the length of partial records in the sub-index is established. For U/FOS, any non-zero length says to allow partial records, the specified length is disregarded.

(9) The ALLOW SUB-INDEX clause must be specified to allow subordinate sub-indexing for the specified sub-index.

(10) The DUPLICATES clause must be specified to allow for the creation of duplicate keys for the sub-index being created.

(11) If not specified, the KEY LENGTH defaults to 255.

(12) If not specified, the INDEX NODE SIZE defaults to the system default. (This value is ignored by U/FOS.)



E. 14. DELETE

E.14.1 Function

The DELETE statement logically removes a record from a mass storage file for relative, indexed, and INFOS files.

E.14.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

```
DELETE file-name RECORD [ LOGICAL ]
                        [ PHYSICAL ]
                        [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
                        [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
                        [ END-DELETE ]
```

E.14.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

**Relative:**

```
DELETE file-name RECORD
      [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
      [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-DELETE ]
```

**Indexed:**

```
DELETE file-name RECORD [ LOGICAL { PHYSICAL
                                { LOCAL
                                { GLOBAL
                                { LOCAL GLOBAL } } } ]
      [ KEY IS identifier-1 ]
      [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
      [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-DELETE ]
```

**INFOS:**

```
DELETE file-name [ NEXT
                  FORWARD
                  BACKWARD
                  UP
                  DOWN
                  UP FORWARD
                  UP BACKWARD
                  DOWN FORWARD
                  STATIC ] RECORD [ PHYSICAL
                                { LOCAL
                                { GLOBAL
                                { LOCAL GLOBAL } } ]
      [ { KEY IS } { KEYS ARE } { identifier [ APPROXIMATE ] } { GENERIC } ... ]
      [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
      [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-DELETE ]
```

### E.14.4 Syntax Rules

(1) The INVALID KEY and the NOT INVALID KEY phrases must not be specified for a DELETE statement which references a file which is in sequential access mode.

(2) The INVALID KEY phrase must be specified for a DELETE statement which references a file which is not in sequential access mode and for which an applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is not specified.

(3) The PHYSICAL designation applies to version 7 or greater ICISAM files.

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(4) Identifier-1 must be the RECORD KEY as defined in the SELECT.

(5) The key series specifier may not be present for files in SEQUENTIAL ACCESS mode.

### E.14.5 General Rules (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

(1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be an indexed or relative file and must be open in the I-O mode at the time of the execution of this statement.

(2) For files in the sequential access mode, the last input-output statement executed for *file-name* prior to the execution of the DELETE statement must have been a successfully executed READ statement. The file system removes from the file the record that was accessed by that READ statement.

(3) For a relative file in random or dynamic access mode, the file system removes from the file that record identified by the content of the relative key data item associated with *file-name*. If the file does not contain the record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.

(4) For an indexed file in random or dynamic access mode, the file system removes from the file the record identified by the content of the primary record key data item associated with *file-name*. If the file does not contain the record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.

(5) After the successful execution of a DELETE statement, the identified record has been removed from the file and can no longer be accessed, although the record may be restored by executing the UNDELETE statement if the removal was a logical deletion.

(6) The execution of a DELETE statement does not affect the content of the record area.

(7) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a DELETE statement.

(8) The execution of the DELETE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.

(9) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the DELETE operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the DELETE statement.

(10) The END-DELETE phrase delimits the scope of the DELETE statement.

(11) If LOGICAL is specified, the record identified by the RECORD KEY or RELATIVE KEY is marked as being deleted in the file. It is not physically removed, but will not be accessible unless it is subsequently undeleted.

If **PHYSICAL** is specified, the space in the data file used by the record identified by the **RECORD KEY** or **RELATIVE KEY** is made available for reuse. It is no longer accessible to the program. Its space will be reused when needed to add another record to the file.

If neither **LOGICAL** nor **PHYSICAL** is specified, the delete will be either logical or physical based on the status of the file's "delete-is-physical" attribute. This attribute bit is set at file creation time and is a permanent attribute of the file. (It is specified in a COBOL program using the **DELETE IS** clause of the file description entry (**SELECT**)).

#### E.14.6 General Rules (**VXCOBOL**)

(1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be a relative, indexed, or **INFOS** file and must be open in the I-O mode at the time of the execution of this statement.

(2) For files in the sequential access mode, the last input-output statement executed for *file-name* prior to the execution of the **DELETE** statement must have been a successfully executed **READ** statement. The file system removes from the file the record that was accessed by that **READ** statement.

(3) The execution of a **DELETE** statement does not affect the content of the record area.

(4) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a **DELETE** statement, for indexed and relative files.

(5) The execution of the **DELETE** statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.

(6) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the **DELETE** operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional **INVALID KEY** and **NOT INVALID KEY** phrases in the **DELETE** statement.

(7) The **END-DELETE** phrase delimits the scope of the **DELETE** statement.

#### For relative files:

(8) For a relative file in random or dynamic access mode, the file system removes the record identified by the content of the relative-key data-item associated with *file-name*. If the files does not contain the record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.

(9) Records in relative files are removed on the basis of the "delete-is-physical" attribute set in the file's header. Files created by **VXCOBOL** programs will normally have this bit set for purging records (physical deletes).

(10) After the successful execution of a **DELETE** statement, the identified record has been removed from the file and can no longer be accessed or restored.

#### For indexed files:

(11) For an indexed file in random or dynamic access mode, the file system logically or physically removes from the file the record identified by the content of the primary key data-item associated with *file-name*. If the files does not contain the record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.

(12) If **PHYSICAL** is specified, the data record is purged from the file. After the successful execution of a **DELETE** statement with the **PHYSICAL** clause, the identified record has been removed from the file and can no longer be accessed or restored.

(13) If **LOGICAL GLOBAL** is specified, the data record is logically deleted from the file. After the successful execution of a **DELETE** statement with the **LOGICAL GLOBAL** clause, the identified record may still be accessed. The record may be restored by executing the **UNDELETE** statement.

- (14) If LOGICAL LOCAL is specified, it is ignored.
- (15) If LOGICAL LOCAL GLOBAL is specified, it is equivalent to LOGICAL GLOBAL.
- (16) If no type of deletion is specified, PHYSICAL is the default.

For INFOS files:

- (17) The occurrence number is used.
- (18) FEEDBACK is not used and is not updated.
- (19) KEY LENGTH is unaffected.
- (20) The record to DELETE is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is fully specified.
- (21) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.
- (22) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.
- (23) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, identifier-1, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used.
- (24) If both the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted the file is accessed sequentially if the file access mode is sequential. If the access mode is not sequential the first key named in the SELECT clause is used.
- (25) If LOGICAL LOCAL is specified, the key (and any partial record associated with that key) is logically deleted. Whenever the record or key is accessed through this index a FILE STATUS 96 will be returned.
- (26) If LOGICAL GLOBAL is specified, the data record is logically deleted. Whenever the record is accessed through any index a FILE STATUS 96 will be returned. The index entry including the partial record and any subindex can still be accessed without receiving a FILE STATUS 96.
- (27) If LOGICAL LOCAL GLOBAL is specified, the key (and any partial data record associated with that key) and the data record is logically deleted.
- (28) If PHYSICAL is specified, the key (and any partial data record associated with that key) is deleted and the data record's use count is decremented. If the data record's use count is decremented to zero, then the data record itself is deleted such that it is no longer in the file and there is no inversion in the file pointing to it.
- (29) If no type of deletion is specified, PHYSICAL is the default.
- (30) If you want to know whether a record has been deleted, use the RETRIEVE statement.
- (31) A FILE STATUS 02 is returned when a successful physical deletion of a record with a duplicate key is performed.
- (32) A DELETE statement does not change the current position of the record pointer unless it is a PHYSICAL deletion and the pointer's current position is at the deleted record. If this is the case, the record pointer points to the record immediately before the deleted record.

(33) If DUPLICATES was specified in the SELECT clause then the occurrence number should be set to the desired value for the key that should be deleted.





## E.15. DELETE FILE

## E.15.1 Function

The DELETE FILE statement physically removes a file from the file system. DELETE FILE is an extension to ANSI COBOL. For **VXCOBOL**, it is equivalent to EXPUNGE.

To see how **ICOBOL** processes the filename see the External Filename description in the Developer's Guide section on page [791](#).

## E.15.2 General Format

**DELETE FILE** { *file-name* }...

## E.15.3 General Rules

(1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be a disk file, you must have appropriate permissions, and the file must not be open anywhere in the **ICOBOL** system at the time of the execution of this statement. If the file does not exist, no error is given.

(2) For a relative, indexed, or INFOS file, all parts of that file are removed from the file system.

(3) For **VXCOBOL**: for an INFOS II file, the indexed file and the database file specified in the SELECT statement are deleted. If the name of the database file was not specified with an ASSIGN DATA clause, a .DB file with the same name as that of the indexed file is deleted. For a U/FOS file, the database specified in the SELECT is deleted, i.e., name.udb.

(4) After the successful execution of a DELETE FILE statement, the identified file has been physically removed from the file system and can no longer be accessed.

(5) The execution of the DELETE FILE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.

(6) For systems supporting Linux symbolic links, DELETE FILE will delete the symbolic link, not the resolution file.

(7) On Linux systems, files cannot be individually delete-protected. To make a file delete-protected on Linux, you must remove write (w) permission to the directory in which the file resides. If a directory has no write access, you cannot create, modify, or delete files in that directory. On Windows systems, the read-only attribute will protect the file from deletion.

(8) For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, If the specified file is a sequential file, **ICOBOL** will scan the Printer Control file and if there is an entry there that points to the file being deleted, the entry in the Printer Control file will be removed.

(9) For **VXCOBOL**, if *file-name* is a sort/merge file, it is ignored.



E.16. DISCONNECT (**ISQL**)

E.16.1 Function

The DISCONNECT statement allows the program to disconnect from an SQL database connection.

E.16.2 General Format

```
DISCONNECT {
  {
    DEFAULT
    CURRENT
    ALL
    { identifier-1 }
    { literal-1 }
  }
  [ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-DISCONNECT ]
```

E.16.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must specify a nonnumeric literal and may not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item.

E.16.4 General Rules

- (1) The DEFAULT phrase specifies that the default connection (which has the name “default”) is to be disconnected. It is an error if there is no default connection either active or dormant. If the default connection is the current connection, it is replaced as the current connection by the most recently used previous connection.
- (2) The CURRENT phrase specifies that the currently active connection is to be disconnected. The most recently used previous connect becomes the current connection. It is an error if there is no current connection.
- (3) The ALL phrase specifies that all connections in the run unit will be disconnected (if there are any).
- (4) The value of *literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies a specific, named connection. If the value “default” is specified, it is the same as having specified the DEFAULT phrase. If the specified connection is the current connection, it is replaced as the current connection by the most recently used previous connection.
- (5) Connections are kept on a run unit basis, i.e., the scope of the connection name is the entire run unit, not just the program containing the DISCONNECT statement. If a specified connection does not exist, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to “08003”, which is “Connection does not exist”.
- (6) All connections in a run unit are implicitly disconnected when the run unit terminates in a manner equivalent to the execution of a DISCONNECT ALL statement.
- (7) Any statement containers associated with a connection that is being disconnected are implicitly deallocated before the connection is disconnected.
- (8) Upon completion of the DISCONNECT statement, the following occurs in the order specified:
  - a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the DISCONNECT statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the DISCONNECT statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the DISCONNECT statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the DISCONNECT statement.

(9) The END-DISCONNECT phrase delimits the scope of the DISCONNECT statement.

(10) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

E.17. DISPLAY

E.17.1 Function

The DISPLAY statement causes low volume data to be transferred to the console. Screens are an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.17.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

DISPLAY { *identifier-1* }  
*literal-1* }... [ UPON *mnemonic-name* ] [ WITH NO ADVANCING ]  
 [ END-DISPLAY ]

**Format 2:**

DISPLAY { *screen-name* [ AT { LINE { *identifier-2* }  
*literal-2* } [ { COLUMN { *identifier-3* }  
*literal-3* } ] ] ] }  
 [ { COLUMN { *identifier-3* }  
*literal-3* } [ { LINE { *identifier-2* }  
*literal-2* } ] ] ] }...  
 [ END-DISPLAY ]

**Format 3 (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85):**

DISPLAY { { *identifier-1* }  
*literal-1* } [ { UNIT { *identifier-4* }  
*literal-4* } ] *display-clause*... }...  
 [ END-DISPLAY ]

where *display-clause* is one of the following:

{ BACKGROUND-COLOR  
BACKGROUND } IS { *identifier-5*  
*literal-5*  
*color-name-1* }

{ FOREGROUND-COLOR  
FOREGROUND } IS { *identifier-8*  
*literal-8*  
*color-name-2* }

{ BELL }  
 { BEEP }

BLINK

{ COLUMN  
COL  
POSITION } { *identifier-6*  
*literal-6* }

CONTROL { *identifier-7*  
*literal-7* }

CONVERT

ERASE  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{EOL} \\ \text{EOS} \\ \text{LINE} \\ \text{SCREEN} \end{array} \right]$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{HIGH} \\ \text{HIGHLIGHT} \\ \text{LOW} \\ \text{LOWLIGHT} \\ \text{BOLD} \\ \text{BRIGHT} \\ \text{DIM} \end{array} \right\}$

LINE  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{identifier-9} \\ \text{literal-9} \end{array} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{REVERSE} \\ \text{REVERSED} \\ \text{REVERSE-VIDEO} \end{array} \right\}$

SIZE  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{identifier-10} \\ \text{literal-10} \end{array} \right\}$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{UNDERLINE} \\ \text{UNDERLINED} \end{array} \right\}$

### E.17.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) In Format 1, you cannot use the figurative constant ALL with a DISPLAY statement.
- (2) In Format 2, *identifier-2*, *identifier-3*, *literal-2*, and *literal-3* must be unsigned integers.
- (3) *Screen-name* may not be subscripted.
- (4) The word COL is an abbreviation for the word COLUMN.
- (5) END-DISPLAY is supported only for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**. It is an extension to standard COBOL.
- (6) *Mnemonic-name* is associated with a hardware device in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph.
- (7) In Format 3, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6*, *identifier-8*, *identifier-9*, *identifier-10*, *literal-4*, *literal-5*, *literal-6*, *literal-8*, *literal-9*, and *literal-10* must be unsigned elementary integer items. *Identifier-7* must be a nonnumeric data-item and *literal-7* must be a nonnumeric literal.
- (8) *Color-name-1* and *color-name-2* represent one of the predefined color names: BLACK, BLUE, GREEN, CYAN, RED, MAGENTA, BROWN, or WHITE.
- (9) In Format 3, the word POSITION is a synonym for COLUMN and the word BEEP is a synonym for BELL.

## E.17.4 General Rules

**Format 1: (non-screen display)**

- (1) The DISPLAY statement causes the content of each operand to be transferred to the console device in the order listed.
- (2) If a figurative constant is specified as one of the operands, only a single occurrence of the figurative constant is displayed.
- (3) If the device is capable of receiving data of the same size as the data item being transferred, then the data item is transferred.
- (4) If a device is not capable of receiving data of the same size as the data item being transferred, then one of the following applies:
  - a. If the size of the data item being transferred exceeds the size of the data that the device is capable of receiving in a single transfer, the data beginning with the left-most character is stored aligned to the left in the receiving device, and the remaining data is then transferred according to General Rules 4 and 5 until all the data has been transferred.
  - b. If the size of the data item that the device is capable of receiving exceeds the size of the data being transferred, the transferred data is stored aligned to the left in the receiving device.
- (5) When a DISPLAY statement contains more than one operand, the size of the sending item is the sum of the sizes associated with the operands, and the values of the operands are transferred in the sequence in which the operands are encountered without modifying the positioning of the hardware device between the successive operands.
- (6) If the WITH NO ADVANCING phrase is specified, then the positioning of the device will not be reset to the next line or changed in any other manner following the display of the last operand. If the device is capable of positioning to a specific character position, it will remain positioned at the character position immediately following the last character of the last operand displayed. If the device is not capable of positioning to a specific character position, only the vertical position, if applicable, is affected. This may cause overprinting if the device supports overprinting.
- (7) If the WITH NO ADVANCING phrase is **NOT** specified, then after the last operand has been transferred to the device, the positioning of the device will be reset to the left-most position of the next line of the device.
- (8) If vertical positioning is not applicable on the device, the operating system will ignore the vertical positioning specified or implied.
- (9) For **VXCOBOL**: If the data to be transferred has USAGE COMPUTATIONAL or USAGE COMPUTATIONAL-3, **ICOBOL** moves the data to a temporary data-item defined as USAGE DISPLAY, SIGN LEADING SEPARATE with the same PICTURE. The temporary item is then transferred.
- (10) For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, integer or numeric functions are displayed as if they were defined with USAGE DISPLAY, SIGN LEADING SEPARATE.
- (11) The UPON clause is for documentation only except in the one case where *mnemonic-name* refers to “@AUDIT”. If it refers to “@AUDIT” and auditing is enabled, then the DISPLAY will be sent to the audit log. If auditing is not enabled, nothing is done. Thus, in the procedure division a:

```
DISPLAY foo1 foo2 UPON mnemonic-1.
```

Will send the data in foo1 and foo2 to the audit log.

This facility is especially useful when debugging ThinClients.

(If this statement is executed with a pre-3.13 runtime the DISPLAY will come to the screen.)

### **Format 2: (screen display)**

(12) Format 2 assumes that the device is capable of random positioning.

(13) DISPLAY *screen-name* is equivalent to DISPLAY *screen-name* AT LINE 0 COLUMN 0.

(14) If the LINE or COLUMN variable in the SCREEN SECTION has a value of zero (0), **ICOBOL** treats the value as one (1).

(15) **Variable Origin:** The LINE phrase and COLUMN phrase in DISPLAY and ACCEPT statements allow the entire screen description referenced by *screen-name* to be moved to a different starting position on the user's display device. This capability is called *variable origin*. All screen descriptions assume that the origin is at line 1 and column 1 on the user's display device. The value specified in the DISPLAY or ACCEPT's LINE phrase, if present, is treated as a relative offset to be added to all line positions in the screen. Similarly, the value of the COLUMN phrase, if specified, is treated as a relative offset to be added to all column positions in the screen. If any line or column position becomes larger than that supported by the current screen, the screen will wrap at its limits, and the new (wrapped) values will in turn be offset again by the variable origin.

For example, consider the code fragments:

```
01 ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.  
   05 LINE 23 COL 60 "ANY CHANGE?".  
   05 LINE 23 COL 75 PIC X TO ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER.  
  
ANY-CHANGE-1.  
  DISPLAY ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.  
  ACCEPT ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN.  
  
ANY-CHANGE-2.  
  DISPLAY ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30.  
  ACCEPT ANY-CHANGE-SCREEN AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30.
```

The following discussion describes how to determine the *origin point* for each of the two DISPLAY and ACCEPT pairs in the code fragments above. Assume the display device has 24 lines and 80 columns.

a. Remember, all screen descriptions assume an *origin point* of line 1, column 1. This screen has a positioning definition of line 23, column 60, and the first screen DISPLAY statement contains no positioning (line or column) clauses. Therefore, the *origin point* for the first DISPLAY is line 23, column 60.

b. For the second screen DISPLAY statement, which contains the positioning clauses AT LINE 5 COLUMN 30, the offset position will be line 28, column 90. (We added the line and column variable-positioning values in the DISPLAY statement to the *origin point* established in the previous step.)

c. Then, we subtract the line and column size of the display device, to find the wrap values: line 4, column 10. This becomes the *new origin point*.

d. Finally, add the line and column positioning values which in turn will be offset to line 9, column 40. Therefore, the second screen DISPLAY will begin at line 9, column 40.

e. Determining the *origin point* for the input field is similar. See the table, Variable Origin for DISPLAY and ACCEPT, on page [290](#) in the discussion of the ACCEPT statement.



(16) If variable origin is used for a DISPLAY operation on a screen-name, the same variable origin specification should be used for the corresponding ACCEPT statement of the screen-name in order to have the operation to be correct.

(17) If *screen-name* specifies a group item, the group item and all subordinate group, literal, input-output, output, and update fields are processed in the order in which they appear in the source definition of the screen description.

(18) The basic operation of the DISPLAY statement is described by the following steps. The discussion assumes that *screen-name* represents a group item in the screen description that has several subordinate literal, output, input-output, and/or update fields. The case where *screen-name* specifies a single screen-data item is just a simple subset of the description below.

a. The system moves the data items corresponding to all output, input-output, and update fields (either specified by or subordinate to *screen-name*) to the screen-data item. The moves take place according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

b. The system moves underscores to all input fields (either specified by or subordinate to *screen-name*).

c. The screen management system processes each field in the order in which it was defined in the source.

d. The various clauses of the screen field are processed in the following order:

BACKGROUND-COLOR & FOREGROUND-COLOR  
BLANK SCREEN  
COLUMN and LINE positioning  
BLANK LINE/ERASE EOL, ERASE EOS, ERASE LINE  
BELL  
display screen-literal or screen-data with appropriate attributes

e. The screen-data or screen-literal value is displayed with the display attributes set by implied attributes or the explicit use of attribute control keywords in the screen description entry.

f. The cursor is left positioned at the character position following the last character of the last field or literal displayed according to the preceding steps.

**Format 3: (data-item display with screen control)**

(19) The DISPLAY statement causes the content of each operand to be transferred to the console device in the order listed.

(20) Format 3 assumes that the device is capable of random positioning.

(21) The BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND-COLOR phrases determine the background and foreground colors used during the processing of *identifier-1* or *literal-1*. The color is identified by an integer value from 0 to 7 specified for *literal-5* or *literal-8* or as the contents of *identifier-5* or *identifier-8*. It may also be specified by use of *color-name-1* or *color-name-2*. The color names with their integer values are BLACK=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=2, CYAN=3, RED=4, MAGENTA=5, BROWN=6, WHITE=7. BACKGROUND is a synonym for BACKGROUND-COLOR and FOREGROUND is a synonym for FOREGROUND-COLOR.

(22) The BELL phrase causes the bell (or beep) signal to sound as each *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is processed.

(23) BLINK causes the data displayed for the field to be displayed in a blinking mode.

(24) The COLUMN and LINE phrases are used to position *identifier-1* or *literal-1* on the screen based on the line and leftmost character position. The top line is line 1 and each succeeding line has a value one larger than the

previous line. The leftmost character of a line is column 1 and the column value increases by one for each succeeding character on the line. The line number is specified by *literal-9* or the contents of *identifier-9* and should be between 1 and 128. The column number is specified by *literal-6* or the contents of *identifier-9*.

The line and column positions are determined as follows:

- (a) If the COLUMN phrase is omitted, column 1 is assumed for the first *identifier-1* or *literal-1* if a UNIT phrase has been specified for the same *identifier-1* or *literal-1*. Otherwise the column position is set to zero.
- (b) If the LINE phrase is omitted or the line position is zero the line position is set as follows: If an ERASE or ERASE SCREEN phrase is specified for the same *identifier-1* or *literal-1*, then line 1 is assumed. If the column position is not zero, the line position is the current line plus one. If the column position is zero, the line position is set to the current line.
- (c) If the column position is equal to zero, it is set to the current line.

At runtime, values outside the allowable ranges are wrapped.

(25) The CONTROL phrase is used to dynamically specify options to be used or overridden. *Identifier-7* or *literal-7* are used to hold an options list. This list consists of a series of keywords separated by commas. The keywords may be specified in any order, but are processed from left to right as they appear in the string. While processing the list, lowercase characters are considered equivalent to the corresponding uppercase character and blanks or unprintable characters are ignored.

The following keywords impact execution of the DISPLAY statement:

BEEP, BLINK, CONVERT, ERASE, ERASE EOL, ERASE EOS, ERASE LINE, ERASE SCREEN, REVERSE, HIGH, LOW, NO BEEP, NO BLINK, NO CONVERT, NO ERASE, NO REVERSE, NO UNDERLINE, and UNDERLINE.

Each of the keywords has the same meaning as when statically coded plus the negative versions (NO xxx) to allow suppression of the of the option.

(26) The CONVERT phrase is used to control output conversion. If *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is numeric or numeric edited and the CONVERT phrase is specified, its value is converted from its internal form a displayable form such that a leading separate sign is provided for negative values, an explicit decimal point is added for non-integers, leading zeros are removed and the remaining digits are left-justified. If the SIZE clause adjusts the width of the field, spaces will fill any unused character positions to the right of the value or the converted values will be truncated if the field size is too small.

If the CONVERT phrase is not specified or if *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is not numeric, then *identifier-1* or *literal-1* will be treated as an alphanumeric item of its internal size and moved to the display field according to the rules for a alphanumeric to alphanumeric edited MOVE.

(27) The ERASE clause is used to control erasure of portions of the screen prior to displaying *identifier-1* or *literal-1*. ERASE SCREEN and ERASE with no additional modifiers erases the entire screen and positions the cursor to line 1 column 1. ERASE LINE erases the current line from column 1 to the end of the line without changing the cursor position. ERASE EOL erase the screen starting at the cursor position to the end of the line. The cursor is not affected. ERASE EOS erase the screen starting at the cursor position and continuing to the end of the screen. The cursor position is not changed.

(28) The HIGH, HIGHLIGHT, BOLD, and BRIGHT options cause *identifier-1* or *literal-1* to be displayed at high intensity. The LOW, LOWLIGHT, and DIM options cause *identifier-1* or *literal-1* to be displayed at low intensity.

(29) The REVERSE, REVERSED, and REVERSE-VIDEO options cause *identifier-1* or *literal-1* to be displayed in reverse video mode. If not specified, data is displayed in normal mode.

(30) The SIZE clause controls the size of the screen input field. If the SIZE clause is present and *literal-10* or the contents of *identifier-10* is not zero, the size of the screen field is determined by the value of *literal-10* or *identifier-10*. Otherwise, the size of the screen field is determined by description of *identifier-1* or *literal-1*.

When *identifier-1* is numeric and output conversion(CONVERT) is specified or implied, the size is the number of digits in *identifier-1*'s PICTURE plus 1 if its is signed plus 1 if it is not an integer.

If *literal-1* is a figurative constant, the constant will be repeated up to the size specified by *identifier-10* or *literal-10*.

(31) The UNDERLINE and UNDERLINED options cause *identifier-1* or *literal-1* to be displayed in underlined mode.

(32) The UNIT clause is for documentation only and is ignored except for its impact on the COLUMN clause as previously described.

**NOTES:**

(1) **ICOBOL** treats all DISPLAY statements as if they are going to a DG terminal. (**ICOBOL** also treats all WRITE statements for ASSIGN TO PRINTER or ASSIGN TO DISPLAY files that are opened on the current console as if they are going to a DG terminal.) It does this to optimize characters sent to the terminal and to keep track of the state of the screen. To send binary data transparently to the terminal, an ASSIGN TO DISK "@CON" should be used in conjunction with a WRITE statement. This will insure that **ICOBOL** will not interpret the characters as screen display.

(2) The special characters the **ICOBOL** display module understands are the Print Pass Through ON and OFF codes, Read Model-ID, Compress mode ON and OFF, and display attributes like dim, blink, roll, reverse, etc. All tab characters will display as a space when not in binary mode. Other non-printable characters are sent to the screen as is, but the cursor is not moved.

(3) Neither a non-screen DISPLAY without the NO ADVANCING clause nor a screen DISPLAY statement should be executed while the terminal has Print Pass Through ON.



E.18. DIVIDE

E.18.1 Function

The DIVIDE statement divides one numeric data item into others and sets the values of data items equal to the quotient and remainder.

E.18.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

DIVIDE { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } INTO { *identifier-2* [ ROUNDED ] }...  
 [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-DIVIDE ]

**Format 2:**

DIVIDE { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } INTO { *identifier-2* / *literal-2* } GIVING { *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ] }...  
 [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-DIVIDE ]

**Format 3:**

DIVIDE { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } BY { *identifier-2* / *literal-2* } GIVING { *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ] }...  
 [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-DIVIDE ]

**Format 4:**

DIVIDE { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } INTO { *identifier-2* / *literal-2* } GIVING *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ]  
REMAINDER *identifier-4*  
 [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-DIVIDE ]

**Format 5:**

DIVIDE { *identifier-1* / *literal-1* } BY { *identifier-2* / *literal-2* } GIVING *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ]  
REMAINDER *identifier-4*  
 [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-DIVIDE ]

### E.18.3 Syntax Rules

(1) Each identifier must refer to an elementary numeric item, except that any identifier associated with the GIVING or REMAINDER phrase must refer to either an elementary numeric item or an elementary numeric edited item.

(2) Each literal must be a numeric literal.

(3) The composite of operands, which is the hypothetical data item resulting from the superimposition of all receiving data items (except the REMAINDER data item) of a given statement aligned on their decimal points, must not contain more than 18 digits.

### E.18.4 General Rules

(1) When Format 1 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is divided into the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*. The value of the dividend (the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*) is replaced by this quotient.

(2) When Format 2 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is divided into *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and the result is stored in each data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

(3) When Format 3 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is divided by *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and the result is stored in each data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

(4) When Format 4 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is divided into *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and the result is stored in the data item referenced by *identifier-3*. The remainder is then calculated and the result is stored in the data item referenced by *identifier-4*. If *identifier-4* is subscripted, the subscript is evaluated immediately before the remainder is stored in the data item referenced by *identifier-4*.

(5) When Format 5 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is divided by *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and the division continues as specified for Format 4 above.

(6) Formats 4 and 5 are used when a remainder from the division operation is desired, namely *identifier-4*. The remainder in COBOL is defined as the result of subtracting the product of the quotient (*identifier-3*) and the divisor from the dividend. If *identifier-3* is defined as a numeric edited item, the quotient used to calculate the remainder is an intermediate field which contains the unedited quotient. If ROUNDED is specified, the quotient used to calculate the remainder is an intermediate field which contains the quotient of the DIVIDE statement, truncated rather than rounded. This intermediate field is defined as a numeric field which contains the same number of digits, the same decimal point location, and the same presence or absence of a sign as the quotient (*identifier-3*).

(7) In Formats 4 and 5, the accuracy of the REMAINDER data item (*identifier-4*) is defined by the calculation described above. Appropriate decimal alignment and truncation (not rounding) will be performed for the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4*, as needed.

(8) When the ON SIZE ERROR phrase is used in Formats 4 and 5, the following rules pertain:

a. If the size error occurs on the quotient, no remainder calculation is meaningful. Thus, the contents of the data items referenced by both *identifier-3* and *identifier-4* will remain unchanged.

b. If the size error occurs in the remainder, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-4* remains unchanged. However, as with other instances of multiple results of arithmetic statements, the user will have to do his own analysis to recognize which situation has actually occurred.

(9) Additional rules and explanations relative to this statement are given under the appropriate paragraphs. (See Scope of Statements, page [260](#); The ROUNDED Phrase, page [253](#); The ON SIZE ERROR Phrase, page [254](#); The Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); Overlapping Operands, page [256](#); and Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#).)





E.19. EVALUATE (*ANSI 74* and *ANSI 85*)

E.19.1 Function

The EVALUATE statement describes a multi-branch, multi-join structure. It may cause multiple conditions to be evaluated. The subsequent action of the runtime element depends on the results of these evaluations.

E.19.2 General format

EVALUATE *selection-subject* [ ALSO *selection-subject* ]...  
 { { WHEN *selection-object* [ ALSO *selection-object* ]... }... *imperative-statement-1* }...  
 [ WHEN OTHER *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-EVALUATE ]

where

*selection-subject* is:  $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-1} \\ \textit{literal-1} \\ \textit{arithmetic-expression-1} \\ \textit{condition-1} \\ \underline{\text{TRUE}} \\ \underline{\text{FALSE}} \end{array} \right]$

*selection-object* is:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} [ \underline{\text{NOT}} ] \textit{identifier-2} \\ [ \underline{\text{NOT}} ] \textit{literal-2} \\ [ \underline{\text{NOT}} ] \textit{arithmetic-expression-2} \\ [ \underline{\text{NOT}} ] \textit{range-expression} \\ [ \underline{\text{NOT}} ] \textit{indicator-value} \\ \textit{condition-2} \\ \underline{\text{TRUE}} \\ \underline{\text{FALSE}} \\ \underline{\text{ANY}} \end{array} \right\}$

*range-expression* is:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-3} \\ \textit{arithmetic-expression-3} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{THROUGH}} \\ \underline{\text{THRU}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \textit{identifier-4} \\ \textit{literal-4} \\ \textit{arithmetic-expression-4} \end{array} \right\}$

*indicator-value* is:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{NULL}} \\ \underline{\text{VALID}} \\ \underline{\text{OVERFLOW}} \end{array} \right\}$

E.19.3 Syntax rules

- (1) The words THROUGH and THRU are equivalent.
- (2) The number of selection objects within each set of selection objects shall be equal to the number of selection subjects.
- (3) The two operands in a *range-expression* shall be of the same class and shall not be of class pointer.
- (4) Each selection object within a set of selection objects shall correspond to the selection subject having the same ordinal position within the set of selection subjects according to the following rules:
  - a. Identifiers, literals, or expressions appearing within a selection object shall be valid operands for comparison to the corresponding operand in the set of selection subjects in accordance with the rules for Relation conditions, on page [241](#).

b. *Condition-2* or the words TRUE or FALSE appearing as a selection object shall correspond to *condition-1* or the words TRUE or FALSE in the set of selection subjects.

c. The word ANY may correspond to a selection subject of any type.

d. **(ISQL)** Date-time and interval operands are permitted subject to the rules for Relation Conditions, page 241, and Arithmetic Expressions, page 238.

e. **(ISQL)** *Indicator-value* appearing as a selection object shall correspond to *identifier-1* as a selection subject, where *identifier-1* has usage INDICATOR.

(5) The permissible combinations of selection subject and selection object operands are indicated in the following table, Combination of operands in the EVALUATE statement.

Selection object	Selection subject				
	Identifier	Literal	Arithmetic expression	Condition	TRUE or FALSE
[NOT] identifier	Y	Y	Y		
[NOT] literal	Y		Y		
[NOT] arithmetic-expression	Y	Y	Y		
[NOT] range-expression	Y	Y	Y		
[NOT] Indicator-value	Y*				
Condition				Y	Y
TRUE or FALSE				Y	Y
ANY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The letter 'Y' indicates a permissible combination. A space indicates an invalid combination. * indicates restrictions apply					

TABLE 24. Combination of operands in the EVALUATE statement

E.19.4 General rules

(1) At the beginning of the execution of the EVALUATE statement, each selection subject is evaluated and assigned a value, a range of values, or a truth value as follows:

a. Any selection subject specified by *identifier-1* is assigned the value and class of the data item referenced by the identifier.

b. Any selection subject specified by *literal-1* is assigned the value and class of the specified literal.

c. Any selection subject specified by *arithmetic-expression-1* is assigned a numeric value according to the rules for evaluating an arithmetic expression.

d. Any selection subject specified by *condition-1* is assigned a truth value according to the rules for evaluating conditional expressions.

e. Any selection subject specified by the words TRUE or FALSE is assigned a truth value. The truth value 'true' is assigned to those items specified with the word TRUE, and the truth value 'false' is assigned to those items specified with the word FALSE.

(2) The execution of the EVALUATE statement proceeds by processing each WHEN phrase from left to right in the following manner:

a. Each selection object within the set of selection objects for each WHEN phrase is paired with the selection subject having the same ordinal position within the set of selection subjects. The result of the analysis of this set of selection subjects and objects is either true or false as follows:

1. If the selection object is the word ANY, the result is true.
2. If the selection object is *condition-2*, the selection subject is either TRUE or FALSE. If the truth value of the selection subject and selection object match, the result of the analysis is true. If they do not match, the result is false.
3. If the selection object is either TRUE or FALSE, the selection subject is *condition-1*. If the truth value of the selection subject and selection object match, the result of the analysis is true. If they do not match, the result is false.
4. If the selection object is a *range-expression*, the pair is considered to be a conditional expression of one of the following forms:

when "NOT" is not specified in the selection object;

*selection-subject* >= left-part AND *selection-subject* <= right-part

when "NOT" is specified in the selection object

*selection-subject* < left-part OR *selection-subject* > right-part

where left-part is *identifier-3*, *literal-3*, or *arithmetic-expression-3* and right-part is *identifier-4*, *literal-4*, or *arithmetic-expression-4*. The result of the analysis is the truth value of the resulting conditional expression.

5. If the selection object is *identifier-2*, *literal-2*, or *arithmetic-expression-2*, the pair is considered to be a conditional expression of the following form:

*selection-subject* [NOT] = *selection-object*

where "NOT" is present if it is present in the selection object. The result of the analysis is the truth value of the resulting conditional expression.

6. **(ISQL)** If the selection object is *indicator-value*, the pair is considered to be an indicator condition of the following form:

*Identifier-1* IS [NOT] *indicator-value*

b. If the result of the analysis is true for every pair in a WHEN phrase, that WHEN phrase satisfies the set of selection subjects and no more WHEN phrases are analyzed.

c. If the result of the analysis is false for any pair in a WHEN phrase, no more pairs in that WHEN phrase are evaluated and the WHEN phrase does not match the set of selection subjects.

d. This procedure is repeated for subsequent WHEN phrases, in the order of their appearance in the source element, until either a WHEN phrase satisfying the set of selection subjects is selected or until all sets of selection objects are exhausted.

(3) The execution of the EVALUATE statement then proceeds as follows:

a. If a WHEN phrase is selected, execution continues with the first *imperative-statement-1* following the selected WHEN phrase.

b. If no WHEN phrase is selected and a WHEN OTHER phrase is specified, execution continues with *imperative-statement-2*.

c. The execution of the EVALUATE statement is terminated when execution reaches the end of *imperative-statement-1* of the selected WHEN phrase or the end of *imperative-statement-2*, or when no WHEN phrase is selected and no WHEN OTHER phrase is specified.

### E.19.5 Example

The following code demonstrates the EVALUATE statement:

```
EVALUATE YEAR-CODE ALSO LETTER-GRADE
  WHEN 1 THRU 2 ALSO "A" THRU "C"
    PERFORM PROC-1
  WHEN 3 ALSO "A" THRU "B"
    PERFORM PROC-2
  WHEN 4 ALSO ANY
    PERFORM PROC-3
  WHEN OTHER
    PERFORM PROC-4
END-EVALUATE.
```

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In this example, if YEAR-CODE is 1 or 2 and LETTER-GRADE is A, B or C, PROC-1 is performed. If YEAR-CODE is 3 and LETTER-GRADE is A or B, PROC-2 is performed. If YEAR-CODE is 4, PROC-3 is performed regardless of LETTER-GRADE. Any other combination of YEAR-CODE and LETTER-GRADE will cause the execution of PROC-4.

E.20. EXECUTE (**ISQL**)

E.20.1 Function

The EXECUTE statement provides the ability to execute an SQL statement using a statement that has been prepared using the PREPARE statement.

E.20.2 General Format

```
EXECUTE { identifier-1 } { literal-1 } [ INTO { identifier-2 [ INDICATOR identifier-3 ] } ... ]
      [ USING { { identifier-4 } { literal-2 } } [ INDICATOR identifier-5 ] } ... ]
      [ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
      [ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-EXECUTE ]
```

E.20.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must specify a nonnumeric literal and must not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item.
- (3) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* must not exceed 30 characters in length.
- (4) *Identifier-3* and *identifier-5* must identify data items with usage INDICATOR.

E.20.4 General Rules

- (1) Used to execute an SQL statement that was previously prepared by means of a PREPARE statement. See the PREPARE statement, page [424](#).
- (2) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container at runtime. The statement container must hold the result of a previously executed PREPARE statement for the currently active connection. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.
- (3) If there is no currently active connection, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "HY010", which is "Function sequence error".
- (4) If the name of the statement container cannot be found in the context of the currently active connection, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "26501", which is "The statement identifier does not exist".
- (5) If the INTO clause is specified, the data items specified by *identifier-2* will receive the first row of the result set of the executed statement. If any *identifier-2* has an associated INDICATOR variable, *identifier-3*, it will be set in conjunction with the setting of the value of *identifier-2*. The first *identifier-2* will be set to the first column in the row, the second *identifier-2* will be set to the second column in the row, etc. If there are more columns in the row than specified *identifier-2*'s then SQLSTATE will be set to "01503". If there are no rows in the result set, SQLSTATE will be set to "02000", which is "No data was affected by the operation". If there are additional rows in the result set, they can be fetched with the FETCH statement.
- (6) If the INTO clause is not specified, and the EXECUTE statement is successful, the results can be fetched with the FETCH statement.

(7) If there is no associated indicator variable for a null-able column that is null, SQLSTATE will be set to "22002", which is "Indicator variable required but not supplied".

(8) When the prepared statement uses dynamic parameter specifiers, the USING clause must be specified, and the values of *literal-2* or the data items specified by *identifier-4* are used in the order specified to satisfy the binding of values to dynamic parameter specifiers. The literals or data items should be of an appropriate class and category for their usage in the SQL statement and any associated INDICATOR variable, specified by *identifier-5*, should be set before the EXECUTE statement is executed.

(9) If there is no currently active connection at the time the EXECUTE statement is executed, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "HY010", which is "Function sequence error".

(10) Upon completion of the EXECUTE statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. Control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE statement.

(11) The END-EXECUTE phrase delimits the scope of the EXECUTE statement.

(12) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

E.21. EXECUTE IMMEDIATE (**ISQL**)

E.21.1 Function

The EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement provides the ability to execute an SQL statement by directly preparing and executing the statement as a single operation. No result set is allowed. No parameter markers are allowed.

E.21.2 General Format

```
EXECUTE IMMEDIATE { identifier-1 }
                   { literal-1 }
[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-EXECUTE ]
```

E.21.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must specify a nonnumeric literal and must not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item.

E.21.4 General Rules

- (1) Used to both prepare and execute a basic dynamic SQL statement. It cannot be used with parameter markers. Use the PREPARE and EXECUTE statements for that.
- (2) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the text of the SQL statement that is to be prepared for execution. The text of the SQL statement may not contain references to COBOL data items, nor may it contain any use of the dynamic parameter specifier.
- (3) The set of SQL statements that may be specified for preparation and execution is limited to the following:
  - DELETE
  - INSERT
  - UPDATE
- (4) If there is no currently active connection at the time the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement is executed, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "HY010", which is "Function sequence error".
- (5) Upon completion of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement, the following occurs in the order specified:
  - a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item updated with the status of the operation.
  - b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement.
  - c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. Control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is

transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement.

(6) The END-EXECUTE phrase delimits the scope of the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement.

(7) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

**NOTE:** If the same SQL statement is to be executed more than once, it is more efficient to use the PREPARE and EXECUTE statements rather than the EXECUTE IMMEDIATE statement.



E.22. EXIT

E.22.1 Function

The EXIT statement provides a common end point for a series of procedures.

E.22.2 General Format

**EXIT**

E.22.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The EXIT statement must appear only in a sentence by itself and comprise the only sentence in the paragraph.

E.22.4 General Rules

(1) An EXIT statement serves only to enable the user to assign a procedure-name to a given point in a program. Such an EXIT statement has no other effect on the compilation or execution of the program.



E.23. EXIT PROGRAM

E.23.1 Function

The EXIT PROGRAM statement marks the logical end of a called program.

E.23.2 General Format

EXIT PROGRAM

E.23.3 Syntax Rules

(1) If an EXIT PROGRAM statement appears in a consecutive sequence of imperative statements within a sentence, it must appear as the last statement in that sequence.

E.23.4 General Rules

(1) If the EXIT PROGRAM statement is executed in a program which is not under the control of a calling program, the EXIT PROGRAM statement causes execution of the program to continue with the next executable statement.

(2) The execution of an EXIT PROGRAM statement in a called program which does not possess the initial attribute causes execution to continue with the next executable statement following the CALL statement in the calling program. The program state of the calling program is not altered and is identical to that which existed at the time it executed the CALL statement except that the contents of data items and the contents of data files shared between the calling and called program may have been changed. The program state of the called program is not altered except that the ends of the ranges of all PERFORM statements executed by that called program are considered to have been reached.

(3) The storage areas associated with all items in the USING phrase of the Procedure Division header of the called program are copied to the associated storage areas, in the USING phrase, of the calling program.

(4) Besides the actions specified in general rule 2, the execution of an EXIT PROGRAM statement in a called program which possesses the initial attribute is equivalent to also executing a CANCEL statement referencing that program.



E.24. EXPUNGE (**VXCOBOL**)

## E.24.1 Function

The EXPUNGE statement physically removes a file from the file system. EXPUNGE is an extension to ANSI COBOL. It is equivalent to DELETE FILE.

## E.24.2 General Format

EXPUNGE { *file-name* }...

## E.24.3 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be a disk file, you must have appropriate permissions, and the file must not be open at the time of the execution of this statement. If the files does not exist, no error is given.
- (2) For a relative, indexed, or INFOS file all parts of that file are removed from the file system.
- (3) For an INFOS II file the indexed file and the database file specified in the SELECT statement are deleted. If the name of the database file was not specified with an ASSIGN DATA clause, a .DB file with the same name as that of the indexed file is deleted. For a U/FOS file, the database specified in the SELECT is deleted, i.e. name.udb.
- (4) After the successful execution of an EXPUNGE statement, the identified file has been physically removed from the file system and can no longer be accessed.
- (5) The execution of the EXPUNGE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.
- (6) For systems supporting Linux symbolic links, DELETE FILE will delete the symbolic link, not the resolution file.
- (7) On Linux, files cannot be individually delete-protected. To make a file delete-protected on Linux, you must remove write (w) permission to the directory in which the file resides. If a directory has no write access, you cannot create, modify or delete files in that directory. On Windows, the read-only attribute will protect the file from deletion.
- (8) For ANSI 74 and ANSI 85, If the specified file is a sequential file, **ICOBOL** will scan the Printer Control file and if there is an entry there that points to the file being deleted, the entry in the Printer Control file will be removed.
- (9) If *file-name* is a sort/merge file, it is ignored.



E.25. EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX (**VXCOBOL**)

E.25.1 Function

The EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX statement deletes or unlinks a subindex from a specified key.

E.25.2 General Format

$$\text{EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX } file\text{-name} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{ POSITION} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{NEXT} \\ \text{FORWARD} \\ \text{BACKWARD} \\ \text{UP} \\ \text{DOWN} \\ \text{UP FORWARD} \\ \text{UP BACKWARD} \\ \text{DOWN FORWARD} \\ \text{STATIC} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{KEY IS} \\ \text{KEYS ARE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ identifier\text{-}1 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{APPROXIMATE} \\ \text{GENERIC} \end{array} \right] \right\} \dots \right]$$

$$[ \text{INVALID KEY } imperative\text{-statement-}1 ]$$

$$[ \text{NOT INVALID KEY } imperative\text{-statement-}2 ]$$

$$[ \text{END-EXPUNGE } ] ]$$

E.25.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name* is a filename that specifies an INFOS file opened for OUTPUT or I/O and selected for ALLOW SUB-INDEX.
- (2) *Identifier-1* is an alphanumeric data item that specifies a record key associated with *file-name*.

E.25.4 General Rules

- (1) **ICOBOL** decrements the use count of the subindex associated with the specified key. If the use count of the subindex goes to zero, the subindex is unlinked from the key and physically deleted. If the use count of the subindex remains one or more, the subindex is simply unlinked.
- (2) If the position phrase is omitted, RETAIN POSITION is the default.
- (3) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is the first key in the SELECT clause.
- (4) The occurrence number is not updated.
- (5) FEEDBACK is not used and is not updated.
- (6) KEY LENGTH is unaffected.
- (7) The subindex to remove is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase.
- (8) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN POSITION causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.

(9) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

(10) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option causes the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(11) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *identifier-1*, must be declared in the SELECT statement for *file-name*. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.

(12) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX statement.

(13) INVALID KEY clauses on I/O statements are ONLY invoked when an Invalid Key error, as determined by a File Status of 2x where x can be any character 0 - 9 or A - Z, is generated. All other error conditions will cause the associated USE procedure, if present, as defined in the DECLARATIVES section to be executed. (See The Invalid Key Condition, page [278](#), for more a more comprehensive discussion.)



E.26. FETCH (*ISQL*)

## E.26.1 Function

The FETCH statement provides the ability to fetch the next row from a result set. FETCH works using a forward-only-cursor.

## E.26.2 General Format

```

FETCH NEXT FOR { identifier-1 }
                  { literal-1 } INTO { identifier-2 [ INDICATOR identifier-3 ] } ...
[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-FETCH ]

```

## E.26.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must specify a nonnumeric literal and must not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item.
- (3) *Identifier-3* must identify a data item with usage INDICATOR.

## E.26.4 General Rules

(1) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container at runtime. The statement container must hold the result of a previously executed EXECUTE, GET COLUMNS, or GET TABLES statement for the currently active connection. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.

(2) If there is no currently active connection or the previously executed EXECUTE, GET COLUMNS, or GET TABLES statement was not successful, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "HY010", which is "Function sequence error".

(3) If the name of the statement container cannot be found in the context of the currently active connection, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "26501", which is "The statement identifier does not exist".

(4) If there is no next row, the SQLSTATE will be set to "02000", which is "No data was affected by the operation". If there were no rows at all in the result set, SQLSTATE will be set to "24000", which is "Invalid cursor state".

(5) The data items specified by *identifier-2* will receive the results of the fetched row. If any *identifier-2* has an associated INDICATOR variable, *identifier-3*, it will be set in conjunction with the setting of the value of *identifier-2*. The first *identifier-2* will be set to the first column in the row, the second *identifier-2* will be set to the second column in the row, etc. If there are more columns in the row than specified *identifier-2*'s then SQLSTATE will be set to "01503".

(6) If there is no associated indicator variable for a null-able column that is null, SQLSTATE will be set to "22002", which is "Indicator variable required but not supplied".

(7) Upon completion of the FETCH statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

- a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the FETCH statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the FETCH statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. Control is transferred to the end of the FETCH statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the FETCH statement.

(8) The END-FETCH phrase delimits the scope of the FETCH statement.

(9) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

E.27. GET COLUMNS (**ISQL**)

(Added in 4.50)

## E.27.1 Function

The GET COLUMNS statement allows the program to query the current database connection for column information and associate those results with a SQL statement container. The GET COLUMNS statement allows for four qualifying phrases that can be used to limit the result set that is returned, although for many databases the CATALOG and SCHEMA phrases are effectively not used.

The result set is returned with a specific set of columns in a specific order with specific data types as shown in the table at the end of this section.

## E.27.2 General Format

```

GET { COLS
    COLUMNS } { identifier-1
    literal-1 } WITH [ CATALOG { identifier-2
    literal-2 } ]
[ SCHEMA { identifier-3
    literal-3 } ]
[ TABLE { identifier-4
    literal-4 } ]
[ { COL
    COLUMN } { identifier-5
    literal-5 } ]

[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-GET ]

```

## E.27.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* through *Literal-5* must specify a non-numeric literal and must not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item .
- (3) *Identifier-2* through *Identifier-5* must specify an alphanumeric data item or an alphanumeric-valued function.

## E.27.4 General Rules

(1) The CATALOG, SCHEMA, TABLE, and COLUMN phrases may be specified in any order, but each phrase must be specified at most once. For clarity, the order specified in the syntax is the preferred order since it reflects the hierarchical relationship of the qualifiers.

(2) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container at runtime. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.

(3) If there is no currently active connection it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to "HY010", which is "Function sequence error".

(4) *Literal-2* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-2* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a catalog name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null.

(5) *Literal-3* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-3* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a schema name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the

runtime will supply the a null.

(6) *Literal-4* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-4* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a table name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null.

(7) *Literal-5* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-5* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a column name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply the a null.

(8) The SQL search characters are ‘%’ (which acts like the ‘\*’ character in filename wildcards) and ‘\_’ (which acts like the ‘?’ character in filename wildcards). Note that this can come into play when trying to use the results of GET TABLES to filter GET COLUMNS using the TABLE phrase. Since table names may contain underscores, the table name will need to have escapes added (using the Intrinsic SQL-ADD-ESCAPES).

(9) Upon completion of the GET COLUMNS statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. If the GET COLUMNS was successful, control is transferred to the end of the GET COLUMNS statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the GET COLUMNS statement.

b. If the GET COLUMNS is unsuccessful, control is transferred to the end of the GET COLUMNS statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the GET COLUMNS statement.

(16) The END-GET phrase delimits the scope of the GET COLUMNS statement.

(17) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

(18) The result set is described in the table below.

Column name	Column number	Data type	Comments
TABLE_CAT	1	Varchar	Catalog name; NULL if not applicable to the data source. If a driver supports catalogs for some tables but not for others, such as when the driver retrieves data from different DBMSs, it returns an empty string ("") for those tables that do not have catalogs.
TABLE_SCHEM	2	Varchar	Schema name; NULL if not applicable to the data source. If a driver supports schemas for some tables but not for others, such as when the driver retrieves data from different DBMSs, it returns an empty string ("") for those tables that do not have schemas.
TABLE_NAME	3	Varchar not NULL	Table name.
COLUMN_NAME	4	Varchar not NULL	Column name. The driver returns an empty string for a column that does not have a name.
DATA_TYPE	5	Smallint not NULL	SQL data type. This can be an ODBC SQL data type or a driver-specific SQL data type. For datetime and interval data types, this column returns the concise data type (such as SQL_TYPE_DATE or

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			SQL_INTERVAL_YEAR_TO_MONTH, instead of the nonconcise data type such as SQL_DATETIME or SQL_INTERVAL).
TYPE_NAME	6	Varchar not NULL	Data source-dependent data type name; for example, "CHAR", "VARCHAR", "MONEY", "LONG VARBINAR", or "CHAR ( ) FOR BIT DATA".
COLUMN_SIZE	7	Integer	If DATA_TYPE is SQL_CHAR or SQL_VARCHAR, this column contains the maximum length in characters of the column. For datetime data types, this is the total number of characters required to display the value when it is converted to characters. For numeric data types, this is either the total number of digits or the total number of bits allowed in the column, according to the NUM_PREC_RADIX column. For interval data types, this is the number of characters in the character representation of the interval literal (as defined by the interval leading precision).
BUFFER_LENGTH	8	Integer	The length in bytes of data transferred DURING A Fetch operation. Relevant only to the ODBC layers
DECIMAL_DIGITS	9	Smallint	The total number of significant digits to the right of the decimal point. For TIME and TIMESTAMP data, this column contains the number of digits in the fractional seconds component. For the other data types, this is the decimal digits of the column on the data source. For interval data types that contain a time component, this column contains the number of digits to the right of the decimal point (fractional seconds). For interval data types that do not contain a time component, this column is 0. NULL is returned for data types where DECIMAL_DIGITS is not applicable.
NUM_PREC_RADIX	10	Smallint	For numeric data types, either 10 or 2. If it is 10, the values in COLUMN_SIZE and DECIMAL_DIGITS give the number of decimal digits allowed for the column. For example, a DECIMAL(12,5) column would return a NUM_PREC_RADIX of 10, a COLUMN_SIZE of 12, and a DECIMAL_DIGITS of 5; a FLOAT column could return a NUM_PREC_RADIX of 10, a COLUMN_SIZE of 15, and a DECIMAL_DIGITS of NULL.  If it is 2, the values in COLUMN_SIZE and DECIMAL_DIGITS give the number of bits allowed in the column. For example, a FLOAT column could return a RADIX of 2, a COLUMN_SIZE of 53, and a DECIMAL_DIGITS of NULL.  NULL is returned for data types where NUM_PREC_RADIX is not applicable.
NULLABLE	11	Smallint not NULL	SQL_NO_NULLS (0) if the column could not include NULL values. SQL_NULLABLE (1) if the column accepts NULL values. SQL_NULLABLE_UNKNOWN (2) if it is not known whether the column accepts NULL values.  The value returned for this column differs from the value returned for the IS_NULLABLE column. The NULLABLE column indicates with certainty that a column can accept NULLs, but cannot indicate with certainty that a column does not accept NULLs. The IS_NULLABLE column indicates with certainty that a column cannot accept NULLs, but cannot indicate with certainty that a column accepts NULLs.
REMARKS	12	Varchar	A description of the column.
COLUMN_DEF	13	Varchar	The default value of the column. The value in this column should be interpreted as a string if it is enclosed in quotation marks.  If NULL was specified as the default value, this column is the word NULL, not enclosed in quotation marks. If the default value cannot be represented without truncation, this column contains TRUNCATED, without enclosing single quotation marks. If no default value was specified, this column is NULL.  The value of COLUMN_DEF can be used in generating a new column definition, except when it contains the value TRUNCATED.
SQL_DATA_TYPE	14	Smallint	SQL data type, as it appears in the SQL_DESC_TYPE record field in the IRD.

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		not NULL	This can be an ODBC SQL data type or a driver-specific SQL data type. This column is the same as the DATA_TYPE column, except for datetime and interval data types. This column returns the nonconcise data type (such as SQL_DATETIME or SQL_INTERVAL), instead of the concise data type (such as SQL_TYPE_DATE or SQL_INTERVAL_YEAR_TO_MONTH) for datetime and interval data types. If this column returns SQL_DATETIME or SQL_INTERVAL, the specific data type can be determined from the SQL_DATETIME_SUB column. Only relevant to the ODBC layer.
SQL_DATETIME_SUB	15	Smallint	The subtype code for datetime and interval data types. For other data types, this column returns a NULL. Relevant only to the ODBC layer.
CHAR_OCTET_LENGTH	16	Integer	The maximum length in bytes of a character or binary data type column. For all other data types, this column returns a NULL.
ORDINAL_POSITION	17	Integer not NULL	The ordinal position of the column in the table. The first column in the table is number 1.
IS_NULLABLE	18	Varchar	"NO" if the column does not include NULLs. "YES" if the column could include NULLs. This column returns a zero-length string if nullability is unknown. ISO rules are followed to determine nullability. An ISO SQL-compliant DBMS cannot return an empty string. The value returned for this column differs from the value returned for the NULLABLE column. (See the description of the NULLABLE column.)

Additional columns beyond column 18 (IS\_NULLABLE) can be defined by the driver. An application should gain access to driver-specific columns by counting down from the end of the result set instead of specifying an explicit ordinal position.

E.28. GET DIAGNOSTICS (*ISQL*)

E.28.1 Function

The GET DIAGNOSTICS statement allows the program to retrieve information from the diagnostics area of the SQL database connection. There are two formats to this statement. The first retrieves information relating to the overall execution of the immediately preceding SQL statement (not counting GET DIAGNOSTICS statements themselves). The second format is used to gain more specific information regarding some particular exception.

E.28.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

$$\text{GET DIAGNOSTICS } \left\{ \text{identifier-1} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{COL} \\ \text{COLUMN} \end{array} \right\} \text{COUNT} \\ \text{ROW COUNT} \\ \text{NUMBER} \\ \text{COMMAND FUNCTION} \\ \text{DYNAMIC FUNCTION} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \dots$$

[ ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-GET ]

**Format 2:**

$$\text{GET DIAGNOSTICS EXCEPTION } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \text{identifier-3} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SQLSTATE} \\ \text{NATIVE ERROR} \\ \text{MESSAGE TEXT} \\ \text{MESSAGE LENGTH} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \dots$$

[ ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON EXCEPTION *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-GET ]

E.28.3 Syntax Rules

**Format 1:**

(1) *Identifier-1* must specify an integer data item without any p-scaling with the COLUMN COUNT, ROW COUNT or NUMBER phrase.

(2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item with the COMMAND FUNCTION or DYNAMIC FUNCTION phrase.

**Format 2:**

(3) *Identifier-2/Literal-1* must specify an integer value.

(4) *Identifier-3* must specify an integer data item without any p-scaling with the NATIVE ERROR or MESSAGE LENGTH phrase.

(5) *Identifier-3* must specify an alphanumeric data item with the SQLSTATE or MESSAGE TEXT phrase.

### E.28.4 General Rules

- (1) All assignment operations are carried out in the order specified in the source text.
- (2) It is permissible to specify a given assignment phrase more than once.
- (3) The GET DIAGNOSTICS statement itself does not effect the diagnostics information stored in the system.
- (4) The diagnostics information is valid until the next *ISQL* statement is executed.

(5) Other than the requirement that the first diagnostic record corresponds to the SQLSTATE returned by an *ISQL* statement, the diagnostic records are not in any particular order. However, since they are added as they are encountered, they will generally follow the pattern that diagnostics pertaining to statement preparation (such as binding parameters) will occur before the diagnostics for the main operation, which will precede diagnostics from returning results.

#### Format 1:

(6) COLUMN COUNT returns the number of columns in the result set of an EXECUTE, GET TABLES, or GET COLUMNS (*ISQL*) statement. It does not necessarily return a meaningful value for any other statement.

(7) ROW COUNT returns the number of rows affected by an INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE (*ISQL*) statement. It does not necessarily return a meaningful value for any other statement.

(8) NUMBER returns the number of diagnostic messages that are available in the diagnostics area. Format 2 can be used to retrieve each individual message.

(9) COMMAND FUNCTION returns a string that specifies the *ISQL* statement that was executed.

(10) DYNAMIC FUNCTION returns a string for EXECUTE or EXECUTE IMMEDIATE that specifies the dynamic SQL statement that was executed (e.g., SELECT). For all other statements, it will return an empty string.

#### Format 2:

(11) The exception number specifier in *identifier-2|literal-1* must be greater than zero and less than or equal to the number of exceptions as would be returned into identifier by a “GET DIAGNOSTICS *identifier* = NUMBER” statement.

(12) A non-success SQLSTATE returned by an *ISQL* statement corresponds to the value returned by GET DIAGNOSTICS EXCEPTION 1 id = SQLSTATE. I.E., SQLSTATE returns the SQLSTATE corresponding to the diagnostic record.

(13) NATIVE ERROR returns the numeric error code that may have originated in the driver, the driver manager, or the runtime system. It is usually not useful to the logic of the application but may provide additional diagnostic information.

(14) MESSAGE TEXT returns a diagnostic message that gives information about the error. It provides useful information as to the specific problem encountered.

(15) MESSAGE LENGTH returns the length of the text message returned in MESSAGE TEXT. This is usually not needed.



**All Formats:**

(16) Upon completion of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. If the GET DIAGNOSTICS was successful, control is transferred to the end of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement.

b. If the GET DIAGNOSTICS is unsuccessful, control is transferred to the end of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement.

(17) The END-GET phrase delimits the scope of the GET DIAGNOSTICS statement.

(18) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

E.29. GET TABLES (*JSQL*)

(Added in 4.50)

E.29.1 Function

The GET TABLES statement allows the program to query the current database connection for table information and associate those results with a SQL statement container. The GET TABLES statement allows for four qualifying phrases that can be used to limit the result set that is returned, although for many databases the CATALOG and SCHEMA phrases are effectively not used.

The result set is returned with a specific set of columns in a specific order with specific data types as shown in the table at the end of this section.

E.29.2 General Format

```

GET TABLES { identifier-1 }
             { literal-1 } WITH [ CATALOG { identifier-2 }
                               { literal-2 } ]
                               [ SCHEMA { identifier-3 }
                               { literal-3 } ]
                               [ TABLE { identifier-4 }
                               { literal-4 } ]
                               [ TYPE { identifier-5 }
                               { literal-5 } ]

[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
[ END-GET ]
    
```

E.29.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* through *Literal-5* must specify a non-numeric literal and must not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must specify an alphanumeric data item .
- (3) *Identifier-2* through *Identifier-5* must specify an alphanumeric data item or an alphanumeric-valued function.

E.29.4 General Rules

(1) The CATALOG, SCHEMA, TABLE, and TYPE phrases may be specified in any order, but each phrase must be specified at most once. For clarity, the order specified in the syntax is the preferred order since it reflects the hierarchical relationship of the qualifiers.

(2) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container at runtime. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.

(3) If there is no currently active connection it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to “HY010”, which is “Function sequence error”.

(4) *Literal-2* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-2* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a catalog name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null.

(5) *Literal-3* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-3* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a schema name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null.

(6) *Literal-4* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-4* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a table name that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null.

(7) *Literal-5* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-5* specifies a search string used to limit the result set to only those entries with a table type that matches the specified string. If this phrase is omitted, the runtime will supply a null. If this phrase is supplied and a non-empty value is supplied, it must contain a list of comma separated values for the types of interest. Each value in the list may be enclosed in single quotation marks. The types should be specified using uppercase letters.

(8) The SQL search characters are '%' (which acts like the '\*' character in filename wildcards) and '\_' (which acts like the '?' character in filename wildcards). Note that this can come into play when trying to use the results of GET TABLES to filter GET COLUMNS using the TABLE phrase. Since table names may contain underscores, the table name will need to have escapes added (using the Intrinsic SQL-ADD-ESCAPES).

(9) Upon completion of the GET TABLES statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. If the GET TABLES was successful, control is transferred to the end of the GET TABLES statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the GET TABLES statement.

b. If the GET TABLES is unsuccessful, control is transferred to the end of the GET TABLES statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the GET TABLES statement.

(16) The END-GET phrase delimits the scope of the GET TABLES statement.

(17) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

(18) The result set is described in the table below.

Column name	Column number	Data type	Comments
TABLE_CAT	1	Varchar	Catalog name; NULL if not applicable to the data source. If a driver supports catalogs for some tables but not for others, such as when the driver retrieves data from different DBMSs, it returns an empty string ("") for those tables that do not have catalogs.
TABLE_SCHEM	2	Varchar	Schema name; NULL if not applicable to the data source. If a driver supports schemas for some tables but not for others, such as when the driver retrieves data from different DBMSs, it returns an empty string ("") for those tables that do not have schemas.
TABLE_NAME	3	Varchar	Table name.
TABLE_TYPE	4	Varchar	Table type name; one of the following: "TABLE", "VIEW", "SYSTEM TABLE", "GLOBAL TEMPORARY", "LOCAL TEMPORARY", "ALIAS", "SYNONYM", or a data source-specific type name. The meanings of "ALIAS" and "SYNONYM" are driver-specific.
REMARKS	5	Varchar	A description of the table.

Additional columns beyond column 5 (REMARKS) can be defined by the driver. An application should gain access to driver-specific columns by counting down from the end of the result set instead of specifying an explicit ordinal position.

E.30. GO TO

E.30.1 Function

The GO TO statement causes control to be transferred from one part of the Procedure Division to another.

E.30.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

GO TO *procedure-name-1*

**Format 2:**

GO TO { *procedure-name-1* }... DEPENDING ON *identifier*

E.30.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Identifier* must reference a numeric elementary data item which is an integer.
- (2) If a GO TO statement represented by Format 1 appears in a consecutive sequence of imperative statements within a sentence, it must appear as the last statement in that sequence.
- (3) A GO TO cannot transfer control between:
  - a. A procedure-name in a Declarative section from a nondeclarative section.
  - b. A procedure-name in a nondeclarative section from a Declaratives section.
  - c. A Declaratives section from another Declaratives section.
  - d. The above conditions are treated as errors for **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, but may be converted to warnings with the -G g compiler switch. *VXCOBOL* treats these conditions as warnings.
- (4) No more than 254 *procedure-name-1* entries may be specified.

E.30.4 General Rules

- (1) When a GO TO statement represented by Format 1 is executed, control is transferred to *procedure-name-1*.
- (2) When a GO TO statement represented by Format 2 is executed, control is transferred to *procedure-name-1*, etc., depending on the value of *identifier* being 1, 2, ... , n. If the value of *identifier* is anything other than the positive or unsigned integers 1, 2, ... , n, (where n is the number of *procedure-name-1*'s specified), then no transfer occurs and control passes to the next statement in the normal sequence for execution.



E.31. GOBACK

E.31.1 Function

The GOBACK statement marks the logical end of a called program.

The GOBACK statement is equivalent to the sequence:

```
EXIT PROGRAM.  
STOP RUN.
```

E.31.2 General Format

GOBACK

E.31.3 Syntax Rules

(1) If a GOBACK statement appears in a consecutive sequence of imperative statements within a sentence, it must appear as the last statement in that sequence.

E.31.4 General Rules

(1) If the GOBACK statement is executed in a program which is not under the control of a calling program, the GOBACK statement causes execution of the program to act as if a STOP RUN statement had been performed.

(2) The execution of an GOBACK statement in a called program which does not possess the initial attribute causes execution to continue with the next executable statement following the CALL statement in the calling program. The program state of the calling program is not altered and is identical to that which existed at the time it executed the CALL statement except that the contents of data items and the contents of data files shared between the calling and called program may have been changed. The program state of the called program is not altered except that the ends of the ranges of all PERFORM statements executed by that called program are considered to have been reached.

(3) The storage areas associated with all items in the USING phrase of the Procedure Division header of the called program are copied to the associated storage areas, in the USING phrase, of the calling program.

(4) Besides the actions specified in general rule 2, the execution of a GOBACK statement in a called program which possesses the initial attribute is equivalent to also executing a CANCEL statement referencing that program.





E.32. IF

E.32.1 Function

The IF statement causes a condition to be evaluated. The subsequent action of the object program depends on whether the value of the condition is true or false.

E.32.2 General Format

$$\text{IF } \underline{\text{condition}} \text{ THEN } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{statement-1...} \\ \text{NEXT SENTENCE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ELSE } \text{statement-2...} \text{ [ END-IF ]} \\ \text{ELSE NEXT SENTENCE} \\ \text{END-IF} \end{array} \right\}$$

E.32.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Statement-1* and *statement-2* represent either an imperative statement or a conditional statement optionally preceded by an imperative statement. A further description of the rules governing *statement-1* and *statement-2* is given elsewhere.

(2) The ELSE NEXT SENTENCE phrase may be omitted if it immediately precedes to the terminal period of the sentence.

(3) If the END-IF phrase is specified, the NEXT SENTENCE phrase must not be specified.

E.32.4 General Rules

(1) The scope of the IF statement may be terminated by any of the following:

- a. An END-IF phrase at the same level of nesting.
- b. A separator period.
- c. If nested, by an ELSE phrase associated with an IF statement at a higher level of nesting.

(2) When an IF statement is executed, the following transfers of control occur:

a. If the condition is true and *statement-1* is specified, control is transferred to the first statement of *statement-1* and execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement is executed which causes an explicit transfer of control, control is explicitly transferred in accordance with the rules of that statement. Upon completion of the execution of *statement-1*, the ELSE phrase, if specified, is ignored and control passes to the end of the IF statement.

b. If the condition is true and the NEXT SENTENCE phrase is specified instead of *statement-1*, the ELSE phrase, if specified, is ignored and control passes to the next executable sentence.

c. If the condition is false and *statement-2* is specified, *statement-1* or its surrogate NEXT SENTENCE is ignored, control is transferred to the first statement of *statement-2*, and execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement is executed which causes an explicit transfer of control, control is explicitly transferred in accordance with the rules of that statement. Upon completion of the execution of *statement-2*, control passes to the end of the IF statement.

d. If the condition is false and the ELSE phrase is not specified, *statement-1* is ignored and control passes to the end of the IF statement.

e. If the condition is false and the ELSE NEXT SENTENCE phrase is specified, *statement-1* is ignored and control passes to the next executable sentence.

(3) *Statement-1* and/or *statement-2* may contain an IF statement. In this case, the IF statement is said to be nested. More detailed rules on nesting are given in the appropriate paragraph. (See Scope of Statements, page [260](#).)

IF statements within IF statements may be considered as paired IF and ELSE combinations, proceeding from left to right. Thus, any ELSE or END-IF encountered is considered to apply to the immediately preceding IF that has not been already paired with an ELSE or END-IF.

E.33. INITIALIZE (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

E.33.1 Function

The INITIALIZE statement provides the ability to set selected data items to specified values.

E.33.2 General Format

```
INITIALIZE { identifier-1 }... [ WITH FILLER ] [ { ALL category-name } TO VALUE ]
    [ THEN REPLACING { category-name DATA BY { identifier-2 } literal-1 }... ]
    [ THEN TO DEFAULT ]
```

where *category-name* is:

```
{
    ALPHABETIC
    ALPHANUMERIC
    ALPHANUMERIC-EDITED
    NUMERIC
    NUMERIC-EDITED
    POINTER
}
```

(**ISQL**) The following *category-name* selections are added:

```
{
    DATE
    TIME
    TIMESTAMP
    INTERVAL { YEAR TO MONTH }
              { DAY TO TIME }
    INDICATOR
}
```

E.33.3 Syntax rules

(1) *Identifier-1* must be a valid receiving operand of a MOVE statement, or an item with usage POINTER or INDICATOR.

(2) For each POINTER or INDICATOR phrase used as the *category-name* stated in the REPLACING phrase, *identifier-2* shall be specified, and a SET statement with *identifier-2* as the sending operand and an item of the specified category as the receiving item shall be valid..

(3) For each other *category-name* stated in the REPLACING phrase, a MOVE statement with *identifier-2* or *literal-1* as sending operand and an item of the category specified by *category-name* as receiving operand must be valid.

(4) An index data item may not appear as an operand of an INITIALIZE statement.

(5) The data description entry for the data item referenced by *identifier-1* shall not contain a RENAMES clause.

(6) The same category shall not be repeated in a REPLACING phrase.

### E.33.4 General rules

(1) The data item referenced by *identifier-1* represents the receiving item.

(2) If the REPLACING phrase is specified, *literal-1* and the data item referenced by *identifier-2* represent the sending item.

(3) The keywords in *category-names* correspond to a category of data as specified in B.3 Concept of Classes of Data on page [124](#). If ALL is specified in the VALUE phrase, it is as if all of the categories listed in *category-names* were specified.

(4) Whether *identifier-1* references an elementary item or a group item, the effect of the execution of the INITIALIZE statement is as though a series of implicit MOVE or SET statements, each of which has an elementary data item as its receiving operand.

If the receiving operand is usage POINTER or INDICATOR, the implicit statement is

SET *receiving-operand* TO *sending-operand*

Otherwise, the implicit statement is

MOVE *sending-operand* TO *receiving-operand*

were executed, where the *sending-operand* is as defined in General Rule 6 and the *receiving-operand* is as defined in General Rule 5.

(5) The *receiving-operand* in each implicit MOVE or SET statement is determined by applying the following steps in order:

a. First, the following data items are excluded as *receiving-operands*:

1. Any identifiers that are not valid receiving operands of a MOVE statement, except items of usage POINTER or INDICATOR.
2. If the FILLER phrase is not specified, elementary data items with an explicit or implicit FILLER clause.
3. Any elementary data item subordinate to *identifier-1* whose data description entry contains a REDEFINES or RENAMES clause or is subordinate to a data item whose data description entry contains a REDEFINES clause. However, *identifier-1* may itself have a REDEFINES clause or be subordinate to a data item with a REDEFINES clause.
4. Any elementary data item with USAGE INDEX.

b. Second, an elementary data item is a possible receiving item if:

1. It is explicitly referenced by *identifier-1*; or
2. It is contained within the group data item referenced by *identifier-1*. If the elementary data item is a table element, each occurrence of the elementary data item is a possible *receiving-operand*.

c. Finally, each possible *receiving-operand* is a *receiving-operand* if at least one of the following is true:

1. The VALUE phrase is specified, a data-item format or table format VALUE clause is specified in the data description entry of the elementary data item, and the category of the data item is one of the categories specified or implied in the VALUE phrase; or

2. The REPLACING phrase is specified and the category of the elementary data item is one of the categories specified in the REPLACING phrase; or
3. The DEFAULT phrase is specified; or
4. Neither the REPLACING phrase nor the VALUE phrase is specified.

(6) The *sending-operand* in each implicit MOVE or SET statement is determined as follows:

- a. If the data item qualifies as a *receiving-operand* because of the VALUE phrase:
  1. If the *receiving-operand* is usage POINTER, the *sending-operand* is the predefined address item NULL
  2. If the *receiving-operand* is usage INDICATOR, the *sending-operand* is the predefined indicator value NULL
  3. Otherwise, the *sending-operand* is determined by the literal in the VALUE clause specified in the data description entry of the data item. If the data item is a table element, the literal in the VALUE clause that corresponds to the occurrence being initialized determines the *sending-operand*. The actual *sending-operand* is a literal that, when moved to the *receiving-operand* with a MOVE statement, produces the same result as the initial value of the data item as produced by the application of the VALUE clause.

b. If the data item does not qualify as a *receiving-operand* because of the VALUE phrase, but does qualify because of the REPLACING phrase, the *sending-operand* is the *literal-1* or *identifier-2* associated with the category specified in the REPLACING phrase.

c. If the data item does not qualify in accordance with general rules 6a and 6b, the *sending-operand* is an implied figurative constant or predefined item.

The figurative sending operand used depends on the category of the receiving operand as follows:

<u>Receiving operand</u>	<u>Figurative constant or predefined item</u>
Alphabetic	Alphanumeric SPACES
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric SPACES
(ISQL) Character Varying	"" (the null string)
Alphanumeric-edited	Alphanumeric SPACES
Numeric	ZEROES
Numeric-edited	ZEROES
(ISQL) Date	DATE "0000-01-01"
(ISQL) Time	TIME "00:00:00"
(ISQL) Timestamp	TIMESTAMP "0000-01-01 00:00:00"
Year-to-month	ZEROES
Day-to-time	ZEROES
Pointer	NULL
(ISQL) Indicator	NULL

(7) The order of execution of these implicit MOVE or SET statements is the order, left to right, of the appearance of each *identifier-1* in the INITIALIZE statement. Within this sequence, whenever *identifier-1* references a group data item, affected elementary data items are initialized in the sequence of their definition within the group data item. If a fixed-length table is being initialized, all occurrences are initialized. If variable-length table is being initialized, the number of occurrences initialized is the number of occurrences specified by the value of the data item referenced in the DEPENDING phrase.

(8) If *identifier-1* occupies the same storage area as *identifier-2*, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry. (See page [256](#), Overlapping Operands.)



E.34. INSPECT

E.34.1 Function

The INSPECT statement provides the ability to tally or replace occurrences of single characters or groups of characters in a data item.

E.34.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

INSPECT identifier-1 TALLYING

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2 FOR} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTERS} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \\ \text{ALL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \dots \\ \text{LEADING} \end{array} \right\} \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

**Format 2:**

INSPECT identifier-1 REPLACING

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTERS BY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-5} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ALL} \\ \text{LEADING} \\ \text{FIRST} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{BY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-5} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

**Format 3:**

INSPECT identifier-1 TALLYING

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2 FOR} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTERS} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \\ \text{ALL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \dots \\ \text{LEADING} \end{array} \right\} \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

REPLACING

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTERS BY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-5} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ALL} \\ \text{LEADING} \\ \text{FIRST} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{BY} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-5} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BEFORE} \\ \text{AFTER} \end{array} \right\} \text{INITIAL} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

**Format 4: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

INSPECT *identifier-1* CONVERTING { *identifier-6* } IO { *identifier-7* }

[ { BEFORE } INITIAL { *identifier-4* } ]...

E.34.3 Syntax Rules

All Formats:

(1) *Identifier-1* must reference either a group item or any category of elementary item described, implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

(2) *Identifier-3, ... , identifier-n* must reference an elementary item described, implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

(3) Each literal must be a nonnumeric literal and must not be a figurative constant that begins with the word ALL. If *literal-1, literal-2, or literal-4* is a figurative constant, it refers to an implicit one character data item.

(4) No more than one BEFORE phrase and one AFTER phrase can be specified for any one ALL, LEADING, CHARACTERS, FIRST, or CONVERTING phrase.

Format 1 and 3:

(5) *Identifier-2* must reference an elementary numeric data item.

Format 2 and 3:

(6) The size of *literal-3* or the data item referenced by *identifier-5* must be equal to the size of *literal-1* or the data item referenced by *identifier-3*. When a figurative constant is used as *literal-3*, the size of the figurative constant is equal to the size of *literal-1* or the size of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

(7) When the CHARACTERS phrase is used, *literal-2, literal-3, or the size of the data item referenced by identifier-4, identifier-5* must be one character in length.

Format 4:

(8) The size of *literal-5* or the data item referenced by *identifier-7* must be equal to the size of *literal-4* or the data item referenced by *identifier-6*. When a figurative constant is used as *literal-5*, the size of the figurative constant is equal to the size of *literal-4* or the size of the data item referenced by *identifier-6*.

(9) The same character must not appear more than once either in *literal-4* or in the data item referenced by *identifier-6*.

E.34.4 General Rules

All Formats:

(1) Inspection (which includes the comparison cycle, the establishment of boundaries for the BEFORE or AFTER phrase, and the mechanism for tallying and/or replacing) begins at the left-most character position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, regardless of its class, and proceeds from left to right to the right-most character position as described in General Rules 5 and 6.



(2) For use in the INSPECT statement, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6*, or *identifier-7* will be treated as follows:

a. If any of *identifier-1*, *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6* or *identifier-7* reference an alphabetic or alphanumeric data item, the INSPECT statement treats the contents of each such identifier as a character-string.

b. If any of *identifier-1*, *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6* or *identifier-7* reference alphanumeric edited, numeric edited, or unsigned numeric data items, the data item is inspected as though it had been redefined as alphanumeric (see General Rule 2a) and the INSPECT statement had been written to reference the redefined data item.

c. If any of *identifier-1*, *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6* or *identifier-7* reference a signed numeric data item, the data item is inspected as though it had been moved to an unsigned numeric data item with length equal to the length of the signed item excluding any separate sign position, and then the rules in General Rule 2b had been applied. (See The MOVE Statement, page [406](#).) If *identifier-1* is a signed numeric item, the original value of the sign is retained upon completion of the INSPECT statement.

d. (**ISQL**) If *identifier-1* references a data item with usage CHARACTER VARYING, the length of the data item is evaluated only once at the beginning of the execution of the INSPECT statement. If the length evaluates to zero, there is no error and no inspection takes place. If any other identifier references a zero-length data item at the execution of the INSPECT statement, it is an error and no inspection takes place.

(3) In General Rules 5 through 17, all references to *literal-1*, *literal-2*, *literal-3*, *literal-4* or *literal-5* apply equally to the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6* or *identifier-7* respectively.

(4) Subscripting associated with any identifier is evaluated only once as the first operation in the execution of the INSPECT statement.

Format 1 and 2:

(5) During inspection of the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, each properly matched occurrence of *literal-1* is tallied (Format 1) or replaced by *literal-3* (Format 2).

(6) The comparison operation to determine the occurrence of *literal-1* to be tallied or to be replaced, occurs as follows:

a. The operands of the TALLYING or REPLACING phrase are considered in the order they are specified in the INSPECT statement from left to right. The first *literal-1* is compared to an equal number of contiguous characters, starting with the left-most character position in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. *Literal-1* matches that portion of the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* if they are equal, character for character and:

- 1) If neither LEADING nor FIRST is specified; or
- 2) If the LEADING adjective applies to *literal-1* and *literal-1* is a leading occurrence as defined in General Rules 10 and 13; or
- 3) If the FIRST adjective applies to *literal-1* and *literal-1* is the first occurrence as defined in General Rule 13.

b. If no match occurs in the comparison of the first *literal-1*, the comparison is repeated with each successive *literal-1*, if any, until either a match is found or there is no next successive *literal-1*. When there is no next successive *literal-1*, the character position in the data item referenced by *identifier-1* immediately to the right of the left-most character position considered in the last comparison cycle is considered as the left-most character position, and the comparison cycle begins again with the first *literal-1*.

c. Whenever a match occurs, tallying or replacing takes place as described in General Rules 10 and 13. The character position in the data item referenced by *identifier-1* immediately to the right of the right-most character position that participated in the match is now considered to be the left-most character position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, and the comparison cycle starts again with the first *literal-1*.

d. The comparison operation continues until the right-most character position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* has participated in a match or has been considered as the left-most character position. When this occurs, inspection is terminated.

e. If the CHARACTERS phrase is specified, an implied one character operand participates in the cycle described in paragraphs 6a through 6d above as if it had been specified by *literal-1*, except that no comparison to the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* takes place. This implied character is considered always to match the left-most character of the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* participating in the current comparison cycle.

(7) The comparison operation defined in General Rule 6 is restricted by the BEFORE and AFTER phrase as follows:

a. If neither the BEFORE nor AFTER phrase is specified, *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase participates in the comparison operation as described in General Rule 6. *Literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase is first eligible to participate in matching at the left-most character position of *identifier-1*.

b. If the BEFORE phrase is specified, the associated *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase participates only in those comparison cycles which involve that portion of the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* from its left-most character position up to, but not including, the first occurrence of *literal-2* within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. The position of this first occurrence is determined before the first cycle of the comparison operation described in General Rule 6 is begun. If, on any comparison cycle, *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase is not eligible to participate, it is considered not to match the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. If there is no occurrence of *literal-2* within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, its associated *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase participates in the comparison operation as though the BEFORE phrase had not been specified.

c. If the AFTER phrase is specified, the associated *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase participate only in those comparison cycles which involve that portion of the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* from the character position immediately to the right of the right-most character position of the first occurrence of *literal-2* within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* to the right-most character position of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. This is the character position at which *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase is first eligible to participate in matching. The position of this first occurrence is determined before the first cycle of the comparison operation described in General Rule 6 is begun. If, on any comparison cycle, *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase is not eligible to participate, it is considered not to match the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. If there is no occurrence of *literal-2* within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, its associated *literal-1* or the implied operand of the CHARACTERS phrase is never eligible to participate in the comparison operation.

### Format 1:

(8) The required words ALL and LEADING are adjectives that apply to each succeeding *literal-1* until the next adjective appears.

(9) For **ANSI 85 and VXCIBOL**, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is not initialized to zero at the beginning of the execution of the INSPECT statement. For **ANSI 74**, the tally counter (*identifier-2*) is set to zero at the beginning of the INSPECT statement. This is non-standard behavior and we recommend that you insert a "MOVE ZERO TO *identifier-2*" statement prior to the INSPECT TALLYING when using **ANSI 74**.

(10) The rules for tallying are as follows:

a. If the ALL phrase is specified, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is incremented by one for each occurrence of *literal-1* matched within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

b. If the LEADING phrase is specified, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is incremented by one for the first and each subsequent contiguous occurrence of *literal-1* matched within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, provided that the left-most such occurrence is at the point where comparison began in the first comparison cycle in which *literal-1* was eligible to participate.

c. If the CHARACTERS phrase is specified, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is incremented by one for each character matched, in the sense of General Rule 6e, within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

(11) If *identifier-1*, *identifier-3*, or *identifier-4* occupies the same storage area as *identifier-2*, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry.

Format 2:

(12) The required words ALL, LEADING, and FIRST are adjectives that apply to each succeeding BY phrase until the next adjective appears.

(13) The rules for replacement are as follows:

a. When the CHARACTERS phrase is specified, each character matched, in the sense of General Rule 6e, in the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is replaced by *literal-3*.

b. When the adjective ALL is specified, each occurrence of *literal-1* matched in the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is replaced by *literal-3*.

c. When the adjective LEADING is specified, the first and each successive contiguous occurrence of *literal-1* matched in the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is replaced by *literal-3*, provided that the left-most occurrence is at the point where comparison began in the first comparison cycle in which *literal-1* was eligible to participate.

d. When the adjective FIRST is specified, the left-most occurrence of *literal-1* matched within the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is replaced by *literal-3*. This rule applies to each successive specification of the FIRST phrase regardless of the value of *literal-1*.

(14) If *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, or *identifier-5* occupies the same storage area as *identifier-1*, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry.

Format 3:

(15) A Format 3 INSPECT statement is interpreted and executed as though two successive INSPECT statements specifying the same *identifier-1* had been written with one statement being a Format 1 statement with TALLYING phrases identical to those specified in the Format 3 statement, and the other statement being a Format 2 statement with REPLACING phrases identical to those specified in the Format 3 statement. The General Rules given for matching and counting apply to the Format 1 statement and the general rules given for matching and replacing apply to the Format 2 statement. Subscripting associated with any identifier in the Format 2 statement is evaluated only once before executing the Format 1 statement.

Format 4:

(16) A Format 4 INSPECT statement is interpreted and executed as though a Format 2 INSPECT statement specifying the same *identifier-1* has been written with a series of ALL phrases, one for each character of *literal-4*. The effect is as if each of these ALL phrases referenced, as *literal-1*, a single character of *literal-4* and referenced, as

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*literal-3*, the corresponding single character of *literal-5*. Correspondence between the characters of *literal-4* and the characters of *literal-5* is by ordinal position within the data item.

(17) If *identifier-4*, *identifier-6*, or *identifier-7* occupies the same storage area as *identifier-1*, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry.

### E.34.5 Examples

In each of the following examples of the INSPECT statement, CNTn is assumed to be zero immediately prior to execution of the statement. The results shown for each example, except the last, are the result of executing the two successive INSPECT statements shown above them.

#### EXAMPLE 24. INSPECT TALLYING, REPLACING

```

INSPECT ITEM TALLYING
  CNT0 FOR ALL "AB", ALL "D"
  CNT1 FOR ALL "BC"
  CNT2 FOR LEADING "EF"
  CNT3 FOR LEADING "B"
  CNT4 FOR CHARACTERS;

INSPECT ITEM REPLACING
  ALL "AB" BY "XY", "D" BY "X"
  ALL "BC" BY "VW"
  LEADING "EF" BY "TU"
  LEADING "B" BY "S"
  FIRST "G" BY "R"
  FIRST "G" BY "P"
  CHARACTERS BY "Z".
    
```

#### EXAMPLE 24. Source

Initial Value of ITEM	CNT0	CNT1	CNT2	CNT3	CNT4	Final Value of ITEM
EFABDBCGABEFGG	3	1	1	0	5	TUXYXVWRXTZZPZ
BABABC	2	0	0	1	1	SXYYXZ
BBBC	0	1	0	2	0	SSVW

#### EXAMPLE 24. Results

#### EXAMPLE 25. INSPECT TALLYING, REPLACING

```

INSPECT ITEM TALLYING
  CNT0 FOR CHARACTERS
  CNT1 FOR ALL "A";

INSPECT ITEM REPLACING
  CHARACTERS BY "Z"
  ALL "A" BY "X".
    
```

#### EXAMPLE 25. source code

Initial Value of ITEM	CNT0	CNT1	Final Value of ITEM
BBB	3	0	ZZZ
ABA	3	0	ZZZ

#### EXAMPLE 25. results

EXAMPLE 26. INSPECT TALLYING, REPLACING

```

INSPECT ITEM TALLYING
  CNT0 FOR ALL "AB" BEFORE "BC"
  CNT1 FOR LEADING "B" AFTER "D"
  CNT2 FOR CHARACTERS AFTER "A" BEFORE "C";

INSPECT ITEM REPLACING
  ALL "AB" BY "XY" BEFORE "BC"
  LEADING "B" BY "W" AFTER "D"
  FIRST "E" BY "V" AFTER "D"
  CHARACTERS BY "Z" AFTER "A" BEFORE "C".
    
```

EXAMPLE 26. source code

Initial Value of ITEM	CNT0	CNT1	CNT2	Final Value of ITEM
BBEABDABABCABEE	3	0	2	BBEXYZXYXYZCABVE
ADDDDC	0	0	4	AZZZZC
ADDDDA	0	0	5	AZZZZZ
CDDDDC	0	0	0	CDDDDC
BDBBDB	0	3	0	BDWWDB

EXAMPLE 26. results

EXAMPLE 27. INSPECT TALLYING, REPLACING

```

INSPECT ITEM TALLYING
  CNT0 FOR ALL "AB" AFTER "BA" BEFORE "BC";

INSPECT ITEM REPLACING
  ALL "AB" BY "XY" AFTER "BA" BEFORE "BC".
    
```

EXAMPLE 27. source code

Initial Value of ITEM	CNT0	Final Value of ITEM
ABABABABC	1	ABABXYABC

EXAMPLE 27. results

EXAMPLE 28. INSPECT CONVERTING

```

INSPECT ITEM CONVERTING
  "ABCD" TO "XYZX" AFTER QUOTE BEFORE "#".
    
```

EXAMPLE 28. source code

Initial Value of ITEM	Final Value of ITEM
AC"AEBDFBCD#AB"D	AC"XEYXFYZX#AB"D

EXAMPLE 28. results

E.35. LINK SUB-INDEX (**VXCOBOL**)

E.35.1 Function

The LINK SUB-INDEX statement links a subindex to another index entry so that the subindex can be shared.

E.35.2 General Format

LINK SUB-INDEX *file-name*

<u>SOURCE</u>	NEXT FORWARD BACKWARD UP DOWN UP FORWARD UP BACKWARD DOWN FORWARD STATIC	{ { KEY IS KEYS ARE } { identifier-1 [ APPROXIMATE GENERIC ] } ... }
---------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------

<u>DESTINATION</u>	{ { FIX RETAIN } POSITION }	NEXT FORWARD BACKWARD UP DOWN UP FORWARD UP BACKWARD DOWN FORWARD STATIC
--------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

{ { KEY IS  
 KEYS ARE } { identifier-1 [ APPROXIMATE  
 GENERIC ] } ... }

[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-LINK ]

E.35.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *File-name* is a filename that specifies an INFOS file opened for OUTPUT or I/O and selected for ALLOW SUB-INDEX.

(2) *Identifier-1* is an alphanumeric data item that specifies a record key associated with *file-name*.

E.35.4 General Rules

(1) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is the first key in the SELECT clause.

(2) The occurrence number is not updated.

(3) FEEDBACK is not updated.

(4) KEY LENGTH is unaffected.

(5) The subindex to link is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase in the SOURCE phrase. The link information is then transferred to the index entry specified by

the position phrase, the relative options phrase, and the KEY series phrase in the DESTINATION phrase. The DESTINATION key must not already have a subindex defined.

(6) The position phrase can only be specified in the DESTINATION phrase. FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.

(7) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

(8) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option causes the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(9) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *identifier-1*, must be declared in the SELECT statement for *file-name*. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used.

(10) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the LINK SUB-INDEX operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the LINK SUB-INDEX statement.

(11) INVALID KEY clauses on I/O statements are ONLY invoked when an Invalid Key error, as determined by a File Status of 2x where x can be any character 0 - 9 or A - Z, is generated. All other error conditions will cause the associated USE procedure, if present, as defined in the DECLARATIVES section to be executed. (See The Invalid Key Condition, page [278](#), for more a more comprehensive discussion.)

E.36. MERGE

E.36.1 Function

The MERGE statement combines two or more identically-sequenced files on a set of specified keys, and during the process makes records available, in merged order, to an output procedure or to an output file.

E.36.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

MERGE *file-name-1* { ON { ASCENDING  
DESCENDING } KEY { *data-name-1* }... }...

d [ COLLATING SEQUENCE IS *alphabet-name* ]  
USING *file-name-2* { *file-name-3* }...  
 { OUTPUT PROCEDURE IS *procedure-name-1* { { THROUGH  
THRU } *procedure-name-2* } }  
GIVING { *file-name-4* }...

E.36.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

MERGE *file-name-1* { ON { ASCENDING  
DESCENDING } KEY { *data-name-1* }... }...

[ COLLATING SEQUENCE IS { ASCII  
NATIVE  
STANDARD-1  
EBCDIC  
*alphabet-name* } ]

USING *file-name-2* { *file-name-3* }...

{ OUTPUT PROCEDURE IS *procedure-name-1* { { THROUGH  
THRU } *procedure-name-2* }... }  
GIVING { *file-name-4* }...

E.36.4 Syntax Rules

(1) A MERGE statement may appear anywhere in the Procedure Division except in the declaratives portion.

(2) *File-name-1* must be described in a sort-merge file description entry in the Data Division.

(3) If the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains variable length records, the size of the records contained in the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* must not be less than the smallest record nor greater than the largest record described for *file-name-1*. If the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains fixed length records, the sizes of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* must not be greater than the largest record described for *file-name-1*.

(4) *Data-name-1* is a key data-name. Key data-names are subject to the following rules:

a. The data items identified by key data-names must be described in records associated with *file-name-1*.

b. Key *data-names* may be qualified.

c. Key data-names may not be described as USAGE POINTER.

d. The data items identified by key data-names must not be group items that contain variable occurrence data items.



e. If *file-name-1* has more than one record description, the data items identified by key data-names need be described in only one record description. The same character positions referenced by a key data-name in one record description entry are taken as the key in all records of the file.

f. None of the data items identified by key data-names can be described by an entry that either contains an OCCURS clause or is subordinate to an entry that contains an OCCURS clause.

g. If a file referenced by *file-name-1* contains variable length records, all the data items identified by key data-names must be contained within the first x characters positions of the record, where x equals the minimum record size specified for the file referenced by *file-name-1*.

(5) *File-name-2*, *file-name-3*, and *file-name-4* must be described in a file description entry, not a sort-merge description entry, in the Data Division.

(6) File-names must not be repeated within the MERGE statement.

(7) No pair of file-names in a MERGE statement may be specified in the same SAME AREA, SAME SORT AREA, or SAME SORT-MERGE AREA clause. The only file-names in a MERGE statement that can be specified in the SAME RECORD AREA clause are those associated with the GIVING phrase.

(8) The words THRU and THROUGH are equivalent.

(9) *File-name-4* is subject to the following rules:

a. If *file-name-4* references an indexed file, the first specification of *data-name-1* and the data item referenced by that *data-name-1* must occupy the same character positions in its record as the data item associated with the prime record key for that file. For ANSI 74 and ANSI 85, the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with the ASCENDING phrase if *file-name-4* has a primary record key described explicitly or implicitly as VALUES ARE ASCENDING. If the key is described as VALUES ARE DESCENDING, *data-name-1* must be associated with the DESCENDING phrase. For VXCIBOL, the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with the ASCENDING phrase.

b. For VXCIBOL, if *file-name-4* references an INFOS file, it must not allow subindexing and the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with an ASCENDING phrase. The data-item referenced by *data-name-1* must occupy the same character positions in its record as the data item associated with the first RECORD KEY in the select for *file-name-4*, i.e., the RECORD KEY and sort key must be internal to the record.

(10) If the GIVING phrase is specified and the file referenced by *file-name-4* contains variable length records, the size of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-1* must not be less than the smallest record nor greater than the largest record described for *file-name-4*. If the file referenced by *file-name-4* contains fixed length records, the size of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-1* must not be greater than the largest record described for *file-name-4*.

(11) For VXCIBOL, if *file-name-2* or *file-name-3* references INFOS files, they must not allow subindexing.

(12) *Alphabet-name* shall reference an alphabet defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph which defines an alphanumeric collating sequence.

(13) If *file-name-2* or *file-name-3* references an indexed, INFOS, or relative file, its access mode shall be sequential or dynamic.

#### E.36.5 General Rules

(1) The MERGE statement merges all records contained on the file referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3*.

(2) If the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains only fixed length records, any record in the file referenced by *file-name-2* or *file-name-3* containing fewer character positions than fixed length is space filled on the right beginning with the first character position after the last character in the record when that record is released to the file referenced by *file-name-1*.

(3) The data-names following the word KEY are listed from left to right in the MERGE statement in order of decreasing significance without regard to how they are divided into KEY phrases. The leftmost data-name is the major key, the next data-name is the next most significant key, etc.

a. When the ASCENDING phrase is specified, the merged sequence will be from the lowest value of the contents of the data items identified by the key data-names to the highest value, according to the rules for comparison of operands in a relation condition.

b. When the DESCENDING phrase is specified, the merged sequence will be from the highest value of the contents of the data items identified by the key data-names to the lowest value, according to the rules for comparison of operands in a relation condition (see Relation Condition, starting on page [305](#)).

(4) When, according to the rules for the comparison of operands in a relation condition, the contents of all key data items of one data record are equal to the corresponding key data items of one or more other data records, the order of return of these records:

a. Follows the order of the associated input files as specified in the MERGE statement.

b. Is such that all records associated with one input file are returned prior to the return of records from another input file.

(5) The collating sequence that applies to the comparison of the nonnumeric key data items specified is determined at the beginning of the execution of the MERGE statement in the following order of precedence:

a. First, the collating sequence established by the COLLATING SEQUENCE phrase, if specified, in that MERGE statement.

b. Second, the collating sequence established as the program collating sequence. In **ICOBOL**, this is always ASCII since the program collating sequence is ignored.

(6) The results of the merge operation are undefined unless the records in the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* are ordered as described in the ASCENDING or DESCENDING KEY phrases associated with the MERGE statement.

(7) All the records in the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* are transferred to the file referenced by *file-name-1*. At the start of the execution of the MERGE statement, the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* must not be in the open mode. For each of the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* the execution of the MERGE statement causes the following actions to be taken:

a. The processing of the file is initiated. The initiation is performed as if an OPEN statement with the INPUT phrase had been executed. If an output procedure is specified, this initiation is performed before control passes to the output procedure.

b. The logical records are obtained and released to the merge operation. Each record is obtained as if a READ statement with the NEXT and the AT END phrases had been executed.

c. The processing of the file is terminated. The termination is performed as if a CLOSE statement without optional phrases had been executed. If an output procedure passes the last statement in the output procedure.

These implicit functions are performed such that any associated USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedures are executed.

(8) The output procedure may consist of any procedure needed to select, modify, or copy records that are made available one at a time by the RETURN statement in merged order from the file referenced by *file-name-1*. The range includes all statements that are executed as the result of a transfer of control by CALL, EXIT, GO TO, and PERFORM statements in the range of the output procedure, as well as all statements in declarative procedures that are executed as a result of the execution of statements in the range of the output procedure. The range of the output procedure must not cause the execution on any MERGE, RELEASE, or SORT statement. See page [260](#), [312](#), Explicit and Implicit specifications.

(9) If an output procedure is specified, control passes to it during execution of the MERGE statement. The compiler inserts a return mechanism at the end of the last statement in the output procedure. When control passes the last statement in the output procedure, the return mechanism provides for termination of the merge, and then passes control to the next executable statement after the MERGE statement. Before entering the output procedure, the merge procedure reaches a point at which it can select the next record in merged order when requested. The RETURN statements in the output procedure are the requests for the next record.

(10) During the execution of the output procedure, no statement may be executed manipulating the file referenced by or accessing the record area associated with *file-name-2* or *file-name-3*. During the execution of any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure implicitly invoked while executing the MERGE statement, no statement may be executed manipulating the file referenced by, or accessing the record area associated with, *file-name-2*, *file-name-3*, or *file-name-4*.

(11) If the GIVING phrase is specified, all the merged records are written on the file referenced by *file-name-4* as the implied output procedure for the MERGE statement. At the start of execution of the MERGE statement, the file referenced by *file-name-4* must not be in the open mode. For each of the files referenced by *file-name-4*, the execution of the MERGE statement causes the following actions to be taken:

a. The processing of the file is initiated. The initiation is performed as if an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase had been executed.

b. The merged logical records are returned and written onto the file. Each record is written as if a WRITE statement without any optional phrases had been executed. If the file referenced by *file-name-4* is described with variable length records, the size of any record written to *file-name-4* is *the size of that record when it was read from file-name-1*, regardless of the content of the data-item referenced by the DEPENDING ON phrase of either a RECORD IS VARYING or an OCCURS clause specified in the file description entry for *file-name-4*.

For a relative file, the relative key date for the first record returned contains the value '1'; for the second record returned, the value '2', etc. After execution of the MERGE statement, the content of the relative key data item indicates the last record returned to the file.

c. The processing of the file is terminated. The termination is performed as if a CLOSE statement without optional phrases had been executed.

These implicit functions are performed such that any associated USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedures are executed; however, the execution of such a USE procedure must not cause the execution of any statement manipulating the file referenced by, or accessing the record area associated with, *file-name-4*. On the first attempt to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of the file, any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure specified for that file is executed; if control is returned from that USE procedure or if no USE procedure is specified, the processing of the file is terminated as in paragraph 11c above.

(12) If the file referenced by *file-name-4* contains only fixed length records, any record in the file referenced by *file-name-1* containing fewer character positions than fixed length is space filled on the right beginning with the first character position after the last character in the record when that record is returned to the file referenced by *file-name-4*.

### E.37. MOVE

#### E.37.1 Function

The MOVE statement transfers data, in accordance with the rules of editing, to one or more data areas.

#### E.37.2 General Format

MOVE { *identifier-1*  
*literal* } TO { *identifier-2* }...

MOVE { CORRESPONDING  
CORR } *identifier-1* TO *identifier-2*

#### E.37.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Literal* or the data item referenced by *identifier-1* represents the sending area. The data item referenced by *identifier-2* represents the receiving area.

(2) CORR is an abbreviation for CORRESPONDING.

(3) When the CORRESPONDING phrase is used, all identifiers must be group items and may not be referenced modified.

(4) Neither an index data item nor Pointer data item may appear as an operand of a MOVE statement.

#### E.37.4 General Rules

(1) If the CORRESPONDING phrase is used, selected items within *identifier-1* are moved to selected items within *identifier-2*, according to the rules specified under the appropriate paragraph. The results are the same as if the user had referred to each pair of corresponding identifiers in separate MOVE statements.

(2) *Literal* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is moved to the data item referenced by each *identifier-2* in the order in which it is specified. The rules referring to *identifier-2* also apply to the other receiving areas. Any length evaluation or subscripting associated with *identifier-2* is evaluated immediately before the data is moved to the respective data item.

If *identifier-1* has varying length (**ISQL**), is reference modified, subscripted, or is a function-identifier, the current length, reference modifier, subscript, or function-identifier is evaluated only once, immediately before data is moved to the first of the receiving operands.

The evaluation of the length of *identifier-1* or *identifier-2* may be affected by the DEPENDING ON phrase of the OCCURS clause.

(3) Any move in which the receiving operand is an elementary item and the sending operand is either a literal or an elementary item is an elementary move. Every elementary item belongs to one of the following categories: numeric, alphabetic, numeric edited, alphanumeric edited, (**ISQL**) date, time, timestamp, year-to-month, or day-to-time. Numeric literals belong to the category numeric; nonnumeric literals belong to the category alphanumeric; (**ISQL**) date-time and interval literals belong to their respective categories. The figurative constant ZERO (ZEROS, ZEROES), when moved to a numeric or numeric edited item, belongs to the category numeric. In all other cases, it belongs to the category alphanumeric. The figurative constant SPACE (SPACES) belongs to the category alphabetic. All other figurative constants belong to the category alphanumeric.

The following rules apply to an elementary move between these categories:

- a. The figurative constant SPACE, a numeric edited, an alphanumeric edited, or alphabetic data item must not be moved to a numeric, numeric edited, (**ISQL**) date-time, or interval data item.
  - b. A numeric literal, the figurative constant ZERO, a numeric data item, or a numeric edited data item must not be moved to an alphabetic, (**ISQL**) date-time, or interval data item.
  - c. A non-integer numeric literal or a non-integer numeric data item must not be moved to an alphanumeric or alphanumeric edited data item.
  - d. (**ISQL**) A date-time or interval literal or data item must not be moved to a data item with a category that differs from the category of the literal or data item.
  - e. (**ISQL**) An alphanumeric item must not be moved to a date-time or interval data-item.
  - f. All other elementary moves are legal and are performed according to the rules given in General Rule 4.
- (4) Any necessary conversion of data from one form of internal representation to another takes place during legal elementary moves, along with any editing specified for the receiving data item:
- a. When an alphanumeric edited or alphanumeric item is a receiving item, alignment and any necessary space filling takes place as previously defined.
    - 1) If the sending operand is described as being signed numeric, the operational sign is not moved; if the operational sign occupies a separate character position, that character is not moved and the size of the sending operand is considered to be one less than its actual size in terms of standard data format characters.
    - 2) If the sending operand is numeric edited, no de-editing takes place.
    - 3) If the usage of the sending operand is different from that of the receiving operand, conversion of the sending operand to the internal representation of the receiving operand takes place.
    - 4) If the sending operand is numeric and contains the PICTURE symbol 'P', all digit positions specified with this symbol are considered to have the value zero and are counted in the size of the sending operand.
  - b. When a numeric or numeric edited item is the receiving item, alignment by decimal point and any necessary zero filling takes place as previously defined except where zeros are replaced because of editing requirements.
    - 1) When a signed numeric item is the receiving item, the sign of the sending operand is placed in the receiving item. Conversion of the representation of the sign takes place as necessary. If the sending operand is unsigned, a positive sign is generated for the receiving item.
    - 2) When an unsigned numeric item is the receiving item, the absolute value of the sending operand is moved and no operational sign is generated for the receiving item.
    - 3) When the sending operand is described as being alphanumeric, data is moved as if the sending operand were described as an unsigned numeric integer.
  - c. When a receiving field is described as alphabetic, justification and any necessary space filling takes place as previously defined.
  - d. (**ISQL**) When the sending and receiving items are of category date, time or timestamp, each sub-field is treated as a simple numeric to numeric move, with any applicable alignment, zero padding, or truncation of fractional digits.
  - e. (**ISQL**) When the sending and receiving items are of category year-month or day-time, the value of the sending operand is normalized and any alignment, padding with zero fields, or truncation takes place as previously described.

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(5) Any move that is not an elementary move is treated exactly as if it were an alphanumeric to alphanumeric elementary move, except that there is no conversion of data from one form of internal representation to another. In such a move, the receiving area will be filled without consideration for the individual elementary or group items contained within either the sending or receiving area, except as noted in the OCCURS clause.

(6) The following table summarizes the legality of the various types of MOVE statements. 'Yes' means the move is legal; 'No' means it is not legal. The General Rule reference (after the slash) indicates the rule that prohibits the move or that describes the behavior of a legal move.

CATEGORY OF SENDING OPERAND	CATEGORY OF RECEIVING DATA ITEM							
	ALPHABETIC	ALPHANUMERIC EDITED ALPHANUMERIC	NUMERIC INTEGER NUMERIC NONINTEGER NUMERIC EDITED	DATE	TIME	TIMESTAMP	YEAR-TO-MONTH	DAY-TO-TIME
ALPHABETIC	Yes/4c	Yes/4a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a
ALPHANUMERIC	Yes/4c	Yes/4a	Yes/4b	No/3e	No/3e	No/3e	No/3e	No/3e
ALPHANUMERIC EDITED	Yes/4c	Yes/4a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a	No/3a
NUMERIC INTEGER	No/3b	Yes/4a	Yes/4b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b
NUMERIC NONINTEGER	No/3b	No/3c	Yes/4b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b
NUMERIC EDITED	No/3b	Yes/4a	No/3a	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b	No/3b
DATE	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	Yes/4d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d
TIME	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	Yes/4d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d
TIMESTAMP	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	Yes/4d	No/3d	No/3d
YEAR-TO-MONTH	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	Yes/4e	No/3d
DAY-TO-TIME	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	No/3d	Yes/4e

TABLE 25. Legality of Types of MOVE Statements

## E.38. MULTIPLY

## E.38.1 Function

The MULTIPLY statement causes numeric data items to be multiplied and sets the values of data items equal to the results.

## E.38.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

MULTIPLY { *identifier-1* }  
           { *literal-1* } } BY { *identifier-2* [ ROUNDED ] }...  
       [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
       [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
       [ END-MULTIPLY ]

**Format 2:**

MULTIPLY { *identifier-1* }  
           { *literal-1* } } BY { *identifier-2* }  
                                   { *literal-2* } } GIVING { *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ] }...  
       [ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
       [ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
       [ END-MULTIPLY ]

## E.38.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) Each identifier must refer to a numeric elementary item, except that in Format 2 the identifier following the word GIVING must refer to either an elementary numeric item or an elementary numeric edited item.
- (2) Each literal must be a numeric literal.
- (3) The composite of operands, which is the hypothetical data item resulting from the superimposition of all receiving data items of a given statement aligned on their decimal points, must not contain more than 18 digits.

## E.38.4 General Rules

(1) When Format 1 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is stored in a temporary data item. The value in this temporary data item is multiplied by the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*. The value of the multiplier (the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*) is replaced by this product; similarly, the temporary data item is multiplied by each successive occurrence of *identifier-2* in the left-to-right order in which *identifier-2* is specified.

(2) When Format 2 is used, *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is multiplied by *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and the result is stored in the data items referenced by *identifier-3*.

(3) Additional rules and explanations relative to this statement are given under the appropriate paragraphs, (See Scope of Statements, page [260](#); The ROUNDED Phrase, page [253](#); The ON SIZE ERROR Phrase, page [254](#); The Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); Overlapping Operands, page [256](#); and Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#).)





E.39. OPEN

E.39.1 Function

The OPEN statement initiates the processing of files.

E.39.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

**For sequential files:**

$$\text{OPEN [ EXCLUSIVE ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \text{INPUT filename [ REVERSED ] [ WITH NO REWIND ] } \right\} \dots \\ \left\{ \text{OUTPUT filename [ WITH NO REWIND ] } \right\} \dots \\ \text{I-O filename...} \\ \text{EXTEND filename...} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

**For relative and indexed files:**

$$\text{OPEN [ EXCLUSIVE ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{INPUT filename...} \\ \text{OUTPUT filename...} \\ \text{I-O filename...} \\ \text{EXTEND filename...} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

E.39.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

$$\text{OPEN [ EXCLUSIVE ] } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{INPUT [ SEQUENTIAL ] } \left\{ \text{filename [ WITH NO REWIND ] [ ONLY ] [ EXCLUDE identifier... ] } \right\} \dots \\ \text{OUTPUT [ INDEX ] } \left\{ \text{filename [ WITH { VERIFY } ] [ WITH NO REWIND ] [ ONLY ] [ EXCLUDE identifier... ] } \right\} \dots \\ \text{I-O } \left\{ \text{filename [ WITH VERIFY ] [ ONLY ] [ EXCLUDE identifier... ] } \right\} \dots \\ \text{EXTEND } \left\{ \text{filename [ WITH VERIFY ] [ ONLY ] [ EXCLUDE identifier... ] } \right\} \dots \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

E.39.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) The files referenced in the OPEN statement need not all have the same organization or access.
- (2) For **ANSI 74**, the EXTEND phrase must only be used for sequential files.
- (3) For **ANSI 85**, the EXTEND phrase must only be used for files in the sequential access mode.
- (4) For **VXCOBOL**, the EXTEND phrase must only be used for sequential files, INFOS files, or files in sequential access mode.
- (5) The WITH NO REWIND, REVERSED, WITH VERIFY, ONLY, and EXCLUDE clauses are for documentation purposes only.
- (6) Filename may not be a sort/merge file.

(7) The EXTEND phrase must only be used for files for which the LINAGE clause has not been specified.

E.39.5 General Rules

(1) The successful execution of an OPEN statement determines the availability of the file and results in the file being in an open mode. The successful execution of an OPEN statement associates the file with the *filename* through the file connector.

Once the filename is processed the OPEN statement checks to see if the given file is physically present and is recognized by the input-output control system. and follows the rules as outlined in the following table.

The three tables below show the results of opening available and unavailable files for **ANSI 74**, **ANSI 85**, and **VXCOBOL**.

	File is Available	File is Unavailable
INPUT	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
I-O	Normal open	For sequential, Open is unsuccessful For relative and indexed, Open causes the file to be created, <b>NOT ANSI STANDARD</b>
OUTPUT	For sequential, Normal open; the file contains no records For relative and indexed, Normal open, <b>NOT ANSI STANDARD</b>	Open causes the file to be created
EXTEND (sequential only)	Normal open	Open causes the file to be created

TABLE 26. Availability of a File (**ANSI 74**)

	File is Available	File is Unavailable
INPUT	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
INPUT (optional)	Normal open	Normal open; the first READ causes the at end or invalid key condition
I-O	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
I-O (optional)	Normal open	Open causes the file to be created
OUTPUT	Normal open; the file contains no records	Open causes the file to be created
EXTEND	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
EXTEND (optional)	Normal open	Open causes the file to be created

TABLE 27. Availability of a File (**ANSI 85**)

	File is Available	File is Unavailable
INPUT	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
INPUT (optional)	Normal open	Normal open; the first READ causes the at end or invalid key condition
INPUT SEQUENTIAL (INFOS)	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
I-O	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful
OUTPUT	For ICISAM and INFOS, files-Open is unsuccessful For others-Open is unsuccessful unless compiled with the ANSI switch (-G a) in which case Open is successful to an empty file	Open causes the file to be created
OUTPUT INDEX (INFOS)	Open is unsuccessful	Open causes the file to be created
EXTEND	Normal open	Open is unsuccessful

TABLE 28. Availability of a File (**VXCOBOL**)

(2) The successful execution of an OPEN statement makes the associated record area available to the program.

(3) When a file is not in an open mode, no statement may be executed which references the file, either explicitly or implicitly, except for a MERGE statement with the USING or GIVING phrase, an OPEN statement, or a SORT statement with the USING or GIVING phrase..

(4) An OPEN statement must be successfully executed prior to the execution of any of the permissible input-output statements. In the Permissible Statements table below, 'X' at an intersection indicates that the specified statement may be used with the open mode given at the top of the column.

File Access Mode	Statement	OPEN MODE			
		Input	Output	I-O	Extend
Sequential	READ	X		X	
	WRITE		X		
	REWRITE	X		X	X
	START			X	
	DELETE			X	
	UNDELETE			X	
Random	READ	X		X	
	WRITE		X	X	
	REWRITE			X	
	START			X	
	DELETE			X	
	UNDELETE			X	
Dynamic	READ	X		X	
	WRITE		X	X	
	REWRITE			X	
	START	X		X	
	DELETE			X	
	UNDELETE			X	
All	<b>(VXCOBOL:)</b>				
	DEFINE SUB-INDEX		X	X	
	EXPUNGE SUB-INDEX		X	X	
	LINK SUB-INDEX		X	X	
	RETRIEVE	X		X	

TABLE 29. Permissible Statements

(5) A file may be opened with the INPUT, OUTPUT, EXTEND, and I-O phrases in the same run unit. Following the initial execution of an OPEN statement for a file, each subsequent OPEN statement execution for that same file must be preceded by the execution of a CLOSE statement, without the LOCK phrase, for that file.

(6) Execution of the OPEN statement does not obtain or release the first data record.

(7) If during the execution of an OPEN statement a file attribute conflict condition occurs, the execution of the OPEN statement is unsuccessful.

(8) If a file opened with the INPUT phrase is an optional file which is not present, the OPEN statement sets the file position indicator to indicate that an optional input file is not present.

(9) When files are opened with the INPUT or I-O phrase, the file position indicator is set to the first record for sequential files, 1 for relative files, and to the first record using the primary key for indexed files.

(10) When the EXTEND phrase is specified, the OPEN statement positions the file immediately after the last logical record for that file. The last logical record for a sequential file is the last record written in the file. The last logical record for a relative file is the currently existing record with the highest relative record number. The last logical record for an indexed file is the currently existing record with the highest primary key.

(11) The OPEN statement with the I-O phrase must reference a file that supports the input and output operations that are permitted for a file when opened in the I-O mode. The execution of the OPEN statement with the I-O phrase places the referenced file in the open mode for both input and output operations.

(12) For **ANSI 74**, for a file that is unavailable, the successful execution of an OPEN statement with an EXTEND or I-O phrase creates the file. This creation takes place as if the following statements were executed in the order shown:

```
OPEN OUTPUT file-name.  
CLOSE file-name.
```

These statements are followed by execution of the OPEN statement specified in the source program.

The successful execution of an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase creates the file. After the successful creation of a file, that file contains no data records.

(13) For **ANSI 85**, for an optional file that is unavailable, the successful execution of an OPEN statement with an EXTEND or I-O phrase creates the file. This creation takes place as if the following statements were executed in the order shown:

```
OPEN OUTPUT file-name.  
CLOSE file-name.
```

These statements are followed by execution of the OPEN statement specified in the source program.

The successful execution of an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase creates the file. After the successful creation of a file, that file contains no data records.

OPTIONAL is specified in the File Control SELECT clause.

(14) For **VXCOBOL**, for a file that is unavailable, the execution of an OPEN statement with an EXTEND or I-O phrase is unsuccessful.

(15) The execution of the OPEN statement causes the value of the I-O status (and, for **VXCOBOL**, the INFOS status) associated with *filename* to be updated.

(16) If more than one *filename* is specified in an OPEN statement, the result of executing this OPEN statement is the same as if a separate OPEN statement had been written for each file-name in the same order as specified in the OPEN statement.

(17) The minimum and maximum record sizes for a file are established at the time the file is created and must not subsequently be changed.

(18) The EXCLUSIVE phrase is an extension to ANSI COBOL that specifies that for each file in the OPEN statement, the current program is the only program that will be allowed to open the file, and the program can have the file open on a single file connector. If any other **ICOBOL** program already has the file open, the OPEN statement will fail. On some systems, the open will fail if any other program on the system (not just COBOL programs) has the file open.

For **VXCOBOL**:

(19) Opening an INFOS file will automatically perform a DOWN motion positioning the file position indicator before the first key in the top level index (U/FOS positions the file position indicator above the top level index.) if the access mode is sequential or dynamic. The downward motion is not done if the access mode is RANDOM.

(20) OPEN INPUT SEQUENTIAL could improve the performance of sequential reads thru INFOS II indexes, however the SEQUENTIAL phrase is ignored when using U/FOS files.

(21) OPEN OUTPUT INDEX is used to create an additional index for an INFOS file. (The additional index is frequently referred to as an inversion of the file.) The index named by the ASSIGN INDEX clause of the SELECT must not exist and the database named by the ASSIGN DATA clause (or implied) must exist.

(22) INFOS files can be created with the OPEN OUTPUT phrase, but it is recommended that they be created with an external utility. U/FOS files can be created with the ufos\_create utility. This utility provides more complete access to the options available for the file.

**NOTES:**

(1) Files opened for OUTPUT, EXTEND, or I-O must not have the Read-Only attribute set, else the OPEN fails with a File Status 92.

(2) **On Linux**, for OPEN OUTPUT to a sequential file that already exists, the file is opened with the Linux truncate option, which sets the filesize to 0. This is equivalent to the COBOL behavior of deleting and recreating the file. This method is used to properly maintain Linux hard links to the name.

(3) **ICOBOL** supports Indexed and Relative versions 7 and 8. An OPEN of a file that exists will automatically adjust for the version of the file. An OPEN of a new file will create file version 8. A particular version can be specified under programmer control by using the "v=7|8" option in an extended disk open.

(4) **On Linux**, for systems supporting symbolic links, OPEN will always open the resolution file.

(5) For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, OPEN with ASSIGN TO PRINTER or PRINTER-1 including a filename with the Printer Control utility enabled in the configuration file (.cfi) will place the file in the printer control file to be printed if the given queue was enabled. If the given filename is a simple name (i.e., no path specifier), the file will be created in the printer control directory. ASSIGN TO PRINTER will place the file in the queue directed to @PCQ0 and ASSIGN TO PRINTER-1 will place the file in the queue directed to @PCQ1. If the appropriate PCQ has the AUTO option enabled, then when the file is closed by the COBOL program the file will automatically start printing using the default options specified for that PCQ.

The printer control file has a limit of 48 to 1024 files before subsequent OPENS will fail with a File Status 99 if a new file is to be added to the print queue.

(6) OPEN EXTEND does not imply EXCLUSIVE. If EXCLUSIVE access is desired, it should be explicitly specified on the OPEN statement.

### E.40. PERFORM

#### E.40.1 Function

The PERFORM statement is used to transfer control explicitly to one or more procedures and to return control implicitly whenever execution of the specified procedure is complete. The PERFORM statement is also used to control execution of one or more imperative statements which are within the scope of that PERFORM statement.

#### E.40.2 General Format (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)

##### **Format 1: Unconditional PERFORM**

Out-of-line

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ]

In-line

PERFORM *imperative-statement-1* END-PERFORM

##### **Format 2: Iterative PERFORM**

Out-of-line

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ] { *identifier-1* } TIMES *literal-1* }

In-line

PERFORM { *identifier-1* } TIMES *imperative-statement-1* END-PERFORM

##### **Format 3: Conditional PERFORM**

Out-of-line

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ]  
[ WITH TEST { AFTER } BEFORE ] UNTIL *condition-1*

In-line

PERFORM [ WITH TEST { AFTER } BEFORE ] UNTIL *condition-1* *imperative-statement-1* END-PERFORM

**Format 4: Variable PERFORM**

Out-of-line

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ] [ WITH TEST { AFTER } BEFORE ] ]

VARYING { *identifier-2* } *index-name-1* } FROM { *identifier-3* } *index-name-2* } BY { *identifier-4* } *literal-2* }

UNTIL *condition-1*

[ AFTER { *identifier-5* } *index-name-3* } FROM { *identifier-6* } *index-name-4* } BY { *identifier-7* } *literal-4* }

UNTIL *condition-2* ]...

In-line

PERFORM [ WITH TEST { AFTER } BEFORE ] ] VARYING { *identifier-2* } *index-name-1* } FROM { *identifier-3* } *index-name-2* } BY { *identifier-4* } *literal-2* }

UNTIL *condition-1*

*imperative-statement-1* END-PERFORM

E.40.3.General Formats (*VXCOBOL*)

**Format 1: Unconditional PERFORM**

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ]

[ END-PERFORM ]

**Format 2: Iterative PERFORM**

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ] { *identifier-1* } *literal-1* } TIMES

[ END-PERFORM ]

**Format 3: Conditional PERFORM**

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH } THRU ] *procedure-name-2* ] UNTIL *condition-1*

[ END-PERFORM ]

**Format 4: Variable PERFORM**

PERFORM *procedure-name-1* [ { THROUGH  
          THRU } *procedure-name-2* ]

VARYING { *identifier-2*  
          *index-name-1* } FROM { *identifier-3*  
          *index-name-2*  
          *literal-1* } BY { *identifier-4*  
          *literal-2* }

UNTIL *condition-1*

[ AFTER { *identifier-5*  
          *index-name-3* } FROM { *identifier-6*  
          *index-name-4*  
          *literal-3* } BY { *identifier-7*  
          *literal-4* }

UNTIL *condition-2* ]...

[ END-PERFORM ]

E.40.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) Each identifier represents a numeric elementary item described in the Data Division. In Format 2, *identifier-1* must be described as a numeric integer.
- (2) If neither the TEST BEFORE nor TEST AFTER phrase is specified, the TEST BEFORE is assumed. For VXCOBOL, TEST BEFORE is always assumed.
- (3) Each literal represents a numeric literal.
- (4) The words THROUGH and THRU are equivalent.
- (5) If an index-name is specified in the VARYING or AFTER phrase, then:
  - a. The identifier in the associated FROM and BY phrases must reference an integer data item.
  - b. The literal in the associated FROM phrase must be a positive integer.
  - c. The literal in the associated BY phrase must be a nonzero integer.
- (6) If an index-name is specified in the FROM phrase, then:
  - a. The identifier in the associated VARYING or AFTER phrase must reference an integer data item.
  - b. The identifier in the associated BY phrase must reference an integer data item.
  - c. The literal in the associated BY phrase must be an integer.
- (7) Literal in the BY phrase must not be zero.
- (8) *Condition-1, condition-2, ...*, may be any conditional expression.
- (9) Where *procedure-name-1* and *procedure-name-2* are both specified and either is the name of a procedure in the declaratives portion of the Procedure Division, both must be procedure-names in the same declarative section.
- (10) Six AFTER phrases are permitted in Format 4 of the out-of-line PERFORM statement.
- (11) For VXCOBOL, the END-PERFORM is for documentation purposes only.



## E.40.5 General Rules

(1) When *procedure-name-1* is specified, the PERFORM statement is referred to as an out-of-line PERFORM statement; when *procedure-name-1* is omitted, the PERFORM statement is referred to as an in-line PERFORM statement. In-line PERFORM statements are not supported for **VXCOBOL**.

(2) The data items referenced by *identifier-4* and *identifier-7* must not have a zero value.

(3) If an index-name is specified in the VARYING or AFTER phrase, and an identifier is specified in the associated FROM phrase, the data item referenced by the identifier must have a positive value.

(4) The statements contained within the range of *procedure-name-1* (through *procedure-name-2* if specified) for an out-of-line PERFORM statement or contained within the PERFORM statement itself for an in-line PERFORM statement are referred to as the specified set of statements.

(5) The END-PERFORM phrase delimits the scope of the in-line PERFORM statement.

(6) An in-line PERFORM statement functions according to the following general rules for an otherwise identical out-of-line PERFORM statement, with the exception that the statements contained within the in-line PERFORM statement are executed in place of the statements contained within the range of *procedure-name-1* (through *procedure-name-2* if specified). Unless specially qualified by the word in-line or out-of-line, all the general rules which apply to the out-of-line PERFORM statement also apply to the in-line PERFORM statement.

(7) When the PERFORM statement is executed, control is transferred to the first statement of the specified set of statements (except as indicated in general rules 10b, 10c, and 10d). This transfer of control occurs only once for each execution of a PERFORM statement. For those cases where a transfer of control to the specified set of statements does take place, an implicit transfer of control to the end of the PERFORM statement is established as follows:

a. If *procedure-name-1* is a paragraph-name and *procedure-name-2* is not specified, the return is after the last statement of *procedure-name-1*.

b. If *procedure-name-1* is a section-name and *procedure-name-2* is not specified, the return is after the last statement of the last paragraph in *procedure-name-1*.

c. If *procedure-name-2* is specified and it is a paragraph-name, the return is after the last statement of the paragraph.

d. If *procedure-name-2* is specified and it is a section-name, the return is after the last statement of the last paragraph in the section.

e. If an in-line PERFORM statement is specified, an execution of the PERFORM statement is completed after the last statement contained within it has been executed.

(8) There is no necessary relationship between *procedure-name-1* and *procedure-name-2* except that a consecutive sequence of operations is to be executed beginning at the procedure named *procedure-name-1* and ending with the execution of the procedure named *procedure-name-2*. In particular, GO TO and PERFORM statements may occur between *procedure-name-1* and the end of *procedure-name-2*. If there are two or more logical paths to the return point, then *procedure-name-2* may be the name of a paragraph consisting of the EXIT statement, to which all of these paths must lead.

(9) If control passes to the specified set of statements by means other than a PERFORM statement, control will pass through the last statement of the set to the next executable statement as if no PERFORM statement referenced the set.

(10) The PERFORM statements operate as follows:

a. Format 1 is the basic PERFORM statement. The specified set of statements referenced by this type of PERFORM statement is executed once and then control passes to the end of the PERFORM statement.

b. Format 2 is the PERFORM ... TIMES. The specified set of statements is performed the number of times specified by *integer-1* or by the initial value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* for that execution. If at the time of the execution of a PERFORM statement, the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is equal to zero or is negative, control passes to the end of the PERFORM statement. Following the execution of the specified set of statements the specified number of times, control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement.

During execution of the PERFORM statement, reference to *identifier-1* cannot alter the number of times the specified set of statements is to be executed from that which was indicated by the initial value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

See Appendix A, Implementation Limits on page [857](#), for the maximum number **ICOBOL** currently supports for an interactive PERFORM (i.e., PERFORM n TIMES) and for the maximum number of active PERFORMs.

c. Format 3 is the PERFORM ... UNTIL. The specified set of statements is performed until the condition specified by the UNTIL phrase is true. When the condition is true, control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement. If the condition is true when the PERFORM statement is entered, and test TEST BEFORE phrase is specified or implied no transfer to *procedure-name-1* takes place, and control is passed to the end of the PERFORM statement. If the TEST AFTER phrase is specified, the PERFORM statement functions as if the TEST BEFORE phrase was specified except that the condition is tested after the specified set of statements has been executed. Any subscripting associated with the operands specified in *condition-1* is evaluated each time the condition is tested.

d. Format 4 is the PERFORM ... VARYING. This variation of the PERFORM statement is used to augment the values referenced by one or more identifiers or index-names in an orderly fashion during the execution of a PERFORM statement. In the following discussion, every reference to identifier as the object of the VARYING, AFTER, and FROM (current value) phrases also refers to index-names. If *index-name-1* or *index-name-3* is specified, the value of the associated index at the beginning of the PERFORM statement must be set to an occurrence number of an element in the table. If *index-name-2* or *index-name-4* is specified, the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* or *identifier-5* at the beginning of the PERFORM statement must be equal to an occurrence number of an element in a table associated with *index-name-2* or *index-name-4*. Subsequent augmentation, as described below, of *index-name-1* or *index-name-3* must not result in the associated index being set to a value outside the range of the table associated with *index-name-1* or *index-name-3*; except that, at the completion of the PERFORM statement, the index associated with *index-name-1* may contain a value that is outside the range of the associated table by one increment or decrement value. If *identifier-2* or *identifier-5* is subscripted, the subscripts are evaluated each time the content of the data item referenced by the identifier is set or augmented. If *identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, *identifier-6*, or *identifier-7* is subscripted, the subscripts are evaluated each time the content of the data item referenced by the identifier is used in a setting or augmenting operation. Any subscripting associated with the operands specified in *condition-1* or *condition-2* is evaluated each time the condition is tested.

Representation of the actions of several types of Format 4 PERFORM statements are given in figures 5 and 6 on the following pages.

1) If the TEST BEFORE phrase is specified or implied:

When the data item referenced by one identifier is varied, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is set to *literal-1* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* at the point of initial execution of the PERFORM statement; then, if the condition of the UNTIL phrase is false, the specified set of statements is executed once. The value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is augmented by the specified increment or decrement value (*literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4*) and *condition-1* is evaluated again. The cycle continues until this condition is true, at which point control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM

statement. If *condition-1* is true at the beginning of execution of the PERFORM statement, control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement.

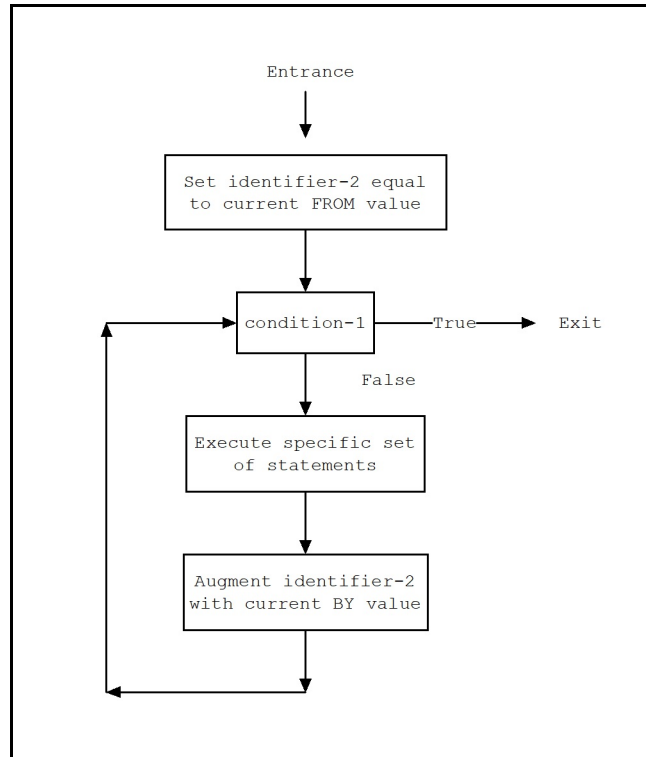


FIGURE 5. PERFORM [TEST BEFORE] VARYING with one condition

When the data items referenced by two identifiers are varied, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is set to *literal-1* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* and then the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is set to *literal-3* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-6*. After the contents of the data items referenced by the identifiers have been set, *condition-1* is evaluated; if true, control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement; if false, *condition-2* is evaluated. If *condition-2* is false, the specified set of statements is executed once, then the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is augmented by *literal-4* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-7* and *condition-2* is evaluated again. This cycle of evaluation and augmentation continues until this condition is true. When *condition-2* is true, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is augmented by *literal-2* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-4*, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is set to *literal-3* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-6*, and *condition-1* is reevaluated. The PERFORM statement is completed if *condition-1* is true; if not, the cycle continues until *condition-1* is true.

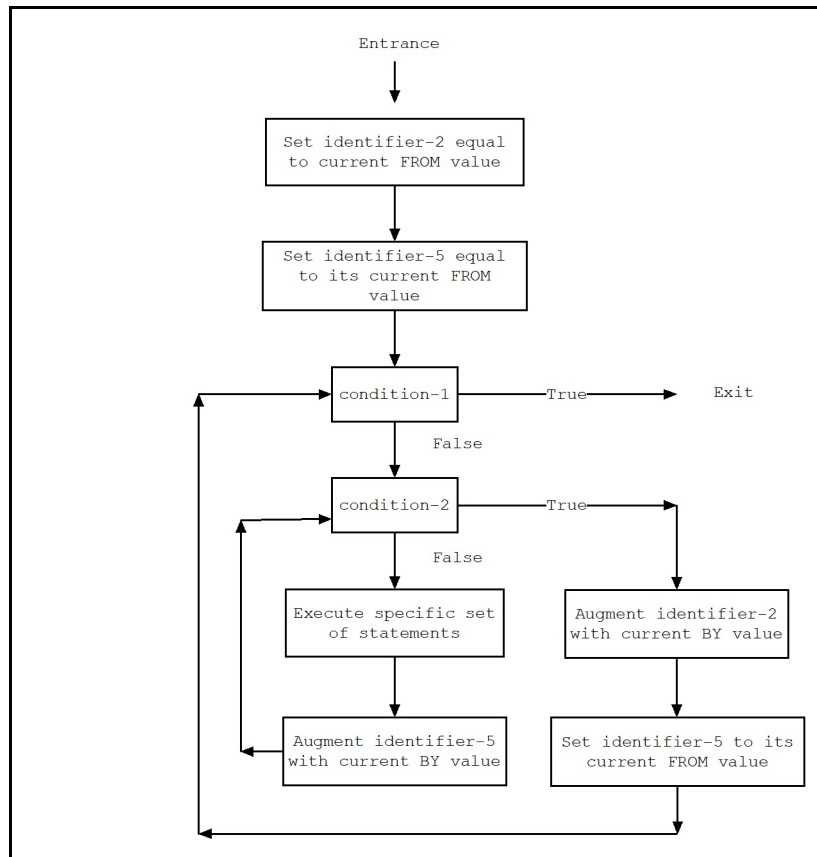


FIGURE 6. PERFORM [TEST BEFORE] VARYING with two conditions

At the termination of the PERFORM statement, the data item referenced by *identifier-5* contains *literal-3* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-6*. The data item referenced by *identifier-2* contains a value that exceeds the last used setting by one increment or decrement value, unless *condition-1* was true when the PERFORM statement was entered, in which case, the data item referenced by *identifier-2* contains *literal-1* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

2) For ANSI 74 and ANSI 85, if the TEST AFTER phrase is specified:

When the data item referenced by one identifier is varied, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is set to *literal-1* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* at the point of execution of the PERFORM statement; then the specified set of statements is executed and *condition-1* of the UNTIL phrase is tested. If the condition is false, the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is augmented by the specified increment or decrement value (*literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4*) and the specified set of statements is executed again. The cycle continues until *condition-1* is tested and found to be true, at which point control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement.

When the data item referenced by two identifiers are varied, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is set to *literal-1* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, then the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is set to *literal-3* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-6* and the specified set of statements is executed. *Condition-2* is then evaluated; if false, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is augmented by *literal-4* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-7* and the specified set of statements is again executed. The cycle continues until *condition-2* is again evaluated and found to be true, at which time *condition-1* is evaluated. If the condition is false, the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is augmented by the specified increment or decrement value (*literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4*), the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is set to *literal-3* or the current value of the data item referenced by *identifier-6* and the specified set of statements is executed again. The cycle

continues until condition-1 is tested and found to be true, at which point control is transferred to the end of the PERFORM statement.

After the completion of the PERFORM statement, each data item varied by an AFTER or VARYING phrase contains the same value it contained at the end of the most recent execution of the specified set of statements.

During the execution of the specified set of statements associated with the PERFORM statement, any change to the VARYING variable (the data item referenced by *identifier-2* and *index-name-1*), the BY variable (the data item referenced by *identifier-4*), the AFTER variable (the data item referenced by *identifier-5* and *index-name-3*), or the FROM variable (the data item referenced by *identifier-3* and *index-name-2*) will be taken into consideration and will affect the operation of the PERFORM statement.

When the data items referenced by two identifiers are varied, the data item referenced by *identifier-5* goes through a complete cycle (FROM, BY, UNTIL) each time the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is varied. When the contents of three or more data items referenced by identifiers varied, the mechanism is the same as for two identifiers except that the data item being varied by each AFTER phrase goes through a complete cycle each time the data item being varied by the preceding AFTER phrase is augmented.

(11) The range of a PERFORM statement consists logically of all those statements that are executed as a result of executing the PERFORM statement through execution of the implicit transfer of control to the end of the PERFORM statement. The range includes all statements that are executed as the result of a transfer of control by CALL, EXIT, GO TO, and PERFORM statements in the range of the PERFORM statement, as well as all statements in declarative procedures that are executed as a result of the execution of statements in the range of the PERFORM statement. The statements in the range of a PERFORM statement need not appear consecutively in the source program.

(12) Statements executed as the result of a transfer of control caused by executing an EXIT PROGRAM statement are not considered to be part of the range of the PERFORM statement when:

- a. That EXIT PROGRAM statement is specified in the same program in which the PERFORM statement is specified, and
- b. The EXIT PROGRAM statement is within the range of the PERFORM statement.

(13) Statements in other programs in the run unit may only be obeyed as a result of executing a PERFORM statement, if the range of that PERFORM statement includes CALL and EXIT PROGRAM statements.

(14) If the range of a PERFORM statement includes another PERFORM statement, the sequence of procedures associated with the included PERFORM must itself either be totally included in, or totally excluded from, the logical sequence referred to by the first PERFORM. Thus, an active PERFORM statement, whose execution point begins within the range of another active PERFORM statement, must not allow control to pass to the exit of the other active PERFORM statement; furthermore, two or more such active PERFORM statements may not have a common exit. See the following illustrations for examples of legal PERFORM constructs:

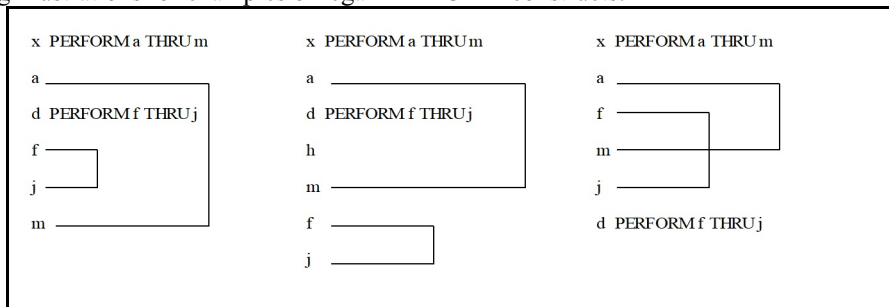


FIGURE 7. Valid PERFORM constructs

### E.41. PREPARE (*ISQL*)

#### E.41.1 Function

The PREPARE statement prepares an SQL statement for subsequent execution by the EXECUTE statement.

#### E.41.2 General Format

```
PREPARE { identifier-1 } { literal-1 } FROM { identifier-2 } { literal-2 }  
[ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]  
[ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]  
[ END-PREPARE ]
```

#### E.41.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* and *literal-2* must specify a nonnumeric literal and may not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* and *identifier-2* must specify an alphanumeric data item.
- (3) *Literal-1* or the value represented by *identifier-1* may not exceed 30 characters in length.

#### E.41.4 General Rules

(1) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of a statement container at runtime. The statement container holds the result of the statement preparation process that is performed when the PREPARE statement is executed. The content of the statement container is subsequently used by an EXECUTE statement to perform the SQL operation. Container names can be at most 30 characters long.

(2) *Literal-2* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-2* specifies the text of the SQL statement that is to be prepared for execution.

(3) Statement containers are considered to be local to the currently active connection, regardless of the program containing the PREPARE statement that allocates them. Therefore a statement can be prepared in one program and executed in a separate program.

(4) The following SQL statements may be specified as part of *literal-2* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-2*:

- CREATE TABLE and CREATE INDEX
- DECLARE CURSOR
- DELETE
- DROP TABLE and DROP INDEX
- SELECT
- INSERT
- UPDATE

Additional information on the syntax for these supported statements can be found in the chapter on the ICODBC Driver found on page [813](#).

(5) If there is no currently active connection in the run unit, the execution of the PREPARE statement will result in an error with a SQLSTATE of "HY010", which is a "Function sequence error".

(6) If a statement container by the specified name already exists in the currently active connection at the time the PREPARE statement is executed, the existing content of the statement container is discarded and the container is reused for the execution of this PREPARE statement.

(7) If a statement container by the specified name does not already exist in the currently active connection at the time the PREPARE statement is executed, a new statement container with the given name is allocated for the currently active connection.

(8) Upon completion of the PREPARE statement, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.

b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the PREPARE statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the PREPARE statement.

c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the PREPARE statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the PREPARE statement.

(9) The END-PREPARE phrase delimits the scope of the PREPARE statement.

(10) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

### E.42. READ (*ANSI 74* and *ANSI 85*)

#### E.42.1 Function

For sequential access, the READ statement makes available the next logical record from a file. For random access, the READ statement makes available a specified record from a mass storage file. LOCK and IGNORE LOCK are extensions to ANSI COBOL. TIME-OUT is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

#### E.42.2 General Format

##### **Format 1:**

For sequential files:

```
READ file-name [ NEXT ] RECORD [ INTO identifier-1 ] [ TIME-OUT AFTER { identifier-2 }  
                                     literal-1 } ]  
    [ AT END imperative-statement-1 ]  
    [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]  
    [ END-READ ]
```

For indexed and relative files:

```
READ file-name [ NEXT  
                PREVIOUS ] RECORD [ WITH { LOCK  
                                     IGNORE LOCK } ]  
    [ INTO identifier-1 ]  
    [ AT END imperative-statement-1 ]  
    [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]  
    [ END-READ ]
```

##### **Format 2:**

For relative files:

```
READ file-name RECORD [ WITH { LOCK  
                               IGNORE LOCK } ]  
    [ INTO identifier-1 ]  
    [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
    [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
    [ END-READ ]
```

For indexed files:

```
READ file-name RECORD [ WITH { LOCK  
                               IGNORE LOCK } ]  
    [ INTO identifier-1 ] [ KEY IS key-name ]  
    [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
    [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
    [ END-READ ]
```



E.42.3 Syntax Rules

(1) The storage area associated with *identifier-1* and the record area associated with *file-name* must not be the same storage area.

(2) Format 1 must be used for all files in sequential access mode.

(3) *Identifier-2* may represent any elementary numeric data item. *Literal-1* may be any numeric literal.

(4) In Format 1, the NEXT or PREVIOUS phrase must be specified for files in dynamic access mode when records are to be retrieved sequentially.

(5) Format 2 is used for indexed and relative files in random access mode or for files in dynamic access mode when records are to be retrieved randomly.

(6) The INVALID KEY phrase or the AT END phrase must be specified, if no applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is specified for *file-name*.

For indexed files:

(7) The KEY IS phrase of the READ statement must reference a key-name (*id-1* in the formats of the RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY) associated with *file-name*.

(8) *Key-name* may be qualified if *id-1* is a simple data item. *Key-name* may be qualified by the filename if it is a composite data item.

E.42.4 General Rules

(1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be open in the input or I-O mode at the time this statement is executed.

(2) In format 1, if neither the NEXT phrase nor the PREVIOUS phrase is specified, then NEXT is implied for files in sequential access mode.

(3) The execution of the READ statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.

(4) The setting of the file position indicator at the start of the execution of a Format 1 READ statement is used in determining the record to be made available according to the following rules. Comparisons for records in sequential files relate to the record number. Comparisons for records in relative files relate to the relative key number. Comparisons for records in indexed files relate to the value of the current key of reference. For indexed files, the comparisons are made according to the collating sequence of the file.

a. If the file position indicator indicates that no valid next record has been established, execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

b. If the file position indicator was established by a previous OPEN or START statement, the first existing record that is selected is either:

1. If NEXT is specified or implied, the first existing record in the file whose record number or key value is greater than or equal to the file position indicator, or

2. If PREVIOUS is specified, the first existing record in the file whose record number or key value is less than or equal to the file position indicator.

**NOTE:** For OPEN, this means that you normally get the first record in the file for sequential or relative and normally get an at end condition for indexed.

c. If the file position indicator was established by a previous READ statement and the file is sequential or relative, or an indexed file whose current key of reference does not allow duplicates, the first existing record in the file whose record number (or relative record number) or key value is greater than the file position indicator if NEXT is specified or implied or is less than the file position indicator if PREVIOUS is specified is selected.

d. For indexed files, if the file position indicator was established by a previous READ statement, and the current key of reference does allow duplicates, the record that is selected is one of the following:

1. If NEXT is specified or implied, the first record in the file whose key value is either equal to the file position indicator and whose logical position within the set of duplicates is immediately after the record that was made available by that previous READ statement, or whose key value is greater than the file position indicator.

2. If PREVIOUS is specified, the first record in the file whose key value is either equal to the file position indicator and whose logical position within the set of duplicates is immediately prior to the record that was made available by that previous READ statement, or whose key value is less than the file position indicator.

If a record is found which satisfies the above rules, it is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*, unless the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for *file-name* and the number of significant digits in the relative record number of the selected record is larger than the size of the relative key data item, in which case, the file position indicator is set to indicate this condition and execution proceeds as specified in General Rule 10.

If no record is found which satisfies the above rules, the file position indicator is set to indicate that no next logical record exists and execution proceeds as specified in General Rule 9.

If a record is made available, the file position indicator is set to the record number of the record made available.

(5) Regardless of the method used to overlap access time with processing time, the concept of the READ statement is unchanged; a record is available to the object program prior to the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, if specified, or prior to the execution of any statement following the READ statement, if *imperative-statement-2* is not specified.

(6) When the logical records of a file are described with more than one record description, these records automatically share the same record area in storage; this is equivalent to an implicit redefinition of the area. The contents of any data items which lie beyond the range of the current data record are undefined at the completion of the execution of the READ statement.

(7) The INTO phrase may be specified in a READ statement:

- a. If only one record description is subordinate to the file description entry, or
- b. If all record-names associated with *file-name* and the data item referenced by *identifier-1* describe a group item or an elementary alphanumeric item.

(8) The result of the execution of a READ statement with the INTO phrase is equivalent to the application of the following rules in the order specified:

- a. The execution of the same READ statement without the INTO phrase.
- b. The current record is moved from the record area to the area specified by *identifier-1* according to the rules for the MOVE statement without the CORRESPONDING phrase. The size of the current record is specified in the RECORD clause. If the file description entry contains a RECORD IS VARYING clause, the implied move is a group move. The implied MOVE statement does not occur if the execution of the READ statement was unsuccessful. Any subscripting associated with *identifier-1* is evaluated after the record has been read and

immediately before it is moved to the data item. The record is available in both the record area and the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

(9) For **ANSI 85**, if at the time of execution of a format 2 READ statement, the file position indicator indicates that an optional input file is not present, the invalid key condition exists and execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

(10) For a Format 1 READ statement, if the file position indicator indicates that no next logical record exists, or that the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item, the following occurs in the order specified:

a. A value, derived from the setting of the file position indicator, is placed into the I-O status associated with *file-name* to indicate the at end condition.

b. If the AT END phrase is specified in the statement causing the condition, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1* in the AT END phrase. Any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure associated with *file-name* is not executed.

c. If the AT END phrase is not specified, a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure must be associated with this *file-name*, and that procedure is executed. Return from that procedure is to the next executable statement following the end of the READ statement.

When the at end condition occurs, execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

(11) If neither an at end nor an invalid key condition occurs during the execution of a READ statement, the AT END phrase or INVALID KEY phrase is ignored, if specified, and the following actions occur:

a. The file position indicator is set and the I-O status associated with *file-name* is updated.

b. If an exception condition which is not an at end or invalid key condition exists, control is transferred according to rules of the USE statement following the execution of any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure applicable to *file-name*.

c. If no exception condition exists, the record is made available in the record area and any implicit move resulting from the presence of an INTO phrase is executed. Control is transferred to the end of the READ statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the READ statement.

(12) Following the unsuccessful execution of a READ statement, the content of the associated record area is undefined, and the file position indicator is set to indicate that no valid next record has been established. If the READ statement is unsuccessful due to the end-of-file condition or because the record which would have been returned is locked, the file position indicator remains unchanged. In these cases, the program can loop for the condition to be released.

(13) If the number of character positions in the record that is read is less than the minimum size specified by the record description entries for *file-name*, the portion of the record area which is to the right of the last valid character read is undefined. If the number of character positions in the record that is read is greater than the maximum specified by the record description entries for *file-name*, the record is truncated on the right to the maximum size. In either of these cases, the READ statement is successful and an I-O status is set, indicating that a record length conflict has occurred.

For relative files:

(14) For a relative file for which dynamic access mode is specified, a Format 1 READ statement with the NEXT phrase specified causes the next logical record to be retrieved from that file.

(15) For a relative file, if the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for *file-name*, the execution of a Format 1 READ statement moves the relative record number of the record made available to the relative key data item according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(16) For a relative file, execution of a Format 2 READ statement sets the file position indicator to the value contained in the data item referenced by the RELATIVE KEY phrase for the file, and the record whose relative record number equals the file position indicator is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*. If the file does not contain such a record, the invalid key condition exists and execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

### For indexed files:

(17) For an indexed file for which dynamic access mode is specified, a Format 1 READ statement with the NEXT phrase specified causes the next logical record to be retrieved from that file.

(18) For an indexed file being sequentially accessed, records having the same duplicate value in an alternate record key which is the key of reference are made available in the same order in which they are released by execution of WRITE statements, or by execution of REWRITE statements which create such duplicate values.

(19) For an indexed file, if the KEY phrase is specified in a Format 2 READ statement, *key-name* is established as the key of reference for this retrieval. If the dynamic access mode is specified, this key of reference is also used for retrievals by any subsequent executions of Format 1 READ statements for the file until a different key of reference is established for the file.

(20) For an indexed file, if the KEY phrase is not specified in a Format 2 READ statement, the primary record key is established as the key of reference for this statement. If the dynamic access mode is specified, this key of reference is also used for retrievals by any subsequent execution of Format 1 READ statements for the file until a different key of reference is established for the file.

(21) For an indexed file, execution of a Format 2 READ statement sets the file position indicator to the value in the key of reference. If the RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry includes the OCCURS phrase, the file position indicator is set to the value in the first occurrence. Similarly, if the clause contains the ALSO phrase, the value of the root key (*id-2* in the format for the RECORD KEY and ALTERNATE RECORD clauses) is used to set the file position indicator. This value is compared with the value contained in the corresponding data item of the stored records in the file until the first record having an equal value is found. In the case of an alternate key with duplicate values, the first record found is the first record of a sequence of duplicates which was released to the file system. The record so found is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*. If no record can be so identified, the invalid key condition exists and execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

### For relative and indexed files:

(22) If the LOCK phrase is specified, the system attempts to lock the record for the exclusive use of the currently executing program. If the lock operation and the read operation are successful, the record may not be read, deleted, or rewritten by another user, with one exception: a READ statement executed on a file open in the INPUT mode or a READ with the IGNORE LOCK clause will ignore the lock and the record can be read.

(23) If IGNORE LOCK is specified, READ will successfully read the data from a locked record. (This behaves similarly to reading locked records in a file open for INPUT.)

(24) If the record cannot be locked, either because it is already locked by another user or because of system limitations on the number of locks, the I-O status is set to indicate the lock violation and the READ statement is unsuccessful.

(25) If the conditions in General Rule 22 cause the READ statement to be unsuccessful, the current record position is not modified, rather than being set as specified in General Rule 12.

(26) A record lock can be removed by the successful execution of an UNLOCK or CLOSE statement for the file.

(27) The END-READ phrase delimits the scope of the READ statement.

For sequential files:

(28) The TIME-OUT phrase enables a local timeout for the particular READ statement. The file specified must be capable of timing out, generally a serial line. The timeout specifies the amount of time, in seconds, that the runtime will wait for individual keystrokes (characters). If the time expires, the READ terminates with an I-O status of 9T and an exception status of 76. Valid timeout values are:

<= 0 or >= 65535	No timeout (Wait forever)
65534	Timeout immediately
> 6300	Set to 6300 seconds
1-6300	Set to n seconds

(29) If the timeout value specified by *identifier-2* or *literal-1* is not an integer, its value is rounded to the nearest tenth of a second.

(30) When using timeouts, **ICOBOL** handles them in the following order for READ statements:

- a) If a local timeout was specified by the TIME-OUT clause then it is used, otherwise,
- b) If a timeout was set on the OPEN with the extended open option for timeout, then it is used; otherwise,
- c) The default timeout for this particular device class is used.

**NOTE:** Extended open options are discussed in the Developer's Guide section beginning on page [796](#).

(31) When performing data-sensitive reads on files whose file control entry has one of the clauses ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD, ORGANIZATION IS LINE SEQUENTIAL, or RECORD DELIMITER IS DATA-SENSITIVE then the characters null <000>, carriage-return <015>, newline <012>, form-feed <014>, or the carriage-return newline pair <015><012> are used to terminate the read.

If the ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD phrase is used, the terminator (one or two bytes) is included in the record if there is sufficient room and it will be included in the length of the record.

If the RECORD DELIMITER IS DATA-SENSITIVE phrase is used the delimiter is NOT placed into the record area. The DELIMITER INTO phrase can be used to capture the one or two byte delimiter. The size of the delimiter is NOT included in the length of the record. In this case an "empty" data-sensitive record will have a length of zero (0) which will return a file status of "04" since the smallest VARYING RECORD size is 1. It is suggested using the DEPENDING on phrase to return the actual record length and then use the length to determine whether the "04" was caused by an empty record or a record that is too long.

E.43. READ (**VXCOBOL**)

E.43.1 Function

For sequential access, the READ statement makes available the next logical record from a file. For random access, the READ statement makes available a specified record from a mass storage file.

E.43.2 General Format

**Format 1:** Sequential Access Mode

For sequential files:

```
READ file-name [ NEXT ] RECORD
  [ INTO identifier-1 ]
  [ AT END imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-READ ]
```

For relative and indexed files:

```
READ file-name [ MANDATORY ] [ NEXT
  BACKWARD ] RECORD [ LOCK
  UNLOCK ]
  [ INTO identifier-1 ]
  [ AT END imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-READ ]
```

For INFOS files:

```
READ file-name [ MANDATORY ] [ { FIX
  RETAIN } POSITION ] [ NEXT
  FORWARD
  BACKWARD
  UP FORWARD
  UP BACKWARD
  DOWN FORWARD ]
  [ SUPPRESS [ PARTIAL RECORD ] [ DATA RECORD ] ] [ LOCK
  UNLOCK ]
  [ INTO identifier-1 ]
  [ AT END imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-READ ]
```

**Format 2:**

For relative files:

```
READ file-name RECORD [ LOCK
  UNLOCK ] [ WAIT ] [ INTO identifier-1 ]
  [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-READ ]
```

For indexed files:

```
READ file-name RECORD [ LOCK
                       UNLOCK ]
    [ INTO identifier-1 ] [ KEY IS data-name ]
    [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
    [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
    [ END-READ ]
```

For INFOS files:

```
READ file-name [ MANDATORY ] [ { FIX
                                RETAIN } POSITION ] [ UP
                                                    DOWN
                                                    STATIC ]
    [ RECORD
      SUPPRESS [ PARTIAL RECORD ] [ DATA RECORD ] ]
    [ LOCK
      UNLOCK ]
    [ INTO identifier-1 ] [ { KEY IS
                            KEYS ARE } { data-name [ APPROXIMATE
                                                    GENERIC ] } ... ]
    [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]
    [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]
    [ END-READ ]
```

#### E.43.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The storage area associated with *identifier-1* and the record area associated with *file-name* must not be the same storage area.
- (2) Format 1 must be used for all files in sequential access mode.
- (3) In Format 1, the NEXT or BACKWARD phrase must be specified for files in dynamic access mode when records are to be retrieved sequentially.
- (4) Format 2 is used for indexed, relative, and INFOS files in random access mode or for files in dynamic access mode when records are to be retrieved randomly.
- (5) The INVALID KEY phrase or the AT END phrase must be specified if no applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is specified for *file-name*.

For indexed files:

- (6) *Data-name* must be the name of a data item specified as a record key associated with *file-name*.
- (7) *Data-name* may be qualified.

#### E.43.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be open in the input or I-O mode at the time this statement is executed.
- (2) In Format 1, if neither the NEXT phrase nor the BACKWARD phrase is specified, then NEXT is implied for files in sequential access mode.

(3) The execution of the READ statement causes the value of the I-O status and INFOS status associated with *file-name* to be updated.

(4) The setting of the file position indicator at the start of the execution of a Format 1 READ statement is used in determining the record to be made available according to the following rules. Comparisons for records in sequential files relate to the record number. Comparisons for records in relative files relate to the relative key number. Comparisons for records in indexed or INFOS files relate to the value of the current key of reference. For indexed or INFOS files, the comparisons are made according to the collating sequence of the file.

a. If the file position indicator indicates that no valid next record as been established, execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

b. If the file position indicator was established by a previous OPEN or START statement, the first existing record that is selected is either:

1. If NEXT is specified or implied, the first existing record in the file whose record number or key value is greater than or equal to the file position indicator, or

2. If BACKWARD is specified, the first existing record in the file whose record number or key value is less than or equal to the file position indicator.

NOTE: For OPEN, this means that you normally get the first record in the file for sequential or relative and normally get an at end condition for indexed.

c. If the file position indicator was established by a previous READ statement and the file is sequential or relative, an indexed, or INFOS file whose current key of reference does not allow duplicates, the first existing record in the file whose record number (or relative record number) or key value is greater than the file position indicator if NEXT is specified or implied or is less than the file position indicator if BACKWARD is specified is selected.

d. For indexed files or INFOS, if the file position indicator was established by a previous READ statement, and the current key of reference does allow duplicates, the record that is selected is one of the following:

1. If NEXT is specified or implied, the first record in the file whose key value is either equal to the file position indicator and whose logical position within the set of duplicates is immediately after the record that was made available by that previous READ statement, or whose key value is greater that the file position indicator.

2. If BACKWARD is specified, the first record in the file whose key value is either equal to the file position indicator and whose logical position within the set of duplicates is immediately prior to the record that was made available by that previous READ statement, or whose key value is less than the file position indicator.

If a record is found which satisfies the above rules, it is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*, unless the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for *file-name* and the number of significant digits in the relative record number of the selected record is larger than the size of the relative key data item, in which case, the file position indicator is set to indicate this condition and execution proceeds as specified in General Rule 9.

If no record is found which satisfies the above rules, the file position indicator is set to indicate that no next logical record exists and execution proceeds as specified in General Rule 9.

If a record is made available, the file position indicator is set to the record number of the record made available.

(5) Regardless of the method used to overlap access time with processing time, the concept of the READ statement is unchanged; a record is available to the object program prior to the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, if specified, or prior to the execution of any statement following the READ statement, if *imperative-statement-2* is not specified.



(6) When the logical records of a file are described with more than one record description, these records automatically share the same record area in storage; this is equivalent to an implicit redefinition of the area. The contents of any data items which lie beyond the range of the current data record are undefined at the completion of the execution of the READ statement.

(7) The INTO phrase may be specified in a READ statement:

- a. If only one record description is subordinate to the file description entry, or
- b. If all record-names associated with *file-name* and the data item that is referenced by *identifier-1* describe a group item or an elementary alphanumeric item.

(8) The result of the execution of a READ statement with the INTO phrase is equivalent to the application of the following rules in the order specified:

- a. The execution of the same READ statement without the INTO phrase.
- b. The current record is moved from the record area to the area specified by *identifier-1* according to the rules for the MOVE statement without the CORRESPONDING phrase. The size of the current record is specified in the RECORD LENGTH clause. The implied MOVE statement does not occur if the execution of the READ statement was unsuccessful. Any subscripting associated with *identifier-1* is evaluated after the record has been read and immediately before it is moved to the data item. The record is available in both the record area and the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

(9) For a Format 1 READ statement, if the file position indicator indicates that no next logical record exists, or that the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item, the following occurs in the order specified:

- a. A value, derived from the setting of the file position indicator, is placed into the I-O status and INFOS status associated with *file-name* to indicate the at end condition.
- b. If the AT END phrase is specified in the statement causing the condition, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1* in the AT END phrase. Any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure associated with *file-name* is not executed.
- c. If the AT END phrase is not specified, a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure must be associated with this *file-name*, and that procedure is executed. Return from that procedure is to the next executable statement following the end of the READ statement.

When the at end condition occurs, execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

(10) If neither an at end nor an invalid key condition occurs during the execution of a READ statement, the AT END phrase or INVALID KEY phrase is ignored, if specified, and the following things happen:

- a. The file position indicator is set and the I-O status and INFOS status associated with *file-name* is updated.
- b. If an exception condition which is not an at end or invalid key condition exists, control is transferred according to rules of the USE statement following the execution of any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure applicable to *file-name*. If there is no applicable USE statement and the I-O status is 96, any implicit move resulting from the presence of the INTO phrase is executed.
- c. If no exception condition exists, the record is made available in the record area and any implicit move resulting from the presence of an INTO phrase is executed. Control is transferred to the end of the READ statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement;

otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the READ statement.

(11) Following the unsuccessful execution of a READ statement, the content of the associated record area is undefined and the file position indicator is set to indicate that no valid next record has been established. If the READ statement is unsuccessful due to the end-of-file condition or because the record which would have been returned is locked, the file position indicator remains unchanged.

(12) If the number of character positions in the record that is read is less than the minimum size specified by the record description entries for *file-name*, the portion of the record area which is to the right of the last valid character read is undefined. If the number of character positions in the record that is read is greater than the maximum specified by the record description entries for *file-name*, the record is truncated on the right to the maximum size. In either of these cases, the READ statement is successful and an I-O status is set, to indicate that a record length conflict has occurred.

(13) The END-READ phrase delimits the scope of the READ statement.

For relative files:

(14) For a relative file for which dynamic access mode is specified, a Format 1 READ statement with the NEXT phrase specified causes the next logical record to be retrieved from that file.

(15) For a relative file, if the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for *file-name*, the execution of a Format 1 READ statement moves the relative record number of the record made available to the relative key data item according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(16) For a relative file, execution of a Format 2 READ statement sets the file position indicator to the value contained in the data item referenced by the RELATIVE KEY phrase for the file, and the record whose relative record number equals the file position indicator is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*. If the file does not contain such a record, the invalid key condition exists and execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

For indexed and INFOS files:

(17) For an indexed file for which dynamic access mode is specified, a Format 1 READ statement with the NEXT phrase specified causes the next logical record to be retrieved from that file.

(18) For an indexed file being sequentially accessed, records having the same duplicate value in an alternate record key which is the key of reference are made available in the same order in which they are released by execution of WRITE statements, or by execution of REWRITE statements which create such duplicate values.

(19) For an indexed file, if the KEY phrase is specified in a Format 2 READ statement, *data-name* is established as the key of reference for this retrieval. If the dynamic access mode is specified, this key of reference is also used for retrievals by any subsequent executions of Format 1 READ statements for the file until a different key of reference is established for the file.

(20) For an indexed file, if the KEY phrase is not specified in a Format 2 READ statement, the primary record key is established as the key of reference for this statement. If the dynamic access mode is specified, this key of reference is also used for retrievals by any subsequent execution of Format 1 READ statements for the file until a different key of reference is established for the file.

(21) For an indexed file, execution of a Format 2 READ statement sets the file position indicator to the value in the key of reference. This value is compared with the value contained in the corresponding data item of the stored records in the file until the first record having an equal value is found. In the case of an alternate key with duplicate values, the first record found is the first record of a sequence of duplicates which was released to the file system. The record so found is made available in the record area associated with *file-name*. If no record can be so identified, the invalid key condition exists and execution of the READ statement is unsuccessful.

For relative, indexed, and INFOS files:

(22) If the LOCK phrase is specified, the system attempts to lock the record for the exclusive use of the currently executing program. If the lock operation and the read operation are successful, the record may not be read, deleted, or rewritten by another user, with two exceptions: a READ statement executed on a file open in the INPUT mode or a read with the MANDATORY clause will ignore the lock, and the record can be read.

(23) If the record cannot be locked, either because it is already locked by another user or because of system limitations on the number of locks, the I-O status is set to indicate the lock violation and the READ statement is unsuccessful.

(24) If the conditions in General Rule 21 cause the READ statement to be unsuccessful, the current record position is not modified, rather than being set as specified in General Rule 11.

(25) A record lock can be removed by the successful execution of an UNLOCK or CLOSE statement for the file, or by execution of an i/o statement with the UNLOCK clause.

(26) If the UNLOCK phrase is specified, the system attempts to unlock the record after completion of the READ. The record then becomes accessible to any user if it had in fact been locked.

For INFOS files:

(27) If a file is opened for input and the MANDATORY keyword is used, the program will read a record even if the record is locked.

(28) If the position phrase is omitted, FIX POSITION is the default.

(29) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted in random or dynamic access mode, the default is the first key in the SELECT clause; in sequential access mode the default is READ NEXT.

(30) For an INFOS file being sequentially accessed, records having the same duplicate value in a record key are made available in the same order in which they are released by execution of WRITE statements or by execution of REWRITE statements that create duplicate values.

(31) For an INFOS file being randomly accessed, records having the same duplicate value in a key allowing duplicates are made available as follows:

a. If the OCCURRENCE clause was specified for the key and contains a non-zero value and a key with the specified value and specified occurrence number exists, then that record will be returned.

b. If no OCCURRENCE clause was specified for the key or if the value of the occurrence data-item is zero, then the record associated with the first key of the specified value, if any, is returned.

(32) If a FEEDBACK data-item was specified for the file, its value is updated by execution of a successful READ.

(33) If a RECORD LENGTH data-item was specified for the file, it will be updated with the length of the record read.

(34) KEY LENGTH is used.

(35) The location of the entry defined is determined according to that specified in the position phrase, the relative option phrase, and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is specified fully.

(36) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.

(37) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

(38) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(39) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *data-name*, must be included in the RECORD KEY clause of the SELECT statement for *file-name*. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.

(40) If SUPPRESS DATA RECORD is specified, all locks on the data record are ignored, and the data record associated with the referenced index entry is not read into the file's record area.

(41) If SUPPRESS PARTIAL RECORD is specified, all locks on the partial record are ignored and the partial data record associated with the index entry is not retrieved.

### For sequential files:

(42) When using timeouts, **ICOBOL** handles them in the following order for READ statements:

- a. If a timeout was set on the OPEN with the extended open option for timeout, then it is used,
- b. The default timeout for the particular device class is used.

If a timeout occurs, the I-O status is set to 9T with an exception status of 76.

(43) When performing data-sensitive reads on files whose file control entry has the clause ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD or whose file description entry specifies RECORDING MODE IS DATA-SENSITIVE the characters null <000>, carriage-return <015>, newline <012>, and form-feed <014> are used to terminate the read. The terminator is placed into the record if there is sufficient room. If the record area is too small, the maximum amount of data is stored in the record and file status 99 (exception status 40) is returned.

## E.44. RELEASE

## E.44.1 Function

The RELEASE statement transfers records to the initial phrase of a sort operation.

## E.44.2 General Format

RELEASE *record-name* [ FROM *identifier* ]

## E.44.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Record-name* must be the name of a logical record in a sort-merge file description, and it may be qualified.
- (2) A RELEASE statement may be used only within the range of an input procedure associated with a SORT statement for the file-name whose sort-merge file description entry contains *record-name*.
- (3) *Record-name* and *identifier* must not refer to the same storage.
- (4) If *identifier* is a function identifier, it shall reference an alphanumeric function.

## E.44.4 General Rules

- (1) The execution of a Release statement causes the record named by *record-name* to be released to the initial phrase of a sort operation.
- (2) The logical record released by the execution of the RELEASE statement is no longer available in the record area unless the sort-merge file-name associated with *record-name* is specified in a SAME RECORD AREA clause. The logical record is also available to the program as a record of other files referenced in the same SAME RECORD AREA clause as the associated output file, as well as the file associated with *record-name*.
- (3) The result of the execution of a RELEASE statement with the FROM phrase is equivalent to the execution of the following statements in the order specified:
  - a. The statement:  
  
MOVE *identifier* TO *record-name*  
  
according to the rules specified for the MOVE statement.
  - b. The same RELEASE statement without the FROM phrase.
- (4) After the execution of the RELEASE statement is complete, the information in the area referenced by *identifier* is available, even though the information in the area referenced by *record-name* is not available except as specified by the SAME RECORD AREA clause.



E.45. RETRIEVE (*VXCOBOL*)

E.45.1 Function

The RETRIEVE statement obtains information about an INFOS file.

E.45.2 General Format

$$\text{RETRIEVE } \textit{file-name} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{STATUS} \\ [ \text{HIGH} ] \text{KEY} \\ \text{SUB-INDEX} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{POSITION} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{NEXT} \\ \text{FORWARD} \\ \text{BACKWARD} \\ \text{UP} \\ \text{DOWN} \\ \text{UP FORWARD} \\ \text{UP BACKWARD} \\ \text{DOWN FORWARD} \\ \text{STATIC} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{KEY IS} \\ \text{KEYS ARE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \textit{identifier-1} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{APPROXIMATE} \\ \text{GENERIC} \end{array} \right] \right\} \dots \right]$$

[ INTO *identifier-2* ]  
 [ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-RETRIEVE ]

E.45.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name* is a filename that specifies an INFOS file opened for OUTPUT or I/O and selected for ALLOW SUB-INDEX.
- (2) *Identifier-1* is an alphanumeric data item that specifies a record key associated with *file-name*.
- (3) *Identifier-2* is any data item specifying a destination that receives record, key, or index status information.

E.45.4 General Rules

- (1) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is STATIC.
- (2) The occurrence number is not used and is not updated.
- (3) FEEDBACK is not used and is not updated.
- (4) KEY LENGTH is used.
- (5) The location from which to retrieve information is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase.
- (6) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. If the position phrase is omitted, RETRIEVE KEY and RETRIEVE HIGH KEY default to FIX POSITION and RETRIEVE STATUS and RETRIEVE SUBINDEX default to RETAIN.
- (7) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

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(8) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(9) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *identifier-1*, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.

(10) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the RETRIEVE operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the RETRIEVE statement.

(11) INVALID KEY clauses on I/O statements are ONLY invoked when an Invalid Key error, as determined by a File Status of 2x where x can be any character 0 - 9 or A - Z, is generated. All other error conditions will cause the associated USE procedure, if present, as defined in the DECLARATIVES section to be executed. (See The Invalid Key Condition, page [278](#), for more a more comprehensive discussion.).

(12) If STATUS is specified, *identifier-2* is interpreted as a 4-character data item. **ICOBOL** will store either a "1" or "0" in each byte as follows:

Character 1:	"1" if partial record for target key is logically deleted.
Character 2:	"1" if target key is a duplicate.
Character 3:	always "0"
Character 4:	"1" if data record for target key is logically deleted.

(13) If KEY is specified, **ICOBOL** moves the value of the target key to identifier-2. If HIGH KEY is specified, **ICOBOL** moves the value of the highest key present in the subindex associated with the target key to identifier-2. In either case, the following also occur:

a. The key length of the retrieved key is returned to the KEY LENGTH data-item associated with the last key in the key series phrase or the first key in the SELECT statement if there is no key series phrase. If no KEY LENGTH data item exists, the length is not accessible.

b. If the key is a duplicate, the occurrence number of the retrieved key is returned to the OCCURRENCE data-item associated with the last key in the key series phrase or the first key in the SELECT statement if there is no key series phrase. If the retrieved key is not a duplicate, a zero is returned to the OCCURRENCE data-item. If no OCCURRENCE data-item exists, the occurrence number is not accessible.

(14) If SUB-INDEX is specified, **ICOBOL** returns a 16-byte data item to identifier-2. This 16-byte item is the 16-bit AOS INFOS subindex definition packet. It has the following format:

```
01 PACKET.  
   03 FILLER                PIC XX.  
   03 NODE-SIZE             PIC 9(4) COMP.  
   03 FILLER                PIC X.  
   03 MAX-KEYLEN           PIC 9(2) COMP.  
   03 FILLER                PIC X.  
   03 PARTIAL-REC-LEN     PIC 9(2) COMP.  
   03 FILLER                PIC XX.  
   03 FLAGS                PIC 9(4) COMP.  
   03 FILLER                PIC X(4) .
```

FLAGS values are: 2048 allow duplicates, 16384 Disallow subindex.

Under U/FOS, the partial record length will be either zero (no partial records) or 255 (partial records allowed). Under INFOS II, the actual length was returned.



## E.46. RETURN

## E.46.1 Function

The RETURN statement obtains either sorted records from the final phrase of a sort operation or merged records during a merge operation.

## E.46.2 General Format

```
RETURN file-name RECORD [ INTO identifier ]
      AT END imperative-statement-1
      [ NOT AT END imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-RETURN ]
```

## E.46.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) The storage area associated with *identifier* and the record area associated with *file-name* must not be the same storage area.
- (2) *File-name* must be described by a sort-merge file description entry in the Data Division.
- (3) A RETURN statement may only be used within the range of an output procedure associated with a SORT or MERGE statement for *file-name*.

## E.46.4 General Rules

- (1) When the logical records in a file are described with more than one record description, these records automatically share the same storage area; this is equivalent to an implicit redefinition of the area. The contents of any data items which lie beyond the range of the current data record are undefined at the completion of the execution of the RETURN statement.
- (2) The execution of the RETURN statement causes the next existing record in the file referenced by *file-name*, as determined by the keys listed in the SORT or MERGE statement, to be made available in the record area associated with *file-name*. If no next logical record exists in the file referenced by *file-name*, the at end condition exists and control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1* of the AT END phrase. Execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred according to the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the RETURN statement and the NOT AT END phrase is ignored, if specified. When the at end condition occurs, execution of the RETURN statement is unsuccessful and the contents of the record area associated with *file-name* are undefined. After the execution of *imperative-statement-1* in the AT END phrase, no RETURN statement may be executed as part of the current output procedure.
- (3) If an at end condition does not occur during the execution of a RETURN statement, then after the record is made available and after executing any implicit move resulting from the presence of an INTO phrase, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified; otherwise, control is transferred to the end of the RETURN statement.
- (4) The END-RETURN phrase delimits the scope of the RETURN statement. (See page [260](#), Scope of Statements.)

(5) The INTO phrase may be specified in a RETURN statement:

- a. If only one record description is subordinate to the sort-merge file description entry, or
- b. If all record-names associated with *file-name* and the data items referenced by *identifier* describe a group item or an elementary alphanumeric item.

(6) The result of the execution of a RETURN statement with the INTO phrase is equivalent to the application of the following rules in the order specified:

- a. The execution of the same RETURN statement without the INTO phrase.
- b. The current record is moved from the record area to the area specified by *identifier* according to the rules for the MOVE statement without the CORRESPONDING phrase. The size of the current record is determined by rules specified for the RECORD clause. If the file description entry contains a RECORD IS VARYING clause, the implied move is a group move. The implied MOVE statement does not occur if the execution of the RETURN statement was unsuccessful. Any subscript or reference modification associated with *identifier* is evaluated after the record has been read and immediately before it is moved to the data item. The record is available in both the record area and the data item referenced by *identifier*.

E.47. REWRITE

E.47.1 Function

The REWRITE statement logically replaces a record existing in a mass storage file. IMMEDIATE is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.47.2 General Format

**Sequential Files:**

REWRITE *record-name* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM *identifier* ]  
 [ END-REWRITE ]

**Relative and Indexed Files: (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)**

REWRITE *record-name* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM *identifier* ]  
 [ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-REWRITE ]

**Relative and Indexed: (VXCOBOL)**

REWRITE *record-name* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM *identifier* ] [ KEY IS *identifier-2* ]  
 [ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-REWRITE ]

**INFOS: (VXCOBOL)**

REWRITE [ INVERTED ] *record-name* [ IMMEDIATE ]

$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FIX} \\ \text{RETAIN} \end{array} \right\} \text{POSITION} \right]$	$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{NEXT} \\ \text{FORWARD} \\ \text{BACKWARD} \\ \text{UP} \\ \text{DOWN} \\ \text{UP FORWARD} \\ \text{UP BACKWARD} \\ \text{DOWN FORWARD} \\ \text{STATIC} \end{array} \right]$
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[ SUPPRESS [ PARTIAL RECORD ] [ DATA RECORD ] ] [ LOCK ]  
 [ UNLOCK ]

[ FROM { *identifier* }  
 { *literal* } ]

[ { KEY IS } { *identifier-2* [ APPROXIMATE ] } ... ]  
 [ { KEYS ARE } { GENERIC } ]

[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-REWRITE ]

### E.47.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Record-name* and *identifier* must not refer to the same storage area.
- (2) *Record-name* is the name of a logical record in the File Section of the Data Division and may be qualified.
- (3) The INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases must not be specified for a REWRITE statement which references a relative, indexed, or INFOS file in sequential access mode.
- (4) The INVALID KEY phrase must be specified in the REWRITE statement for relative, indexed, or INFOS files in the random or dynamic access mode, and for which an appropriate USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is not specified.
- (5) For **VXCOBOL**, for an indexed file, *identifier-2* must reference the RECORD KEY data-item for the file.

### E.47.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by the *file-name* associated with *record-name* must be a mass storage file and must be open in the I-O mode at the time of execution of this statement.
  - (2) For files in the sequential access mode, the last input-output statement executed for the associated file prior to the execution of the REWRITE statement must have been a successfully executed READ statement. The file system logically replaces the record that was accessed by the READ statement.
  - (3) The logical record released by a successful execution of the REWRITE statement is no longer available in the record area unless the *file-name* associated with *record-name* is specified in a SAME RECORD AREA clause. The logical record is also available to the program as a record of other files referenced in the same SAME RECORD AREA clause as the associated output file, as well as the file associated with *record-name*.
  - (4) The result of the execution of a REWRITE statement with the FROM phrase is equivalent to the execution of the following statements in the order specified:
    - a. The statement:  
  
`MOVE identifier TO record-name`according to the rules specified for the MOVE statement.
  - b. The same REWRITE statement without the FROM phrase.
- (5) After the execution of the REWRITE statement is complete, the information in the area referenced by *identifier* is available, even though the information in the area referenced by *record-name* is not available except as specified by the SAME RECORD AREA clause.
- (6) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a REWRITE statement.
- (7) The execution of the REWRITE statement causes the value of the I-O status (and for **VXCOBOL**, the INFOS status) of the file-name associated with *record-name* to be updated.
- (8) The execution of the REWRITE statement releases a logical record to the operating system.
- (9) For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, when using indexed or relative files, the number of character positions in the record referenced by *record-name* must not be larger than the largest or smaller than the smallest number of character positions allowed by the RECORD IS VARYING clause associated with the file-name associated with *record-name*. For **VXCOBOL**, when using indexed, relative, or INFOS files with RECORDING MODE IS

VARIABLE, the number of character positions in the record referenced by *record-name* must not be larger than or smaller than the maximum and minimum record lengths established for the file.

In either of these cases the execution of the REWRITE statement is unsuccessful, the updating operation does not take place, the contents of the record area are unaffected and the I-O status of the file associated with *record-name* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition.

(10) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the REWRITE operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the REWRITE statement.

(11) The END-REWRITE phrase delimits the scope of the REWRITE statement.

(12) For sequential, relative, and indexed files, the IMMEDIATE option causes the REWRITE to immediately flush the new information to disk. Normally this information could be held in internal buffers before being flushed to disk. This option increases file security at the expense of performance. For INFOS files the IMMEDIATE option is ignored.

For relative files:

(13) For a relative file, for a file accessed in either random or dynamic access mode, the file system logically replaces the record specified by the content of the relative key data of the file-name associated with *record-name*. If the file does not contain the record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists. When the invalid key condition is recognized, the execution of the REWRITE statement is unsuccessful, the updating operation does not take place, the contents of the record area are unaffected and the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition.

For sequential files:

(14) If the number of character positions specified in the record referenced by *record-name* is not equal to the number of character positions in the record being replaced, the execution of the REWRITE statement is unsuccessful, the updating operation does not take place, the content of the record area is unaffected and the I-O status of the file associated with *record-name* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition.

For indexed files:

(15) For a file in the sequential access mode, the record to be replaced is specified by the value of the primary record key. When the REWRITE statement is executed, the value of the primary record key of the record to be replaced must be equal to the value of the primary record key of the last record read from this file.

(16) For a file in the random or dynamic access mode, the record to be replaced is specified by the primary record key.

(17) Execution of the REWRITE statement for a record which has an alternate key occurs as follows:

a. When the value of a specific alternate record key is not changed, the order of retrieval when that key is the key of reference remains unchanged.

b. When the value of a specific alternate record key is changed, the subsequent order of retrieval of that record may be changed when that specific alternate record key is the key of reference. When duplicate key values are permitted, the record is logically positioned last within the set of duplicate records containing the same alternate record key value as the one that was placed in the record.

(18) The invalid key condition exists under the following circumstances:

a. When the file is open in the sequential access mode, and the value of the primary record key of the record to be replaced is not equal to the value of the primary record key of the last record read from the file, or

- b. When the file is open in the dynamic or random access mode, and the value of the primary record key of the record to be replaced is not equal to the value of the primary record key of any record existing in the file, or
- c. When the value of an alternate record key of the record to be replaced, for which duplicates are not allowed, equals the value of the corresponding data item of a record already existing in the file.

(19) When the invalid key condition is recognized, the execution of the REWRITE statement is unsuccessful and the I-O status (and for *VXCOBOL*, the INFOS status) of the filename associated with *record-name* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition.

For INFOS files:

- (20) If the position phrase is omitted, RETAIN POSITION is the default.
- (21) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is the first key in the SELECT clause.
- (22) FEEDBACK is used if you specify INVERTED. REWRITE updates the FEEDBACK data item.
- (23) KEY LENGTH is unused.
- (24) If INVERTED is not specified, a record is written in a location that is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is fully specified. If INVERTED is specified, the REWRITE statement does not write a data record but links an existing data record to an index entry with no data record. A FEEDBACK data-item must have been specified. It contains the record location REWRITE INVERTED links to the index entry.
- (25) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.
- (26) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.
- (27) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.
- (28) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *identifier-2*, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.
- (29) If DUPLICATE and OCCURRENCE IS was specified in this file's SELECT clause, and the occurrence number is not equal to zero, REWRITE uses the occurrence number to determine which record to rewrite. Zero indicates that the key is not a duplicate.
- (30) If SUPPRESS DATA RECORD is specified, all locks on the data record are ignored and the data record associated with the index entry is not output.
- (31) If SUPPRESS PARTIAL RECORD is specified, the partial data record associated with the index entry is not output.

E.48. ROLLBACK (**ISQL**)

## E.48.1 Function

The ROLLBACK statement allows the program to rollback an SQL database connection or connections..

## E.48.2 General Format

```
ROLLBACK [ ALL ]
         [ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
         [ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
         [ END-ROLLBACK ]
```

## E.48.3 Syntax Rules

## E.48.4 General Rules

- (1) The ALL phrase specifies that all connections in the run unit will be rolled back. (if there are any). If not specified, only the current connection is rolled back.
- (2) Upon completion of the ROLLBACK statement, the following occurs in the order specified:
  - a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.
  - b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is "00" or "01", the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the ROLLBACK statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the ROLLBACK statement.
  - c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not "00" or "01", the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the ROLLBACK statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the ROLLBACK statement.
- (3) The END-ROLLBACK phrase delimits the scope of the ROLLBACK statement.
- (4) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).





E.49. SEARCH

E.49.1 Function

The SEARCH statement is used to search a table for a table element that satisfies the specified condition and to adjust the value of the associated index to indicate that table element.

E.49.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

$$\text{SEARCH } \textit{identifier-1} \left[ \text{VARYING } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-2} \\ \textit{index-name-1} \end{array} \right\} \right] \left[ \text{AT END } \textit{imperative-statement-1} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \text{WHEN } \textit{condition-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{imperative-statement-2} \\ \text{NEXT SENTENCE} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \dots$$

$$\left[ \text{END-SEARCH} \right]$$

**Format 2:**

$$\text{SEARCH ALL } \textit{identifier-1} \left[ \text{AT END } \textit{imperative-statement-1} \right]$$

$$\text{WHEN } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{data-name-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IS EQUAL TO} \\ \text{IS =} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-1} \\ \textit{arithmetic-expression-1} \end{array} \right\} \\ \textit{condition-name-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \text{AND } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{data-name-2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IS EQUAL TO} \\ \text{IS =} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-4} \\ \textit{literal-2} \\ \textit{arithmetic-expression-2} \end{array} \right\} \\ \textit{condition-name-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \dots$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{imperative-statement-2} \\ \text{NEXT SENTENCE} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \text{END-SEARCH} \right]$$

E.49.3 Syntax Rules

(1) For *VXCOBOL*, format 1 may include an optional keyword ALL immediately after the keyword SEARCH unless the -G h compiler switch is used. In that case the use of the keyword ALL must conform to format 2 and all the supporting rules which follow.

(2) In both formats 1 and 2, *identifier-1* must not be subscripted, but its description must contain an OCCURS clause including an INDEXED BY phrase. The description of *identifier-1* in Format 2 must also contain the KEY IS phrase in its OCCURS clause.

(3) *Identifier-2* must reference a data item described as USAGE IS INDEX or numeric elementary data item without any positions to the right of the decimal point. *Identifier-2* may not be subscripted by the first (or only) index-name specified in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause associated with *identifier-1*.

(4) In Format 1, *condition-1* may be any conditional expression.

(5) In Format 2, all referenced condition-names must be defined as having only a single value. The data-name associated with a condition-name must appear in the KEY IS phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1*. Each *data-name-1*, *data-name-2* may be qualified. Each *data-name-1*, *data-name-2* must be subscripted by the first index-name associated with *identifier-1* along with other subscripts as required, and must be referenced in the KEY IS phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1*. *Identifier-3*, *identifier-4*, or identifiers specified in *arithmetic-expression-1*, *arithmetic-expression-2* must not be referenced in the KEY IS

phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1* or be subscripted by the first index-name associated with *identifier-1*.

In Format 2, when a data-name in the KEY IS phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1* is referenced, or when a condition-name associated with a data-name in the KEY IS phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1* is referenced, all preceding data-names in the KEY IS phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1* or their associated condition-names must also be referenced.

- (6) If the END-SEARCH phrase is specified, the NEXT SENTENCE phrase must not be specified.

### E.49.4 General Rules

- (1) The scope of a SEARCH statement may be terminated by any of the following:

- a. An END-SEARCH phrase at the same level of nesting.
- b. A separator period.
- c. An ELSE or END-IF phrase associated with a previous IF statement.

- (2) If Format 1 of the SEARCH statement is used, a serial type of search operation takes place, starting with the current index setting.

- a. If, at the start of execution of the SEARCH statement, the index-name associated with *identifier-1* contains a value that corresponds to an occurrence number that is greater than the highest permissible occurrence number for *identifier-1*, the search is terminated immediately. The number of occurrences of *identifier-1*, the last of which is the highest permissible, is discussed in the OCCURS clause. Then, if the AT END phrase is specified, *imperative-statement-1* is executed; if the AT END phrase is not specified, control passes to the end of the SEARCH statement.

- b. If, at the start of execution of the SEARCH statement, the index-name associated with *identifier-1* contains a value that corresponds to an occurrence number that is not greater than the highest permissible occurrence number for *identifier-1* (the number of occurrences of *identifier-1*, the last of which is the highest permissible, is discussed in the OCCURS clause), the SEARCH statement operates by evaluating the conditions in the order that they are written, making use of the index settings, wherever specified, to determine the occurrence of those items to be tested. If none of the conditions is satisfied, the index-name for *identifier-1* is incremented to obtain reference to the next occurrence. The process is then repeated using the new index-name settings unless the new value of the index-name settings for *identifier-1* corresponds to a table element outside the permissible range of occurrence values, in which case the search terminates as indicated in 2a above. If one of the conditions is satisfied upon its evaluation, the search terminates immediately, and control passes to the imperative statement associated with that condition, if present, or if the NEXT SENTENCE phrase is associated with that condition, to the next executable sentence; the index-name remains set at the occurrence which caused the condition to be satisfied.

- (3) In a Format 2 SEARCH statement, the results of the SEARCH ALL operation are predictable only when:

- a. The data in the table is ordered in the same manner as described in the KEY IS phrase of the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1*, and
- b. The contents of the key(s) referenced in the WHEN phrase are sufficient to identify a unique table element.

- (4) If Format 2 of the SEARCH statement is used, a nonserial type of search operation may take place; the initial setting of the index-name for *identifier-1* is ignored and its setting is varied during the search operation to conduct a binary search, with the restriction that at no time is it set to a value that exceeds the value which corresponds to the last element of the table, or that is less than the value that corresponds to the first element of the table. The length of the table is discussed in the OCCURS clause. If any of the conditions specified in the WHEN

phrase cannot be satisfied for any setting of the index within the permitted range, control is passed to *imperative-statement-1* of the AT END phrase, when specified, or to the end of the SEARCH statement when this phrase is not specified; in either case, the final setting of the index is not predictable. If all the conditions can be satisfied, the index indicates an occurrence that allows the conditions to be satisfied, and control passes to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified, or to the next executable sentence if the NEXT SENTENCE phrase is specified.

(5) After execution of *imperative-statement-1* or *imperative-statement-2*, that does not terminate with a GO TO statement, control passes to the end of the SEARCH statement.

(6) In Format 2, the index-name that is used for the search operation is the first (or only) index-name specified in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause associated with *identifier-1*. Any other index-names for *identifier-1* remain unchanged.

(7) In Format 1, if the VARYING phrase is not used, the index-name that is used for the search operation is the first (or only) index-name specified in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause associated with *identifier-1*. Any other index-names for *identifier-1* remain unchanged.

(8) In Format 1, if the VARYING *index-name-1* phrase is specified, and if *index-name-1* appears in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1*, that index-name is used for this search. If this is not the case or if the VARYING *identifier-2* phrase is specified, the first (or only) index-name given in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by *identifier-1* is used for the search. In addition, the following operations will occur:

a. If the VARYING *index-name-1* phrase is used, and if *index-name-1* appears in the INDEXED BY phrase in the OCCURS clause referenced by another table entry, the occurrence number represented by *index-name-1* is incremented by the same amount as, and at the same time as, the occurrence number represented by the index-name associated with *identifier-1* is incremented.

b. If the VARYING *identifier-2* phrase is specified, and *identifier-2* is an index data item, then the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is incremented by the same amount as, and at the same time as, the index associated with *identifier-1* is incremented. If *identifier-2* is not an index data item, the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is incremented by the value one at the same time as the index referenced by the index-name associated with *identifier-1* is terminated.

(9) The END-SEARCH phrase delimits the scope of the SEARCH statement.

(10) A representation of the action of a Format 1 SEARCH statement containing two WHEN phrases is shown in the figure that follows. This figure is not intended to indicate the underlying implementation.

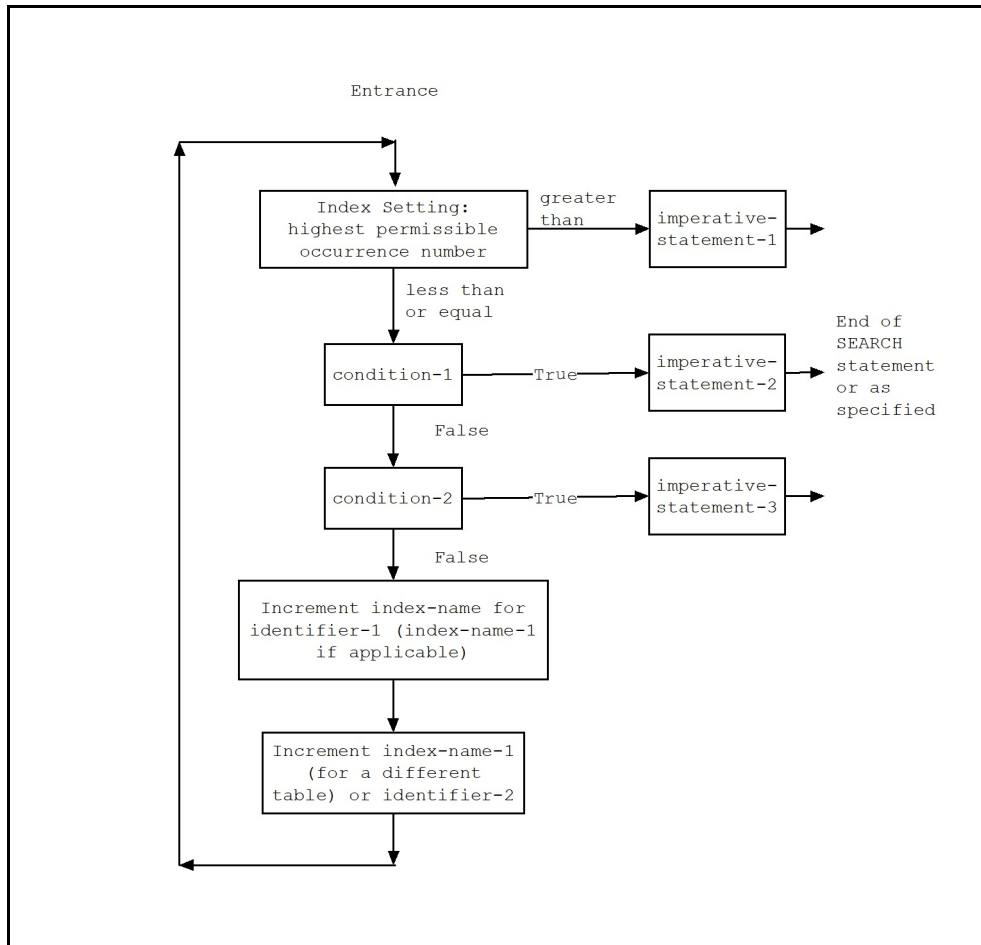


FIGURE 8. Format 1 SEARCH statement having two WHEN phrases

E.50. SET (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

E.50.1 Function

The SET statement establishes reference points for table handling operations by setting indices associated with table elements. It also sets the values of condition names, mnemonic names, and pointer data items; and, (**ISQL**) the value of an indicator data item or the current database connection.

E.50.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{index-name-1} \\ \text{identifier-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{index-name-2} \\ \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{integer-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Format 2:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \{ \text{index-name-3} \} \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{UP BY}} \\ \underline{\text{DOWN BY}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{integer-2} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Format 3:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \{ \{ \text{mnemonic-name-1} \} \dots \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ON}} \\ \underline{\text{OFF}} \end{array} \right\} \} \dots$$

**Format 4:**

$\underline{\text{SET}} \{ \text{condition-name-1} \} \dots \underline{\text{TO TRUE}}$

**Format 5:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \{ \text{identifier-4} \} \dots \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ADDRESS OF identifier-5}} \\ \text{identifier-6} \\ \underline{\text{NULL}} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Format 6: (ISQL)**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \{ \text{identifier-7} \} \dots \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-8} \\ \underline{\text{NULL}} \\ \underline{\text{VALID}} \\ \underline{\text{OVERFLOW}} \end{array} \right\}$$

E.50.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) All references to *index-name-1*, *identifier-1*, and *index-name-3* apply equally to all recursions thereof.
- (2) *Identifier-1* and *identifier-2* must each reference an index data item or an elementary item described as an integer.
- (3) *Identifier-3* must reference an elementary numeric integer.
- (4) *Integer-1* and *integer-2* may be signed. *Integer-1* must be positive.
- (5) *Mnemonic-name-1* must be associated with an external switch, the status of which can be altered.
- (6) *Condition-name-1* must be associated with a conditional variable.

(7) Every occurrence of *identifier-4* and *identifier-6* must reference a data item described as USAGE IS POINTER.

(8) *Identifier-5* may reference any data item defined in the Data Division.

(9) (**ISQL**) Every occurrence of *identifier-7* and *identifier-8* must reference a data item described as USAGE IS INDICATOR.

#### E.50.4 General Rules

##### Format 1 and 2:

(1) Index-names are associated with a given table by being specified in the INDEXED BY phrase of the OCCURS clause for that table.

(2) If *index-name-1* is specified, the value of the index after the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-1*. The value of the index associated with an index-name after the execution of a PERFORM statement may be set to an occurrence number that is outside the range of its associated table.

If *index-name-2* is specified, the value of the index before the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-1*.

If *index-name-3* is specified, the value of the index both before and after the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-3*.

<b>Note:</b> Rule 2 is not currently enforced by <b>ICOBOL</b> .
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(3) In Format 1, the following action occurs:

a. *Index-name-1* is set to a value causing it to refer to the table element that corresponds in occurrence number to the table element referenced by *index-name-2*, *identifier-2*, or *integer-1*. If *identifier-2* references an index data item, or if *index-name-2* is related to the same table as *index-name-1*, no conversion takes place.

b. If *identifier-1* references an index data item, it may be set equal to either the content of *index-name-2* or *identifier-2* where *identifier-2* also references an index data item; no conversion takes place in either case.

c. If *identifier-1* does not reference an index data item, it may be set only to an occurrence number that corresponds to the value of *index-name-2*. Neither *identifier-2* nor *integer-1* can be used in this case.

d. The process is repeated for each recurrence of *index-name-1* or *identifier-1*, if specified. Each time, the value of *index-name-2* or the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is used as it was at the beginning of the execution of the statement. Any subscripting associated with *identifier-1* is evaluated immediately before the value of the respective data item is changed.

(4) In Format 2, the content of *index-name-3* is incremented (UP BY) or decremented (DOWN BY) by a value that corresponds to the number of occurrences represented by the value of *integer-2* or the data item referenced by *identifier-3*; thereafter, the process is repeated for each recurrence of *index-name-3*. For each repetition the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* is used as it was at the beginning of the execution of the statement.

(5) Data in the following table represents the validity of various operand combinations in Format 1 of the SET statement. The general rule reference (after the slash) indicates the applicable general rule.

SENDING ITEM	RECEIVING DATA ITEM		
	INTEGER DATA ITEM	INDEX	INDEX DATA ITEM
Integer literal	No/3c	Valid/3a	No/3b
Integer data item	No/3c	Valid/3a	No/3b
Index	Valid/3c	Valid/3a	Valid/3b*
Index data item	No/3c	Valid/3a*	Valid/3b*

TABLE 30. Validity of Operand Combinations in Format 1 SET Statements

\* No conversion takes place

Format 3:

(6) The status of each external switch associated with the specified *mnemonic-name-1* is modified such that the truth value resultant from evaluation of a condition-name associated with that switch will reflect an on status if the ON phrase is specified, or an off status if the OFF phrase is specified. See the Switch-Status condition on page [246](#)

Format 4:

(7) The literal in the VALUE clause associated with *condition-name-1* is placed in the conditional variable according to the rules of the VALUE clause, see The VALUE Clause on page [202](#)). If more than one literal is specified in the VALUE clause, the conditional variable is set to the value of the first literal that appears in the VALUE clause.

(8) If multiple condition-names are specified, the results are the same as if a separate SET statement had been written for each *condition-name-1* in the same order as specified in the SET statement.

Format 5:

(9) The address specified by the TO phrase is moved into *identifier-4*. This address will be valid until the program terminates or returns control to the calling program.

(10) The address specified by the TO phrase is the address contained in *identifier-6*, the address of *identifier-5*, or if NULL is specified, an address which points to no data-item.

Format 6:

(11) The value of the indicator specified by the TO phrase is moved into *identifier-7*.





E.51. SET (**VXCOBOL**)

E.52.1 Function

Sets one or more data items equal to another data item, or adds an operand to or subtracts an operand from one or more operands.

E.52.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{index-name-1} \\ \text{identifier-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{index-name-2} \\ \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\}$$

**Format 2:**

$$\underline{\text{SET}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{index-name-3} \end{array} \right\} \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{UP BY}} \\ \underline{\text{DOWN BY}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\}$$

E.51.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) All references to *index-name-1*, *identifier-1*, *index-name-3*, and *identifier-4* apply equally to all recursions thereof.
- (2) *Identifier-3* and *identifier-4* must reference numeric data-items.
- (3) *Literal-2* must be a numeric literal.

E.51.4 General Rules

Format 1 and 2:

- (1) Index-names are associated with a given table by being specified in the INDEXED BY phrase of the OCCURS clause for that table.
- (2) If *index-name-1* is specified, the value of the index after the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-1*. The value of the index associated with an index-name after the execution of a PERFORM statement may be set to an occurrence number that is outside the range of its associated table.

If *index-name-2* is specified, the value of the index before the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-1*.

If *index-name-3* is specified, the value of the index both before and after the execution of the SET statement must correspond to an occurrence number of an element in the table associated with *index-name-3*.

**Note:** Rule 2 is not currently enforced by **ICOBOL**.

(3) In Format 1, the following action occurs:

a. *Index-name-1* or *identifier-1* is set to a value equal to the content of *index-name-2* or *identifier-2* or to the value specified by *literal-1*.

b. The value is set using the MOVE rules. Format 1 of the SET statement is equivalent to:

$$\underline{\text{MOVE}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{index-name-2} \\ \textit{identifier-2} \\ \textit{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{index-name-1} \\ \textit{identifier-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

c. The process is repeated for each recurrence of *index-name-1* or *identifier-1*. Each time, the value of *index-name-2* or *identifier-2* is used as it was at the beginning of the statement. Any subscripting associated with *identifier-1* is evaluated immediately before the value of the respective data-item is changed.

(4) In format 2, the following action occurs:

a. A SET UP statement adds the contents of *identifier-3* or the value of *literal-2* to *index-name-3* or *identifier-4* and stores it back in *index-name-3* or *identifier-4*, respectively, according to MOVE rules. The SET UP statement is equivalent to:

$$\underline{\text{ADD}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{TO}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{index-name-3} \\ \textit{identifier-4} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

b. A SET DOWN statement subtracts the contents of *identifier-3* or the value of *literal-2* from *index-name-3* or *identifier-4* and stores it back in *index-name-3* or *identifier-4*, respectively, according to MOVE rules. The SET DOWN statement is equivalent to:

$$\underline{\text{SUBTRACT}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{identifier-3} \\ \textit{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{FROM}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{index-name-3} \\ \textit{identifier-4} \end{array} \right\} \dots$$

c. The process is repeated for each recurrence of *index-name-3* or *identifier-4*. Each time, the value of *identifier-3* is used as it was at the beginning of the statement. Any subscripting associated with *identifier-4* is evaluated immediately before the value of the respective data-item is changed.

**NOTE: The *VXCOBOL* implementation of the SET statement differs substantially from ANSI COBOL. ANSI COBOL uses SET to establish reference points for table handling operations by setting indices associated with table elements. As such, *identifier-1* and *identifier-2* must reference index data items or elementary integer items. *Identifier-3* must be an elementary numeric integer. *Literal-1* must be a positive integer, and *literal-2* must be an integer.**

E.52. SET CONNECTION (*ISQL*)

E.52.1 Function

Set the currently active SQL database connection.

E.52.2 General Format

```

SET CONNECTION { { DEFAULT
                  { literal-1
                    { identifier-1
  [ ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-1 ]
  [ NOT ON SQLERROR imperative-statement-2 ]
  [ END-SET ]

```

E.52.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* must be an alphanumeric literal and may not specify a figurative constant.
- (2) *Identifier-1* must be an alphanumeric data item.

E.52.4 General Rules

- (1) If the DEFAULT phrase is used, it specifies that the default connection (which has the name “default”) is to be made the currently active connection.
- (2) The value of *literal-1* or the content of the data item represented by *identifier-1* specifies the name of the connection that is to be made the currently active connection.
- (3) Connections are kept on a run unit basis, i.e., the scope of the connection name is the entire run unit, not just the program containing the SET CONNECTION statement. If the specified connection does not exist, it is an error and SQLSTATE will be set to “08003”, which is “Connection does not exist”.
- (4) If there is a currently active connection and it differs from the connection specified by the SET CONNECTION statement, it is made the most recent dormant connection.
- (5) Upon completion of the SET CONNECTION statement, the following occurs in the order specified:
  - a. The value of the SQLSTATE data item is updated with the status of the operation.
  - b. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is “00”, the statement is successful. Control is transferred to the end of the SET CONNECTION statement or to *imperative-statement-2*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the SET CONNECTION statement.
  - c. If the value of the SQLSTATE class field is not “00”, the statement is unsuccessful. The statement container is deallocated and no statement container of the specified name will exist in the current program. Control is transferred to the end of the SET CONNECTION statement or to *imperative-statement-1*, if specified. In the latter case, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for the statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the SET CONNECTION statement.

- (6) The END-SET phrase delimits the scope of the SET CONNECTION statement.
- (7) More on SQLSTATE can be found on page [139](#).

E.53. SORT

E.53.1 Function

The SORT statement creates a sort file by executing an input procedure or by transferring records from another file, sorts the records in the sort file on a set of specified keys; and in the final phrase of the sort operation, makes available each record from the sort file, in sorted order, to an output procedure or to an output file.

E.53.2 General Format (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

```
SORT file-name-1 { ON { ASCENDING }
                        { DESCENDING } } KEY { data-name-1 }... }...
[ WITH DUPLICATES IN ORDER ]
[ COLLATING SEQUENCE IS alphabet-name ]
{ INPUT PROCEDURE IS procedure-name-1 [ { THROUGH }
                                           { THRU } ] procedure-name-2 ] }
    USING { file-name-2 }...
{ OUTPUT PROCEDURE IS procedure-name-3 [ { THROUGH }
                                             { THRU } ] procedure-name-4 ] }
    GIVING { file-name-3 }...
```

E.53.3 General Format (**VXCOBOL**)

SORT *file-name-1*

```
d [ literal [ CREATE MAXIMUM RECORDS { identifier }
      { literal } ] ] [ SAVE ] ]
[ ON { ASCENDING }
      { DESCENDING } } KEY [ data-name-1 ]... ]...
[ WITH DUPLICATES IN ORDER ]
[ COLLATING SEQUENCE IS { ASCII
                          { NATIVE
                          { STANDARD-1
                          { EBCDIC
                          { alphabet-name } } } ]
{ INPUT PROCEDURE IS procedure-name [ { THROUGH }
                                           { THRU } ] procedure-name ] }
    USING { file-name-2 } ...
{ OUTPUT PROCEDURE IS procedure-name [ { THROUGH }
                                             { THRU } ] procedure-name ] }
    GIVING { file-name-3 } ...
```

### E.53.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) A SORT statement may appear anywhere in the Procedure Division except in the declaratives portion.
- (2) *File-name-1* must be described in a sort-merge file description entry in the Data Division.

(3) If the USING phrase is specified and the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains variable length records, the size of the records contained in the files referenced by *file-name-2* must not be less than the smallest record nor greater than the largest record described for *file-name-1*. If the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains fixed length records, the sizes of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-2* must not be greater than the largest record described for *file-name-1*.

- (4) *Data-name-1* is a key data-name. Key data-names are subject to the following rules:

- a. The data items identified by key data-names must be described in records associated with *file-name-1*.
- b. Key data-names may be qualified.
- c. Key data-names may not be described as USAGE POINTER.
- d. The data items identified by key data-names must not be group items that contain variable occurrence data items.
- e. If *file-name-1* has more than one record description, the data items identified by key data-names need be described in only one record description. The same character positions referenced by a key data-name in one record description entry are taken as the key in all records of the file.
- f. None of the data items identified by key data-names can be described by an entry that either contains an OCCURS clause or is subordinate to an entry that contains an OCCURS clause.
- g. If a file referenced by *file-name-1* contains variable length records, all the data items identified by key data-names must be contained within the first x characters positions of the record, where x equals the minimum record size specified for the file referenced by *file-name-1*.
- h. For **VXCOBOL**, if no *data-name-1* is specified the entire record is used as the key.

- (5) The words THRU and THROUGH are equivalent.

(6) *File-name-2* and *file-name-3* must be described in a file description entry, not a sort-merge description entry, in the Data Division.

(7) No pair of file-names in a SORT statement may be specified in the same SAME SORT AREA or SAME SORT-MERGE AREA clause. File-names associated with the GIVING phrase may not be specified in the same SAME clause.

- (8) If *file-name-3* is specified it is subject to the following rules:

- a. If *file-name-3* references an indexed file, the first specification of *data-name-1* and the data item referenced by that *data-name-1* must occupy the same character positions in its record as the data item associated with the prime record key for that file. For **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**, the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with the ASCENDING phrase if *file-name-3* has a primary record key described explicitly or implicitly as VALUES ARE ASCENDING. If the key is described as VALUES ARE DESCENDING, *data-name-1* must be associated with the DESCENDING phrase. For **VXCOBOL**, the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with the ASCENDING phrase.

- b. For **VXCOBOL**, If *file-name-3* references an INFOS file, it must not allow subindexing, and the first specification of *data-name-1* must be associated with an ASCENDING phrase. The data-item referenced by

*data-name-1* must occupy the same character positions in its record as the data item associated with the first RECORD KEY in the SELECT for *file-name-3*, i.e., the RECORD KEY and sort key must be internal to the record.

(9) For VXCOBOL, if *file-name-2* references an INFOS file, it must not all subindexing.

(10) If the GIVING phrase is specified and the file referenced by *file-name-3* contains variable length records, the size of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-1* must not be less than the smallest record nor greater than the largest record described for *file-name-3*. If the file referenced by *file-name-3* contains fixed length records, the size of the records contained in the file referenced by *file-name-1* must not be greater than the largest record described for *file-name-3*.

(11) Alphabet-name shall reference an alphabet defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph which defines an alphanumeric collating sequence.

(12) For VXCOBOL, the CREATE clause is for documentation purposes only.

(13) If *file-name-2* references an indexed, relative, or INFOS file its access mode shall be sequential or dynamic.

(14) For VXCOBOL, if the ASCENDING or DESCENDING clause is not specified then ASCENDING is assumed, and the entire record is used as the key.

#### E.53.5 General Rules

(1) If the file referenced by *file-name-1* contains only fixed length records, any record in the file referenced by *file-name-2* containing fewer character positions than fixed length is space filled on the right beginning with the first character position after the last character in the record when that record is released to the file referenced by *file-name-1*.

(2) The data-names following the word KEY are listed from left to right in the SORT statement in order of decreasing significance without regard to how they are divided into KEY phrases. The leftmost data-name is the major key, the next data-name is the next most significant key, etc.

a. When the ASCENDING phrase is specified, the sorted sequence will be from the lowest value of the contents of the data items identified by the key data-names to the highest value, according to the rules for comparison of operands in a relation condition.

b. When the DESCENDING phrase is specified, the sorted sequence will be from the highest value of the contents of the data items identified by the key data-names to the lowest value, according to the rules for comparison of operands in a relation condition.

(3) If the DUPLICATES phrase is specified and the contents of all the key data items associated with one data record are equal to the contents of the corresponding key data items associated with one or more other data records, then the order of return of these records is:

a. The order of the associated input files as specified in the SORT statement. Within a given input file the order is that in which the records are accessed from that file.

b. The order in which these records are released by an input procedure, when an input procedure is specified.

(4) If the DUPLICATES phrase is not specified and the contents of all the key data items associated with one data record are equal to the contents of the corresponding key data items associated with one or more data records, then the order of return of these records is undefined.

(5) The collating sequence that applies to the comparison of the nonnumeric key data items specified is determined at the beginning of the execution of the SORT statement in the following order of precedence:

a. First, the collating sequence established by the COLLATING SEQUENCE phrase, if specified, in the SORT statement.

b. Second, the collating sequence established as the program collating sequence. In **ICOBOL** this is always ASCII since the program collating sequence is ignored.

(6) The execution of a SORT statement consists of three distinct phases as follows:

a. Records are made available to the file referenced by *file-name-1*. This is achieved either by the execution of RELEASE statements in the input procedure or by the implicit execution of READ statements for *file-name-2*. When this phase commences, the file referenced by *file-name-2* must not be in the open mode. When this phase terminates, the file referenced by *file-name-2* is not in the open mode.

b. The file referenced by *file-name-1* is sequenced. No processing of the files referenced by *file-name-2* and *file-name-3* takes places during this phase.

c. The records of the file referenced by *file-name-1* are made available in sorted order. The sorted records are either written to the file referenced by *file-name-3* or, by execution of a RETURN statement, are made available for processing by the output procedure. When this phase commences, the file referenced by *file-name-3* must not be in the open mode. When this phase terminates, the file referenced by *file-name-3* is not in the open mode.

(7) The input procedure may consist of any procedure needed to select, modify, or copy the records that are made available one at a time by the RELEASE statement to the file referenced by *file-name-1*. The range includes all statements that are executed as the result of a transfer of control by CALL, EXIT, GO TO, and PERFORM statements in the range of the input procedure, as well as all statements in declarative procedures that are executed as a result of the execution of statements in the range of the input procedure. The range of the input procedure must not cause the execution of any MERGE, RETURN, or SORT statement.

(8) If an input procedure is specified, control is passed to the input procedure before the file referenced by *file-name-1* is sequenced by the SORT statement. The compiler inserts a return mechanism at the end of the last statement in the input procedure and when control passes the last statement in the input procedure, the records that have been released to the file referenced by *file-name-1* are sorted.

(9) If the USING phrase is specified, all the records in the file(s) referenced by *file-name-2* are transferred to the file referenced by *file-name-1*. For each of the files referenced by *file-name-2* the execution of the SORT statement causes the following actions to be taken:

a. The processing of the file is initiated. The initiation is performed as if an OPEN statement with the INPUT phrase had been executed.

b. The logical records are obtained and released to the sort operation. Each record is obtained as if a READ statement with the NEXT and the AT END phrases had been executed. When the at end condition exists for *file-name-1*, the processing for that file connector is terminated. If the file referenced by *file-name-1* is described with variable-length records, the size of any record released to *file-name-1* is the size of that record when it was read from *file-name-2*, regardless of the content of the data item referenced by the DEPENDING ON phrase of either a RECORD IS VARYING clause or an OCCURS clause specified in the sort-merge file description entry for *file-name-1*. If the size of the record read from the file referenced by *file-name-2* is larger than the largest record allowed in the file description entry for *file-name-1* or is smaller than the smallest record allowed in the file description entry for *file-name-1*, an exception condition exists and the execution of the SORT statement is terminated.

For a relative file, the content of the relative key data items is undefined after the execution of the SORT statement if *file-name-2* is not referenced in the GIVING phrase.



c. The processing of the file is terminated. The termination is performed as if a CLOSE statement without optional phrases had been executed. This termination is performed before the file referenced by *file-name-1* is sequenced by the SORT statement.

These implicit functions are performed such that any associated USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedures are executed; however, the execution of such a USE procedure must not cause the execution of any statement manipulating the file referenced by, or accessing the record area associated with, *file-name-2*.

(10) The output procedure may consist of any procedure needed to select, modify, or copy records that are made available one at a time by the RETURN statement in sorted order from the file referenced by *file-name-1*. The range includes all statements that are executed as the result of a transfer of control by CALL, EXIT, GO TO, and PERFORM statements in the range of the output procedure, as well as all statements in declarative procedures that are executed as a result of the execution of statements in the range of the output procedure. The range of the output procedure must not cause the execution on any MERGE, RELEASE, or SORT statement. See page [260](#), [312](#), Explicit and Implicit specifications.

(11) If an output procedure is specified, control passes to it after the file referenced by *file-name-1* has been sequenced by the SORT statement. The compiler inserts a return mechanism at the end of the last statement in the output procedure. When control passes the last statement in the output procedure, the return mechanism provides for termination of the merge, and then passes control to the next executable statement after the SORT statement. Before entering the output procedure, the sort procedure reaches a point at which it can select the next record in sorted order when requested. The RETURN statements in the output procedure are the requests for the next record.

(12) If the GIVING phrase is specified, all the sorted records are written on the file referenced by *file-name-3* as the implied output procedure for the SORT statement. For each of the files referenced by *file-name-3*, the execution of the SORT statement causes the following actions to be taken:

a. The processing of the file is initiated. The initiation is performed as if an OPEN statement with the OUTPUT phrase had been executed. This initiation is performed after the execution of any input procedure.

b. The sorted logical records are returned and written onto the file. Each record is written as if a WRITE statement without any optional phrases had been executed. If the file referenced by *file-name-3* is described with variable length records, the size of any record written to *file-name-3* is the size of that record when it was read from *file-name-1*, regardless of the content of the data item referenced by the DEPENDING ON phrase of either a RECORD IS VARYING clause or an OCCURS clause specified in the file description entry for *file-name-3*.

For a relative file, the relative key date for the first record returned contains the value '1'; for the second record returned, the value '2', etc. After execution of the SORT statement, the content of the relative key data item indicates the last record returned to the file.

c. The processing of the file is terminated. The termination is performed as if a CLOSE statement without optional phrases had been executed.

These implicit functions are performed such that any associated USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedures are executed; however, the execution of such a USE procedure must not cause the execution of any statement manipulating the file referenced by, or accessing the record area associated with, *file-name-3*. On the first attempt to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of the file, any USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure specified for that file is executed; if control is returned from that USE procedure or if no USE procedure is specified, the processing of the file is terminated as in paragraph 12c above.

(13) If the file referenced by *file-name-3* contains only fixed length records, any record in the file referenced by *file-name-1* containing fewer character positions than fixed length is space filled on the right beginning with the first character position after the last character in the record when that record is returned to the file referenced by *file-name-3*.

(14) The environment entry ICTMPDIR is used for temporary files.

(15) An ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION should be done after this operation to ensure no errors.

E.54. START

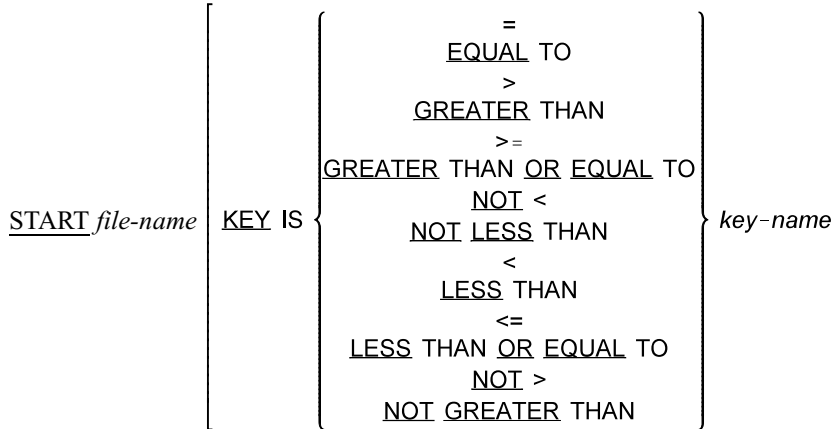
E.54.1 Function

The START statement provides a basis for logical positioning within a relative, indexed, or INFOS file, or for a fixed sequential file for subsequent sequential retrieval of records.

E.54.2 General Format

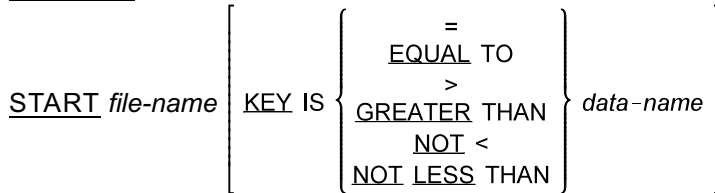
**Format 1: (Relative or Indexed)**

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85:**



[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-START ]

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[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-START ]

**Format 2: (Relative or Indexed)**

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**



[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-START ]

**Format 3: (Sequential)**

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**

$$\text{START } \underline{\text{file-name}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORD } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{integer-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{CHARACTER } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{integer-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \\ \text{CHARACTER } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{integer-2} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{AFTER LAST CHARACTER} \\ \text{FIRST CHARACTER} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{END-START} \right]$$

**VXCOBOL**

$$\text{START } \underline{\text{file-name}} \text{ RECORD } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{integer-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \text{CHARACTER } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{integer-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \left[ \text{END-START} \right]$$

E.54.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *File-name* must be the name of a file with a sequential or dynamic access.

(2) *Key-name* may be qualified if *id-1* is a simple data item. *Key-name* may be qualified by the filename if it is a composite data item.

(3) The INVALID KEY phrase must be specified if no applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is specified for *file-name*.

For relative files:

(4) *Key-name*, if specified, must be the data item specified in the RELATIVE KEY phrase in the ACCESS MODE clause of the associated file control entry.

For indexed and INFOS Files:

(5) If the KEY IS phrase is specified, *key-name* must reference

a. A key associated with *file-name* (in *id-1* in the formats of the RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY).

b. Any data-item of category alphanumeric whose leftmost character position within a record of the file corresponds to the leftmost character position of a record key or the root segment of a record key and whose length is not greater than the length of that key or root segment.

(6) In the case where multiple alternate keys start at the same position, **ICOBOL** matches it up with the first key whose size is larger than *key-name*. NOT ANSI STANDARD.

For sequential files:

(7) *Identifier-1*, *identifier-2*, *integer-1* and *integer-2* must be integers that are greater than or equal to zero.

(8) If RECORD is specified, the file description entry for *file-name* may not contain the RECORD IS VARYING or RECORDING MODE IS VARIABLE clause. The file control entry must explicitly or implicitly be ASSIGN TO DISK.

(9) If RECORD is specified, *identifier-2* or *integer-2* must be less than or equal to the maximum record size.

(10) For **VXCOBOL**, the file description entry associated with *file-name* must have the RECORDING MODE IS FIXED.

E.54.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be open in the input or I-O mode at the time that the START statement is executed. (See The OPEN Statement, page [411](#).)
- (2) For Format 1, if the KEY phrase is not specified, the relational operator 'IS EQUAL TO' is implied.
- (3) The execution of the START statement does not alter the content of the record area.
- (4) The execution of the START statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.
- (5) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the START operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the START statement.
- (6) Following the unsuccessful execution of a START statement, the file position indicator is set to indicate that no valid next record has been established.
- (7) The END-START phrase delimits the scope of the START statement.

For relative files:

- (8) The type of comparison specified by the relational operator in the KEY phrase occurs between a key associated with a record in the file referenced by *file-name* and a data item as specified in general rule 8. Numeric comparison rules apply. (See Comparison of Numeric Operands, page [242](#).)
  - a. The file position indicator is set to the relative record number of the first logical record in the file whose key satisfies the comparison.
  - b. If the comparison is not satisfied by any record in the file, the invalid key condition exists and the execution of the START statement is unsuccessful.
- (9) The comparison described in general rule 8 uses the data item referenced by the RELATIVE KEY phrase of the ACCESS MODE clause associated with *file-name*.

For indexed files:

- (10) The type of comparison specified by the relational operator in the KEY phrase occurs between a key associated with a record in the file referenced by *file-name-1* and a data item as specified in general rules 12 and 13. The comparison is made on the ascending key of reference according to the collating sequence of the file. If the operands are of unequal size, comparison proceeds as though the longer one was truncated on the right such that its length is equal to that of the shorter. All other nonnumeric comparison rules apply. (See Comparison of Nonnumeric Operands, page [242](#).)
  - a. The file position indicator is set to the value of the key of reference in the first logical record whose key satisfies the comparison.
  - b. If the comparison is not satisfied by any record in the file, the invalid key condition exists and the execution of the START statement is unsuccessful,
- (11) A key of reference is established as follows:
  - a. If the KEY phrase is not specified, the primary record key specified for *file-name* becomes the key of reference.
  - b. If the KEY phrase is specified, and *data-name* is specified as a record key for *file-name*, that record key becomes the key of reference.

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c. If the KEY phrase is specified, and data-name is not specified as a record key for file-name, the record key whose left-most character position corresponds to the left-most character position of the data item specified by data-name, becomes the key of reference.

d. In the case where multiple alternate keys start at the same position **ICOBOL** matches it up with the first key whose size is larger than data-name. **NOT ANSI STANDARD.**

This key of reference is used to establish the ordering of records for the purpose of this START statement, see general rule 10; and, if the execution of the START statement is successful, the key of reference is also used for subsequent sequential READ statements. (See The READ Statement, page [424](#), [426](#), [432](#).)

(12) If the KEY phrase is specified, the comparison described in general rule 5 uses:

a. The *data-item* specified by *key-name*, if the RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry for *file-name* does not include the equal sign (=).

b. The composite key specified by *key-name*, if the RECORD KEY or ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry for *file-name* includes the PLUS phrase.

c. The first occurrence of the data-item or composite key specified by *key-name* if the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry for *file-name* includes the OCCURS phrase.

d. The root key of *key\_name* if the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause of the file control entry for *file-name* includes the ALSO phrase. (This is *id-2* in the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY format.)

(13) If the KEY phrase is not specified, the comparison described in general rule 5 uses the data item or composite key referenced in the RECORD KEY clause associated with file-name.

(14) The keyword FIRST is used to position to the first record in the file for the key of reference.

(15) The keyword LAST is used to position to the last record in the file for the key of reference.

### For sequential files:

(16) If the RECORD phrase is specified. The file position indicator will be positioned to the character position computed by:

$$(\text{record length} * \text{record number}) + \text{character offset}$$

where record length is the fixed length of the records associated with *file-name*, record number is *integer-1* or the contents of *identifier-1*, and character offset is *integer-2* or the contents of *identifier-2*. If the CHARACTER phrase is omitted, *integer-2* is assumed to be zero.

(17) If the CHARACTER phrase is specified without the RECORD phrase, positioning occurs as in general rule 16 where *integer-1* is assumed to be zero.

(18) The first record in the file is assumed to be record zero, the second record is record 1. Etc. Thus to position to the Nth record, *integer-1* or *identifier-1* should be set to N-1.

(19) The AFTER LAST phrase set the file position indicator following the last character of the file (i.e. end-of-file), This is equivalent to the position immediately after an OPEN EXTEND.

(20) The FIRST CHARACTER phrase set the file position indicator to the first character of the file. This is equivalent to the position immediately after an OPEN INPUT. The FIRST CHARACTER phrase is equivalent to CHARACTER 0.

For INFOS Files:

(21) The type of comparison specified by the relational operator in the KEY phrase occurs between a key associated with a record in the file referenced by *file-name-1* and a data item as specified in general rules 22 and 23. The comparison is made on the ascending key of reference according to the collating sequence of the file. If the operands are of unequal size, comparison proceeds as though the longer one was truncated on the right such that its length is equal to that of the shorter. All other nonnumeric comparison rules apply. (See Comparison of Nonnumeric Operands, page [242](#).)

a. The file position indicator is set to the value of the key of reference in the first logical record whose key satisfies the comparison.

b. If the comparison is not satisfied by any record in the file, the invalid key condition exists and the execution of the START statement is unsuccessful,

(22) If the KEY phrase is not specified, the comparison described in general rule 5 uses the first *data-item* referenced in the RECORD KEY clause associated with *file-name*.

(23) If the KEY phrase is specified, the key refers to the file's top level. If you have specified DUPLICATES and the OCCURRENCE options in the file's SELECT clause, and the occurrence number is not zero, then START uses the occurrence number to refer to the key.

(24) After a START statement, **ICOBOL** treats a READ NEXT as a READ STATIC.

(25) The FEEDBACK *data-item* is not updated by a START.





## E.55. STOP

## E.55.1 Function

The STOP statement causes a permanent or temporary suspension of the execution of the run unit. The literal variation of the STOP statement is an obsolete element in Standard COBOL because it is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.

## E.55.2 General Format

$$\underline{\text{STOP}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RUN [ literal ]} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\}$$

## E.55.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal* must not be a figurative constant that begins with the word ALL.
- (2) If a STOP RUN statement appears in a consecutive sequence of imperative statements within a sentence, it must appear as the last statement in that sequence.
- (3) If *literal* is numeric, then it must be an unsigned integer.

## E.55.4 General Rules

- (1) If the RUN phrase is specified, execution of the run unit ceases and control is transferred to the operating system. If the optional *literal* is specified, it is displayed before the run unit ceases.
- (2) During the execution of a STOP RUN statement, an implicit CLOSE statement without any optional phrases is executed for each file that is in the open mode in the run unit. Any USE procedures associated with any of these files are not executed.
- (3) A STOP RUN *literal* will cause a value to be returned as the exit code from ICRUN. If *literal* is numeric, and  $10 < \text{literal} < 255$ , then the integer portion of *literal* is returned; otherwise, the value 10 is returned. Exit codes 0 through 9 are reserved for the standard exit codes of the runtime system.
- (4) If STOP *literal* is specified, the execution of the run unit is suspended and *literal* is communicated to the operator. Continuation of the execution of the run unit begins with the next executable statement when a newline has been entered or a STOP RUN is executed if an ESCAPE is entered.
- (5) When using timeouts, **ICOBOL** handles them in the following order:
  - a. If a timeout had been set with the IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT builtin, then it is used; otherwise,
  - b. The global timeout as set with ICTIMEOUT will be used. The default case for global timeout is to wait forever.

**NOTE:**

Using an extended open option to set timeout on your console does NOT affect an ACCEPT or STOP statement. Extended open options are discussed in the Interactive COBOL Developer's Guide Section.

IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT is discussed in this document beginning on page [590](#), [591](#).



## E.56. STRING

## E.56.1 Function

The STRING statement provides juxtaposition of the partial or complete contents of one or more data items into a single data item.

## E.56.2 General Format

$$\underline{\text{STRING}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \dots \underline{\text{DELIMITED BY}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-2} \\ \text{literal-2} \\ \text{SIZE} \end{array} \right\} \dots \underline{\text{INTO}} \text{identifier-3}$$

[ WITH POINTER *identifier-4* ]  
 [ ON OVERFLOW *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT ON OVERFLOW *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-STRING ]

## E.56.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Literal-1* or *literal-2* must not be a figurative constant that begins with the word ALL.
- (2) All literals must be described as nonnumeric literals, and all identifiers, except *identifier-4*, must be described implicitly or explicitly as USAGE IS DISPLAY.
- (3) *Identifier-3* must not be reference modified.
- (4) *Identifier-3* must not represent an edited data item and must not be described with the JUSTIFIED clause.
- (5) *Identifier-4* must be described as an elementary numeric integer data item of sufficient size to contain a value equal to 1 plus the size of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*. The symbol 'P' may not be used in the PICTURE character-string of *identifier-4*.
- (6) Where *identifier-1* or *identifier-2* is an elementary numeric data item, it must be described as an integer without the symbol 'P' in its PICTURE character-string.
- (7) *Identifier-1* may not be a function identifier.

## E.56.4 General Rules

- (1) *Identifier-1* or *literal-1* represents the sending item. *Identifier-3* represents the receiving item.
- (2) *Literal-2* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* indicates the character(s) delimiting the move. If the SIZE phrase is used, the content of the complete data item defined by *identifier-1* or *literal-1* is moved. When a figurative constant is used as the delimiter, it is a single character nonnumeric literal.
- (3) When a figurative constant is specified as *literal-1* or *literal-2*, it refers to an implicit one character data item whose usage is DISPLAY.
- (4) When the STRING statement is executed, the transfer of data is governed by the following rules:
  - a. Those characters from *literal-1* or from the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* are transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-3* in accordance with the rules for alphanumeric to alphanumeric moves, except that no space filling will be provided.

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b. If the DELIMITED phrase is specified without the SIZE phrase, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, or the value of *literal-1*, is transferred to the receiving data item in the sequence specified in the STRING statement beginning with the left-most character and continuing from left to right until the end of the sending data item is reached or the end of the receiving data item is reached or until the character(s) specified by *literal-2*, or by the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*, are encountered. The character(s) specified by *literal-2* or by the data item referenced by *identifier-2* are not transferred.

c. If the DELIMITED phrase is specified with the SIZE phrase, the entire content of *literal-1*, or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, is transferred, in the sequence specified in the STRING statement, to the data item referenced by *identifier-3* until all data has been transferred or the end of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* has been reached.

This behavior is repeated until all occurrences of *literal-1* or data items referenced by *identifier-1* have been processed.

(5) If the POINTER phrase is specified, the data item referenced by *identifier-4* must be set to an initial value greater than zero prior to the execution of the STRING statement.

(6) If the POINTER phrase is not specified, the following general rules apply as if the user had specified *identifier-4* referencing a data item with an initial value of 1.

(7) When characters are transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, the moves behave as though the characters were moved one at a time from the source into the character positions of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* designated by the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* (provided the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4* does not exceed the length of the data item referenced by *identifier-3*), and then the data item referenced by *identifier-4* was increased by one prior to the move of the next character or prior to the end of execution of the STRING statement. The value of the data item referenced by *identifier-4* is changed during execution of the STRING statement only by the behavior specified above.

(8) At the end of execution of the STRING statement, only the portion of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* that was referenced during the execution of the STRING statement is changed. All other portions of the data item referenced by *identifier-3* will contain data that was present before this execution of the STRING statement.

(9) Before each move of a character to the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, if the value associated with the data item referenced by *identifier-4* is either less than one or exceeds the number of character positions in the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, no (further) data is transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-3*, and the NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase, if specified, is ignored, and control is transferred to the end of the STRING statement or, if the ON OVERFLOW phrase is specified, to *imperative-statement-1*. If control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1*, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the STRING statement.

(10) If, at the time of execution of a STRING statement with the NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase, the conditions described in General Rule 9 are not encountered, after completion of the transfer of data according to the other general rules, the ON OVERFLOW phrase, if specified, is ignored and control is transferred to the end of the STRING statement or, if the NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase is specified to *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the STRING statement.

(11) If *identifier-1* or *identifier-2* occupies the same storage area as *identifier-3*, or *identifier-4*, or if *identifier-3* and *identifier-4* occupy the same storage area, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry.

(12) The END-STRING phrase delimits the scope of the STRING statement.

E.57. SUBTRACT

E.57.1 Function

The SUBTRACT statement is used to subtract one, or the sum of two or more, numeric data items from an item, and set the value of an item equal to the results.

E.57.2 General Format

**Format 1:**

SUBTRACT { *identifier-1*  
*literal-1* } ... FROM { *identifier-2* [ ROUNDED ] } ...  
[ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ END-SUBTRACT ]

**Format 2:**

SUBTRACT { *identifier-1*  
*literal-1* } ... FROM { *identifier-2*  
*literal-2* } GIVING { *identifier-3* [ ROUNDED ] } ...  
[ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ END-SUBTRACT ]

**Format 3:**

SUBTRACT { CORRESPONDING  
CORR } *identifier-1* FROM *identifier-2* [ ROUNDED ]  
[ ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ NOT ON SIZE ERROR *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ END-SUBTRACT ]

E.57.3 Syntax Rules

(1) Each identifier must refer to a numeric elementary item except that:

a. In Format 2, each identifier following the word GIVING must refer to either an elementary numeric item or an elementary numeric edited item.

b. In Format 3, each identifier must refer to a group item.

(2) Each literal must be a numeric literal.

(3) The composite of operands must not contain more than 18 digits.

a. In Format 1, the composite of operands is determined by using all of the operands in a given statement.

b. In Format 2, the composite of operands is determined by using all of the operands in a given statement excluding the data item that follows the word GIVING.

c. In Format 3, the composite of operands is determined separately for each pair of corresponding data items.

- (4) CORR is an abbreviation for CORRESPONDING.

#### E.57.4 General Rules

(1) When Format 1 is used, the values of the operands preceding the word FROM are added together and the sum is stored in a temporary data item. The value in this temporary data item is subtracted from the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*, storing the result into the data item referenced by *identifier-2*, and repeating this process for each successive occurrence of *identifier-2* in the left-to-right order in which *identifier-2* is specified.

(2) In Format 2, all literals and the values of the data items referenced by the identifiers preceding the word FROM are added together, the sum is subtracted from *literal-2* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2*, and the result of the subtraction is stored as the new content of each data item referenced by *identifier-3*.

(3) If Format 3 is used, data items in *identifier-1* are subtracted from and stored into corresponding data items in *identifier-2*.

(4) The compiler insures enough places are carried so as not to lose significant digits during execution.

(5) Additional rules and explanations relative to this statement are given under the appropriate paragraphs. (See Scope of Statements, page [260](#); The ROUNDED Phrase, page [253](#); The ON SIZE ERROR Phrase, page [254](#); The Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#); Overlapping Operands, page [256](#); Multiple Results in Arithmetic Statements, page [256](#), and The CORRESPONDING Phrase, page [254](#).)

E.58. UNDELETE (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

E.58.1 Function

The UNDELETE statement restores a logically deleted record to a relative or indexed file. UNDELETE is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.58.2 General Format

UNDELETE *file-name* RECORD

[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]

[ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]

[ END-UNDELETE ]

E.58.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name* must be the name of a file with dynamic or random access.
- (2) The INVALID KEY phrase must be specified for an UNDELETE statement which references a file for which an applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is not specified.

E.58.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be a mass storage file and must be open in the I-O mode at the time the UNDELETE statement is executed.
- (2) For a relative file, the file system logically restores to the file that record identified by the content of the relative key data item associated with *file-name*. If the file does not contain the logically deleted record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.
- (2) For an indexed file, the file system logically restores to the file that record identified by the content of the RECORD KEY data item associated with the *file-name*. If the file does not contain the logically deleted record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.
- (3) After the successful execution of an UNDELETE statement, the identified record has been logically restored to the file and can now be accessed.
- (4) The execution of a UNDELETE statement does not affect the content of the record area.
- (5) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a UNDELETE statement.
- (6) The execution of the UNDELETE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.
- (7) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the UNDELETE operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the UNDELETE statement.





E.59. UNDELETE (**VXCOBOL**)

E.59.1 Function

The UNDELETE statement restores a logically deleted record to an indexed or INFOS file. UNDELETE is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.59.2 General Format

**For indexed files:**

UNDELETE *file-name* RECORD [ LOGICAL { LOCAL  
GLOBAL  
LOCAL GLOBAL } ] [ KEY IS *identifier-1* ]  
[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ END-UNDELETE ]

**For INFOS files:**

UNDELETE *file-name* [ { FIX  
RETAIN } POSITION ] [ NEXT  
FORWARD  
BACKWARD  
UP  
DOWN  
UP FORWARD  
UP BACKWARD  
DOWN FORWARD  
STATIC ]  
RECORD [ LOGICAL { LOCAL  
GLOBAL  
LOCAL GLOBAL } ] [ { KEY IS  
KEYS ARE } { *identifier-2* [ APPROXIMATE  
GENERIC ] } ... ]  
[ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
[ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
[ END-UNDELETE ]

E.59.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) File-name must be the name of a file with dynamic or random access.
- (2) The INVALID KEY phrase must be specified for an UNDELETE statement which references a file for which an applicable USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION procedure is not specified.
- (3) Identifier-1 must be the data-name specified as the RECORD KEY for the SELECT clause for file-name.

E.59.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by file-name must be a mass storage file and must be open in the I-O mode at the time the UNDELETE statement is executed.
- (2) The execution of a UNDELETE statement does not affect the content of the record area.
- (3) The execution of the UNDELETE statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with file-name to be updated.

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(4) Transfer of control following the successful or unsuccessful execution of the UNDELETE operation depends on the presence or absence of the optional INVALID KEY and NOT INVALID KEY phrases in the UNDELETE statement.

### For indexed files:

(5) For an indexed file, the file system logically restores to the file that record identified by the content of the RECORD KEY data-item associated with the file-name. If the file does not contain the logically deleted record specified by the key, the invalid key condition exists.

(6) After the successful execution of an UNDELETE LOGICAL GLOBAL the data record identified has been logically restored to the file.

(7) If LOCAL is specified, it is ignored. If LOCAL GLOBAL is specified, it is treated as GLOBAL.

(8) If no type of restoration is specified, LOGICAL GLOBAL is assumed.

(9) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a UNDELETE statement.

### For INFOS files:

(10) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is STATIC.

(11) The occurrence number is used.

(12) FEEDBACK is not used and is not updated.

(13) KEY LENGTH is used.

(14) The record to UNDELETE is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is fully specified.

(15) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.

(16) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

(17) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(18) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, identifier-2, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. If the relative motion option and KEY series phrase at both specified only UP, DOWN, and STATIC are allowed. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.

(19) If LOGICAL LOCAL is specified, the key and partial record are logically restored.

(20) If LOGICAL GLOBAL is specified, the data record is logically restored.

(21) If LOGICAL LOCAL GLOBAL is specified, the key, partial record, and the data record are logically restored.

(22) If no type of restoration is specified, LOGICAL LOCAL GLOBAL is the default.

## E.60. UNLOCK

## E.60.1 Function

The UNLOCK statement unlocks all records that have been locked by the program on a specified file connector. UNLOCK is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

## E.60.2 General Format

UNLOCK *file-name* { RECORD }  
                                  { RECORDS }

## E.60.3 Syntax Rules

- (1) *File-name* must be the name of a file with random or dynamic access.

## E.60.4 General Rules

- (1) The file referenced by *file-name* must be a mass storage file and must be open in the input or I-O mode at the time of the execution of this statement.

- (2) After the successful execution of an UNLOCK statement, all records that were locked in the file specified by *file-name* by this program are now released.

- (3) The execution of a UNLOCK statement does not affect the content of the record area.

- (4) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of an UNLOCK statement.

- (5) If no records are locked no error is detected and the UNLOCK is successful.

- (6) The execution of the UNLOCK statement causes the value of the I-O status associated with *file-name* to be updated.



## E.61. UNSTRING

## E.61.1 Function

The UNSTRING statement causes contiguous data in a sending field to be separated and placed into multiple receiving fields.

## E.61.2 General Format

```
UNSTRING identifier-1 [ DELIMITED BY [ ALL ] { identifier-2
                                     literal-1 } [ OR | ALL ] { identifier-3
                                     literal-2 } ]... ]
      INTO { identifier-4
            [ DELIMITER IN identifier-5 ]
            [ COUNT IN identifier-6 ] }...
      [ WITH POINTER identifier-7 ]
      [ TALLYING IN identifier-8 ]
      [ ON OVERFLOW imperative-statement-1 ]
      [ NOT ON OVERFLOW imperative-statement-2 ]
      [ END-UNSTRING ]
```

## E.61.3 Syntax Rules

(1) *Literal-1* and *literal-2* must be nonnumeric literals and neither can be a figurative constant that begins with the word ALL.

(2) *Identifier-1*, *identifier-2*, *identifier-3*, and *identifier-5* must reference data items described, implicitly or explicitly, as category alphanumeric.

(3) *Identifier-4* may be described as either the category alphabetic, alphanumeric, or numeric (except that the symbol 'P' may not be used in the PICTURE character-string), and must be described implicitly or explicitly, as USAGE IS DISPLAY.

(4) *Identifier-6* and *identifier-8* must reference integer data items (except that the symbol 'P' may not be used in the PICTURE character-string).

(5) *Identifier-7* must be described as an elementary numeric integer data item of sufficient size to contain a value equal to 1 plus the size of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. The symbol 'P' may not be used in the PICTURE character-string of *identifier-7*.

(6) The DELIMITER IN phrase and the COUNT IN phrase may be specified only if the DELIMITED BY phrase is specified.

(7) *Identifier-1* must not be reference modified.

## E.61.4 General Rules

(1) All references to *identifier-2* and *literal-1* apply equally to *identifier-3* and *literal-2*, respectively, and all recursions thereof.

(2) The data item referenced by *identifier-1* represents the sending area.

(3) The data item referenced by *identifier-4* represents the data receiving area. The data item referenced by *identifier-5* represents the receiving area for delimiters.

(4) *Literal-1* or the data item referenced by *identifier-2* specifies a delimiter.

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(5) The data item referenced by *identifier-6* represents the count of the number of characters within the data item referenced by *identifier-1* isolated by the delimiters for the move to the data item referenced by *identifier-4*. This value does not include a count of the delimiter character(s).

(6) The data item referenced by *identifier-7* contains a value that indicates a relative character position within the area referenced by *identifier-1*.

(7) The data item referenced by *identifier-8* is a counter which is incremented by 1 for each occurrence of the data item referenced by *identifier-4* accessed during the UNSTRING operation.

(8) When a figurative constant is used as the delimiter, it stands for a single character nonnumeric literal.

When the ALL phrase is specified, one occurrence or two or more contiguous occurrences of *literal-1* (figurative constant or not) or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* are treated as if they were only one occurrence, and one occurrence of *literal-1* or the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is moved to the receiving data item according to the rules in General Rule 13d.

(9) When any examination encounters two contiguous delimiters, the current receiving area is space filled if it is described as alphabetic or alphanumeric, or zero filled if it is described as numeric.

(10) *Literal-1* or the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* can contain any character in the computer's character set.

(11) Each *literal-1* or the data item referenced by *identifier-2* represents one delimiter. When a delimiter contains two or more characters, all of the characters must be present in contiguous positions of the sending item, and in the order given, to be recognized as a delimiter.

(12) When two or more delimiters are specified in the DELIMITED BY phrase, an OR condition exists between them. Each delimiter is compared to the sending field. If a match occurs, the character(s) in the sending field is considered to be a single delimiter. No character(s) in the sending field can be considered a part of more than one delimiter.

Each delimiter is applied to the sending field in the sequence specified in the UNSTRING statement.

(13) When the UNSTRING statement is initiated, the current receiving area is the data item referenced by *identifier-4*. Data is transferred from the data item referenced by *identifier-1* to the data item referenced by *identifier-4* according to the following rules:

a. If the POINTER phrase is specified, the string of characters referenced by *identifier-1* is examined beginning with the relative character position indicated by the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-7*. If the POINTER phrase is not specified, the string of characters is examined beginning with the left-most character position.

b. If the DELIMITED BY phrase is specified, the examination proceeds left to right until either a delimiter specified by *literal-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is encountered. (See General Rule 11.) If the DELIMITED BY phrase is not specified, the number of characters examined is equal to the size of the current receiving area. However, if the sign of the receiving item is defined as occupying a separate character position, the number of characters examined is one less than the size of the current receiving area.

If the end of the data item referenced by *identifier-1* is encountered before the delimiting condition is met, the examination terminates with the last character examined.

c. The characters thus examined (excluding the delimiting character(s), if any) are treated as an elementary alphanumeric data item, and are moved into the current receiving area according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

d. If the DELIMITER IN phrase is specified the delimiting character(s) are treated as an elementary alphanumeric data item and are moved into the data item referenced by *identifier-5* according to the rules for the

MOVE statement. If the delimiting condition is the end of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, then the data item referenced by *identifier-5* is space filled.

e. If the COUNT IN phrase is specified, a value equal to the number of characters thus examined (excluding the delimiter character(s), if any) is moved into the area referenced by *identifier-6* according to the rules for an elementary move.

f. If the DELIMITED BY phrase is specified the string of characters is further examined beginning with the first character to the right of the delimiter. If the DELIMITED BY phrase is not specified the string of characters is further examined beginning with the character to the right of the last character transferred.

g. After data is transferred to the data item referenced by *identifier-4*, the current receiving area is the data item referenced by the next recurrence of *identifier-4*. The behavior described in paragraphs 13b through 13f is repeated until either all the characters are exhausted in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*, or until there are no more receiving areas.

(14) The initialization of the contents of the data items associated with the POINTER phrase or the TALLYING phrase is the responsibility of the user.

(15) The content of the data item referenced by *identifier-7* will be incremented by one for each character examined in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*. When the execution of an UNSTRING statement with a POINTER phrase is completed, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-7* will contain a value equal to the initial value plus the number of characters examined in the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

(16) When the execution of an UNSTRING statement with a TALLYING phrase is completed, the content of the data item referenced by *identifier-8* contains a value equal to its value at the beginning of the execution of the statement plus a value equal to the number of *identifier-4* receiving data items accessed during execution of the statement.

(17) Either of the following situations causes an overflow condition:

a. An UNSTRING is initiated, and the value in the data item referenced by *identifier-7* is less than 1 or greater than the size of the data item referenced by *identifier-1*.

b. If, during execution of an UNSTRING statement, all receiving areas have been acted upon, and the data item referenced by *identifier-1* contains characters that have not been examined.

(18) When an overflow condition exists, the UNSTRING operation is terminated, the NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase, if specified, is ignored and control is transferred to the end of the UNSTRING statement or, if the ON OVERFLOW phrase is specified, to *imperative-statement-1*. If control is transferred to *imperative-statement-1*, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-1*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-1*, control is transferred to the end of the UNSTRING statement.

(19) If, at the time of execution of an UNSTRING statement, the conditions described in General Rule 17 are not encountered, after completion of the transfer of data according to the other general rules, the ON OVERFLOW phrase, if specified, is ignored and control is transferred to the end of the UNSTRING statement or, if the NOT ON OVERFLOW phrase is specified to *imperative-statement-2*. If control is transferred to *imperative-statement-2*, execution continues according to the rules for each statement specified in *imperative-statement-2*. If a procedure branching or conditional statement which causes explicit transfer of control is executed, control is transferred in accordance with the rules for that statement; otherwise, upon completion of the execution of *imperative-statement-2*, control is transferred to the end of the UNSTRING statement.

(20) If *identifier-1*, *identifier-2*, or *identifier-3*, occupies the same storage area as *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, *identifier-6*, *identifier-7*, or *identifier-8*, or if *identifier-4*, *identifier-5*, or *identifier-6*, occupies the same storage area as *identifier-7* or *identifier-8*, or if *identifier-7* and *identifier-8* occupy the same storage area, the result of the execution of this statement is undefined, even if they are defined by the same data description entry.

(21) The END-UNSTRING phrase delimits the scope of the UNSTRING statement.



E.62. USE

E.62.1 Function

The USE statement specifies procedures for input-output error handling that are in addition to the standard procedures provided by the input-output control system.

E.62.2 General Format

USE AFTER STANDARD { EXCEPTION  
ERROR } PROCEDURE ON  
 { INPUT  
OUTPUT  
I-O  
EXTEND  
file-name... }

E.62.3 Syntax Rules

(1) A USE statement, when present, must immediately follow a section header in the declaratives portion of the Procedure Division and must appear in a sentence by itself. The remainder of the section must consist of zero, one, or more procedural paragraphs that define the procedures to be used.

(2) The USE statement is never executed; it merely defines the conditions calling for the execution of the USE procedures.

(3) Appearance of *file-name* in a USE statement must not cause the simultaneous request for execution of more than one USE procedure.

(4) The words ERROR and EXCEPTION are synonymous and may be used interchangeably.

(5) The files implicitly or explicitly referenced in the USE statement need not all have the same organization or access.

(6) The INPUT, OUTPUT, I-O, or EXTEND phrases may each be specified only once in the declaratives portion of a given Procedure Division.

E.62.4 General Rules

(1) A declarative is invoked when any of the conditions described in the USE statement which prefaces the declarative occurs while the program is being executed.

(2) Within a declarative procedure, there must be no reference to any nondeclarative procedures.

(3) Procedure-names associated with a USE statement may be referenced in a different declarative section or in a nondeclarative procedure only with a PERFORM statement. (A GO TO statement may be used if the -G g compiler switch is used, but this is not recommended.)

(4) When *file-name* is specified explicitly, no other USE statement applies to *file-name*.

(5) The procedures associated with a USE statement are executed by the input-output control system after completion of the standard input-output exception routine upon the unsuccessful execution of an input-output operation unless an AT END or INVALID KEY phrase takes precedence. The rules concerning when the procedures are executed are as follows:

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a. If *file-name* is specified, the associated procedure is executed when the condition described in the USE statement occurs.

b. If INPUT is specified, the associated procedure is executed when the condition described in the USE statement occurs for any file open in the input mode or in the process of being opened in the input mode, except those files referenced by *file-name* in another USE statement specifying the same condition.

c. If OUTPUT is specified, the associated procedure is executed when the condition described in the USE statement occurs for any file open in the output mode or in the process of being opened in the output mode, except those files referenced by *file-name* in another USE statement specifying the same condition.

d. If I-O is specified, the associated procedure is executed when the condition described in the USE statement occurs for any file open in the I-O mode or in the process of being opened in the I-O mode, except those files referenced by *file-name* in another USE statement specifying the same condition.

e. If EXTEND is specified, the associated procedure is executed when the condition described in the USE statement occurs for any file open in the extend mode or in the process of being opened in the extend mode, except those files referenced by *file-name* in another USE statement specifying the same condition.

(6) After execution of the USE procedure, control is transferred to the invoking routine in the input-output control system and the input-output control system returns control to the next executable statement following the input-output statement whose execution caused the exception.

(7) Within a USE procedure, there must not be the execution of any statement that would cause the execution of a USE procedure that had previously been invoked and had not yet returned control to the invoking routine.

### E.62.5 Example

The following example illustrates how USE statements define the conditions under which a declarative procedure is to be executed. The first USE statement says to execute that declarative procedure for any I-O error encountered with the file PATIENT-FILE. The other four are for any file *except* PATIENT-FILE, because PATIENT-FILE is named in another USE statement.

```

DECLARATIVES.
PATIENT-ERROR SECTION. USE AFTER ERROR PROCEDURE ON PATIENT-FILE.
*****
*** Any I-O error on PATIENT-FILE.
*****
PROCESS-PATIENT-FILE-ERROR.
    IF PATIENT-FILE-STATUS = OPEN-ERROR
        MOVE PATIENT-FILE-STATUS TO FILE-ERROR-STATUS,
        MOVE "PATIENTFILE" TO FILE-ERROR-NAME,
        MOVE "PATIENT FILE MAINTENANCE" TO PROGRAM-NAME,
        DISPLAY FILE-ACCESS-ERROR-SCREEN,
        STOP RUN.

INPUT-ERROR-FILE SECTION. USE AFTER ERROR PROCEDURE ON INPUT.
*****
*** Any INPUT error for any file except PATIENT-FILE.
*****
PROCESS-INPUT-ERROR.
    ACCEPT DECL-EXCEPT-CODE FROM EXCEPTION STATUS.
    PERFORM DISPLAY-ERROR-SCREEN.
    STOP RUN.

OUTPUT-ERROR-FILE SECTION. USE AFTER ERROR PROCEDURE ON OUTPUT.
*****
*** Any OUTPUT error for any file except PATIENT-FILE.
*****
PROCESS-OUTPUT-ERROR.
    MOVE 5 TO SCR-LINE.
    MOVE 10 TO SCR-COL.
    MOVE 15 TO SCR-HEIGHT.
    MOVE 60 TO SCR-WIDTH.
    MOVE "DECLARE ERROR" TO SCR-LABEL.
    CALL "SD_NEW_WINDOW" USING SCR-LINE, SCR-COL, SCR-HEIGHT,
        SCR-WIDTH, SCR-LABEL.

    DISPLAY ERROR-SCREEN.
    ACCEPT CLRSCR.
    CALL "SD_REMOVE_WINDOW".

INPUT-OUTPUT-FILE SECTION. USE AFTER ERROR PROCEDURE ON I-O.
*****
*** Any OUTPUT error for any file except PATIENT-FILE.
*****
PROCESS-IO-ERROR.
    ACCEPT DECL-EXCEPT-CODE FROM EXCEPTION STATUS.
    PERFORM DISPLAY-ERROR-SCREEN.
    STOP RUN.

EXTEND-FILE SECTION. USE AFTER ERROR PROCEDURE ON EXTEND.
*****
*** Any OUTPUT error for any file except PATIENT-FILE.
*****
    ACCEPT DECL-EXCEPT-CODE FROM EXCEPTION STATUS.
    DISPLAY "Please inform the database manager"
    DISPLAY " of the following error:".
    DISPLAY "Status = " DECL-EXCEPT-CODE.
    STOP RUN.

END DECLARATIVES.

```

EXAMPLE 29. Using Declaratives



E.63. WRITE

E.63.1 Function

The WRITE statement releases a logical record for an output or input-output (in random or dynamic access mode) file. It can also be used for vertical positioning of lines within a logical page (on a sequential file). IMMEDIATE is an extension to ANSI COBOL.

E.63.2 General Format (ANSI 74 and ANSI 85)

For sequential files:

WRITE *record-name-1* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM *identifier-1* ]  
 [ { BEFORE } ADVANCING { { *identifier-2* } [ LINES ] } ]  
 [ { AFTER } { *integer-1* } [ LINE ] } ]  
 [ AT { END-OF-PAGE } *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT AT { END-OF-PAGE } *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-WRITE ]

For relative and indexed files:

WRITE *record-name-1* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM *identifier-1* ]  
 [ INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT INVALID KEY *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-WRITE ]

E.63.3 General Format (VXCOBOL)

For sequential files:

WRITE *record-name-1* [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM { *identifier-1* } ]  
 [ { BEFORE } ADVANCING { { *identifier-2* } [ LINES ] } ]  
 [ { AFTER } { *integer-1* } [ LINE ] } ]  
 [ { *mnemonic-name* } ]  
 [ AT { END-OF-PAGE } *imperative-statement-1* ]  
 [ NOT AT { END-OF-PAGE } *imperative-statement-2* ]  
 [ END-WRITE ]

For relative files:

```
WRITE record-name-1 [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM { identifier-1 }  
                               { literal-1 } ]  
  [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
  [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
  [ END-WRITE ]
```

For indexed files:

```
WRITE record-name-1 [ IMMEDIATE ] [ FROM { identifier-1 }  
                               { literal-1 } ] [ KEY IS identifier-3 ]  
  [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
  [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
  [ END-WRITE ]
```

For INFOS files:

```
WRITE [ INVERTED ] record-name-1 [ IMMEDIATE ] [ { { FIX }  
                                                  { RETAIN } } POSITION ] [ { UP  
                                                  DOWN  
                                                  STATIC } ]  
  [ SUPPRESS [ PARTIAL RECORD ] [ DATA RECORD ] ]  
  [ LOCK  
    UNLOCK ] [ FROM { identifier-1 } ] [ { KEY IS  
                                         { KEYS ARE } { identifier-3 }... ]  
  [ INVALID KEY imperative-statement-1 ]  
  [ NOT INVALID KEY imperative-statement-2 ]  
  [ END-WRITE ]
```

### E.63.4 Syntax Rules

- (1) *Record-name-1* and *identifier-1* must not refer to the same storage area.
- (2) *Record-name-1* is the name of a logical record in the File Section of the Data Division and may be qualified.
- (3) *Identifier-2* must reference an integer data item.
- (4) *Integer-1* must be positive or zero.
- (5) The ADVANCING phrase may only be specified for files whose file control entry specifies ASSIGN TO PRINTER, PRINTER-1, or DISPLAY.
- (6) The phrases ADVANCING PAGE and END-OF-PAGE must not both be specified in a single WRITE statement.
- (7) If the END-OF-PAGE or the NOT END-OF-PAGE phrase is specified, the LINAGE clause must be specified in the file description entry for the associated file.
- (8) The words END-OF-PAGE and EOP are equivalent.

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- (9) If *mnemonic-name* is specified, it must reference a line printer control channel as specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division.

(10) For an indexed file, *identifier-3* must be the RECORD KEY specified in the SELECT for file-name. For an INFOS file, *identifier-3* must be a data-name specified as a RECORD KEY in the SELECT for file-name.

### E.63.5 General Rules

(1) The file referenced by the file-name associated with *record-name-1* must be open in the output, I-O (for random or dynamic access), or extend mode at the time of the execution of this statement.

(2) The logical record released by the successful execution of the WRITE statement is no longer available in the record area unless the file-name associated with *record-name-1* is specified in a SAME RECORD AREA clause. The logical record is also available to the program as a record of other files referenced in the SAME RECORD AREA clause as the associated output file, as well as the file associated with *record-name-1*.

(3) The result of the execution of a WRITE statement with the FROM phrase is equivalent to the execution of the following statements in the order specified:

a. The statement:

```
MOVE identifier-1 TO record-name-1
```

according to the rules specified for the MOVE statement.

b. The same WRITE statement without the FROM phrase.

(4) After the execution of the WRITE statement is complete, the information in the area referenced by *identifier-1* is available, even though the information in the area referenced by *record-name-1* is not available except as specified by the SAME RECORD AREA clause.

(5) The file position indicator is not affected by the execution of a WRITE statement, except for INFOS files with the FIX POSITION phrase.

(6) The execution of the WRITE statement causes the value of the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name-1* to be updated.

(7) The execution of the WRITE statement releases a logical record to the operating system.

(8) The number of character positions in the record referenced by *record-name-1* must not be larger than the largest or smaller than the smallest number of character positions allowed by the RECORD IS VARYING clause associated with the file-name associated with *record-name-1*. In either of these cases the execution of the WRITE statement is unsuccessful, the WRITE operation does not take place, the content of the record area is unaffected and the I-O status of the file associated with *record-name-1* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition.

(9) If, during the execution of the WRITE statement with the NOT END-OF-PAGE or NOT INVALID KEY phrase, and the end-of-page or invalid key condition does not occur, control is transferred to *imperative-statement-2* at the appropriate time as follows:

a. If the execution of the WRITE statement is successful, after the record is written and after updating the I-O status of the file-name associate with *record-name-1*.

b. If the execution of the WRITE statement is unsuccessful, after updating the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name-1*, and after executing the procedure, if any, specified by a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION PROCEDURE statement applicable to the file-name associated with *file-name-1*.

(10) The IMMEDIATE option causes the WRITE to immediately flush the new information to disk. Normally this information could be held in internal buffers before being flushed to disk. This option increases file security at the expense of performance. The IMMEDIATE option is ignored for INFOS files.

(11) The END-WRITE phrase delimits the scope of the WRITE statement.

For sequential files:

(12) The successor relationship of a sequential file is established by the order of execution of WRITE statements when the file is created. The relationship does not change except when records are added to the end of a file.

(13) When a sequential file is open in the extend mode, the execution of the WRITE statement will add records to the end of the file as though the file were open in the output mode. If there are records in the file, the first record written after the execution of the OPEN statement with the EXTEND phrase is the successor of the last record in the file.

(14) For a sequential file, when an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of a sequential file, an exception condition exists and the contents of the record area are unaffected. The following actions take place:

a. The value of the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name-1* is set to a value indicating a boundary violation. (See I-O Status, page [267](#).)

b. If a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION declarative is explicitly or implicitly specified for the file-name associated with *record-name-1*, that declarative procedure will then be executed.

c. If a USE AFTER STANDARD EXCEPTION declarative is not explicitly or implicitly specified for the file-name associated with *record-name-1*, the run unit will be terminated with a "Fatal I/O Error".

(15) For a sequential file, both the ADVANCING phrase and the END-OF-PAGE phrase allow control of the vertical positioning of each line on a representation of a printed page. If the ADVANCING phrase is not used, automatic advancing will be provided to act as if the user had specified AFTER ADVANCING 1 LINE. If the ADVANCING phrase is used, advancing is provided as follows:

a. If *integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is positive, the representation of the printed page is advanced the number of lines equal to that value.

b. If the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is negative, the results are undefined.

c. If *integer-1* or the value of the data item referenced by *identifier-2* is zero, no repositioning of the representation of the printed page is performed.

d. For **VXCOBOL**, if *mnemonic-name* is specified the representation of the printed page is advanced according to the rules of the line printer control channel.

e. If the BEFORE phrase is used, the line is presented before the representation of the printed page is advanced according to rules a, b, and c above.

f. If the AFTER phrase is used, the line is presented after the representation of the printed page is advanced according to rules a, b, and c above.

g. If PAGE is specified and the LINAGE clause is specified in the associated file description entry, the record is presented on the logical page before or after (depending on the phrase used) the device is repositioned to the next logical page as specified in the LINAGE clause.

h. If PAGE is specified and the LINAGE clause is not specified in the associated file description entry, the record is presented on the physical page before or after (depending on the phrase used) the device is repositioned to the next physical page. The repositioning to the next physical page is accomplished in accordance with an implementor-defined technique. If physical page has no meaning in conjunction with a specific device, advancing will be provided by the implementor to act as if the user had specified BEFORE or AFTER (depending on the phrase used) ADVANCING 1 LINE.



(16) If the logical end of the representation of the printed page is reached during the execution of a WRITE statement with the END-OF-PAGE phrase, *imperative-statement-1* specified in the END-OF-PAGE phrase is executed. The logical end is specified in the LINAGE clause associated with *record-name-1*.

(17) An end-of-page condition occurs when the execution of a given WRITE statement with the END-OF-PAGE phrase causes printing or spacing within the footing area of a page body. This occurs when the execution of such a WRITE statement causes the LINAGE-COUNTER to equal or exceed the value specified by *integer-2* or the data item referenced by *data-name-2* of the LINKAGE clause if specified. In this case, the WRITE statement is executed and then *imperative-statement-1* in the END-OF-PAGE phrase is executed.

An automatic page overflow condition occurs when the execution of a given WRITE statement (with or without an END-OF-PAGE phrase) cannot be fully accommodated within the current page body.

This occurs when a WRITE statement, if executed, would cause the LINAGE-COUNTER to exceed the value specified by *integer-1* or the data item referenced by *data-name-1* of the LINAGE clause. In this case, the record is presented on the logical page before or after (depending on the phrase used) the device is repositioned to the first line that can be written on the next logical page as specified in the LINAGE clause. *Imperative-statement-1* in the END-OF-PAGE phrase, if specified, is executed after the record is written and the device has been repositioned.

A page overflow condition occurs when the execution of a given WRITE statement would cause LINAGE-COUNTER to simultaneously exceed the value of both *integer-2* or the data item referenced by *data-name-2* of the LINAGE clause and *integer-1* or the data item referenced by *data-name-1* of the LINAGE clause.

(18) The runtime treats all WRITE statements for ASSIGN TO PRINTER or ASSIGN TO DISPLAY files which are opened on the current console as if they are going to a DG terminal. See the DISPLAY statement for more information.

(19) WRITE's to data-sensitive files generate the following kind of advancing information assuming "data" represents the record to be written:

	<b>ANSI 74</b>		<b>ANSI 85</b>	
<u>BEFORE</u> <u>ADVANCIN</u> <u>G</u>	On Windows	On Linux	On Windows	On Linux
PAGE	data<cr><ff>	data<ff>	data<cr><ff>	data<ff>
0 LINES	data<cr><cr>	data<cr>	data	data
1 LINES	data<cr><lf>	data<lf>	data<cr><lf>	data<lf>
2 LINES	data<cr><lf><cr><lf>	data<lf><lf>	data<cr><lf><cr><lf>	data<lf><lf>
<u>AFTER</u> <u>ADVANCIN</u> <u>G</u>	On Windows	On Linux	On Windows	On Linux
PAGE	<cr><ff>data<cr><cr>	<ff>data<cr>	<cr><ff>data	<ff>data
0 LINES	<cr><cr>data<cr><cr>	<cr>data<cr>	data	data
1 LINES	<cr><lf>data<cr><cr>	<lf>data<cr>	<cr><lf>data	<lf>data
2 LINES	<cr><lf><cr><lf>data<cr><cr>	<lf><lf>data<cr>	<cr><lf><cr><lf>data	<lf><lf>data
<b>NOTE: Newline &lt;n1&gt; and linefeed &lt;lf&gt; are equivalent</b>				

TABLE 31. **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** ADVANCING Definitions.

<b>VXCOBOL</b>		
<u>BEFORE ADVANCING</u>	On Windows	On Linux
PAGE	data<cr><ff>	<cr>data<ff>
0 LINES	data	<cr>data
1 LINES	data<cr><lf>	<cr>data<lf>
2 LINES	data<cr><lf><cr><lf>	<cr>data<lf><lf>
<u>AFTER ADVANCING</u>	On Windows	On Linux
PAGE	<cr><ff>data	<cr><ff>data
0 LINES	data	<cr>data
1 LINES	<cr><lf>data	<cr><lf>data
2 LINES	<cr><lf><cr><lf>data	<cr><lf><lf>data
<b>NOTE: Newline &lt;n1&gt; and linefeed &lt;lf&gt; are equivalent</b>		

TABLE 32. **VXCOBOL** ADVANCING Definitions.

(20) In addition **VXCOBOL** supports WRITE with a CHANNEL option. The CHANNEL option causes the following advancing information to be generated:

<u>BEFORE ADVANCING</u>	
CHANNEL	<cr>data<^R><channel-code>
<u>AFTER ADVANCING</u>	
CHANNEL	<cr><^R><channel-code>data

TABLE 33. **VXCOBOL** CHANNEL ADVANCING Definitions.

Channels are the values 1 through 12 generating ASCII codes of "@" through "K":

Channel	ASCII code	Channel	ASCII code	Channel	ASCII code
1	@	5	D	9	H
2	A	6	E	10	I
3	B	7	F	11	J
4	C	8	G	12	K

(21) When using timeouts, **ICOBOL** handles them in the following order for WRITE statements:

- a. If a timeout was set on the OPEN with the extended open option for timeout, then it is used; otherwise,
- b. The default timeout for this particular device class is used.

**NOTE:** Extended open options are discussed in the Developer's Guide section beginning on page [796](#).

For relative files:

(22) When a relative file is opened in the output mode, records may be placed into the file by one of the following:

a. If the access mode is sequential, the WRITE statement causes a record to be released to the file system. The first record has a relative record number of 1, and subsequent records released have relative record numbers of 2, 3, 4, ... . If the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for the file-name associated with *record-name-1*, the relative record number of the record being released is moved into the relative key data item by the file system during execution of the WRITE statement according to the rules for the MOVE statement. (See The MOVE statement, page [406](#).)

b. If the access mode is random or dynamic prior to the execution of the WRITE statement the value of the relative key data item must be initialized by the program with the relative record number to be associated with the record in the record area. That record is then released to the file system by execution of the WRITE statement.

(23) When a relative file is opened in the I-O mode and the access mode is random or dynamic records are to be inserted in the associated file. The value of the relative key data item must be initialized by the program with the relative record number to be associated with the record in the record area. Execution of the WRITE statement then causes the content of the record area to be released to the file system.

(24) When a relative file is open in extend mode, records are inserted into the file. The first record released to the file system has a relative record number one greater than the highest relative record number existing on the file. Subsequent records released to the file system have consecutively higher relative record numbers. If the RELATIVE KEY phrase is specified for the file-name associated with *record-name-1*, the relative record number of the record being released is moved into the relative key data item during the execution of the WRITE statement according to the rules for the MOVE statement.

(25) The invalid key condition exists under the following circumstances:

a. When the access mode is random or dynamic and the relative key data item specifies a record which already exists in the file, or

b. When an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of the file, or

c. When the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item described for the file.

(26) When the invalid key condition is recognized, the execution of the WRITE statement is unsuccessful, the content of the record area is unaffected, and the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name-1* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition. Execution of the program proceeds according to the rules for an invalid key condition.

For indexed files:

(27) Execution of a WRITE statement causes the content of the record area to be released. The file system utilizes the contents of the record keys in such a way that subsequent access of the record may be made based upon any of these specified record keys.

(28) The value of the primary record key must be unique within the records in the file.

(29) The data item or for a composite key, the data-items specified as the primary record key must be set by the program to the desired value prior to the execution of the WRITE statement.

(30) If the file is open in the sequential access mode, records must be released to the file system in ascending order of primary record key values according to the collating sequence of the file. When the file is open in the extend mode, the first record released to the file system must have a primary record key whose value is greater than the highest primary record key value existing in the file.

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(31) If the file is open in the random or dynamic access mode, records may be released to the file system in any program-specified order.

(32) When the ALTERNATE RECORD KEY clause is specified in the file control entry for an indexed file, the value of the alternate record key may be non-unique only if the DUPLICATES phrase is specified for that data item. In this case the file system provides storage of records such that when records are accessed sequentially, the order of retrieval of those records is the order in which they are released to the file system.

(33) The invalid key condition exists under the following circumstances:

a. When the file is open in the sequential access mode, and the file also is open in the output or extend mode, and the value of the primary record key is not greater than the value of the primary record key of the previous record, or

b. When the file is open in the output or I-O mode, and the value of the primary record key equals the value of the primary record key of a record already existing in the file, or

c. When the file is open in the output, extend, or I-O mode, and the value of an alternate record key for which duplicates are not allowed equals the value of the corresponding data item of a record already existing in the file, or

d. When an attempt is made to write beyond the externally defined boundaries of the file.

(34) When the invalid key condition is recognized, the execution of the WRITE statement is unsuccessful, the content of the record area is unaffected and the I-O status of the file-name associated with *record-name-1* is set to a value indicating the cause of the condition. Execution of the program proceeds according to the rules for an invalid key condition.

### For INFOS files:

(35) If the relative option and the KEY series phrase are omitted, the default is the first key in the SELECT clause.

(36) The occurrence number is updated.

(37) FEEDBACK is used if you specify INVERTED. WRITE updates the FEEDBACK data item if INVERTED is not specified.

(38) KEY LENGTH is unused.

(39) If INVERTED is not specified, a record is written in a location that is determined according to what is specified in the relative option phrase and/or the KEY series phrase. The specification can be implicit if the program uses the defaults or explicit if the KEY or path is fully specified. If INVERTED is specified, an inversion of an existing record is written. Two keys will now point to the same data record. The FEEDBACK phrase must be specified in the FD to use INVERTED.

(40) FIX POSITION causes the record pointer to move from the current position to the position specified in this statement. RETAIN position causes the record position to remain at the position it was on before the execution of this statement. RETAIN is the default.

(41) The relative motion option without the KEY series phrase allows access to the index file relative to that file's current record position.

(42) Using the KEY series phrase without the relative motion option cause the key path specified to begin with the top index in the hierarchy and follow a downward motion.

(43) If the KEY series phrase is specified, each key, *identifier-1*, must be declared in the SELECT statement for file-name. The relative motion option is processed first and the key path is used. If both are omitted, STATIC is the default.

(44) If DUPLICATE and OCCURRENCE IS was specified in this file's SELECT clause, the occurrence number is updated for the last key in the key series phrases or the first key in the SELECT if there is no key series phrase. Zero indicates that no duplicate has occurred.

(45) If SUPPRESS DATA RECORD is specified, all locks on the data record are ignored and the data record associated with the index entry is not output. If FEEDBACK was defined, a zero is returned.

(46) If SUPPRESS PARTIAL RECORD is specified, the partial data record associated with the index entry is not output.

(47) If a FEEDBACK data item was declared for a file, it contains the location of the record that you just read, wrote, or rewrote. This location is used to link a key to an existing record in a WRITE INVERTED statement. If you intend to use the FEEDBACK data item for an inversion later in the program it must be saved in another location and restored to the FEEDBACK data item when needed.

(48) The IMMEDIATE option is ignored for INFOS files.

(49) If LOCK is specified, this program is the only one who can access the locked record until an UNLOCK of some form is done on that record. Closing the file automatically unlocks all locked records in the file.



## VII. BUILTINS

### A. Introduction

#### A.1. Overview

**ICOBOL** uses the CALL statement to access a set of builtins, all but four starting with the three-character sequence, "IC\_". When the CALL statement is executed, the **ICOBOL** runtime looks first for a user-defined subroutine, then a builtin, and finally a callable COBOL program. All builtins, unless otherwise documented, return to the calling program with the appropriate Exception Status. User-defined subroutines or COBOL programs should not have names that begin with "IC\_" as it could create a conflict with a builtin.

The following builtin is supported on Windows only:

IC\_WINDOWS\_SHELLEXECUTE

The following builtins are supported on Windows and on Linux when connected to a ThinClient client on Windows:

IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE  
IC\_WINDOWS\_MSG\_BOX

IC\_WINDOWS\_SETFONT  
IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE

The following builtins are supported only when running as a ThinClient:

IC\_CLIENT\_CALLPROCESS  
IC\_CLIENT\_DELETE\_FILE  
IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_ENV  
IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_FILE

IC\_CLIENT\_PUT\_FILE  
IC\_CLIENT\_RESOLVE\_FILE  
IC\_CLIENT\_SET\_ENV

The following builtins are supported only when running as a ThinClient client on Windows :

IC\_CLIENT\_SHELLEXECUTE

The following table lists the **ICOBOL** builtins. Following the table is a description for each supported builtin. If the builtin provides user interaction through a menu, that interface is documented in the appropriate chapter in the Utilities Manual.

** ?CBADDR	IC_ENABLE_INTS	IC_SEND_MSG
** ?CBBADDR	IC_ENCODE_URL	IC_SEND_MAIL
** ?CBSYS	IC_ENCODE_CSV	IC_SERIAL_NUMBER
** CLI	IC_EXTRACT_STRING	IC_SET_ENV
IC_ABORT_TERM	IC_FULL_DATE	IC_SET_TIMEOUT
IC_CENTER	IC_GET_DISK_SPACE	IC_SET_USERNAME
IC_CHANGE_DIR	IC_GET_ENV	IC_SHUTDOWN
IC_CHANGE_PRIV	IC_GET_FILE_IND	IC_SYS_INFO
IC_CHECK_DATA	IC_GET_KEY	IC_TERM_CTRL
IC_CLIENT_CALLPROCES	IC_HANGUP	IC_TERM_STAT
IC_CLIENT_DELETE_FILE	IC_HEX_TO_NUM	IC_TRIM
IC_CLIENT_GET_ENV	IC_INFOS_STATUS_TEXT	IC_UPPER
IC_CLIENT_GET_FILE	IC_INSERT_STRING	IC_VERSION
IC_CLIENT_PUT_FILE	IC_KILL_TERM	IC_WINDOW_TITLE
IC_CLIENT_RESOLVE_FILE	IC_LEFT	IC_WINDOWS_MSG_BOX
IC_CLIENT_SET_ENV	IC_LOGON	IC_WINDOWS_SETFONT
IC_CLIENT_SHELLEXECUTE	IC_LOWER	IC_WINDOWS_SHELLEXECUTE
IC_COMPRESS_OFF	IC_MOVE_FILE_DATA	IC_WINDOWS_SHOW_CONSOLE
IC_COMPRESS_ON	IC_MOVE_STRING	
IC_CREATE_DIR	IC_MSG_TEXT	
IC_CURRENT_DIR	IC_NUM_TO_HEX	
IC_DECODE_URL	IC_PDF_PRINT	
IC_DECODE_CSV	IC_PID_EXISTS	
IC_DELAY	IC_PRINT_STAT	
IC_DETACH_PROGRAM	IC_QUEUE_STATUS	
IC_DIR_LIST	IC_REMOVE_DIR	
IC_DISABLE_HOTKEY	IC_RENAME	
IC_DISABLE_INTS	IC_RESOLVE_FILE	
IC_ENABLE_HOTKEY	IC_RIGHT	

TABLE 34. List of BUILTINS

**NOTE:** The syntax descriptions of the various calls include type information. For numeric items, the traditional picture and USAGE information is provided, but it is not strictly enforced. You may use any numeric description in its place as long as it conforms to the tenant that of an integer was called for an integer is provided. (This does NOT apply to numeric values with packets (records). These must be coded as shown.) Also note that **ICOBOL2** required that these parameters match.

**NOTE:** Builtins marked with \*\* are documented but no longer supported at runtime.



**B. Builtins**

## B.1. ?CBADDR

(Added in 3.00, Removed in 5.40)

The ?CBADDR function returns the address of any word-aligned COBOL data item or structure member. If the record or structure member is not word aligned, an error value of zero is returned as the word address.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "?CBADDR" USING id-1, id-2
```

Where

*id-1*

is a record-level data-item whose word address you want to know. This item is not modified.

*id-2*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP to which the address of the data item is returned.

This subroutine also works for structure members if the item is on a word boundary. If you request the word address of a byte-aligned item, *id-2* is set to zero.

Level 01 and Level 77 data items always start on a word boundary, unless the -B compiler switch was specified.

The ?CBBADDR function returns the byte address of any COBOL data item.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "?CBBADDR" USING id-1, id-2
```

Where

*id-1*

is a data-item whose byte address you want to know. This item is not modified.

*id-2*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP to which the address of the data item is returned.

The ?CBSYS function allows certain AOS/VS system calls to be executed. The COBOL file COBSYSID.IN included in the release shows the system calls that can be used.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "?CBSYS" USING id-1, id-2, id-3, id-4, id-5
```

Where

*id-1*

is a data item of type PIC S9(4) USAGE IS COMP that holds one of the symbolic names from COBSYSID.IN for the system call that you wish to invoke. This item is not modified.

*id-2*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP that holds both the value you pass to the system call in AC0 and the value returned.

*id-3*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP that holds both the value you pass to the system call in AC1 and the value returned.

*id-4*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP that holds both the value you pass to the system call in AC2 and the value returned.

*id-5*

is a data item of type PIC S9(9) USAGE IS COMP to which the system returns the number of any system error that occurs during the system call. If none occurs, *id5* contains zero.

Refer to the *AOS/VS*, *AOS/VSII*, and *AOS/RT32 System Call Dictionary* from Data General for a full discussion of system calls.

The CLI function allows the COBOL program to call the Bourne shell (on Linux) or the command processor defined by the COMSPEC.environment variable (on Windows).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "CLI" [ USING id-1 [, id-2] ]
```

Where

*id-1*

is defined as PIC X(n) and has the value of a particular Bourne shell (Linux) or command processor (Windows) command that you wish to execute and return. For ***VXCOBOL***, n = 250. For ***ANSI 74 and ANSI 85***, 0 < n < 256.

*id-2*

is defined as PIC X(n) and receives output from the command. The contents of *id-2* are either spaces or "\*Error\*" depending whether the shell returns a zero or non-zero exit code. For ***VXCOBOL***, n = 250. For ***ANSI 74 and ANSI 85***, 6 < n < 256.

If no arguments are specified the shell is called in interactive mode. Only when the shell is exited (entering an exit command or Ctrl-D (Linux)) will you return to the COBOL program.

On Linux, if *id-1* is specified, it may contain a shell script, or one or more shell commands separated by semicolons.

On Windows, if *id-1* is specified it may contain a .BAT file name or a command.

If the shell cannot be started the Exception Status is set and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if specified, is executed. If the shell exits with an error, the exception status is set, but the ON EXCEPTION clause is not taken, even if present.

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## B.5. IC\_ABORT\_TERM

The IC\_ABORT\_TERM builtin allows active terminals to be aborted either to facilitate a system shutdown or for other reasons.

The IC\_ABORT\_TERM builtin is enabled with the Abort terminal privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted."

On Linux, the runtime requests that ICEXEC issue a Linux SIGUSR1 to the process corresponding to the console number selected.

On Windows, the runtime passes the request to ICEXEC.

Two modes are available.

### Mode 1 (Interactive Mode)

For mode 1, the syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ABORT_TERM"
```

Upon invocation, a terminal status window of all logged-on terminals will be displayed. You are then prompted as to which terminal you wish to abort. Once that terminal is aborted you will see the confirmation in the status window. Aborting a terminal will not remove it from the terminal status window but will mark the terminal as 'Stopped' in the terminal status window.

For more on IC\_ABORT\_TERM in mode 1 see the Abort Terminal utility in the Utilities Manual.

### Mode 2 (Program Mode)

For mode 2, the syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ABORT_TERM" USING term-number
```

Where

*term-number*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP that holds the terminal number to abort.

If an invalid terminal number or a terminal that is not currently active is given, an Exception Status 228 "The terminal is not logged on" is returned. If the terminal is not enabled, Exception Status 229 "The terminal is not configured into the system" is returned.

The IC\_CENTER builtin provides the ability to center text within a specified width.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CENTER" USING source, destination [, width]
```

Where

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the string to be centered.

*destination*

is a PIC X(n) and returns the centered string.

*width*

is a PIC 9... and holds the width of the area in destination in which to center the string.

If *width* is not specified the defined length of the *destination* is used.

The content of *source* is trimmed of leading and trailing spaces and then padded with leading and trailing spaces so as to center the item in the specified *width*. If the difference in the length of the trimmed source and the specified *width* is an odd number of characters, the "extra" space is added to the right. If the length of the trimmed *source* is greater than *width*, the trimmed item is truncated on the right.

Use of the IC\_CENTER builtin requires 4.40 or greater of the runtime.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

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**B.7. IC\_CHANGE\_DIR**

The IC\_CHANGE\_DIR builtin allows the program to change the working directory.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CHANGE_DIR" USING name
```

Where

*name*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the new working directory name.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

Changing the working directory does not change any paths which have been resolved at initialization time. In particular, ICPCQDIR, ICCODEPATH, and ICDATAPATH are not resolved again.

If this builtin is used, then the directory specifiers "." and ".." as well as an empty path entry (:), should not be included in these paths. Full pathnames should be used for all entries.

B.8. IC\_CHANGE\_PRIV

The IC\_CHANGE\_PRIV builtin allows a program to change the privileges associated with its own console or any other specified console. The changed privileges are only in effect while the runtime system process assigned to that console is active. The privileges revert to those configured for the line when the runtime system is started again.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CHANGE_PRIV" USING operation, privileges, [ term-id ]
```

Where

*operation*

is a PIC X(1) data item containing a code for the operation to be performed. The values are as follows:

Value	Operation
S	Set the privilege(s)
C	Clear the privilege(s)

*privilege*

is a PIC X(n) string (1 <= n <= 16) which contains the characters indicating which privileges are to be set or cleared. These characters are as follows:

Value	Privilege
A	Abort terminal privilege
C	Printer control management privilege
D	Program debugging privilege
I	System Information privilege
M	Message sending privilege
O	Detach/Host program privilege
P	Printer control privilege
S	System shutdown privilege
T	Terminal status privilege
W	Watch other terminals privilege
X	eXclude terminal from being watched

These characters correspond to those returned by ACCEPT id FROM ENVIRONMENT. More than one of these characters may be specified in the string. The B=Console interrupt privilege, cannot be changed with this call.

*term-id*

Is a PIC 9(4) COMP item containing the console number whose privileges are to be changed. This terminal must be logged on. If terminal number is omitted, then the program's own console number is used.

The privileges indicated in the privilege string are either added to or removed from those available to the specified console.

If the operation code or privilege string contains any character other than those specified above, an Exception Status 13 "Invalid Data", is returned. (The codes are case insensitive, and the privileges string may include SPACES).

Exception Status 228 "The terminal is not logged on", is returned when the term-id variable does not represent a currently active console.

Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted", is returned when:



- (1) the watch privilege is to be set but the watch option is not present on the runtime license (NO LONGER ISSUED),
- (2) Printer control privilege or Printer control management privilege is to be set and printer control is not enabled, or
- (3) the Console Interrupt Privilege is given as an argument.

The IC\_CHECK\_DATA builtin allows data to be verified via CRC, LRC (XOR), or checksum. Both 16-bit and 32-bit calculations are supported. (32-bit support added in 4.20)

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CHECK_DATA" USING option, polynomial, length, buffer, result
```

Where

*option*

is a numeric that provides the calculation option. Valid options are:

Value	Calculation Option
0	Normal CRC using the supplied polynomial
1	Reverse CRC using the supplied polynomial
2	LRC (XOR) 8-bit calculation
3	Checksum calculation
4	Calculate CRC using reflected values
5	XOR the polynomial arg with the result arg. No calculation is done on the buffer. (+64 is required) (+128 for 32 bits)
6	Reflect the result arg. No calculation is done on the buffer. (+64 is required) (+128 for 32 bits)
+64	Add to value to cause the passed in result value to be used to start the calculation. Otherwise zero is used.
+128	Add to value to cause a 32-bit algorithm to be used. Requires polynomial and result arguments to be 32-bit.

*polynomial*

is a numeric that provides the value for the CRC generator polynomial.

*length*

is a numeric which provides the length of data in the buffer on which to perform the calculation. This cannot be larger than the size of the buffer. For 16-bit calculations this is limited to 65535.

*buffer*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the data on which the check is to be calculated.

*result*

is a numeric that returns the calculated value. If a +64 is added to *option*, the passed in result is used as the starting value for the calculation. Otherwise a zero is used.

Thus *option* values 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 64 (0+64) , 65 (1+64) , 66 (2+64), ... calculate 16-bit values. *Polynomial* and *result* must both support 16-bit values.

And *option* values 128 (0+128), 129 (1+128), 130 (2+128), ... , 192 (0+54+128), 193 (1+64+128), 194 (2+64+128), and ... calculate 32-bit values. *Polynomial* and *result* must both support 32-bit values.

Some common crc polynomials are:

CRC-CCITT	1021h or	4129 (base 10)
CRC-16	8005h or	32773
reverse CRC-CCITT	8408h or	33800
reverse CRC-16	A001h or	40961
CRC-32	04C11DB7h or	79764919
reverse CRC-32	EDB88320h or	3988292384

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The CRC-CCITT polynomial is used for XMODEM-CRC protocol.

Just note that no pre-processing or post-processing is done on the values. If that is required you must do that yourself.

For example, calculation option 64 (0+64) would be used to calculate a 16-bit CRC-16 on a block (or file) that is larger than the buffer by making repeated calls.

Calculation option 192 (0+64+128) would be used to calculate a 32-bit CRC-32 on a block (or file) that is larger than the buffer by making repeated calls.

Options 5 and 6 do not use the buffer in any manner. They are provided to manipulate a result value in some form. A 5 will XOR the polynomial with the result value. You must use a +64 to use a result value that is other than 0. Option 6 reflects the result argument. Again a +64 must be used. A +128 must be given to support 32-bits.

The IC\_CLIENT\_CALLPROCESS builtin allows a program to be executed on the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs). The call will not return to the COBOL program until the remote program is completed.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_CALLPROCESS" USING cmd-argument [ , argument ]...
```

Where

*cmd-argument*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the executable program name to be executed

*argument...*

are PIC X(n) which provides the needed arguments

If the program cannot be found, an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

When the remote program terminates, the builtin will return to the calling COBOL program.

The exception code will be the program exit code if no ON EXCEPTION is generated.

One consideration when using this call is to call "IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE" to update the title-bar that a Windows command may be in progress.

The IC\_CLIENT\_DELETE\_FILE builtin provides the ability to delete a file on the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_DELETE_FILE" USING filename
```

Where

*filename*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the filename on the remote machine. ICLINK cannot be used.

Filename is processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

If the file does not exist on the remote client no error is returned.

If the file cannot be deleted on the remote client an Access denied error is returned.

The IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_ENV builtin allows an environment variable to be read from the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_GET_ENV" USING name-argument, return-argument
```

Where

*name-argument*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the environment variable to be read

*return-argument*

is a PIC X(n) into which is returned the value of that argument according to the rules for MOVE.

If the environment variable cannot be found, an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

The IC\_CLIENT\_GET\_FILE builtin provides the ability to copy a file to the server from the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_GET_FILE" USING destination, source
```

Where

*destination*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the destination filename on the local-server machine. It cannot be a directory. ICLINK can be used.

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the source filename to be copied from the remote machine. ICLINK cannot be used.

The source file must exist on the remote client and be available to be opened for binary input.

Source and destination are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

If the file exists on the server it is overwritten.

The file creation date and time are set to when the copy is done.

The IC\_CLIENT\_PUT\_FILE builtin provides the ability to copy a file from the server to the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_PUT_FILE" USING source, destination
```

Where

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the source filename on the local-server to be copied. ICLINK can be used.

*destination*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the destination filename on the remote. It cannot be a directory. ICLINK cannot be used.

The source file must exist and must be available to be opened for binary input.

Source and destination are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

If the file exists on the remote it is overwritten.

The file modification / access date and time are set to when the copy is done.



The IC\_CLIENT\_RESOLVE\_FILE builtin resolves a filename to a full pathname from the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs). Templates are not allowed.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_RESOLVE_FILE" USING file-argument, file-entry [,rev ]
```

Where

*file-argument*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the file to be resolved. The fully resolved name is returned into this argument. If the file does not exist, the fully resolved name of where the file would be created is returned and the ON EXCEPTION clause is executed. ICLINK cannot be used.

*file-entry*

is a structure as defined below that provides status information about the file. If the file does not exist, no data is moved into this structure. The Filename piece of the structure can be any length but should be long enough to hold the longest simple name. See IC\_RESOLVE\_FILE on page [580](#) for more information on the file-entry formats.

*rev* (added in 5.00)

is a PIC 9(2) COMP (one-byte binary), that specifies the revision of the file-entry for *output-file*. Valid values are 1, 2, 3, and 4 (default is 1). Rev 2 entry is 4-bytes larger (dates have 4-byte years). Rev 4 entry has a larger FILESIZE-BYTES. (Rev 4 entry is available in 5.00 and up).

In the rev 3 structure, each date is of the form YYYYMMDD and each time is of the form hhmmsshh. The USER-COUNT field returns the number of times the file is open to any **ICOBOL** runtime running on this machine. The attribute field is a space if the particular attribute is not set, and contains a single uppercase letter if it is set. (R-readable, W-writeable, P-protected, A-archive, D-directory, S-system, E-executable, L-linkfile).

If an error is generated, the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed. The EXCEPTION STATUS gives the error.

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

If the file does not exist on the remote client a File Not Found error is given.

The IC\_CLIENT\_SET\_ENV builtin allows an environment entry to be set on a remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_SET_ENV" USING name, value
```

Where

*name*

is a string that specifies the name of the environment variable to be set.

*value*

is a string that specifies the data value for the environment entry. Trailing spaces are ignored.

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient an Invalid Operation will be given.

Possible errors include:

Parameter mismatch

Invalid Data

No memory

The IC\_CLIENT\_SHELLEXECUTE performs an operation on a specified file on the remote client when running a ThinClient (icrunrc/icrunrs) and the client is a Windows machine.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CLIENT_SHELLEXECUTE" USING lpverb, lpFile, lpParameters,
    lpDirectory, nShowCmd
```

Where

*lpverb*

is a string, referred to as a verb, that specifies the action to be performed. The set of available verbs depends on the particular file or folder. Generally the actions available from an object's context menu are available verbs. The following verbs are commonly used:

edit	Launches an editor and opens the document for editing.
explore	Explores the folder specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
find	Initiates a search starting from the specified directory.
open	Opens the file specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
print	Prints the document specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
properties	Displays the file or folder's properties.

If set to spaces, then NULL is passed to the Windows function which defaults to the "default" verb or an open.

*lpFile*

is a string that specifies the file or object on which to execute the specified verb.

*lpParameters*

is a string that is a string of parameters to be passed to the application specified by *lpFile* if *lpFile* is an executable. If *lpFile* is a document then *lpParameters* should be spaces.

*lpDirectory*

is a string that specifies the default directory. If set to spaces the current directory is used. (NULL is passed to the Windows call.)

*nShowcmd*

is a Numeric with a value as given under IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE as *cmd*.

If the Windows ShellExecute call returns with a value greater than 32 then IC\_CLIENT\_SHELLEXECUTE returns a success. Otherwise, it is an error and an exception is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause is executed, if provided.

This call is available only on Windows when running on a graphic desktop.

More on this can be seen by looking at the Microsoft call "ShellExecute".

If this call is made when not running as a ThinClient on a Windows machine an Invalid Operation will be given.

Possible errors include:

Parameter mismatch	Invalid Data
Program not found	No memory
Path not found	Invalid Format
Access Denied	Sharing violation
Invalid operation	

This call can be used to:

- start Internet Explorer by giving a valid URL address (www.icobol.com)
- start an e-mail by giving "mailto: <name>".
- start a find file by giving the verb "find" with *lpFile* set to a directory specifier.

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Basically you should be able to do all the actions associated with an object that can be seen by using Explorer to view the file and then right-clicking on the object. The top entry in the list is the default selection.

The IC\_COMPRESS\_OFF builtin causes screen compression to be disabled if the current screen allows compression and is currently in compressed mode.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_COMPRESS_OFF"
```

Errors include "Invalid operation" if compressed mode support is not enabled and "Parameter mismatch" if any parameters are passed.

When compressed mode is switched from one mode to the other, the screen is completely erased. All information must be re-displayed by the program. The screen buffer is erased also.

The IC\_COMPRESS\_ON builtin causes screen compression to be enabled if the current screen allows compression and is currently not in compressed mode.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_COMPRESS_ON"
```

Errors include "Invalid operation" if compressed mode support is not enabled and "Parameter mismatch" if any parameters are passed.

When compressed mode is switched from one mode to the other, the screen is completely erased. All information must be re-displayed by the program. The screen buffer is erased also.

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**B.20. IC\_CREATE\_DIR**

The IC\_CREATE\_DIR builtin creates a directory.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CREATE_DIR" USING name
```

Where

*name*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the directory name to be created.

If the directory already exists, a File Exists (Exception Status 32) will be returned.

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The IC\_CURRENT\_DIR builtin allows the program to get the current working directory.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_CURRENT_DIR" USING name
```

Where

*name*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the current working directory name.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.



The IC\_DECODE\_CSV builtin decodes a delimiter separated record provided in one data item, placing the result(s) in following data items. IC\_DECODE\_CSV is the opposite of IC\_ENCODE\_CSV.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DECODE_CSV" USING buffer, position, delimiter, value [, value]...
```

Where

*buffer*

is an alphanumeric data buffer to receive the encoded data or from which to decode the data.

*position*

is a 1-based integer numeric value with the position in buffer that defines where to begin the decode operation, and which is updated to reflect the next available position at the end of the operation, or the position where an error was detected.

Position should be at least large enough for the size of the buffer + 1.

If position is greater than the length of buffer a record position too big, exception 87 is given. If position is 0, an Invalid Argument exception 137 is given.

*delimiter*

is an alphanumeric item of length one that contains the field delimiter to use. The delimiter cannot be the double-quote character.

*value*

is a data item that can represent the data to be MOVE'd to it. It should be large enough to hold any possible data.

Multiple *values* can be specified or repeated as required.

When using IC\_DECODE\_CSV, fetching the next value field will start at whatever position is specified. The end of the next value field is the next occurrence of a delimiter or the end of the buffer (accounting for quoted values in the input).

IC\_DECODE\_CSV first trims leading white space and then inspects the first character of the *value* to see if it is quoted. A quoted field is processed until the matching closing quote. Then trailing white space is discarded until the delimiter or end of buffer. If the buffer ends before the matching quote an EOF error, exception 39 is given. An unquoted field is processed until the next delimiter (or end of buffer) is found and then the trailing spaces and tabs are removed from the field. Note that white space includes spaces and tabs unless tab is used as the delimiter, in which case only the space character is treated as white space.

Once the field data has been determined, it is effectively moved to the next value argument according to the rules for a MOVE statement. If the receiving item is numeric, the sending item must pass the same criteria as the TEST-NUMVAL intrinsic function, or the field is in error. In the case of this type of error, the position argument will point to the error instead of the next field.

If the buffer being decoded has currency fields in it, it is suggested they be fetched into alphanumeric data items and then applying the TEST-NUMVAL-C and NUMVAL-C intrinsic functions to retrieve the numeric values.

When no more values are found, an exception 131 "No more Data is available" will be returned and the position will be at the size of the buffer plus 1.

B.23. IC\_DECODE\_URL

The IC\_DECODE\_URL builtin decodes a URL-encoded string provided in one data item, placing the result in another data item.

IC\_ENCODE\_URL. can be used to build URL-encoded strings.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DECODE_URL" USING source-string, destination-string
```

Where

*source-string*

is a PIC X(n) data item that is to be decoded..

*destination-string*

is a PIC X(n) data item into which the decoded characters are to be moved. The destination can be the same size if no characters need to be decoded or could be 1/3 the size if ALL values must be decoded.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

Any %hex-format characters that are in the URL *source-string* are converted from their %hex-format and placed into the *destination-string* as standard ASCII. This includes ALL %hex-format values, not just reserved and unsafe encoded values Both parameters should be PIC X(n). Processing of the *source-string* stops at the length of the string or on a LOW-VALUE. Generally the *destination-string* should be initialized to LOW-VALUES.

**Reserved characters are:**

<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Characte</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>
&	%26 (or &amp;)	;	%2B	/	%2F
?	%3F	:	%3A	=	%3D
@	%40				

**Unsafe characters:**

<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>
(space)	%20	<	%3C	>	%3E
"	%22	#	%23	%	%25
[	%5B	]	%5D	{	%7B
}	%7D		%7C	\	%5C
^	%5E	~	%7E	`	%60

For example:

The the 24-byte string "This%20is%20an%20address" would be decoded as the 18-byte string "This is an address".

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**B.24. IC\_DELAY**

Suspends program execution for the given number of tenths of seconds. If no argument is specified, 30 (3 seconds) is used.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DELAY" [ USING delay-time ]
```

Where

*delay-time*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP between 0 and 65535. A 0 implies only that a resched be done.

### B.25. IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM

The IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM builtin allows a COBOL program to be started on another logical console.

IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM is enabled with the Detach/Host programs privilege in the Program Environment of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted."

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DETACH_PROGRAM" USING program [, console [, file-name ]]
```

Where

*program*

is a PIC X(n) string holding a valid COBOL program including switches to be executed.

*console*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP and specifies the logical console on which to start the new program. 65535 says to use the next available console and return that value into console. Otherwise that logical console is used to start the program. If console is not given, then the next available console is used.

*file-name*

is a PIC X(n) and specifies an output filename to which to send any output from this program. If not specified, all output is sent to the null device (discarded). File-name can use ICLINK.

An available detachable console is defined to be a logical console that is:

- 1) enabled,
- 2) whose device is set to NUL (on Windows) or null (on Linux), and
- 3) is currently not running a detached program.

#### **NOTES:**

If a detached program is started with no optional output file, then all output from the program will go to the null device (discarded).

All detached programs will generate an end-of-file (EOF) error on any ACCEPT or READ from the console, as the input device will always be set to the null device.

A detached program can only execute non-screen DISPLAY statements. A screen DISPLAY will generate an error and the program will terminate.

Possible errors for IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM include:

Error number	Meaning
1	Invalid operation
36	Filename is not valid (for an invalid program name)
209	Parameter mismatch (for no program name specified or if console is invalid, i.e., greater than 65535 or not a number)
212	No more programs are available (if no available consoles can be found to detach this program to)
219	Invalid task number (if the console specified by console is not available or is in use)
221	This operation is not permitted (if the calling program does not have the Detach/Host programs privilege).

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The detached program will inherit the starting program's username. Its privileges are those specified for the console on which it is running. Detached programs cannot execute any builtins or system calls that perform screen I/O.

If a detached program terminates abnormally, any error will be written to the standard output file or to the starting program's standard error file on Linux.

**NOTE:** A standard CALL PROGRAM error like Program Not Found, Program Too Big, etc. is not returned by an IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM because it occurs after the "detached program" has been detached from the current program.

B.26. IC\_DIR\_LIST

The IC\_DIR\_LIST builtin allows directory information on a file or files to be retrieved.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DIR_LIST" USING lookup-file, entries [, output-file [, rev ]]
```

Where

*lookup-file*

is a PIC X(n) and specifies the template (or filename) to look up.

*entries*

is a numeric into which is returned the number of entries found.

*output-file*

is a PIC X(n) and specifies the filename to which file-entry printer records are to be written. Output-file can use ICLINK.

*rev*

is a PIC 9(2) COMP (one-byte binary), that specifies the revision of the file-entry for *output-file*. Valid values are 1, 2, 3, and 4 (default is 1). Rev 2 entry is 4-bytes larger (dates have 4-byte years). Rev 4 entry has a larger FILESIZE-BYTES. (Rev 4 entry is available in 5.00 and up).

See IC\_RESOLVE\_FILE on page [580](#) for more information on the file-entry formats.

Any error is stored into Exception Status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed. The EXCEPTION STATUS gives the error.

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**B.27. IC\_DISABLE\_HOTKEY**

The IC\_DISABLE\_HOTKEY builtin completely or selectively disables hotkeys.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DISABLE_HOTKEY" [ USING argument-1 [, argument-2 ]...]
```

Where

*argument-n*

is a PIC 9(2) COMP item specifying a number from 0 to 99. This number identifies the hotkey that is to be disabled.

For example, if an argument contains 25, the program hotkey25.cx will not be executed as the result of pressing a key to which it has been assigned.

Multiple hotkeys may be disabled by specifying multiple arguments. ALL hotkeys may be disabled by calling IC\_DISABLE\_HOTKEY with no arguments. Hotkeys remain disabled until they are enabled by the IC\_ENABLE\_HOTKEY builtin or until the icrun process terminates.

B.28. IC\_DISABLE\_INTS

The IC\_DISABLE\_INTS builtin disables console interrupts for the current task. This can be done to protect critical sections of code from unexpected or premature exit.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_DISABLE_INTS"
```

Console interrupts will be disabled for the console executing the call. Console interrupts will remain disabled until either a call is made to IC\_ENABLE\_INTS or the runtime system terminates.



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**B.29. IC\_ENABLE\_HOTKEY**

The IC\_ENABLE\_HOTKEYS builtin allows hotkeys to be completely or selectively enabled.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ENABLE_HOTKEY" [ USING argument-1 [, argument-2 ]... ]
```

Where

*argument-n*

is a PIC 9(2) COMP item specifying a number from 0 to 99. This number identifies the hotkey that is to be enabled.

For example, if an argument contains 25, the program hotkey25.cx may be executed as the result of pressing a key to which it has been assigned.

Multiple hotkeys may be enabled by specifying multiple arguments. ALL hotkeys may be enabled by calling IC\_ENABLE\_HOTKEY with no arguments. Defined hotkeys are always enabled until they are disabled by the IC\_DISABLE\_HOTKEY builtin.

### B.30. IC\_ENABLE\_INTS

The IC\_ENABLE\_INTS builtin allows console interrupts to be enabled under program control. This can be used along with IC\_DISABLE\_INTS to protect critical sections of code from unexpected or premature exit. Console interrupt privilege is required in order to execute this builtin successfully.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ENABLE_INTS"
```

Console interrupts will be enabled for the console executing the call. Console interrupts will remain enabled until a call is made to IC\_DISABLE\_INTS. IC\_ENABLE\_INTS cannot be used to enable interrupts on consoles that do not initially support console interrupts as configured with the console interrupt privilege in the Program Environments section of the configuration file (.cfi).

Exception 221 "This operation is not permitted", is returned when the call is made but the current console does not have the console interrupt privilege.

The IC\_ENCODE\_CSV builtin encodes a delimiter separated record provided in the initial data item, by placing the value(s) there using the provided delimiter. IC\_DECODE\_CSV is the opposite of IC\_ENCODE\_CSV.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ENCODE_CSV" USING buffer, position, delimiter, value [, value]...
```

Where

*buffer*

is an alphanumeric data buffer to receive the encoded data.

*position*

is a 1-based integer numeric value with the position in buffer that defines where to begin the encode operation, and which is updated to reflect the next available position at the end of the operation, or the position where an error was detected.

For IC\_ENCODE\_CSV, this means that the length of data in the buffer after encoding is (position - 1).

Position should be at least large enough for the size of the buffer + 1.

If position is greater than the length of buffer a record position too big, exception 87 is given. If position is 0, an Invalid Argument exception 137 is given.

*delimiter*

is an alphanumeric item of length one that contains the field delimiter to use. The delimiter cannot be the double-quote character.

*value*

is a data item that can represent the data to be MOVE'd to the output buffer.

Multiple *values* can be specified.

When IC\_ENCODE\_CSV is called, if position is not 1, a copy of delimiter will be added to the buffer before inserting any values. If multiple values are specified in the USING list, each one after the first is preceded by a copy of the delimiter character. If there is not enough space for a particular value (and the delimiter, if needed), the value will not be inserted and a No Space error, exception 39 will be given. That is the buffer will never end with a partially inserted value.

A numeric value (class & category numeric) argument will be converted to its character representation with a leading minus sign if negative, no sign if positive, at least one integer digit (which may be zero), and a decimal point and fractional digits if the numeric value has fractional digits. Leading integer zeros will be suppressed. An integer numeric value will not emit a trailing decimal point.

DECIMAL POINT IS COMMA conventions apply, so we suggest that you pick a separator other than comma (such as tab) if this is in force or else the values will get quoted.

All other values will be emitted without quotes unless the data value (1) begins or ends with spaces or tabs, (2) begins with a double-quote character, or (3) it contains the delimiter character anywhere, or (4) it contains the CR (hex 0D) or LF (hex 0A) characters anywhere.

While it is possible to emit a value with carriage control characters embedded in it, and this is permitted in the CSV specification, the IC\_DECODE\_CSV has no mechanism to fully handle this case.

**B.32. IC\_ENCODE\_URL**

The IC\_ENCODE\_URL builtin encodes an ASCII source string into a valid URL-encoded string converting reserved and unsafe characters into their %hex formats for the correct interpretation of the data by a browser.

IC\_DECODE\_URL. can be used to reconstitute a string from a URL-encoded string.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_ENCODE_URL" USING source-string, destination-string
```

Where

*source-string*

is a PIC X(n) data item that is to be encoded..

*destination-string*

is a PIC X(n) data item into which the encoded characters are to be moved. In almost all cases this string will be larger than the source string. The maximum is three (3) times as large as the source if every source character must be encoded.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

Any unsafe or reserved characters that are in the ASCII *source-string* are converted to their %hex-format and placed into the *destination-string*. Both parameters should be PIC X(n). Processing of the *source-string* stops at the length of the string or on a LOW-VALUE. Generally the *destination-string* should be initialized to LOW-VALUES.

**Reserved characters are:**

<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Characte</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>
&	%26 (or &amp;)	;	%2B	/	%2F
?	%3F	:	%3A	=	%3D
@	%40				

**Unsafe characters:**

<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>URL code</u>
(space)	%20	<	%3C	>	%3E
"	%22	#	%23	%	%25
[	%5B	]	%5D	{	%7B
}	%7D		%7C	\	%5C
^	%5E	~	%7E	`	%60

For example:

The 18-byte string "This is an address" would be encoded as the 24-byte string "This%20is%20an%20address".

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**B.33. IC\_EXTRACT\_STRING**

The IC\_EXTRACT\_STRING builtin extracts a range of characters from a data-item and stores them into another one.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_EXTRACT_STRING" USING source, src-pos, src-len, dest
```

Where

*source*

is the data item from which the characters are to be extracted

*src-pos*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the leftmost character position of the string to be extracted. It must be in the range 1 to the length of source.

*src-len*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the number of characters to be extracted. It must be in the range 1 to length of source minus src-pos plus 1.

*dest*

is the data-item into which the extracted characters are to be moved

The characters extracted from the source data item are treated as an alphanumeric item and moved to dest according to the rules for an alphanumeric to alphanumeric MOVE.

Exception Status 13 "Invalid Data" is returned if src-pos or src-len are not within the required ranges.

**NOTE:** For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, use of this builtin is not recommended. A more efficient and standard manner to accomplish this task is to use reference modification:

```
MOVE source (src-pos:scr-len) TO dest.
```

B.34. IC\_FULL\_DATE

The IC\_FULL\_DATE builtin returns a full date and time string including century in a single call. It should be used to replace ACCEPT FROM DATE and ACCEPT FROM TIME statements, especially to support the year 2000.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_FULL_DATE" USING date-string
```

Where

*date-string*

is a PIC X(20) into which the following data will be stored.

Data	Description
YYYY	year e.g., 1994
ddd	day of the year (1-366)
MM	month (1-12)
DD	day of the month (1-31)
HH	hour (0-23)
MM	minute (0-59)
SS	second (0-59)
hh	hundredths of seconds (0-99) or 0 if not supported
w	day of the week (1-7) where 1-Mon, ... 7-Sunday

The argument must be 20 characters or else an error is returned and no data is moved.

Using the IC\_FULL\_DATE builtin or the CURRENT\_DATE intrinsic function are recommended methods to get date and time information as it returns a full, four-digit year, and, in addition, crossing midnight is not a problem as it is with two separate statements like ACCEPT FROM DATE and ACCEPT FROM TIME.

**B.35. IC\_GET\_DISK\_SPACE**

The IC\_GET\_DISK\_SPACE builtin allows total and free disk space to be determined.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_GET_DISK_SPACE" USING location, free-space [, total-space  
[, disk-units ]]
```

Where

*location*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the drive-name (Windows) or filesystem name (Linux) upon which to get the needed data. Space implies the current drive or filesystem be used.

*free-space*

is a numeric receiving the free space in bytes.

*total-space*

is a numeric receiving the total space in bytes. This argument is optional.

*disk-units*

is a numeric receiving the number of bytes per unit that the *free-space* and *total-space* were returned in. If not specified, 1 is used.

By using the disk-units parameter in combination with free-space and total-space, disks larger than 4GB can be described.

B.36. IC\_GET\_ENV

The IC\_GET\_ENV builtin allows an environment variable to be read.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_GET_ENV" USING name-argument, return-argument
```

Where

*name-argument*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the environment variable to be read

*return-argument*

is a PIC X(n) into which is returned the value of that argument according to the rules for MOVE.

If the environment variable cannot be found, an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.



The IC\_GET\_FILE\_IND builtin returns header information about a particular ICISAM indexed file. This call uses ICDATAPATH, if needed, to find the file. This call only works for ICISAM indexed files.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_GET_FILE_IND" USING file-name, file-info-struct
```

Where

*File-name*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the file to lookup.

*File-info-struct*

is a structure with the following format:

```
01 FILE-INFO-STRUCT.
  02 IND-STRUCT-REV          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 FILLER                  PIC X(2) .
* 7 or 8
  02 IND-VERSION            PIC 9(2) COMP.
* 0x80-Purge attribute value is set
* 0x40-Purge attribute value      (on/off)
* 0x20-4GB big file attribute value is set
* 0x10-4GB big file attribute value  (on/off)
  02 IND-ATTRIBUTES        PIC 9(2) COMP.
  02 IND-MIN-REC-SIZE      PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 IND-MAX-REC-SIZE      PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 IND-NUM-KEYS          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 IND-KEY-TABLE.
* 32 bytes each
  10 IND-KEY-ENTRY          OCCURS 17 TIMES.
* 0x80-duplicates (7.00),      0x40-case-insensitive (7.00)
* 0x20-reverse ordered (7.10)  0x10-Do not invert null (7.10)
* 0x08-Also keys
    15 IND-KEY-OPTS          PIC 9(2) COMP.
    15 IND-KEY-BASE-SIZE     PIC 9(2) COMP.
    15 IND-KEY-NULL-VALUE    PIC 9(2) COMP.
    15 IND-KEY-COUNT         PIC 9(2) COMP.
    15 IND-KEY-BASE-OFFSET   PIC 9(4) COMP.
    15 FILLER                PIC X(2) .
    15 IND-ALSOS.
      17 IND-ALSO-OFFSET OCCURS 6 TIMES PIC 9(4) COMP.
    15 IND-OCCURS REDEFINES IND-ALSOS.
      17 IND-OCCURS-SPAN     PIC 9(4) COMP.
      17 IND-OCCURS-SUFFIX-COUNT PIC 9(2) COMP.
      17 IND-OCCURS-SIZE     OCCURS 3 TIMES PIC 9(2) COMP.
      17 IND-OCCURS-OFFSET OCCURS 3 TIMES PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 IND-RECORD-COUNT       PIC 9(9) COMP.
* Below is always 0 for rev 5 icisam file
  02 IND-DELRECORD-COUNT    PIC 9(9) COMP.
```

See the Indexed API for more info on this structure. INDEXED-STRUCT-REV returns 0x6931. (Decimal 26929).

The IND-DELRECORD-COUNT is set to 0xFFFFFFFF (4,294,967,295) when it cannot be determined. It is set this way also for files that use ICNETD.

**B.38. IC\_GET\_KEY**

The IC\_GET\_KEY builtin allows the program to get a keystroke from the keyboard in a terminal independent manner with a timeout. If no keystroke is received within the timeout period, an error is returned with the Exception Status 76 "Device Timeout". On an error, the KEY-TYPE and KEY-CODE are set to zero

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_GET_KEY" USING key-struct, time-out-value
```

Where

*key-struct*

specifies a structure defined like this:

```
01 KEY-STRUC.
   05 KEY-TYPE          PIC 99 COMP.
   05 KEY-CODE          PIC 99 COMP.
   05 KEY-CODE-X REDEFINES KEY-CODE PIC X.
```

KEY-TYPE is the type of character and will contain one of the values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8, as shown in the following table.

KEY-CODE returns the given code for the character, as specified in the current terminal definition. The table below shows KEY-CODE values that are possible for each KEY-TYPE value.

KEY-TYPE value	KEY-TYPE description	Possible KEY-CODE values, for each KEY-TYPE value
1	normal character	The character's numeric value. NOTE: KEY-CODE-X can be displayed and is the character.
2	editing function	1=left a character, 2=right a character, 3=backspace, 4=delete a character, 5=insert mode on/off, 6=clear field, 7=clear to end of field, 8=beginning of field, 9=end of field, 10=right a word, 11=left a word,, 12=destructive TAB, 13=left tab stop, 14=right tab stop, 15=sound bell, 16=back delete
3	terminate field	Escape key code for terminate field key.
4	previous field	Escape key code for previous field key.
5	next field	Escape key code for next field key.
7	previous row	Escape key code for previous row key.
8	next row	Escape key code for next row key.

TABLE 35. IC\_GET\_KEY values returned

**NOTES:**

The key types and key codes correspond to those which are specified for the terminal description file (.tdi) which was configured using ICCONFIG (ICEDCFW).

Characters set to *Special Function (Illegal, Ignored, Refresh screen, Enter minus), Hot Keys* and Interrupt keys are not returned; instead, the defined action is carried out. For example, when an IC\_GET\_KEY call is executed if a hot key is pressed, the hot-key program is executed, and nothing is returned to the call.

No echoing of the keystroke is done to the screen except for those configured as *Special Function*.

*timeout-value*

specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP containing the number of tenths of seconds to wait before terminating the READ. The values 0 through 63000 set a timeout in tenths of seconds, a 65535 is interpreted to wait forever, a 65534 says to default to the value specified as the global timeout (ICTIMEOUT), while a number between 63000 and 65534 will set the value to 63000. This value represents the time allowed between keystrokes before the system will timeout and terminate the operation. Setting a 0 essentially only reads the input buffer.

The IC\_HANGUP terminates the runtime system. If the optional argument is specified the value is returned to the runtime system's parent process as an exit code.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_HANGUP" [ USING exit-code ]
```

Where

*exit-code*

is a PIC 9(n). *Exit-code* may be zero, or any value between 10 and 255 inclusive. Values 1 thru 9 are reserved for runtime use.

Exception status 13 "Invalid data" is returned if the *exit-code* is out of range.

The IC\_HEX\_TO\_NUM builtin converts a hexadecimal string into a decimal number.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_HEX_TO_NUM" USING hex-string, decimal-number
```

Where

*hex-string*

specifies a PIC X(n) or A(n) where n is from 1 to 8 inclusive and contains valid hex digits.

*decimal-number*

specifies a numeric type and the hex-string is converted to an integer and returned into *decimal-number*.

If the string cannot be converted or if the result will not fit, then an exception 13 (Invalid Data) is generated, and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

The IC\_INFOS\_STATUS\_TEXT builtin returns the text associated with an INFOS STATUS.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_INFOS_STATUS_TEXT" USING infos-status, message-buffer
```

Where

*infos-status*

specifies a PIC X(11) holding an INFOS STATUS as returned by ICRUN.

*message-buffer*

specifies a PIC X(n) into which the message text is returned.

If the data in the INFOS STATUS item does not conform to the standards for INFOS status, an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

The message file infostat.ms holds the messages returned by IC\_INFOS\_STATUS\_TEXT. The text file infostat.txt can be used to change the text of the messages as needed. See ICMAKEMS in the Utilities manual for more information on changing message text.

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**B.42. IC\_INSERT\_STRING**

The IC\_INSERT\_STRING builtin allows a data item to be stored into a specified range of characters in another data item.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_INSERT_STRING" USING source, dest, dest-pos, dest-len
```

Where

*source*

is the data item to be stored

*dest*

is the data-item into which all or part of the source is to be moved

*dest-pos*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the leftmost character position in the destination data item into which characters will be stored. It must be in the range 1 to the length of dest.

*dest-len*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the number of characters positions of dest into which characters will be stored. It must be in the range 1 to length of dest minus dest-pos plus 1.

The characters identified in the dest data item are treated as an alphanumeric item and source is moved to that item according to the rules for an alphanumeric to alphanumeric MOVE.

Exception Status 13 "Invalid Data" is returned if dest-pos or dest-len are not within the required ranges.

**NOTE:** For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, use of this builtin is not recommended. A more efficient and standard manner to accomplish this task is to use reference modification:

```
MOVE source TO dest ( dest-pos:dest-len)
```

### B.43. IC\_KILL\_TERM

The IC\_KILL\_TERM builtin allows **ICOBOL** runtime user tasks to be terminated. This builtin is similar to the IC\_ABORT\_TERM builtin except that it terminates the *process* rather than just aborting the executing program.

The IC\_KILL\_TERM builtin requires the Abort terminal privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted."

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_KILL_TERM" [ USING term-number ]
```

Where

*term-number*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP item that holds the terminal number of the process to be terminated.

If no terminal number is specified, a terminal status window of all logged-on terminals will be displayed. You are then prompted as to which terminal you want to terminate. Once terminated, the terminal will be removed from the status window.

On Linux, IC\_KILL\_TERM requests ICEXEC to issue a Linux signal of SIGTERM to the PID corresponding to the console number selected.

On Windows, the runtime passes the request to ICEXEC.

For more on IC\_KILL\_TERM with no terminal number, see the Kill Terminal utility in the Utilities Manual.



The IC\_LEFT builtin provides the ability to left justify text.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_LEFT" USING source, destination
```

Where

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the string to be justified.

*destination*

is a PIC X(n) and returns the left-justified string.

The content of *source* is trimmed of leading and trailing spaces and then padded with trailing spaces so as to left justify the item in the *destination*. If the length of the trimmed *source* is greater than *width*, the trimmed item is truncated on the right.

Use of the IC\_LEFT builtin requires 5.09 or greater of the runtime.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

The IC\_LOGON builtin chains to logon. It runs the standard LOGON program and makes the terminal line Inactive in the terminal status window. IC\_LOGON does not remove the terminal from the Terminal Status window. No ICISAM files should be open in the LOGON program since the system can and will abort users executing LOGON when entered via IC\_LOGON or after the initial sign-on.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_LOGON"
```

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

<p><b>NOTE:</b> A CALL PROGRAM "LOGON" is not the same as CALL "IC_LOGON", since it will not mark the terminal as being Inactive.</p>
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**B.46. IC\_LOWER**

The IC\_LOWER builtin converts the specified string to all lower-case characters.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_LOWER" USING string
```

Where

*string*

specifies a PIC X(n) that holds the data to be converted to lower-case.

**NOTE:** For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, a more efficient way of accomplishing this task is by using the LOWER-CASE intrinsic function:

```
MOVE FUNCTION LOWER-CASE ( string ) TO string.
```

B.47. IC\_MOVE\_FILE\_DATA

The IC\_MOVE\_FILE\_DATA builtin provides the ability to quickly copy files from one place to another with various options.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_MOVE_FILE_DATA" USING option, source, destination [, count
    [, start-src-pos [, start-dst-pos ]]]
```

Where

*option*

is a PIC 9(2) COMP and is composed of the following bit options:

Option-bit	Meaning
1	Don't erase destination if it exists
2	Write at eof (ignore start-dst-pos)
4	The destination file must exist
8	The destination file must NOT exist

Below are the useful combinations of the above option-bits.

Option	Destination file		Destination Position
	Does NOT exist	Exists	
0	create	erase	as specified
1	create	don't erase	as specified
3	create	don't erase	at eof
4	ERROR	erase	as specified
5	ERROR	don't erase	as specified
7	ERROR	don't erase	at eof
8	create	ERROR	as specified

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the source filename to be copied ICLINK can be used.

*destination*

Is a PIC X(n) and holds the destination filename. It cannot be a directory. ICLINK can be used.

*count*

is a PIC 9(9) COMP and holds an optional count for how many bytes to copy from source or until EOF. If given, the number of bytes actually copied is returned.

*start-src-pos*

is a PIC 9(9) COMP and holds a optional byte offset in the source from which to start the copy. 0 is the beginning of file.

*start-dst-pos*

is a PIC 9(9) COMP and holds an optional byte offset in the destination to which copying should start.

The source file must exist and must be available to be opened for binary input.

This call allows a file to be copied upon itself with possible unintended results.

Source and destination are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

**B.48. IC\_MOVE\_STRING**

The IC\_MOVE\_STRING builtin allows a range of characters to be extracted from one data item and be stored into a specified range of characters in another data item.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_MOVE_STRING" USING source, src-pos, src-len, dest, dest-pos,  
                        dest-len
```

Where

*source*

is the data item from which the characters are to be extracted

*src-pos*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the leftmost character position of the string to be extracted. It must be in the range 1 to the length of source.

*src-len*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the number of characters to be extracted. It must be in the range 1 to length of source minus src-pos plus 1.

*dest*

is the data-item into which all or part of the source is to be moved

*dest-pos*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the leftmost character position in the destination data item into which characters will be stored. It must be in the range 1 to the length of dest.

*dest-len*

is a two-byte PIC S9(4) COMP-5 item whose content identifies the number of characters positions of dest into which characters will be stored. It must be in the range 1 to length of dest minus dest-pos plus 1.

The characters extracted from the source data item are treated as an alphanumeric item and moved to the characters identified in the dest data item according to the rules for an alphanumeric to alphanumeric MOVE.

Exception Status 13 "Invalid Data" is returned if src-pos, src-len, dest-pos, or dest-len are not within the required ranges.

**NOTE:** Use of this builtin is no longer recommended. A more efficient and standard method to accomplish this task is to use reference modification:

```
MOVE source ( src-pos:src-len ) TO dest ( dest-pos:dest-len )
```

B.49. IC\_MSG\_TEXT

The IC\_MSG\_TEXT builtin allows system message text to be retrieved for a corresponding status code.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_MSG_TEXT" USING exc-code, return-argument
```

Where

*exc-code*

is a PIC 9(5) that holds the numeric Error or Exception Status for the message to be retrieved.

*return-argument*

is a PIC X(n) (n should be at least 60) into which is returned the corresponding text.

The IC\_NUM\_TO\_HEX builtin converts a decimal number into a hexadecimal string.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_NUM_TO_HEX" USING decimal-number, hex-string
```

Where

*decimal-number*

specifies a numeric type containing an integer whose value is greater than or equal to 0 and  $< (2^{32} - 1)$

*hex-string*

specifies a PIC X(n) or A(n). An n=8 will hold any possible numeric value. Decimal-number is converted into a hex string and placed in *hex-string*.

If the number cannot be converted (negative, fractional digits) or if the result will not fit, then an exception 13 (Invalid Data) is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

The IC\_PDF\_PRINT builtin allows a PDF file to be generated from an existing data-sequential file using a given pdf-format.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_PDF_PRINT" USING filename, pdf-format [, userpw[|ownerpw ]
```

Where

*filename*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the existing data-sensitive filename.

*pdf-format*

is a PIC 9(n) that holds the pdf-format that should be used.

*userpw*[|*ownerpw*]

is a PIC X(n) and specifies a user or user and owner password for the resulting .pdf file. When only the *userpw* is specified, it is used as both the user and owner password. When both passwords are supplied, the rights are controlled by which password is used. The owner password has all rights, which includes the ability to change the password. The user password has the following rights:

Printing:	Yes
Changing the document:	No
Document assembly:	No
Content Copying:	Yes
Content Copying for Accessibility:	Yes
Page Extractions:	No
Commenting:	Yes
Filling Form fields:	Yes
Signing:	Yes
Creation of Template Pages:	No

When a password is given Document Security is set in the .PDF with Security Method set to Password Security.

Security Method: Password Security

The maximum password is 32 bytes and the minimum password is 5 bytes, otherwise an exception 133 "The parameter string is not valid for this object" will be given.

Filename is processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#), except a full pathname is not made if only a simple name is given. Extended open options are stripped.

The .pdf extension is added to the name for the generated file. More on PDF generation can be found on starting on page [806](#).



IC\_PID\_EXISTS, checks for the existence of a specific pid.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_PID_EXISTS" USING pid
```

Where

*pid*

is a numeric identifier containing the process identifier (PID) whose existence is to be verified

If the PID specified does not exist, exception status 219 (Invalid Task Number) is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

B.53. IC\_PRINT\_STAT

The IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin calls the Printer Control Utility. The IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin requires the Printer Control privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call returns Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted".

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_PRINT_STAT" [ USING packet-1 [, packet-2 ]... ]
```

Where

*packet-n*

may be the name of any of the following packets.

**No filtering:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-NULL.
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.
05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

**Filter by range of PCQ numbers:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-QUEUE.
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.
05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
03 QUEUE-PKT-MIN-PCQ PIC 9(4) COMP.
```

**Filter by range file sizes:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-SIZE.
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.
05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 2.
05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
03 SIZE-PKT-MIN-SIZE PIC 9(8) COMP.
```

**Filter by range of owners' console numbers (Windows) or user-ids (Linux):**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-OWNER-ID.
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.
05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 3.
05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
03 OWNER-ID-PKT-MIN-ID PIC 9(4) COMP.
```

**Filter by range of printed-by users' console number (Windows) or user-ids (Linux):**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-PRINT-ID.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 4.  
    05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
03 PRINT-ID-PKT-MIN-ID PIC 9(4) COMP.
```

**Filter by owner's user name:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-OWNER-NAME.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 5.  
    05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

**Filter by printed-by user name:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-PRINT-NAME.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 6.  
    05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

**Filter by simple filename:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-FILE-NAME.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 7.  
    05 PKT-REV PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

FILE-NAME-PKT-NAME can use ICLINK.

**Filter by READ access to file:**

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-READ-ACCESS.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID                PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 8.  
    05 PKT-REV               PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER                 PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

**Filter by status (mode):** (values for status field are defined below)

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-STATUS.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID                PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 9.  
    05 PKT-REV               PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER                 PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
03 STATUS-PKT-STATUS        PIC 9(4) COMP.  
03 FILLER                    PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.
```

**Filter by directory name:** (values for status field are defined below)

```
01 PCQ-FILTER-DIR-NAME.  
03 PCQ-FILTER-HEADER.  
    05 PKT-ID                PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 10.  
    05 PKT-REV               PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
    05 FILLER                 PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
03 DIR-NAME-PKT-NAME        PIC X(64).
```

DIR-NAME-PKT-NAME can use ICLINK.

**Values for STATUS-PKT-STATUS:**

```
01 FILLER.  
* No status  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-NULL          PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.  
* Not yet printed  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-NEW           PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.  
* Already printed  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-OLD           PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 2.  
* Error has occurred  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-ERROR         PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 3.  
* Update in progress  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-OPEN          PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 4.  
* Queued to print  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-QUEUE         PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 5.  
* Holding in the print queue  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-HOLD          PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 6.  
* Printing  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-PRINT         PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 7.  
* Retrying  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-RETRY         PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 8.  
* Terminating  
  03 PCQ-STATUS-TERM          PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 9.
```

If no packets are specified, the Printer Control Utility is started and uses either no filtering or a default filter specified with the ICPCQFILTER environment variable.

If any packets are specified, then only those files which meet the specified criterion will be displayed. If more than one of these items is specified, then only files which meet ALL of the specified criteria will be displayed.

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No more than 9 packets may be specified, and except for PCQ-FILTER-NULL, each packet may be specified at most one time.

Note that each packet has a common header format that varies only by the value of the packet identifier (and possibly rev at some later date).

**NOTE:** These packet definitions are shipped on the release media in the file pqfilter.ws found in the examples directory.

The IC\_QUEUE\_LIST builtin is used to retrieve the status of one of the printer control queues. The IC\_QUEUE\_LIST builtin allows a COBOL program to obtain a snapshot of the current contents of the printer control queue. The information that is provided is equivalent to that viewed with the interactive Printer Control Utility initiated by the IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin. The information returned may optionally be filtered to reduce the number of entries returned to a particular set of interest.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_QUEUE_LIST" USING packet [, filt-pkt-1 [, filt-pkt-2 ]... ]
```

Where

*packet*

is the following structure:

```
01 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PKT.
  05 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PKT-REV                PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
  05 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-TYPE                PIC 9(2) COMP.
    88 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-TYPE-WINDOWS VALUE 1.
    88 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-TYPE-UNIX       VALUE 2.
  05 IC-QUEUE-LIST-COUNT                  PIC 9(4) COMP.
  05 IC-QUEUE-LIST-ENTRY OCCURS 1 TO 1024 TIMES
    DEPENDING ON IC-QUEUE-LIST-COUNT.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-SIZE           PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-ERR-CODE     PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-ID     PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-ID     PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-MODIFIED     PIC X(24) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-PRINTED     PIC X(24) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-NAME   PIC X(16) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-NAME   PIC X(16) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FIRST-PAGE        PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-LAST-PAGE         PIC 9(9) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PCQ-UNIT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRIORITY          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-COPIES            PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-DISPOSITION       PIC 9(2) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTIONS.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NO-BANNER PIC X.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NOTIFY   PIC X.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-START-FF PIC X.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-COPIES-FF PIC X.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-END-FF   PIC X.
      15 FILLER                        PIC X(11) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS             PIC 9(2) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO            PIC X(24) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WINDOWS            REDEFINES IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-COPY   PIC 9(4) COMP.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-PCNT   PIC 9(2) COMP.
      15 FILLER                        PIC X(21) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX               REDEFINES IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID-LEN  PIC 9(4) COMP.
      15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID     PIC X(22) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-QUEUE-SPOT        PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME-LEN     PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-SIMPLE-NAME-OFS   PIC 9(4) COMP.
    10 FILLER                          PIC X(2) .
    10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME         PIC X(256) .
```

*filt-pkt-n* is a printer control filter packet.

(See the IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin's documentation for a complete description.)

On a call to IC\_QUEUE\_LIST, the packet revision must be set to one. No other field needs to be set, and if set it will be overwritten. The fields are described below:

IC-QUEUE-LIST-PKT-REV

Revision of this packet structure -- it must always be set to 1.

IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-TYPE

Operating system on which call is executed (returned by call). 1 is WINDOWS and 2 is Linux.

- IC-QUEUE-LIST-COUNT**  
Number of entries returned returned from call
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-ENTRY**  
Array of queue entries. The maximum size may be lowered from 1024 to a smaller number, but MUST be at least as large as the configured number of printer control entries.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-SIZE**  
Size of the file to be printed.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-ERR-CODE**  
Standard **ICOBOL** exception code. Corresponding text can be retrieved for it using the `IC_MSG_TXT` builtin function. This code is valid when `IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS` is `IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-ERROR` or `IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-RETRY`.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-ID**  
User id number (Linux) or console number (WINDOWS) of the file's owner. If not yet known or assigned the field will contain `NULL-USER-ID`.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-ID**  
User id number (Linux) or console number (WINDOWS) of the last user who printed the file. If not yet known or assigned the field will contain `NULL-USER-ID`.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-MODIFIED**  
The time the file was last modified returned as a string of the form `mmm-dd-yyyy hh:mm:ss.hh`
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-PRINTED**  
The time the file was last printed returned as a string of the form `mmm-dd-yyyy hh:mm:ss.hh`
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-NAME**  
User name of the file's owner
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-NAME**  
User name of the last user who printed the file
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-FIRST-PAGE**  
First page to print. (May be set for modify operation.) If this value is `NULL-PAGE-NUMBER` all pages will be printed.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-LAST-PAGE**  
Last page to print. (May be set for modify operation.) If this value is `NULL-PAGE-NUMBER` all from the specified first through the end of the file will be printed. If `IC-QUEUE-LIST-FIRST-PAGE` is `NULL-PAGE-NUMBER`, the `IC-QUEUE-LIST-LAST-PAGE` should be as well.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-PCQ-UNIT**  
PCQ unit on which the file is assigned to print. (May be set for modify operation.) It should always be less than the maximum configured PCQ.
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRIORITY**  
Print job's priority. (May be set for modify operation.) Normally this is set to `NULL-PRIORITY` to allow the system to assign. Note that Linux and Windows priorities differ (see below).
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-COPIES**  
Number of copies to be printed. (May be set for modify operation)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-DISPOSITION**  
Disposition of the printer queue entry when the file has finished printing. (It may be set for modify operation.)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NO-BANNER**  
(Linux only) Suppress banner page when printing? Field contains 'Y' or 'N' for yes or no respectively. (May be set for modify operation.)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NOTIFY**  
(Linux only) Notify when printing is complete? Field contains 'Y' or 'N' for yes or no respectively. (May be set for modify operation.)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-START-FF**  
(Windows only) Start printing with a form-feed? Field contains 'Y' or 'N' for yes or no respectively. (May be set for modify operation.)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-COPIES-FF**  
(Windows only) End each copy with a form-feed? Field contains 'Y' or 'N' for yes or no respectively. (May be set for modify operation.)
- IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-END-FF**  
(Windows only) End printing with a form-feed? Field contains 'Y' or 'N' for yes or no respectively. (May be set for modify operation.)

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS**

This is a code for the current status of the print job. (When any operation is performed, the status is cross-checked against the operation for validity.) Certain information in this packet is only valid when a print job has a particular status.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-COPY**

(Windows only) Copy number currently being printed. This number is only valid when IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS is IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-PCNT**

(Windows only) Percentage of job already printed. This number is only valid when IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS is IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID-LEN**

(Linux only) Length of the lp request id. This number is only valid when IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS is IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-QUEUE, IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-HOLD, IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT or IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-TERM.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID**

(Linux only) The lp request id. This field is only valid when IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS is IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-QUEUE, IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-HOLD, IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT or IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-TERM.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-QUEUE-SPOT**

Print job's current ordinal spot in the queue. This field is only valid when IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS is IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-QUEUE or IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-HOLD.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME-LEN**

Length of the pathname found in IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME.

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-SIMPLE-NAME-OFS**

One-based offset to simple filename found in IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME

**IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME**

Full pathname of the file to be printed

Other flag values used with the control are defined below:

**\* Flag values for unassigned entries**

01 NULL-PAGE-NUMBER	PIC 9(9) COMP VALUE 4294967295.
01 NULL-USER-ID	PIC 9(9) COMP VALUE 4294967295.
01 NULL-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 65535.

**\* Priority values**

01 UNIX-HIGH-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 0.
01 UNIX-LOW-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 39.
01 UNIX-DEFAULT-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 39.
01 WINDOWS-HIGH-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 99.
01 WINDOWS-LOW-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 1.
01 WINDOWS-DEFAULT-PRIORITY	PIC 9(4) COMP VALUE 1.

**\* Values for IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS**

01 FILLER.	
* No status	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-NULL	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
* Not yet printed	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-NEW	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
* Already printed	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-OLD	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 2.
* Error has occurred	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-ERROR	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 3.
* Update in progress	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-OPEN	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 4.
* Queued to print	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-QUEUE	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 5.
* Holding in the print queue	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-HOLD	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 6.
* Printing	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 7.
* Retrying due to error	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-RETRY	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 8.
* Terminating	
03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-TERM	PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 9.



**\* Values for IC-QUEUE-LIST-DISPOSITION**

```

01 FILLER.
* Keep file (don't delete or remove)
  03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-KEEP-DISPOSITION      PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE ZERO.
* Remove file from PASS after printing
  03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-REMOVE-DISPOSITION    PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
* Delete file (& remove) after printing
  03 IC-QUEUE-LIST-DELETE-DISPOSITION    PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 2.

```

If no filter packets are specified, then the information returned without filtering or filtered by a default filter specified with the ICPQFILTER environment variable.

If any filter packets are specified, the only entries for those files which meet the specified criteria will be returned. If more than one filter packet is specified, then only entries for files which meet ALL of the specified criteria will be displayed. No more than 9 filter packets may be specified, and except for PCQ-FILTER-NULL, each packet may be specified at most one time.

The exception status codes which may be returned include:

13 Invalid data	One or more of the arguments contain invalid data
36 File name is not valid	Simple filename cannot be isolated
203 Program was not found	Printer control must be enabled
209 Parameter mismatch on call	Number, size or type of arguments is invalid
220 No more entries in the table	There are no applicable entries
221 Operation is not permitted	The call requires the Printer Control privilege in the program environments section of the configuration file (.cfi)
378 Data area passed to a system call is too small	The size of the entry array has call is too small been changed so that there is insufficient room to return all the entries in the .pq file
476 Filename too long	The length of the filename exceeds the size of the packet. (Can occur on <b>Linux</b> with pathnames > 255 characters.)

**NOTE:** The filter packet definitions are shipped on the **ICOBOL** release media in the file pqfilter.ws found in the examples directory.

The main IC\_QUEUE\_LIST packet definitions are shipped in the **ICOBOL** release media in the file pq\_list.ws found in the examples directory.

The IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION builtin is used to retrieve the status of one of the printer control queues. The IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION builtin allows a COBOL program to perform operations on items in the printer control queue. The operations that are available are equivalent to those available with the interactive Printer Control Utility initiated by the IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin, with the addition of a PCQ info operation and get default filter operation.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_QUEUE_OPERATION" USING operation, op-packet
```

Where

*operation*

is a numeric value which indicates what operation to perform

0 = Null operation	1 = Cancel job	2 = Delete job	3 = Hold job
4 = Modify job's options	5 = Print job	6 = Remove job	7 = terminate job
8 = Unhold job	9 = Get PCQ info	10 = Get default PCQ filter	

*op-packet*

For operations 1-8 (Job operations), *op-packet* is an IC-QUEUE-LIST-ENTRY from the IC\_QUEUE\_LIST builtin's main packet. See the IC\_QUEUE\_LIST documentation for full details. It has the following structure:

```
01 IC-QUEUE-LIST-ENTRY.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-SIZE          PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-ERR-CODE     PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-ID     PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-ID     PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-MODIFIED     PIC X(24) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-TIME-PRINTED     PIC X(24) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OWNER-USER-NAME   PIC X(16) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRINT-USER-NAME   PIC X(16) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FIRST-PAGE       PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-LAST-PAGE        PIC 9(9) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PCQ-UNIT         PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRIORITY         PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-COPIES          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-DISPOSITION     PIC 9(2) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTIONS.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NO-BANNER PIC X.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NOTIFY   PIC X.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-START-FF PIC X.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-COPIES-FF PIC X.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-END-FF   PIC X.
    15 FILLER                        PIC X(11) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS           PIC 9(2) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO         PIC X(24) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WINDOWS         REDEFINES IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-COPY  PIC 9(4) COMP.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-WIN-PRINT-PCNT  PIC 9(2) COMP.
    15 FILLER                        PIC X(21) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX            REDEFINES IC-QUEUE-LIST-OS-INFO.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID-LEN PIC 9(4) COMP.
    15 IC-QUEUE-LIST-UNIX-REQ-ID     PIC X(22) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-QUEUE-SPOT     PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME-LEN  PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-SIMPLE-NAME-OFS PIC 9(4) COMP.
  10 FILLER                       PIC X(2) .
  10 IC-QUEUE-LIST-FILE-NAME     PIC X(256) .
```

For operation 9 (Get PCQ Info), *packet* is an IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PKT. It is defined as follows:

```
01 IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PKT.
  03 IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PKT-REV     PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
  03 FILLER                       PIC X.
  03 IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PCQ-COUNT   PIC 9(4) COMP.
  03 IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PCQ-MAX    PIC 9(4) COMP.
  03 IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-JOB-COUNT  PIC 9(4) COMP.
```

For operation 10 (Get default PCQ filter), packet is an IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PKT. It is defined as follows:

```

01 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PKT.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PKT-REV          PIC 9(2) COMP VALUE 1.
   05 FILLER                            PIC X.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OPTIONS.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-QUEUE         PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-SIZE          PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER-ID      PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT-ID      PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER        PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT        PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-NAME         PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-ACCESS       PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-STATUS       PIC X.
      10 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR          PIC X.
      10 FILLER                         PIC X(6) .
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-STATUS-VAL      PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PCQ         PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PCQ         PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-OWNER-ID    PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-OWNER-ID    PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PRINT-ID    PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PRINT-ID    PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-SIZE        PIC 9(8) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-SIZE        PIC 9(8) COMP.
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER-NAME      PIC X(16) .
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT-NAME      PIC X(16) .
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-FILE-NAME       PIC X(64) .
   05 IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR-NAME        PIC X(64) .

```

### Null operation (0)

Will always return an invalid operation and not check any arguments.

### Job operations (1-8)

On a call to IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION with job operations (1 - 8), the list entry packet provided should be one that was filled in by a call to IC\_QUEUE\_LIST. All fields should be left exactly as returned from the call to IC\_QUEUE\_LIST. The only exception is that certain fields -- as noted below -- may be set with the new values requested on a modify operation.

The fields which set for a modify operation are IC-QUEUE-LIST-FIRST-PAGE, IC-QUEUE-LIST-LAST-PAGE, IC-QUEUE-LIST-PCQ-UNIT, IC-QUEUE-LIST-PRIORITY, IC-QUEUE-LIST-COPIES, IC-QUEUE-LIST-DISPOSITION.

On UNIX, IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NO-BANNER and IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-NOTIFY may be set.

On Windows, IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-START-FF, IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-COPIES-FF, and IC-QUEUE-LIST-OPTION-END-FF may be set.

Once the operation is performed the provided entry is updated with its current values. The entry is set to LOW-VALUES after the REMOVE or DELETE operations are performed.

The incoming operation code is cross checked against IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS for validity and allowed or rejected according to the following table:

Status	Allowable operations
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-NEW	Delete, Modify, Print, Remove
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-OLD	Delete, Modify, Print, Remove
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-ERROR	Delete, Modify, Print, Remove
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-OPEN	-
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-QUEUE	Cancel, Hold

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IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-HOLD	Cancel, Unhold
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-PRINT	Terminate
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-RETRY	Terminate
IC-QUEUE-LIST-STATUS-TERM	-

### PCQ Info Operation (9)

On a call to IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION with the PCQ info option (9), the info packet's revision must be set to one. No other field needs to be set, and if set it will be overwritten. The fields are described below:

IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PKT-REV	Revision of this packet structure -- it must always be set to 1.
IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PCQ-COUNT	This is the number of PCQ devices configured
IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-PCQ-MAX-UNIT	This is the number of the highest PCQ device (currently 127)
IC-QUEUE-OP-INFO-JOB-COUNT	This is the configured maximum number of PCQ jobs

### PCQ Default Info Operation (10)

On a call to IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION with the PCQ default filter option (10), the filter packet's revision must be set to one. No other field needs to be set, and if set it will be overwritten. The fields are described below:

IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PKT-REV	Revision of this packet structure -- it must always be set to 1.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-QUEUE	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by queue number is enabled. The two fields IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PCQ and IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PCQ are valid and contain the minimum and maximum queues being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-SIZE	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by file size is enabled. The fields IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-SIZE and IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-SIZE are valid and contain the minimum and maximum file sizes being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER-ID	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by owner id is enabled. (This is the console number <b>on Windows</b> and the user-id <b>on Linux</b> .) The two fields IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-OWNER-ID and IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-OWNER-ID are valid and contain the minimum and maximum owner id value being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT-ID	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by printed-by id is enabled. (This is the console number <b>on Windows</b> and the user-id <b>on Linux</b> .) The two fields IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PRINT-ID and IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PRINT-ID are valid and contain the minimum and maximum printed-by id value being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by owner name is enabled. The field IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER-NAME is valid and contains the owner name of the files being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by printed-by name is enabled. The field IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT-NAME is valid and contains the printed-by name of the files being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-NAME	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by file name is enabled. The field IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-FILE-NAME is valid and contains the simple filename of the files being viewed.
IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-ACCESS	If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by read access to the file is enabled.
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If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by status is enabled. The field IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-STATUS-VAL is valid and contains the status value of the files being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR

If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by directory name is enabled. The field IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR-NAME is is valid and contains the directory name of the files being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PCQ

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PCQ

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-QUEUE contains a 'Y', these two fields are valid and contain the minimum and maximum queues being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-SIZE

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-SIZE

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-QUEUE contains a 'Y', these fields are valid and contain the minimum and maximum file sizes being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-OWNER-ID

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-OWNER-ID

If IC-QUEUE-OP-OWNER-ID contains a 'Y', these fields are valid and contain the minimum and maximum owner id value being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MIN-PRINT-ID

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-MAX-PRINT-ID

If IC-QUEUE-OP-PRINT-ID contains a 'Y', these fields are valid and contain the minimum and maximum printed-by id value being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-STATUS

If this field contains a 'Y', filtering by status is enabled.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER-NAME

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-OWNER contains a 'Y', this field is valid and contains the owner name of the files being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT-NAME

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-PRINT contains a 'Y', this field is valid and contains the printed-by name of the files being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-FILE-NAME

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-NAME contains a 'Y', this field is valid and contains the simple filename of the files being viewed.

### IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR-NAME

If IC-QUEUE-OP-FILT-DIR contains a 'Y', this field is valid and contains the directory name of the files being viewed.

## Exception Status Codes

The exception status codes which may be returned include:

1 Invalid operation	An invalid operation code has been supplied or the operation is not valid with the status specified by the main packet.
2 File not found	A get default PCQ filter operation request was made when there is no default filter
13 Invalid data	One or more of the arguments contain invalid data
36 File name is not valid	Simple filename cannot be isolated
203 Program was not found	Printer control must be enabled
209 Parameter mismatch on call	Number, size or type of arguments is invalid
221 Operation is not permitted	The call requires the Printer Control privilege in the program environments section of the configuration file (.cfi)

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476 Filename too long

The length of the filename exceed the size of the packet. (Can occur **on Linux** with pathnames > 255 characters.)

**NOTE:** The main IC\_QUEUE\_OPERATION packet definitions are shipped in the **ICOBOL** release media in the file pq\_list.ws found in the examples directory.

The IC\_QUEUE\_STATUS builtin is used to retrieve the status of one of the printer control queues. The information returned is equivalent to that returned for the queue when TAB is pressed in the Printer Control Utility.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_QUEUE_STATUS" USING queue-number, queue-status, queue-name [, queue-trans]
```

Where

*queue-number*

is an integer item containing the queue number for which the status is requested

*queue-status*

is a signed integer item into which a status code is returned, where the value is one of the following:

Status code	Meaning
1	Not available
2	Offline
3	Paused
4	Needs Attention
5	Retrying
6	Printing
7	Available

If the printer is the default printer, then the value returned will be negative. For example, if *queue-status* equals -7, then this is the default printer and it is available.

*queue-name*

is a PIC X(n) item into which the device name for the queue is returned

*queue-trans*

is an optional PIC X(n) item which, if present, receives the name of the printer translation

The following exception status codes may be returned:

Exception status code	Description
209	(Parameter mismatch on CALL) - Too many or few arguments, or incorrect type of argument
13	(Invalid data) - Queue number contains invalid data
2	(File not found) - Queue number specified not found

B.57. IC\_REMOVE\_DIR

The IC\_REMOVE\_DIR builtin allows a directory to be removed.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_REMOVE_DIR" USING name
```

Where

*name*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the directory name to be removed.

Directory must be empty (except for . and .. files) to be removed. If the directory is not empty, a File Exists (Exception Status 32) will be returned. On Linux, the current directory can be removed resulting in File Not Found errors when accessing any file based on the current directory. Generally, this should be avoided.



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**B.58. IC\_RENAME**

The IC\_RENAME builtin allows a file to be renamed.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_RENAME" USING old-filename, new-filename
```

Where

*old-filename*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the old filename to be renamed.

*new-filename*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the new filename.

Pathnames can be used. To rename an ICISAM file, you must rename each individual portion, explicitly supplying the .XD and .NX extensions with two builtin calls.

IC\_RENAME does not go through the ICLINK link file facility.

Old-filename and new-filename are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#), except a full pathname is not made if only a simple name is given.

B.59. IC\_RESOLVE\_FILE

The IC\_RESOLVE\_FILE builtin resolves a filename to a full pathname using a search path. Templates are not allowed. When using ICDATAPATH this works just like an OPEN. When using ICCODEPATH this works just like a CALL or CALL PROGRAM.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_RESOLVE_FILE" USING file-argument, lib-name [, search-path
    [, file-entry [, rev ]]]
```

Where

*file-argument*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the file to be resolved. The fully resolved name is returned into this argument. If the file was found in a library only the simple name is returned in file-argument. If the file does not exist, the fully resolved name of where the file would be created is returned and the ON EXCEPTION clause is executed. ICLINK can be used.

*lib-name*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the fully resolved library name if the file-argument was found in a library. If not found in a library, this entry will be set to spaces.

*search-path*

is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the **ICOBOL** search path to use. Valid search paths are ICDATAPATH, ICCODEPATH, and blank for no searching. If the argument is not specified, it defaults to ICDATAPATH. For an invalid argument, an error is returned and no processing is done.

*file-entry*

is a structure as defined below that provides status information about the file. If the file does not exist, no data is moved into this structure. The Filename piece of the structure can be any length but should be long enough to hold the longest simple name. Each entry can be defined as one of the following:

```
01 FILE-ENTRY-REV1.
  02 MODIFIED-INFO.
    03 DATE-MODIFIED          PIC 9(6).
    03 TIME-MODIFIED         PIC 9(8).
  02 ACCESSED-INFO.
    03 DATE-ACCESSED         PIC 9(6).
    03 TIME-ACCESSED        PIC 9(8).
  02 FILESIZE-BYTES          PIC 9(10).
  02 F-ATTRIBUTES           PIC X(8).
  02 F-ATTRIBUTE-RED REDEFINES F-ATTRIBUTES.
    03 READABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
    03 WRITABLE-ON          PIC X(1).
    03 PROTECTABLE-ON       PIC X(1).
    03 ARCHIVE-IT           PIC X(1).
    03 DIRECTORY-TYPE       PIC X(1).
    03 SYSTEM-TYPE          PIC X(1).
    03 EXECUTABLE-TYPE      PIC X(1).
    03 FILLER                PIC X(1).
  02 FILENAME                PIC X(64).
```

or

```

01 FILE-ENTRY-REV2.
02 MODIFIED-INFO.
03 DATE-MODIFIED          PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-MODIFIED         PIC 9(8).
02 ACCESSED-INFO.
03 DATE-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
02 FILESIZE-BYTES        PIC 9(10).
02 F-ATTRIBUTES          PIC X(8).
02 F-ATTRIBUTE-RED REDEFINES F-ATTRIBUTES.
03 READABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 WRITABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 PROTECTABLE-ON        PIC X(1).
03 ARCHIVE-IT            PIC X(1).
03 DIRECTORY-TYPE        PIC X(1).
03 SYSTEM-TYPE           PIC X(1).
03 EXECUTABLE-TYPE       PIC X(1).
03 FILLER                 PIC X(1).
02 FILENAME               PIC X(64).
    
```

or

```

01 FILE-ENTRY-REV3.
02 MODIFIED-INFO.
03 DATE-MODIFIED          PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-MODIFIED         PIC 9(8).
02 ACCESSED-INFO.
03 DATE-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
02 FILESIZE-BYTES        PIC 9(10).
02 F-ATTRIBUTES          PIC X(8).
02 F-ATTRIBUTE-RED REDEFINES F-ATTRIBUTES.
03 READABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 WRITABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 PROTECTABLE-ON        PIC X(1).
03 ARCHIVE-IT            PIC X(1).
03 DIRECTORY-TYPE        PIC X(1).
03 SYSTEM-TYPE           PIC X(1).
03 EXECUTABLE-TYPE       PIC X(1).
03 LINK-TYPE             PIC X(1).
02 USER-COUNT            PIC 9(5).
02 FILENAME               PIC X(64).
    
```

or

```

01 FILE-ENTRY-REV4.
02 MODIFIED-INFO.
03 DATE-MODIFIED          PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-MODIFIED         PIC 9(8).
02 ACCESSED-INFO.
03 DATE-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
03 TIME-ACCESSED         PIC 9(8).
02 FILESIZE-BYTES        PIC 9(18).
02 F-ATTRIBUTES          PIC X(8).
02 F-ATTRIBUTE-RED REDEFINES F-ATTRIBUTES.
03 READABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 WRITABLE-ON           PIC X(1).
03 PROTECTABLE-ON        PIC X(1).
03 ARCHIVE-IT            PIC X(1).
03 DIRECTORY-TYPE        PIC X(1).
03 SYSTEM-TYPE           PIC X(1).
03 EXECUTABLE-TYPE       PIC X(1).
03 FILLER                 PIC X(1).
02 FILENAME               PIC X(64).
    
```

*rev*

is a PIC 9(2) COMP (one-byte binary), that specifies the revision of the file-entry lines provided in the output-file. If not specified, 1 is assumed. Valid entries are 1, 2, 3, and 4. If not specified, **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** default to rev1, and **VXCOBOL** defaults to 3. Rev 4 is available in 5.00 and up.

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In the rev 1 structure each date is of the form YYMMDD. In the rev 2, 3, and 4 structures each date is of the form YYYYMMDD and each time is of the form hhmmsshh. The rev 4 structure provides a larger FILESIZE-BYTES entry. For all revisions, the FILENAME entry should be at least 64 bytes and no longer than 256 bytes. The USER-COUNT field returns the number of times the file is open to any **ICOBOL** runtime running on this machine. The attribute field is a space if the particular attribute is not set, and contains a single uppercase letter if it is set. (R-readable, W-writeable, P-protected, A-archive, D-directory, S-system, E-executable, L-linkfile).

If an error is generated, the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed. The EXCEPTION STATUS gives the error.

The IC\_RIGHT builtin provides the ability to right justify text.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_RIGHT" USING source, destination
```

Where

*source*

is a PIC X(n) and holds the string to be justified.

*destination*

is a PIC X(n) and returns the right-justified string.

The content of *source* is trimmed of leading and trailing spaces and then padded with leading spaces so as to right justify the item in the *destination*. If the length of the trimmed *source* is greater than width of *destination*, the trimmed item is truncated on the left.

Use of the IC\_RIGHT builtin requires 5.09 or greater of the runtime.

Any error will result in a non-zero exception status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, to be executed.

The IC\_SEND\_KEY builtin allows the program to send a keystroke to another terminal running ICOBOL just as if that key had been entered on that keyboard.

The call requires both the "Terminal Status" and "Watch Other Terminals" privileges; otherwise, it will return exception status 221 - "This operation is not permitted." The call takes two arguments: the first is the terminal number to which the key is being sent and the second is a KEY-STRUC group with values as described under the IC\_GET\_KEY builtin. The effect of this builtin is similar to the full sequence of (a) watch the terminal with control, (b) enter the keystroke, (c) cancel the watch. A beep will sound on the receiving terminal to indicate that something has been received.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SEND_KEY" USING terminal-number, key-struct
```

Where

*terminal-number*

specifies a numeric value for the terminal to send the key.

*key-struct*

specifies a structure defined like this:

```
01 KEY-STRUC.
   05 KEY-TYPE          PIC 99 COMP.
   05 KEY-CODE          PIC 99 COMP.
   05 KEY-CODE-X REDEFINES KEY-CODE PIC X.
```

KEY-TYPE is the type of character and will contain one of the values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, or 8, as shown in the following table.

KEY-CODE returns the given code for the character, as specified in the current terminal definition. The table below shows KEY-CODE values that are possible for each KEY-TYPE value.

KEY-TYPE value	KEY-TYPE description	Possible KEY-CODE values, for each KEY-TYPE value
1	normal character	The character's numeric value. NOTE: KEY-CODE-X can be displayed and is the character.
2	editing function	1=left a character, 2=right a character, 3=backspace, 4=delete a character, 5=insert mode on/off, 6=clear field, 7=clear to end of field, 8=beginning of field, 9=end of field, 10=right a word, 11=left a word, 12=destructive TAB, 13=left tab stop, 14=right tab stop, 15=sound bell, 16=back delete
3	terminate field	Escape key code for terminate field key.
4	previous field	Escape key code for previous field key.
5	next field	Escape key code for next field key.
7	previous row	Escape key code for previous row key.
8	next row	Escape key code for next row key.

TABLE 36. IC\_SEND\_KEY values

The IC\_SEND\_MAIL builtin allows a COBOL program to send email directly from within COBOL using a standard SMTP server. Both secure (SSL) and unsecure connections are supported.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SEND_MAIL" USING to-list, from-addr, cc-list, bcc-list, subject,
    message [[[, att-type, attachment] [, uname-pass]] [, [att-type,
    attachment]... ]
```

Where the parameters are strings that hold:

<i>to-list</i>	address [, address]...	(comma-separated list)
<i>from-addr</i>	address	
<i>cc-list</i>	[address [, address]... ]	(comma-separated list)
<i>bcc-list</i>	[address [, address]... ]	(comma-separated list)
<i>subject</i>	subject-line	
<i>message</i>	text-body-of-message	(use <cr><nl> to split lines)
<i>att-type</i>	mime type of file attached	(optional)
<i>attachment</i>	filename of file to attach	(req'd if att-type specified)
<i>uname-pass</i>	a username-password pair to pass as authorization to the SMTP server. Separate the username from the password with a comma.	

All strings are trimmed of trailing blanks. A LOW\_VALUE will terminate a string.

The number of parameters are checked along with at least one valid *to-address* is required, the *from-address* can not be blank and should be a valid address, *subject* cannot be blank, *message* can use <cr><nl> to split lines and can be blank, *cc-list*, *bcc-list*, *att-type*, *attachment*, and *uname-pass* can be blank.

An address must consist of a *local-part*, an @ sign, and a *domain* as *localpart@domain*. To indicate the message recipient, an email address also may have an associated display name for the recipient, which is followed by the address specification surrounded by angled brackets, for example:

```
John Smith <john.smith@example.org>
```

This associated display name capability was added in 5.03.

If an *att\_type* is specified, an *attachment* must be specified. If no *att-type* is specified, no *attachment* can be specified. The appropriate mime-type must be specified or some email systems could modify the attachment. For the second set of *att-type*, *attachment* they must be specified in pairs.

All attachment files are checked before the sending of the email that they do exist.

Some valid basic mime-types for *att-type* are text, video, ... Attachment must specify a valid file. For example to attach a .pdf file the mime-type would be *application/pdf*.

For Mime Types see:

```
http://www.iana.org/assignments/media%2Dtypes/index.htm
```

Environment variables:

ICSMTPSERVER	required to tell where the SMTP server is located. There is no default.
ICSMTPPORT	specifies the port for the SMTP server, 25 is the default
ICSMTSSLPORT	specifies the port for the SMTP server to make a SSL connection. There is no default. (Added in 5.00)

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ICSMTPTIMEOUT	specifies the connection timeout in tenths of seconds for connection to the SMTP server. The default is now 45 seconds. Values can be 1 to 65535 where 65535 is "wait forever". (Added in 5.12) (Previous value was wait forever.)
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If ICSMTPSSLPORT is provided that port is used to connect first. If that is not successful the unsecure port (ICSMTPPORT) will be tried.

Error messages for this builtin include:

2079 SMTP Authorization successful

2081 A mail recipient must be specified (To: field)  
2082 A mail sender must be specified (From: field)  
2083 A message subject must be specified (Subject: field)  
2084 No mail server was specified (ICSMTPSERVER environment variable)  
2085 The mail server port was not valid (ICSMTPPORT environment variable)  
2086 SMTP System or Help message  
2087 The SMTP service is ready  
2088 The SMTP service is closing  
2089 The SMTP action completed OK  
2090 The recipient is nonlocal, message is being forwarded  
2091 The recipient was not verified but message was accepted  
2092 Start message input and end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>  
2093 The SMTP service is not available - closing connection  
2094 The command failed because the user's mailbox was unavailable  
2095 The command failed because of a server error  
2096 The command failed because of insufficient server storage

2098 The SMTP command failed with a 500 level error  
2099 The SMTP command failed because mailbox was unavailable

2112 SMTP Authorization in progress  
2113 SMTP Authorization required (A username/password is required)  
2114 SMTP Authorization failed

2127 The secure mail server port was not valid (ICSMTPSSLPORT environment variable)  
2128 The STARTTLS command failed because TSL was temporarily unavailable  
2129 The smtp/pop3 server connection could not be secured with SLL or TLS (see below)  
2130 SMTP Authorization doesn't support the available methods

If you receive an error 2129 and are using the ICSMTPSSLPORT entry try removing that entry and using the standard ICSMTPPORT entry as the SMTP port may be using STARTTLS to switch into SSL/TLS mode.

The connection algorithm in the IC\_SEND\_MAIL builtin was changed in 5.12 to implement a retry algorithm FOR INSECURE SOCKETS ONLY. The algorithm starts with a short timeout and progressively increases each time it fails until the total timeout period has elapsed.

A sample **ICOBOL** source that provides an interface to the new IC\_SEND\_MAIL builtin is available as sendmail.sr in the examples directory.

In the example program, sendmail.sr, the environment variable ICSMTPSERVER is read and can be set. A message can be composed and sent to people with both CC and BC addresses. An attachment can also be added.

To help debug IC\_SEND\_MAIL problems you can use the Enhanced Auditing feature with WEB selected and an Audit log and connection information will be logged. For example:



```
icrun -a::WEB
or
icrun -a:p:WEB
```

The log file will have messages such as:

```
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(544): entry
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(718): connecting to mail.xxxxxx.com:25
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(724): connection succeeded
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(735): snd: EHLO USERXX
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250-cm-omr14 says EHLO to
192.xxx.xxx.xxx:xxxx
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250-AUTH=CRAM-MD5 LOGIN PLAIN
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250-AUTH CRAM-MD5 LOGIN PLAIN
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250-8BITMIME
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(741): rcv loop
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(759): rcv: 250 PIPELINING
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(860): snd: MAIL FROM:<xxxxxxx@icobol.com>
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(870): rcv: 250 MAIL FROM accepted
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(877): snd: RCPT TO:<xxxxxxx@nc.rr.com>
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(935): snd: DATA
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(949): snd: Subject: Test8
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(956): snd: From: xxxxxx@icobol.com
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(963): snd: To: xxxxxx@nc.rr.com
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(988): snd: X-Mailer: icrun Revision 4.61 (Windows)
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(995): snd: Mime-version: 1.0
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1004): snd: Content-type: multipart/mixed;
boundary="=ic0001/jy+RghScIFqyoJc"
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1012): snd: --_ic0001/jy+RghScIFqyoJc
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1020): snd: Content-type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1028): snd: Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1038): snd: <mail msg>
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1069): snd: CRLF
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1220): snd: --_ic0001/jy+RghScIFqyoJc--
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1227): snd: CRLF.CRLF
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1237): rcv: 250 OK 3B/4A-11934-F15C5FF4
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1243): snd: QUIT
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1253): rcv: 221 cm-omr14 closing connection
<date-time-stamp>: WEB: ic_send_mail_bltm(1269): exit: ret_code=2147485737: The SMTP action
completed OK
```

Some places that errors can occur include the initial connection response from the mail server which will show up as an error at “Get greeting”, the response to the EHLO string which shows up as error at “Get EHLO response” or the response to the HELO string which shows up as an error at “Get HELO message”.

Telnet can be used to help debug your SMTP connection as such:

```
telnet <smtp-server> 25
(greeting response from smtp-server)
EHLO <this-machine-name> CR LF
(EHLO response from smtp-server)
HELO
(HELO response from smtpserver)
...
QUIT
(closing connection message)
```

### B.63. IC\_SEND\_MSG

The IC\_SEND\_MSG builtin allows the user to send a message to one, several, or all logged-on **ICOBOL** users, either active or inactive on the same machine.

The IC\_SEND\_MSG builtin is enabled with the Message sending privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 221 "The operation is not permitted."

Two modes are available.

#### Mode 1 (Interactive Mode)

For mode 1, the syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SEND_MSG"
```

Upon invocation, a terminal status window of all logged on terminals is displayed. You are then prompted for the message that you wish to send. You are then prompted for the terminal number to send the message to. If none, the message is sent to all logged-on users.

For more on IC\_SEND\_MSG in mode 1 see the Message Broadcast utility in the Utilities Manual.

#### Mode 2 (Program Mode)

For mode 2, the syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SEND_MSG" USING term-number, message [, line-no, col-no ]
```

Where

*term-number*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP that specifies the terminal number to send the message to. A value of 65535 sends the message to all users.

*message*

is a PIC X(n) string of the message to be sent. Trailing spaces and nulls are removed. If longer than 60 the string is truncated.

*line-no*

is a numeric that specifies the row (0-255) of where to place the message on the terminal

*col-no*

is a numeric that specifies the column (0-255) of where to place the message on the terminal

**NOTE:** For line and column 0,0 is the upper-left corner of the terminal.

If *n* is an invalid terminal number or is not currently active, an Exception Status 228 "The terminal is not logged on" is returned. If *n* is a terminal which is not enabled, Exception Status 229 "The terminal is not configured into the system" is returned.

When the line and column format is specified, the message can include DG attribute characters like reverse, blink, dim-on, dim-off, etc. On the specified terminal, all attributes will be reset at the end of the message and the cursor position will be returned to its starting position.

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B.64. IC\_SERIAL\_NUMBER

The IC\_SERIAL\_NUMBER builtin returns the **ICOBOL** runtime license serial number, as determined by the license manager (ICPERMIT) from the current license activation key.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SERIAL_NUMBER" USING argument
```

Where

*argument*

is a PIC 9(8) into which the license serial number will be stored.

The IC\_SET\_ENV builtin allows an environment entry to be set.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SET_ENV" USING name, value
```

Where

*name*

is a string that specifies the name of the environment variable to be set.

*value*

is a string that specifies the data value for the environment entry. Trailing spaces are ignored.

Possible errors include:

Parameter mismatch

Invalid Data

No memory

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**B.66. IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT**

The IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT builtin allows default timeouts to be enabled and disabled for ACCEPT and STOP literal statements.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SET_TIMEOUT" [ USING timeout ]
```

Where

*timeout*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP that specifies the default timeout in tenths of seconds. 65535 disables timeout, 65534 says to use that specified as the global timeout (ICTIMEOUT), while a number between 0 and 63000 will set the timeout to that value.

If no argument is specified, wait forever is set. The timeout value remains in effect whenever this program is active. I.E., if a CALL statement is made, while in the new program the timeout is reset to that specified by the global timeout (ICTIMEOUT) for the new program. Upon returning to the calling program, the timeout is restored to be the value that was set before the CALL.

When an ACCEPT statement times out, ESCAPE KEY is set to 99 and no data is moved to the particular item (just as when an ESC key is pressed).

### B.67. IC\_SET\_USERNAME

The IC\_SET\_USERNAME builtin allows a program to set or change the name that is returned from the ACCEPT FROM USER NAME statement. On Windows, it also changes the owner and printed-by names used by the Printer Control Utility. This call does not change any identification of the user known to the operating system. In particular, the Linux user-id for the process remains unchanged. (Hence, the permissions required on Linux to perform certain Printer Control Utility functions remain unchanged after making this call.)

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SET_USERNAME" USING username
```

Where

*username*

is a PIC X(n) string (1 <= n <= 15) containing the new username. The new username will consist of the characters from this string up through the first space or null.

On Linux, Exception Status 13 "Invalid data", is returned if the name string does not represent a name of at least one character, i.e., you may not eliminate the username entirely.

Any username case conversion specified on the ICRUN command line will be applied to the username supplied to this builtin.

The IC\_SHUTDOWN builtin terminates the runtime system. The IC\_SHUTDOWN call is enabled with the System Shutdown privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If the optional argument is specified the value is returned to the runtime system's parent process as an exit code.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SHUTDOWN" [ USING exit-code ]
```

Where

*exit-code*

is a PIC 9(n). *Exit-code* may be zero, or any value between 10 and 255 inclusive. Values 1 thru 9 are reserved for runtime use.

Any error is stored into Exception Status and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed. Exception status 13 "Invalid data" is returned if the *exit-code* is out of range.

The IC\_SYS\_INFO builtin is supported in **ICOBOL** to allow internal status information for the entire **ICOBOL** system to be viewed or read. The optional argument was added in 3.22.

The IC\_SYS\_INFO builtin is enabled with the System Information privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found."

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_SYS_INFO" [ USING sys-info-struct ].
```

Where

*sys-info-struct*

is a structure with the following format:

```
01 SYS-INFO-STRUCTURE.
  02 REV                      PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 PROCESSES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 TERMINALS.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 RPTERMINALS.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 DTTERMINALS.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 ANTERMINALS.             (This group no longer used in 4.00)
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 SEQ-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 REL-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 IND-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 REC-LOCKS.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 OS-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 PRN-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
  02 PCQ-FILES.
    03 IN-USE                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED              PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT          PIC 9(4) COMP.
```



```

02 PCQ-JOBS.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(4) COMP.
02 SER-FILES.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(4) COMP.
02 CON-FILES.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(4) COMP.
02 BUFFERS.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 IN-LRU         PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MIN-LRU        PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 SIZE-BYTES     PIC 9(4) COMP.
02 DEVICES.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(4) COMP.
02 NEWBUFFERS.
    03 FILLER          PIC 9(4) COMP.
    03 IN-USE          PIC 9(9) COMP.
    03 MAX-USED       PIC 9(9) COMP.
    03 TOTAL-COUNT    PIC 9(9) COMP.
    03 IN-LRU         PIC 9(9) COMP.
    03 MIN-LRU        PIC 9(9) COMP.
    03 SIZE-BYTES     PIC 9(9) COMP.

```

Added in 3.35 (rev 2)

In the optional argument is given then it is filled in with the appropriate information. If the argument is not given, then a screen of statistical information about various **ICOBOL** parameters is shown.

For the named resource, three numbers are provided. These are:

Value	Description
In Use	The number currently in use
MaxUsed	The most this has ever been, for this invocation
Max	The maximum number configured

The MaxUsed values can be used to either raise or lower individual System Parameters in the configuration file (.cfi) or in the Linux Kernel to provide a better-tuned system.

In the *sys-info-structure*, REV will contain a 2 when used with ICRUN 3.35 and up, and a 1 with previous versions.

Note that the SYS-INFO-STRUCTURE has been upgraded in 3.35 to handle the larger buffer structure added in 3.30.

The rev returned will be 2.

The previous BUFFER section of PIC 9(4) COMP values will be set to zero.

A new BUFFER section has been added at the end of the structure and all the sizes will be PIC 9(9) COMP.

The new structure is 136 bytes long.

When passed an old structure, the new buffer information will NOT be stored.

Starting in 4.00 the Assigned Terminal values (ANTERMINAL) are no longer used. They are set to 0.

### B.70. IC\_TERM\_CTRL

The IC\_TERM\_CTRL builtin allows the user to view the status of all terminals and optionally perform some operation on one or more selected terminals.

- Users with the Message sending privilege can send messages to one or more terminals.
- Users with the Abort terminal privilege can abort or kill a terminal.
- Users with the Watch other terminals privilege can view the screen of a selected terminal and optionally control the selected terminal's keyboard.

The IC\_TERM\_CTRL builtin is enabled with the Terminal status privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled an Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted" will be given. The Abort terminal, Console Interrupt, Message sending, and Watch privileges enable the commands available to the user.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_TERM_CTRL" [ USING term-num, watch-func-struct ].
```

Where

*term-num*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP that holds the terminal number of the terminal to be accessed.

*watch-func-struct*

is a structure holding the requested function and status-line setting for the session. It looks like:

```
01 WATCH-FUNC-STRUC.  
02 FUNCTION-CODE PIC 99 COMP.  
02 STATUS-LINE-CODE PIC 99 COMP.
```

Valid settings for FUNCTION-CODE are:

0=Watch *term-num*

1=Control *term-num*

Valid settings for STATUS-LINE-CODE are:

0=no status line

1=status line at the top of the screen starting in col 1

2=status line at the top of the screen starting in col 41

When the optional parameters are given, the IC\_TERM\_CTRL screen is never seen, the appropriate function is executed and on exit control is returned to the calling program.

All terminals running ICOBOL on this machine are available.

For more on IC\_TERM\_CTRL see the Terminal Control Utility in the Utilities manual.

## B.71. IC\_TERM\_STAT

The IC\_TERM\_STAT builtin is enabled with the Terminal status privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfl). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 221 "This operation is not permitted."

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_TERM_STAT" [ USING term-num, stat-struct ]
```

Where

*term-num*

is a PIC 9(4) COMP that holds the terminal number of a particular console of which status information is required. 65535 means do a terminal status on the current console.

*stat-struct*

is a structure holding specific status information for the given terminal. The structure looks like:

```
01 STAT-STRUC.
   02 STRUC-REV                PIC 9(4) COMP.
   02 TERM-NUM                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
   02 PROC-PID                 PIC 9(9) COMP.
   02 PROC-NUM                 PIC 9(4) COMP.
   02 PGM-STATE                PIC 9(4) COMP.
   02 PGM-PC                   PIC 9(4) COMP.
   02 SP2-SRV-FLAG             PIC X.
   02 CHAR-SRV-FLAG            PIC X.
   02 USERNAME                  PIC X(16).
   02 PGMNAME                   PIC X(30).
   02 FLAGS.
      03 MASTER-FLAG           PIC X.
      03 BATCH-FLAG            PIC X.
      03 ABORT-FLAG             PIC X.
      03 BREAK-FLAG             PIC X.
      03 DEBUG-FLAG             PIC X.
      03 SYS-INFO-FLAG          PIC X.
      03 MSG-FLAG                PIC X.
      03 BACK-FLAG              PIC X.
      03 PRINTER-FLAG           PIC X.
      03 PRT-MGR-FLAG           PIC X.
      03 SHUTDOWN-FLAG          PIC X.
      03 TERM-FLAG              PIC X.
      03 EXEC-FLAG              PIC X.
      03 WATCH-FLAG             PIC X.
      03 XWATCH-FLAG            PIC X.
      03 FILLER                 PIC X(3) .
```

Terminal Status allows the user to view the status of all **ICOBOL** users on the machine as well as current system information.

For more on IC\_TERM\_STAT with no arguments see the Terminal Status utility in the Utilities Manual.

STRUCT-REV returns a 3 using the above description.

TERM-NUM is the terminal number of the console (it is the same as term-num or the current console number if term-num was set to 65535).

PROC-PID is the pid of the stated terminal.

PROC-NUM is the internal **ICOBOL** process number.

PGM-STATE is the current state of the process: 0=unused, 1=logging on/off, 2=inactive, 3=active, 4=stopped, 5=while debugging, 6=pushed to shell/executable, 7=watching, 8=defunct.

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PGM-PC is always zero.

Previous to ICOBOL 3.30 the two bytes after the PGM-PC were filler bytes. With 3.30 and up they hold the following flags:

```
02 SP2-SRV-FLAG          PIC X.  
02 CHAR-SRV-FLAG        PIC X.
```

If this process is a thinclient surrogate process that supports gui-mode (sp2 or formprint) then the first flag (SP2-SRV-FLAG) will be set to "Y". If the process supports character-mode, then the second flag (CHAR-SRV-FLAG) will be set to "Y". So if the process supports both character-mode and gui-mode both flags will be set. (Revision 4.00 or later.)

USERNAME is the name of the user of the terminal.

PGMNAME is the currently executing COBOL program.

Each flag byte is either Y or N indicating that the console is the master, is a batch job, or has the specific privilege. The XWATCH-FLAG was added in 3.30.

The IC\_TRIM builtin takes a string and returns the starting position in the string of the first non-blank character and the actual length of the string NOT including leading or trailing spaces.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_TRIM" USING string, num-start, num-len
```

Where

*string*

specifies a PIC X(n) that holds the string.

*num-start*

is a PIC 9(n) to which is returned the starting position in string for the first non-blank character.

*num-len*

is a PIC 9(n) to which is returned the actual length of the string NOT including leading or trailing spaces.

**NOTES:**

- 1) Num-len and num-start can return 0.
- 2) You must ensure a *num-start=0* is NOT passed to a reference modification

Examples:

For the nine-byte string " abcd " (that is <space><space>abcd<space><space><space>) num-start would return 3 and num-len would return 4.

For nine-byte string " " (that is <space><space><space><space><space><space><space><space>) num-start and num-len would return 0.

For the nine-byte string "abc d " (that is abc<space>d<space><space><space><space>), num-start would return 1 and num-len would return 5.

The 'trimmed' string can then be extracted with reference modification. (I.E., string (num-start:num-len))

B.73. IC\_UPPER

The IC\_UPPER builtin converts the specified string to all upper-case characters.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_UPPER" USING string
```

Where

*string*

specifies a PIC X(n) that holds the data to be converted to upper-case.

**NOTE:** For **ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**, a more efficient way of accomplishing this task is by using the UPPER-CASE intrinsic function:

```
MOVE FUNCTION UPPER-CASE ( string ) TO string.
```

**B.74. IC\_VERSION**

The IC\_VERSION builtin allows a program to obtain the revision number of the runtime system which is executing the current program.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_VERSION" USING version-string
```

Where

*version-string*

specifies a PIC X(n) item which will receive the revision number of the string. n >= 16 is suggested. The version string will be of the form x.xx[.xx][ Beta x] where each x represents a digit and parts within brackets are present only if the runtime is an update and/or Beta test version.

The following exception status codes may be returned:

209 (Parameter mismatch on call) Too many or too few USING arguments

In the following example, a runtime system with revision 2.51 Beta 1 would display "2.51 Beta 1", and the 3.00 final release would display "3.00".

```
01 RUNTIME-VERSION      PIC X(16) .  
    ...  
    CALL "IC_VERSION" USING RUNTIME-VERSION.  
    DISPLAY QUOTE, RUNTIME-VERSION, QUOTE.
```

The IC\_WHOHAS\_LOCKS builtin provides the ability to detect records that are locked in the system. The call requires both the "Terminal Status" and "System Information" privileges; otherwise, it will return exception status 221 - "This operation is not permitted." The builtin call takes a single argument.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WHOHAS_LOCKS" USING struc
```

Where

```
struc
01 WHOHAS-GROUP.
02 MAX-COUNT PIC 9(4) COMP-5 VALUE 20.  *> #table elements (input)
02 CUR-COUNT PIC 9(4) COMP-5 VALUE 0.   *> actual count (output)
02 INFO-TBL OCCURS 20 TIMES.           *> set occurs count as needed
03 TERM-NUM PIC 9(4) COMP-5.           *> terminal holding the lock
03 USERNAME PIC X(16).                 *> user holding the lock
03 PROGRAM PIC X(30).                  *> program holding the lock
03 FILENAME PIC X(64).                 *> file with the locked record
03 LOCK-POS PIC 9(9) COMP-5.           *> record position of the lock
03 PID-NUM  PIC 9(9) COMP-5.           *> PID of locking terminal
```

The OCCURS count can be set as needed, 20 is just an example. Typically there are only a handful of locked records active at any given time, so usually only a small number is needed. The OCCURS count that is set must also be specified in the VALUE clause of the MAX-COUNT field. The builtin uses MAX-COUNT to make sure that it does not exceed the storage allocated to the table. If the number of actual locks exceeds the MAX-COUNT limit, an exception 220 - "There are no more entries in the table" is returned and the CUR-COUNT field is set to the number needed.



**B.76. IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE**

The IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE builtin allows the caller to set the title bar of the GUI icrunw or icrunrc screen. This title remains in effect until another call to IC\_WINDOW\_TITLE. This call is available under Windows and when running ThinClient Client (icrunrc) under Windows.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WINDOW_TITLE" USING fmt [, string-1 ]...
```

Where

*fmt*

specifies a PIC X(n) that holds a format string on how to display the title.

*String-1*

specifies a PIC X(n) that provides a series of character strings to be applied to the format.

The format string may contain any characters which will be literally used in the title. It may also contain any of the following:

Format string Characters	Description
%%	Insert a per cent sign at this location
%C	Insert the name of the current COBOL program at this location (only allowed once). This will change as the COBOL program changes.
%D	Insert today's date at this location
%m	Insert the current machine name
%O	Insert the current os name
%P	Insert the process name at this location
%S	Insert the next string argument at this location
%T	Insert the current time at this location

Any other character following the % will be treated as invalid. Trailing spaces or low-values will be trimmed from the format string.

Without this call, the default is "%P - %C".

The string values are used to satisfy the %S format directive. They are inserted in their entirety, including trailing spaces, unless a LOW-VALUE is encountered in which case the string ends at the preceding character.

The following exception status codes may be returned:

Exception status	Description
209 - Parameter mismatch on call	- Too few arguments - more string parameters than %S directives
13 - Invalid data	- bad format string
39 - Out of disk space	- constructed string exceeds buffer size

When this builtin is NOT available an error 203 - "Program not found" will be given.

Example:

Suppose these lines appear in the program MYPROG.SR:

```
01 FORMAT      PIC X(50) VALUE "%S: My application (%C)".
01 STRING-1    PIC X(10) VALUE "My company".

CALL "ic_window_title" USING FORMAT, STRING-1 ON EXCEPTION
```

The window title would be set to:

```
"My Company: My Application (myprog)".
```

The program name (myprog) would change as your application calls different COBOL programs.

**B.77. IC\_WINDOWS\_MSG\_BOX**

The IC\_WINDOWS\_MSG\_BOX builtin allows a COBOL program to display a message box using the Windows MessageBox function when the console is on a Windows machine either with the Gui runtime (icrunw) or ThinClient (icrunrc).

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_MSG_BOX" USING msg-text, msg-title, msg-ctrl, msg-button
```

Where

*msg-text*

specifies a PIC X(n) item containing the message to be displayed. Trailing spaces are ignored.

*msg-title*

specifies a PIC X(n) item containing the title for the dialog box. Windows does not automatically break the lines to fit in the message box so the message string must contain new lines to break the lines at the appropriate places. Trailing spaces are ignored.

*msg-ctrl*

specifies a PIC X(3) item which controls the appearance and behavior of the message box

The first character controls the type of message box that will be displayed, i.e., the number of buttons and their legends. The valid character values and their meanings are:

1st character	Number of buttons to display	Legends for the buttons
SPACE	one push button	OK
"0"	one push button	OK
"1"	two push buttons	OK and Cancel
"2"	two push buttons	Retry and Cancel
"3"	two push buttons	Yes and No
"4"	three push buttons	Yes, No, and Cancel
"5"	three push buttons	Abort, Retry, and Ignore

The second character controls which of the buttons will be the default. The selected button must correspond to one of the buttons that is available as a result of the value entered in the first character position. If the Enter key is pressed this button is selected. The valid selections follow:

2nd character	Default button
SPACE	First button on the message box
"A"	Abort button
"C"	Cancel button
"I"	Ignore button
"N"	No button
"O"	OK button
"R"	Retry button
"Y"	Yes button

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The third character controls the icon which is displayed in the message box. Valid selections are as follows:

3rd character	Icon to display in message box
SPACE	No icon
"!"	An exclamation point
"?"	A question mark
"I"	Icon consists of the lower case letter i
"X"	A stop sign icon

### *msg-button*

specifies a PIC X(1) item which is returned to from the call. This value identifies which button was selected. If the message box has a Cancel button, pressing ESC is equivalent to selecting the Cancel button.

Value returned from the call	Meaning (which button was selected)
"A"	Abort button
"C"	Cancel button
"I"	Ignore button
"N"	No button
"O"	OK button
"R"	Retry button
"Y"	Yes button

The following exception status codes may be returned

Exception status	Description
209 (Parameter mismatch on call)	Too many or too few USING arguments, or invalid length for argument
13 (Invalid data)	One or more values in msg-ctrl is not valid
8 (Insufficient memory)	Not enough memory to execute call

When this builtin is NOT available in the Thinclient case, an error 231 - "Unsupported feature for the current terminal type" will be given.

Example:

Suppose the following code appears in a program running on Windows:

```
01 MSG-TEXT PIC X(32) VALUE "The account number is not valid.".
01 MSG-TITLE PIC X(29) VALUE "Error: Invalid account number".
01 MSG-CTRL PIC X(3) VALUE "2RX".
...
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_MSG_BOX" USING MSG-TEXT, MSG-TITLE, MSG-CTRL,
MSG-BUTTON.
```

A message box will appear containing 2 buttons -- retry and cancel. The box will have the title "Error: Invalid account number" and contain a stop sign icon and the text "The account number is not valid." as shown in the next image.



The IC\_WINDOWS\_SETFONT builtin allows the current font and font-size to be changed when running the GUI Windows runtime or ThinClient Client (icrunrc). This call will also run on Linux platforms when using the ThinClient client (icrunrc) on Windows. (Added in 3.30)

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_SETFONT" [ USING fontname, fontsize ]
```

Where

*fontname*

is a string that specifies the name of a fixed font to which the font should be set. If not specified, the default usually "Courier New" will be used. The name of the selected font will be returned into this location if the call is successful.

*fontsize*

is an integer that specifies the font point size from 2 to 99, or is an integer that specifies the font point size in deci-points from 20 to 999 as the number 1020 thru 1999, or a zero which will cause the Windows ChooseFont Dialog box to be shown to the user.

This call acts just like the ICFONT and ICFONTSIZE environment entries when ICRUNW is started.

This call is available only on Windows when running on a graphic desktop and using the GUI runtime (icrunw) or when running the ThinClient (icrunrc). (It does not matter if the ICRUNRC is connected to a Linux server.)

If no parameters are specified, the default ChooseFont dialog will be displayed. (Added in 3.56)

Possible errors include:

Parameter mismatch	Invalid Data	Program not found	No memory
Path not found	Invalid Format	Invalid operation	

When this builtin is NOT available in the Thinclient case, an error 231 - "Unsupported feature for the current terminal type" will be given.

The IC\_WINDOWS\_SHELLEXECUTE performs an operation on a specified file.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_SHELLEXECUTE" USING lpverb, lpFile, lpParameters,
    lpDirectory, nShowCmd
```

Where

*lpverb*

Is a string, referred to as a verb, that specifies the action to be performed. The set of available verbs depends on the particular file or folder. Generally the actions available from an object's context menu are available verbs. The following verbs are commonly used:

edit	Launches an editor and opens the document for editing.
explore	Explores the folder specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
find	Initiates a search starting from the specified directory.
open	Opens the file specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
print	Prints the document specified by <i>lpFile</i> .
properties	Displays the file or folder's properties.

If set to spaces, then NULL is passed to the Windows function which defaults to the "default" verb or an open.

*lpFile*

is a string that specifies the file or object on which to execute the specified verb.

*lpParameters*

is a string that is a string of parameters to be passed to the application specified by *lpFile* if *lpFile* is an executable. If *lpFile* is a document then *lpParameters* should be spaces.

*lpDirectory*

is a string that specifies the default directory. If set to spaces the current directory is used. (NULL is passed to the Windows call.)

*nShowcmd*

is a Numeric with a value as given under IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE as *cmd*.

If the Windows ShellExecute call returns with a value greater than 32 then IC\_WINDOWS\_SHELLEXECUTE returns a success. Otherwise, it is an error and an exception is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause is executed, if provided.

This call is available only on Windows when running on a graphic desktop.

More on this can be seen by looking at the Microsoft call "ShellExecute".

Possible errors include:

Parameter mismatch	Invalid Data
Program not found	No memory
Path not found	Invalid Format
Access Denied	Sharing violation
Invalid operation	

This call can be used to:

- A) start Internet Explorer by giving a valid URL address (www.icobol.com)
- B) start an e-mail by giving "mailto: <name>".
- C) start a find file by giving the verb "find" with *lpFile* set to a directory specifier.

Basically you should be able to do all the actions associated with an object that can be seen by using Explorer to view the file and then right-clicking on the object. The top entry in the list is the default selection.

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### B.80. IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE

The IC\_WINDOWS\_SHOW\_CONSOLE builtin specifies how the window is to be shown when running with the GUI runtime or the Windows ThinClient (icrunrc) screen..

The syntax is:

```
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_SHOW_CONSOLE" USING cmd
```

Where

*cmd*

specifies a PIC 9(2) COMP item with one of the following values:

Value	Command	Description
1	Hide	Hides the window.
2	Maximize	Maximizes the window.
3	Minimize	Minimizes the window and activates the next top-level window in the z-order.
4	Restore	Activates and displays the window. If the window is minimized or maximized, the system restores it to its original size and position. An application should specify this flag when restoring a minimized window.
5	Show	Activates the window and displays it in its current size and position.
6	ShowDefault	Sets the show state based on how the program was started.
7	ShowMaximized	Activates the window and displays it as a maximized window.
8	ShowMinimized	Activates the window and displays it as a minimized window.
9	ShowMinNoActive	Displays the window as a minimized window. The active window remains active.
10	ShowNA	Displays the window in its current state. The active window remains active.
11	ShowNoActivate	Displays a window in its most recent size and position. The active window remains active.
12	ShowNormal	Activates and displays a window. If the window is minimized or maximized, the system restores it to its original size and position.

**NOTE:** An Active window is where keyboard input is directed.

The following exception status codes may be returned

Exception status code	Description
209 (Parameter mismatch on call)	Too many or too few USING arguments, or invalid length for argument
13 (Invalid data)	<i>Cmd</i> is not valid

When this builtin is NOT available in the Thinclient case, an error 231 - "Unsupported feature for the current terminal type" will be given.



Example:

Suppose the following code appears in a program running on Windows:

```
MOVE 1 TO WINDOW-CMD.  
CALL "IC_WINDOWS_SHOW_CONSOLE" USING WINDOW-CMD.
```

The current window will be hidden. If you had used a 3 (minimize), the current window would be minimized.

This builtin is useful with Sp2 programs since it can be used to hide the runtime system's main window if it is not needed and restored if it is needed.



**VIII. INTRINSIC FUNCTIONS**

(Added in 3.00)

**A. General Description**

Each intrinsic function definition specifies:

- 1) the name and description of the function
- 2) the type of the function
- 3) the general format of the function
- 4) the arguments, if any
- 5) the returned value.

See page [135](#), Function-identifier, for rules and explanations on the referencing of functions.

**A.1. Types of Functions**

Types of intrinsic functions are:

- 1) **Alphanumeric functions.** These are of the class and category alphanumeric. The number of character positions in this data item is specified in the function definition. Alphanumeric functions have an implicit usage display. Unless stated otherwise in the definition of a function, the data item is represented in the alphanumeric coded character set in effect when the function is referenced at runtime.
- 2) **Numeric functions.** These are of the class and category numeric. A numeric function has an operational sign.
- 3) **Integer functions.** These are of the class and category numeric. An integer function has an operational sign and no digits to the right of the decimal point.
- 4) **Index functions.** These are of the class and category index.

**A.2. Arguments**

Arguments specify values used in the evaluation of a function. Arguments are specified in the function-identifier. The definition of a function specifies the number of arguments required, which may be zero, one, or more. For some functions, the number of arguments may be variable. The order in which arguments are specified in a function-identifier determines the interpretation given to each value in arriving at the function value.

Arguments may be required to have a certain class or a subset of a certain class, to be a keyword, a type declaration, or a mnemonic-name. The types of argument are:

- 1) **Alphabetic.** An elementary data item of the class alphabetic or an alphanumeric literal containing only alphabetic characters shall be specified. The size associated with the argument may be used in determining the value of the function.
- 2) **Alphanumeric.** A data item of the class alphabetic or alphanumeric or an alphanumeric literal shall be specified. The size associated with the argument may be used in determining the value of the function.
- 3) **Index.** An index data item shall be specified. The size associated with the argument may be used in determining the value of the function.

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4) Integer. An arithmetic expression that will always result in an integer value or an integer data item shall be specified. The value of the arithmetic expression, including operational sign, is used in determining the value of the function.

5) Numeric. An arithmetic expression or a numeric data item shall be specified. The value of the arithmetic expression is used in determining the value of the function.

6) Pointer. A pointer identifier shall be specified. The size associated with the argument may be used in determining the value of the function.

**NOTE:** Permissible value errors return 0 for numeric and integer functions as well as raise the SIZE error condition. It is advisable to use arithmetic statements with SIZE ERROR checks when assigning function values if there is any possibility that improper arguments are supplied or if a size error could occur.

### A.3. Returned values

The evaluation of a function produces a returned value in a temporary elementary data item. The type of a function identifies the type of the returned value as specified in the section, Types of functions, on page [613](#).

The returned value rules for certain integer and numeric intrinsic functions contain one or more equivalent arithmetic expressions. An equivalent arithmetic expression is a formal definition that defines the relationship among a function, its arguments, and its returned value. In the presentation of the equivalent arithmetic expressions where there is a variable number of occurrences of an argument, the rules may contain an equivalent arithmetic expression for one, two, and  $n$  occurrences.

The returned value of numeric and integer functions depends on whether an equivalent arithmetic expression is specified for the function.

The returned value for numeric and integer functions is contained in a temporary standard intermediate data item. With the exception of the CURRENT-DATE function, DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD function, the DAY-TO-YYYYDDD function, the RANDOM function when no argument is specified, and the YEAR-TO-YYYY function, the returned value shall be the same for all instances of a given function within a single execution of the runtime element so long as the value and order of the arguments are the same.

When an equivalent arithmetic expression is specified:

- 1) the returned value shall equal the value of the equivalent arithmetic expression.

**NOTE** — As a result, the relation condition

function-identifier = equivalent-arithmetic-expression

will evaluate to true.

### A.4. Date conversion functions

The Gregorian calendar is used in the date conversion functions. The starting date of Monday, January 1, 1601, was chosen to establish a simple relationship between the Standard Date and DAY-OF-WEEK: integer date 1 was a Monday, DAY-OF-WEEK 1.

**INTRINSIC FUNCTIONS (SUMMARY TABLE)**

A.5. Summary of functions

The following table summarizes the intrinsic functions that are available.

The "arguments" column defines argument type and the "type" column defines the type of the function, as follows:

Alph	means	alphabetic
Anum	means	alphanumeric
Ind	means	index
Int	means	integer
Num	means	numeric
Ptr	means	pointer

**NOTE** — Num in the arguments column includes Int. Both Int and Num are listed in the arguments column when the type of the argument determines the type of the function.

Intrinsic-function-name	Arguments	Type	Value returned
ABS	Int1 or Num1	Depends upon argument	The absolute value of argument
ACOS	Num1	Num	Arccosine of Num1
ANNUITY	Num1, Int2	Num	Ratio of annuity paid for Int2 periods at interest of Num1 to initial investment of one
ASIN	Num1	Num	Arcsine of Num1
ATAN	Num1	Num	Arctangent of Num1
BYTE-LENGTH	Alph1 or Anum1 or Ind1 or Num1 or Ptr1	Int	Length of argument in number of bytes
CHAR	Int1	Anum	Character in position Int1 of the alphanumeric program collating sequence
COS	Num1	Num	Cosine of Num1
CURRENT-DATE		Anum	Current date and time and difference from Coordinated Universal Time
DATE-OF-INTEGER	Int1	Int	Standard date equivalent (YYYYMMDD) of integer date
DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD	Int1, Int2	Int	Argument-1 converted from YYMMDD to YYYYMMDD based on the value of argument-2
DAY-OF-INTEGER	Int1	Int	Julian date equivalent (YYYYDDD) of integer date
DAY-TO-YYYYDDD	Int1, Int2	Int	Argument-1 converted from YYDDD to YYYYDDD based on the value of argument-2
E		Num	Value of <i>e</i> , the natural base
EXP	Num1	Num	<i>e</i> raised to the power Num1
EXP10	Num1	Num	10 raised to the power Num1
FACTORIAL	Int1	Int	Factorial of Int1
FRACTION-PART	Num1	Num	Fraction part of Num1
HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC	Int1 or Num1 or Anum1	Int Num	Greatest algebraic value that may be represented in the argument
IC-CENTER	Anum, [Int]	Anum	Argument-1 centered within argument-2 width
IC-DECODE-URL	Anum	Anum	argument-1 url-decoded
IC-ENCODE-URL	Anum	Anum	argument-1 url encoded

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Intrinsic-function-name	Arguments	Type	Value returned
IC-GET-ENV	Anum	Anum	value of the environment value argument-1
IC-HEX-TO-NUM	Anum	Int	Integer of the hex-argument-1
IC-MSG-TEXT	Int	Anum	Message matching argument-1 exception
IC-NUM-TO-HEX	Int, Int	Anum	Hex value of the given numeric
IC-PID-EXISTS	Int	Int	0 if pid exists, exception otherwise
IC-SERIAL-NUM		Anum	current runtime serial number
IC-TRIM	Anum	Anum	Argument-1 string returned trimmed
IC-VERSION		Anum	current revision string
INTEGER	Num1	Int	The greatest integer not greater than Num1
INTEGER-OF-DATE	Int1	Int	Integer date equivalent of standard date (YYYYMMDD)
INTEGER-OF-DAY	Int1	Int	Integer date equivalent of Julian date (YYYYDDD)
INTEGER-PART	Num1	Int	Integer part of Num1
LENGTH	Alph1 or Anum1 or Ind1 or Num1 or Ptr1	Int	Length of argument in number of character positions
LOG	Num1	Num	Natural logarithm of Num1
LOG10	Num1	Num	Logarithm to base 10 of Num1
LOWER-CASE	Alph1 or Anum1	Depends upon argument*	All letters in the argument are set to lower-case
LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC	Int1 or Num1 or Anum1	Int Num	Lowest algebraic value that may be represented in the argument.
MAX	Alph1 ... or Anum1 ... or Ind1 ... or Int1 ... or Num1 ...	Depends upon arguments*	Value of maximum argument
MEAN	Num1 ...	Num	Arithmetic mean of arguments
MEDIAN	Num1 ...	Num	Median of arguments
MIDRANGE	Num1 ...	Num	Mean of minimum and maximum arguments
MIN	Alph1 ... or Anum1 ... or Ind1... or Int1 ... or Num1 ...	Depends upon arguments*	Value of minimum argument
MOD	Int1, Int2	Int	Int1 modulo Int2
NUMVAL	Anum1	Num	Numeric value of simple numeric string
NUMVAL-C	Anum1 or Anum2	Num	Numeric value of numeric string with optional commas and currency sign
NUMVAL-F	Anum1	Num	Numeric value of numeric string representing a floating-point number
ORD	Alph1 or Anum1	Int	Ordinal position of the argument in collating sequence

**INTRINSIC FUNCTIONS (SUMMARY TABLE)**

Intrinsic-function-name	Arguments	Type	Value returned
ORD-MAX	Alph1 ... or Anum1 ... or Ind1 or Num1 ...	Int	Ordinal position of maximum argument
ORD-MIN	Alph1 ... or Anum1 ... or Ind1 or Num1 ...	Int	Ordinal position of minimum argument
PI		Num	The value of pi
PRESENT-VALUE	Num1, Num2 ...	Num	Present value of a series of future period-end amounts, Num2, at a discount rate of Num1
RANDOM	Int1	Num	Random number
RANGE	Int1 ... or Num1 ...	Depends upon argument	Value of maximum argument minus value of minimum argument
REM	Num1, Num2	Num	Remainder of Num1/Num2
REVERSE	Alph1 or Anum1	Depends upon argument*	Reverse order of the characters of the argument
SIGN	Num1	Int	The sign of Num1
SIN	Num1	Num	Sine of Num1
SQL-ADD-ESCAPES	Alpha or Anum	Alpha or Anum	Adds SQL ESCs where needed
SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES	Alpha or anum	Alpha or Anum	Removes SQL ESCs as needed
SQRT	Num1	Num	Square root of Num1
STANDARD-DEVIATION	Num1 ...	Num	Standard deviation of arguments
SUM	Int1 ... or Num1 ...	Depends upon arguments	Sum of arguments
TAN	Num1	Num	Tangent of Num1
TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD	Int1	Int	0 if Int1 is a valid standard date; otherwise identifies the sub-field in error
TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD	Int1	Int	0 if Int1 is a valid Julian date; otherwise identifies the sub-field in error
TEST-NUMVAL	Anum1	Int	0 if argument-1 conforms to the requirements of the NUMVAL function; otherwise identifies the character in error
TEST-NUMVAL-C	Anum1 or Anum2 or Key2 Key3	Int	0 if argument-1 conforms to the requirements of the NUMVAL-C function; otherwise identifies the character in error
TEST-NUMVAL-F	Anum1	Int	0 if argument-1 conforms to the requirements of the NUMVAL-F function; otherwise identifies the character in error
UPPER-CASE	Alph1 or Anum1	Depends upon argument*	All letters in the argument are set to upper-case
VARIANCE	Num1 ...	Num	Variance of argument
WHEN-COMPILED		Anum	Date and time compilation unit was compiled
YEAR-TO-YYYY	Int1, Int2	Int	Argument-1 converted from YY to YYYY based on the value of argument-2

Intrinsic-function-name	Arguments	Type	Value returned
* A function that has only alphabetic arguments is type alphanumeric.			

TABLE 37. Summary of Intrinsic Functions



## B. Intrinsic Functions

### B.1. ABS

The ABS function returns the absolute value of the argument.

The type of this function depends on the argument type as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Integer	Integer
Numeric	Numeric

#### B.1.1 General format

**FUNCTION ABS** ( *argument-1* )

#### B.1.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

#### B.1.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) When the value of *argument-1* is zero or positive,

*(argument-1)*

- b) When the value of *argument-1* is negative,

*(- argument-1)*

#### B.1.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 A      PIC S999      VALUE -987.
01 B      PIC S999V99   VALUE -876.98.
01 C      PIC S999V99   VALUE 0.
01 D      PIC S999V99.

      COMPUTE D = FUNCTION ABS (A).
      IF D = 987
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE D = FUNCTION ABS (B).
      IF D = 876.98
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE D = FUNCTION ABS (C).
      IF D = 0
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 30. ABS function

B.2. ACOS

The ACOS function returns a numeric value in radians that approximates the arccosine of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.2.1 General format

FUNCTION ACOS ( *argument-1* )

B.2.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than or equal to -1 and less than or equal to +1.

B.2.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the arccosine of *argument-1* and is greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to pi.

B.2.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 B                PIC S9(10)          VALUE 4.
01 WS-NUM           PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01 MIN-RANGE       PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01 MAX-RANGE       PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.000000 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.000020 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ACOS(1.0) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

EVALUATE FUNCTION ACOS(0)
WHEN 1.57076 THRU 1.57082
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -0.000040 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.00004 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ACOS(IND (B) - 2) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 31. ACOS function

## B.3. ANNUITY

The ANNUITY function (annuity immediate) returns a numeric value that approximates the ratio of an annuity paid at the end of each period for the number of periods specified by *argument-2* to an initial investment of one. Interest is earned at the rate specified by *argument-1* and is applied at the end of the period, before the payment.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.3.1 General format

FUNCTION ANNUITY ( *argument-1*, *argument-2* )

## B.3.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than or equal to zero.
- 3) *Argument-2* shall be a positive integer.

## B.3.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) When the value of *argument-1* is zero,

$$(1 / \textit{argument-2})$$

- b) When the value of *argument-1* is not zero,

$$(\textit{argument-1} / (1 - (1 + \textit{argument-1})^{**} (-\textit{argument-2})))$$

### B.3.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 WS-NUM          PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01 MIN-RANGE      PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01 MAX-RANGE      PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

EVALUATE FUNCTION ANNUITY(2.9, 4)
WHEN 2.91252 THRU 2.91264
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE
WHEN OTHER
    PERFORM BAD-VAL.
MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.576553 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.576599 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ANNUITY(
    FUNCTION ANNUITY(0, 3), 3) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
(WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 4.49978 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 5.50022 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ANNUITY(0, 2) + 5.
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
(WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 32. ANNUITY function

## B.4. ASIN

The ASIN function returns a numeric value in radians that approximates the arcsine of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.4.1 General format

FUNCTION ASIN ( *argument-1* )

## B.4.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than or equal to  $-1$  and less than or equal to  $+1$ .

## B.4.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the arcsine of *argument-1* and is greater than or equal to  $-\pi/2$  and less than or equal to  $+\pi/2$ .

## B.4.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01  PI                PIC S9V9(17) VALUE 3.141592654.
01  WS-NUM            PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01  MIN-RANGE        PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01  MAX-RANGE        PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

EVALUATE FUNCTION ASIN(0.5)
WHEN  0.523588 THRU 0.523609
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE
WHEN  OTHER
      PERFORM BAD-VAL.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -1.52610 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE -1.52604 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ASIN(-.999) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.142546 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.142558 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ASIN(FUNCTION ASIN(PI - 3)) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 33. ASIN function

### B.5. ATAN

The ATAN function returns a numeric value in radians that approximates the arctangent of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

#### B.5.1 General format

FUNCTION ATAN ( *argument-1* )

#### B.5.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

#### B.5.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the arctangent of *argument-1* and is greater than  $-\pi/2$  and less than  $+\pi/2$ .

#### B.5.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 B          PIC S9(10)      VALUE 2.
01 SQRT3      PIC S9V9(17)    VALUE 1.732050808.
01 ARR        VALUE "40537".
           02 IND OCCURS 5 TIMES PIC 9.
01 WS-NUM     PIC S9(5)V9(6).
01 MIN-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -0.785414 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE -0.785382 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ATAN(-1).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -0.000020 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.000020 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ATAN(IND(B)).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.522827 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.522869 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION ATAN((1 / SQRT3) - .001).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 34. ATAN function

**B.6. BYTE-LENGTH**

The BYTE-LENGTH function returns an integer equal to the length of the argument in bytes.

The type of the function is integer.

**B.6.1 General format**

**FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH ( *argument-1* )**

**B.6.2 Arguments**

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an alphanumeric literal or a data item of any class or category.

**B.6.3 Returned values**

- 1) If *argument-1* is an elementary data item or a literal, the returned value shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in bytes.

- 2) If *argument-1* is a group data item:

- a) If *argument-1* or any data item subordinate to *argument-1* is described with the DEPENDING phrase of the OCCURS clause, the returned value shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in bytes, as a sending operand, determined by evaluation of the data item specified in the DEPENDING phrase in accordance with the rules of the OCCURS clause. The contents of the data item specified in the DEPENDING phrase are used at the time the BYTE-LENGTH function is evaluated.

- b) Otherwise, the value returned shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in bytes.

- c) The returned length shall include the number of implicit FILLER positions, if any, in *argument-1*.

## B.6.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 DATA-BLOCK.
03 DATA-ARRAY OCCURS 1 TO 5 TIMES DEPENDING ON I.
05 DATA-ELEMENTS OCCURS 65535 TIMES.
07 DATA-COUNTER PIC 9(18).
07 ARRAY-VALUE PIC 9(18).
07 FILL-A-BYTE PIC X(15).

01 A PIC S999 VALUE -999.
01 B PIC -999.99.
01 C PIC 9(9) COMP.
01 I PIC 99 VALUE 3.
01 NO-BYTES PIC 9(10).

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (A).
IF NO-BYTES = 3 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (B).
IF NO-BYTES = 7 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (C).
IF NO-BYTES = 4 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (DATA-BLOCK).
IF NO-BYTES = 10026855 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 5 TO I.
COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (DATA-BLOCK).
IF NO-BYTES = 16711425 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (DATA-ARRAY (1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 3342285 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (DATA-ELEMENTS (1, 1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 51 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION BYTE-LENGTH (FILL-A-BYTE (1, 1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 15 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 35. BYTE-LENGTH function



## B.7. CHAR

The CHAR function returns a one-character alphanumeric value that is a character in the alphanumeric program collating sequence having the ordinal position equal to the value of *argument-1*. Since **ICOBOL** uses the ASCII collating sequence, these values are 1 through 256.

The type of this function is alphanumeric.

## B.7.1 General format

FUNCTION CHAR ( *argument-1* )

## B.7.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than zero and less than or equal to the number of positions in the alphanumeric program collating sequence.

## B.7.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value shall be the character in the alphanumeric program collating sequence having the ordinal position specified by *argument-1*.

## B.7.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01  D                      PIC S9(10) VALUE 100.
01  ARR                    VALUE "066037100070044".
   02 IND OCCURS 5 TIMES PIC 9(3).
01  WS-ANUM                PIC X.

MOVE SPACE TO WS-ANUM.
MOVE FUNCTION CHAR(37) TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "$" THEN
  PERFORM OK.

MOVE SPACE TO WS-ANUM.
MOVE FUNCTION CHAR(IND(5)) TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "+" THEN
  PERFORM OK.

MOVE SPACE TO WS-ANUM.
MOVE FUNCTION CHAR(D) TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "c" THEN
  PERFORM OK.

```

EXAMPLE 36. CHAR function

### B.8. COS

The COS function returns a numeric value that approximates the cosine of an angle or arc, expressed in radians, that is specified by *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

#### B.8.1 General format

FUNCTION COS ( *argument-1* )

#### B.8.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

#### B.8.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the cosine of argument-1 and is greater than or equal to  $-1$  and less than or equal to  $+1$ .

#### B.8.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 PI           PIC S9V9(17)    VALUE 3.141592654.
01 MINUSPI      PIC S9V9(17)    VALUE -3.141592654.
01 WS-NUM       PIC S9(5)V9(6).
01 MIN-RANGE    PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE    PIC S9(5)V9(7).

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -1.00000 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE -0.999980 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION COS(MINUSPI).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -0.000040 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.000040 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION COS(PI / 2).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.999980 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 1.00000 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION COS(0).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 37. COS function

**B.9. CURRENT-DATE**

The CURRENT-DATE function returns a 21-character alphanumeric value that represents the calendar date, time of day, and local time differential factor provided by the system on which the function is evaluated.

The type of this function is alphanumeric.

**B.9.1 General format**

**FUNCTION CURRENT-DATE**

**B.9.2 Returned values**

- 1) The character positions returned, numbered from left to right, are:

<b>Character Positions</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1-4	Four numeric digits of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
5-6	Two numeric digits of the month of the year, in the range 01 through 12.
7-8	Two numeric digits of the day of the month, in the range 01 through 31.
9-10	Two numeric digits of the hours past midnight, in the range 00 through 23.
11-12	Two numeric digits of the minutes past the hour, in the range 00 through 59.
13-14	Two numeric digits of the seconds past the minute, in the range 00 through 59.
15-16	Two numeric digits of the hundredths of a second past the second, in the range 00 through 99. The value 00 is returned if the system on which the function is evaluated does not have the facility to provide the fractional part of a second.
17	Either the character '-', the character '+', or the character '0'. The character '-' is returned if the local time indicated in the previous character positions is behind Coordinated Universal Time. The character '+' is returned if the local time indicated is the same as or ahead of Coordinated Universal Time. The character '0' is returned if the system on which this function is evaluated does not have the facility to provide the local time differential factor.
18-19	If character position 17 is '-', two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 12 indicating the number of hours that the reported time is behind Coordinated Universal Time. If character position 17 is '+', two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 13 indicating the number of hours that the reported time is ahead of Coordinated Universal Time. If character position 17 is '0', the value 00 is returned.
20-21	Two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 59 indicating the number of additional minutes that the reported time is ahead of or behind Coordinated Universal Time, depending on whether character position 17 is '+' or '-', respectively. If character position 17 is '0', the value 00 is returned.

B.9.3 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01  TODAYS-INFO.  
03  TODAYS-YEAR          PIC 9(4) .  
03  TODAYS-MONTH        PIC 99 .  
03  TODAYS-DAY          PIC 99 .  
03  TODAYS-HOUR         PIC 99 .  
03  TODAYS-MIN          PIC 99 .  
03  TODAYS-SEC          PIC 99 .  
03  TODAYS-HSEC         PIC 99 .  
  
MOVE SPACES TO TODAYS-INFO.  
MOVE FUNCTION CURRENT-DATE TO TODAYS-INFO.
```

EXAMPLE 38. CURRENT-DATE function

## B.10. DATE-OF-INTEGER

The DATE-OF-INTEGER function converts a date in the Gregorian calendar from integer date form to standard date form (YYYYMMDD).

The type of this function is integer.

## B.10.1 General format

FUNCTION DATE-OF-INTEGER ( *argument-1* )

## B.10.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* is a positive integer that represents a number of days succeeding December 31, 1600, in the Gregorian calendar. It shall not exceed the value of FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE(99991231), which is 3,067,671.

## B.10.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value represents the ISO standard date equivalent of the integer specified in *argument-1*.
- 2) The returned value is in the form (YYYYMMDD) where YYYY represents a year in the Gregorian calendar; MM represents the month of that year; and DD represents the day of that month.

## B.10.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 A                PIC S9(10)    VALUE 400.
01 C                PIC S9(10)    VALUE 300.
01 D                PIC S9(10)    VALUE 1.
01 ARG1            PIC S9(10)    VALUE 1.
01 ARR            PIC S9(10)    VALUE "40537".
02 IND OCCURS 5 TIMES PIC 9.
01 TEMP            PIC S9(5)V9(5).
01 WS-DATE        PIC 9(8).

MOVE ZERO TO WS-DATE.
COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-OF-INTEGER(730).
IF WS-DATE = 16021231 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-DATE.
COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-OF-INTEGER(1).
IF WS-DATE = 16010101 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-DATE.
COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-OF-INTEGER(145655).
IF WS-DATE = 19991016 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 39. DATE-OF-INTEGER function

### B.11. DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD

The DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD function converts *argument-1* from the form YYmmdd to the form YYYYmmdd. *Argument-2*, when added to the year at the time of execution, defines the ending year of a 100-year interval, or sliding window, into which the year of *argument-1* falls.

The type of the function is integer.

#### B.11.1 General format

**FUNCTION** DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD ( *argument-1* [, *argument-2* ] )

#### B.11.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be zero or a positive integer less than 1000000.

**NOTE** – This function does not check *argument-1* to ensure that it is a valid date. The returned value can be an argument to the TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD function to check its validity.

- 2) *Argument-2* shall be an integer.

- 3) If *argument-2* is omitted, the function shall be evaluated as though 50 were specified.

- 4) The sum of the year at the time of execution and the value of *argument-2* shall be less than 10000 and greater than 1699.

#### B.11.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

$$(\text{FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY} (\text{YY}, \textit{argument-2}) * 10000 + \text{mmdd})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{YY} &= \text{FUNCTION INTEGER} (\textit{argument-1}/10000) \\ \text{mmdd} &= \text{FUNCTION MOD} (\textit{argument-1}, 10000) \end{aligned}$$

and where *argument-1* of the INTEGER and MOD functions and *argument-2* of the YEAR-TO-YYYY function are the same as *argument-1* and *argument-2* of the DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD function itself.

#### NOTES

1 — In the year 2002 the returned value for FUNCTION DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD (851003, 10) is 19851003. In the year 1994 the returned value for FUNCTION DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD (981002, (-10)) is 18981002.

2 — This function supports a sliding window algorithm. See the notes for the YEAR-TO-YYYY function for a discussion of how to specify a fixed window.

**B.11.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77 WS-DATE          PIC 9(8).  
  
   COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD (700615, 5).  
   IF WS-DATE = 19700615 THEN  
       PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.  
  
   COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD (490615).  
   IF WS-DATE = 20490615 THEN  
       PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.  
  
   COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD (040615, -10).  
   IF WS-DATE = 19040615 THEN  
       PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

**EXAMPLE 40. DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD function**

### B.12. DAY-OF-INTEGER

The DAY-OF-INTEGER function converts a date in the Gregorian calendar from integer date form to Julian date form (YYYYDDD).

The type of this function is integer.

#### B.12.1 General format

FUNCTION DAY-OF-INTEGER ( *argument-1* )

#### B.12.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* is a positive integer that represents a number of days succeeding December 31, 1600, in the Gregorian calendar. It shall not exceed the value of FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE(99991231).

#### B.12.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value represents the Julian equivalent of the integer specified in *argument-1*.
- 2) The returned value is an integer of the form (YYYYDDD) where YYYY represents a year in the Gregorian calendar and DDD represents the day of that year.

#### B.12.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77 WS-DATE    PIC 9(7) .
77 A          PIC S9(10)    VALUE 400 .

      COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DAY-OF-INTEGER (145732) .
      IF WS-DATE = 2000001 THEN
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      EVALUATE FUNCTION DAY-OF-INTEGER(A)
      WHEN      1602035
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      COMPUTE WS-DATE = FUNCTION DAY-OF-INTEGER(1) .
      IF WS-DATE = 1601001 THEN
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 41. DAY-OF-INTEGER function



## B.13. DAY-TO-YYYYDDD

The DAY-TO-YYYYDDD function converts *argument-1* from the form YYnnn to the form YYYYnnn. *Argument-2*, when added to the year at the time of execution, defines the ending year of a 100-year interval, or sliding window, into which the year of *argument-1* falls.

The type of the function is integer.

## B.13.1 General format

FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYYDDD ( *argument-1* [, *argument-2* ] )

## B.13.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be zero or a positive integer less than 100000.

**Note** — This function does not check *argument-1* to ensure that it is a valid date. The returned value can be an argument to the TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD function to check its validity.

- 2) *Argument-2* shall be an integer.
- 3) If *argument-2* is omitted, the function shall be evaluated as though 50 were specified.
- 4) The sum of the year at the time of execution and the value of *argument-2* shall be less than 10000 and greater than 1699.

## B.13.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

$$(\text{FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY} (\text{YY}, \textit{argument-2}) * 1000 + \textit{nnn})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{YY} &= \text{FUNCTION INTEGER} (\textit{argument-1}/1000) \\ \textit{nnn} &= \text{FUNCTION MOD} (\textit{argument-1}, 1000) \end{aligned}$$

and where *argument-1* of the INTEGER and MOD functions and *argument-2* of the YEAR-TO-YYYY function are the same as *argument-1* and *argument-2* of the DAY-TO-YYYYDDD function itself.

**NOTES**

- 1) In the year 2002 the returned value for FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYYDDD (10004, 20) is 2010004. In the year 2013 the returned value for FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYYDDD (95005, (-10)) is 1995005.
- 2) This function supports a sliding window algorithm. See the notes for the YEAR-TO-YYYY function for a discussion of how to specify a fixed window.

B.13.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 YEARVAL      PIC 9(7) .

DISPLAY "FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYYDDD " NO ADVANCING.
COMPUTE YEARVAL = FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYYDDD (10004, 20)
IF YEARVAL = 2010004
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE YEARVAL = FUNCTION DAY-TO-YYYY ( 85005, (-10))
IF YEARVAL = 1985005
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 42. DAY-TO-YYYYDDD function

## B.14. E

The E function returns an approximation of e, the base of natural logarithms.

The type of the function is numeric.

## B.14.1 General format

FUNCTION E

## B.14.2 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

$(2 + .718281828459045235)$

## B.14.3 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77  A          PIC S9V9(17) .  
  
    COMPUTE A = FUNCTION E .  
    IF A = 2.71828182845904523  
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

## EXAMPLE 43. E function

B.15. EXP

The EXP function returns an approximation of the value of  $e$  raised to the power of the argument.

The type of the function is numeric.

B.15.1 General format

FUNCTION EXP ( *argument-1* )

B.15.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.15.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be:

(FUNCTION E \*\* *argument-1*)

B.15.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77 A          PIC S999      VALUE -5.
77 RESULT     PIC S9(9)V9(9).

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP (3).
      IF RESULT = 20.085536923
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP (A).
      IF RESULT = 0.006737946
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP (14.5)
      IF RESULT = 1982759.263537568
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 44. EXP function

## B.16. EXP10

The EXP10 function returns an approximation of the value of 10 raised to the power of the argument.

The type of the function is numeric.

## B.16.1 General format

FUNCTION EXP10 ( *argument-1* )

## B.16.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.16.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be:

$(10 ** \textit{argument-1})$

## B.16.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77 A          PIC S999    VALUE -5.
77 RESULT     PIC S9(9)V9(9).
77 RESULTA    PIC S9(18).

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP10 (3).
      IF RESULT = 1000.00000
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP10 (A).
      IF RESULT = 0.000010000
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION EXP10 (14.5).
      IF RESULTA = 316227766016837
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 45. EXP10 function

B.17. FACTORIAL

The FACTORIAL function returns an integer that is the factorial of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is integer.

B.17.1 General format

FUNCTION FACTORIAL ( *argument-1* )

B.17.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer greater than or equal to zero.

B.17.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) When the value of *argument-1* is 0 or 1,

$$(1)$$

- b) When the value of *argument-1* is 2,

$$(2)$$

- c) When the value of *argument-1* is n,

$$(n * (n - 1) * (n - 2) * ... * 1)$$

B.17.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 B                PIC 9(10) VALUE 2.
01 ARR              VALUE "40537".
   02 IND OCCURS 5 TIMES PIC 9.
01 RESULT           PIC 9(18).

   COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION FACTORIAL (1).
   IF RESULT = 1 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

   COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION FACTORIAL (IND (B)).
   IF RESULT = 1 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

   COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION FACTORIAL (B + 7).
   IF RESULT = 362880 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

   COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION FACTORIAL (B).
   IF RESULT = 2 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 46. FACTORIAL function

## B.18. FRACTION-PART

The FRACTION-PART function returns a numeric value that is the fraction portion of the argument.

The type of the function is numeric.

## B.18.1 General format

FUNCTION FRACTION-PART ( *argument-1* )

## B.18.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be of the class numeric.

## B.18.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be:

$$(\textit{argument-1} - \text{FUNCTION INTEGER-PART}(\textit{argument-1}))$$

where the argument for the INTEGER-PART function is the same as for the FRACTION-PART function itself.

**NOTE** — If the value of *argument-1* is +1.5, +0.5 is returned. If the value of *argument-1* is -1.5, -0.5 is returned.

## B.18.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

77  WS-FRACTION          PIC -99.999

      COMPUTE WS-FRACTION = FUNCTION FRACTION-PART(6.3 - (4.2 / 2)).
      IF WS-FRACTION = .2
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE WS-FRACTION =
          FUNCTION FRACTION-PART(1.35) - FUNCTION FRACTION-PART(2.85).
      IF WS-FRACTION = -.5
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      EVALUATE FUNCTION FRACTION-PART (123.7890675)
      WHEN      .7890675
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

## EXAMPLE 47. FRACTION-PART function

**B.19. HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC**

The HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC function returns a value that is equal to the greatest algebraic value that may be represented in *argument-1*.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Integer	Integer
Numeric	Numeric
Numeric-edited	Numeric

**B.19.1 General format**

FUNCTION HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC ( *argument-1* )

**B.19.2 Arguments**

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an elementary data item of category numeric or numeric-edited.

**B.19.3 Returned values**

- 1) The value returned is equal to the positive algebraic value of greatest magnitude that may be represented in *argument-1*.

**NOTE** — The following illustrates the expected results for some values of *argument-1*.

<b>Argument-1 characteristics</b>	<b>Value returned</b>
S999	+999
S9(4) BINARY	+9999
99V9(3)	+99.999
\$** **9.99BCR	+99999.99
\$** **9.99	+99999.99

**B.19.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

77 A          PIC S9(5)V9(3) .
77 B          PIC S9(16) COMP .
77 C          PIC $$$$$$9.99 .
77 RESULT    PIC 9(18) .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC (A) .
      IF RESULT = 99999
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC (B) .
      IF RESULT = 36028797018963967
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC (C) .
      IF RESULT = 9999999
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
    
```

**EXAMPLE 48. HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC function**



The IC-CENTER function returns an alphanumeric string containing the content of source (*argument-1*) with leading and trailing spaces removed and then padded with leading and trailing spaces so as to “center” the item in the specified width. If width (*argument-2*) is omitted or is out of range, the width is set to the size of the source item. The result item will have a length of width. If the difference in the length of the trimmed source and the specified width is an odd number of characters, the “extra” character is added to the right. If the length of the trimmed string is greater than width, the trimmed item is truncated on the right.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.20.1 General format

FUNCTION IC-CENTER ( *argument-1* [, *argument-2*] )

#### B.20.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length and is the source string.

2) *Argument-2* is optional and if specified shall be class numeric and specifies the width of the returned string. Valid values are 1-65535 inclusive. If not specified, the length of *argument-1* is used.

#### B.20.3 Returned values

- 1) The trimmed and centered string as given by *argument-1* is returned.
- 2) The character string returned has the length specified by *argument-2*.

#### B.20.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 49. IC-CENTER function

The IC-DECODE-URL function returns an alphanumeric string with the contents of argument-1 decoded.

See the IC\_DECODE\_URL builtin on page [532](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.21.1 General format

**FUNCTION** IC-DECODE-URL ( *argument-1* )

#### B.21.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

#### B.21.3 Returned values

- 1) The decoded url string is returned.

#### B.21.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 50. IC-DECODE-URL function

**B.22. IC-ENCODE-URL**

(Added in 4.40)

The IC-ENCODE-URL function returns an alphanumeric string with the contents of argument-1 url-encoded.

See the IC\_ENCODE\_URL builtin on page [542](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

**B.22.1 General format**

**FUNCTION** IC-ENCODE-URL ( *argument-1* )

**B.22.2 Arguments**

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

**B.22.3 Returned values**

- 1) The encoded url string is returned.

**B.22.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 51. IC-ENCODE-URL function

The IC-GET-ENV function returns an alphanumeric string containing the content of the designated environment variable as indicated by argument-1. An empty value can be returned if the environment variable is not found.

See the IC\_GET\_ENV builtin on page [546](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.23.1 General format

**FUNCTION IC-GET-ENV** ( *argument-1* )

#### B.23.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length that gives the environment value to look up..

#### B.23.3 Returned values

1) The string as indicated above.

#### B.23.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 52. IC-GET-ENV function

## B.24. IC-HEX-TO-NUM

(Added in 4.40)

The IC-HEX-TO-NUM function returns an integer value of sufficient precision to contain the converted hex value. If the hex value exceeds 16 characters (64-bits), or if it contains invalid characters (other than leading or trailing spaces), the results are undefined.

See the IC\_HEX\_TO\_NUM builtin on page [551](#) for more information.

The type of the function is numeric.

## B.24.1 General format

**FUNCTION** IC-HEX-TO-NUM ( *argument-1* )

## B.24.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

## B.24.3 Returned values

- 1) The integer value represented by the provided hex string is returned.

## B.24.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 53. IC-HEX-TO-NUM function

The IC-MSG-TEXT function returns an alphanumeric string containing the message that goes with the exception number, *argument-1*. If there is no associated text, an empty string is returned.

If *argument-1* is not specified, the current exception status is used.

See the IC\_MSG\_TEXT builtin on page [560](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.25.1 General format

FUNCTION IC-MSG-TEXT [ ( *argument-1* ) ]

#### B.25.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric and provides an exception value to look up.

#### B.25.3 Returned values

- 1) The message associated with the exception value.

#### B.25.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 54. IC-MSG-TEXT function

The IC-NUM-TO-HEX function returns an alphanumeric value with 1 to 16 hex digits representing the value of argument-1. Normally leading zeros are removed; however, if argument-2 (min-width) is specified and the value has fewer than min-width hex digits, the result will be padded with leading zeros to reach min-width. If min-width is greater than 16, the value will be padded with trailing spaces to achieve min-width. If min-width is out of range, it will be as if it was omitted. Which emits the hex value without leading zeros. The result uses the uppercase A-F hex digits. If argument-1 is out of range an empty value will be returned.

See the IC\_NUM\_TO\_HEX builtin on page [561](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.26.1 General format

FUNCTION IC-NUM-TO-HEX ( *argument-1* [, *argument-2*] )

#### B.26.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.
- 2) *Argument-2* is optional and specifies the minimum width to be returned.

#### B.26.3 Returned values

- 1) The hexadecimal value of the integer number is returned.

#### B.26.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 55. IC-NUM-TO-HEX function

The IC-PID-EXISTS function returns a numeric value based on whether the specified pid (*argument-1*) exists.

See the IC\_PID\_EXISTS builtin on page [563](#) for more information.

The type of the function is numeric.

#### B.27.1 General format

FUNCTION IC-PID-EXISTS ( *argument-1* )

#### B.27.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be numeric and provides the pid value to lookup.

#### B.27.3 Returned values

- 1) If the given pid exists a 0 is returned. Otherwise the exception code is returned.

#### B.27.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 56. IC-PID-EXISTS function



**B.28. IC-SERIAL-NUMBER**

(Added in 4.40)

The IC-SERIAL-NUMBER function returns an alphanumeric string with the serial number from the license that was used to authorize this runtime process.

See the IC\_SERIAL\_NUMBER builtin on page [589](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

**B.28.1 General format****FUNCTION IC-SERIAL-NUMBER****B.28.2 Arguments**

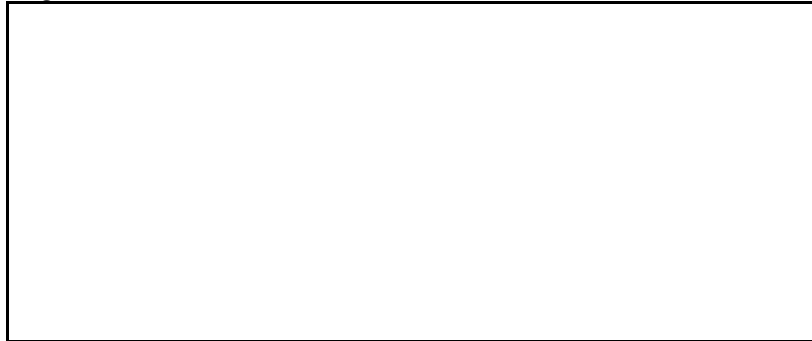
- 1) None.

**B.28.3 Returned values**

- 1) The current serial number for the runtime license used to authorize this runtime process is returned.

**B.28.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 57. IC-SERIAL-NUMBER function

The IC-TRIM function returns the content of the source with the leading and trailing spaces removed. And with the length of the trimmed value.

See the IC\_TRIM builtin on page [599](#) for more information.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

#### B.29.1 General format

**FUNCTION IC-TRIM** ( *argument-1* )

#### B.29.2 Arguments

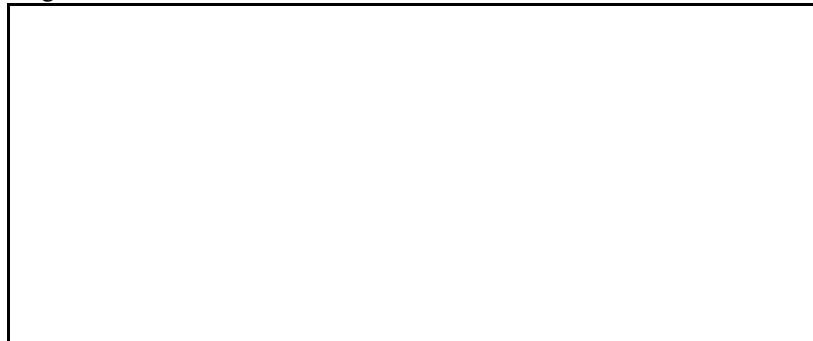
- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

#### B.29.3 Returned values

- 1) The trimmed string is returned.

#### B.29.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 58. IC-TRIM function

**B.30. IC-VERSION**

(Added in 4.40)

The IC-VERSION function returns an alphanumeric string that is the runtime system's revision string.

See the IC\_VERSION builtin on page [601](#) for more details.

The type of the function is alphanumeric.

**B.30.1 General format****FUNCTION IC-VERSION****B.30.2 Arguments**

- 1) None.

**B.30.3 Returned values**

- 1) The runtime revision string is returned.

**B.30.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.



EXAMPLE 59. IC-VERSION function

B.31. INTEGER

The INTEGER function returns the greatest integer value that is less than or equal to the argument.

The type of this function is integer.

B.31.1 General format

FUNCTION INTEGER ( *argument-1* )

B.31.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.31.3 Returned values

- 1) *Argument-1* is not rounded.
- 2) The returned value is the greatest integer less than or equal to the value of *argument-1*

**NOTE** — For example, if the value of *argument-1* is  $-1.5$ ,  $-2$  is returned. If the value of *argument-1* is  $+1.5$ ,  $+1$  is returned.

B.31.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
77 WS-INT                PIC S9(10) .  
  
  COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER (-9.763) .  
  IF WS-INT = -10  
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .  
  
  COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER (230492.4828) .  
  IF WS-INT = 230492  
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .  
  
  COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER (0.00032) .  
  IF WS-INT = 0  
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 60. INTEGER function

## B.32. INTEGER-OF-DATE

The INTEGER-OF-DATE function converts a date in the Gregorian calendar from standard date form (YYYYMMDD) to integer date form.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.32.1 General format

FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE ( *argument-1* )

## B.32.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer of the form YYYYMMDD, whose value is obtained from the calculation  $(YYYY * 10,000) + (MM * 100) + DD$ .

a) YYYY represents the year in the Gregorian calendar. It shall be an integer greater than 1600 and less than 10000.

b) MM represents a month and shall be a positive integer less than 13.

c) DD represents a day and shall be a positive integer less than 32 provided that it is valid for the specified month and year combination.

## B.32.3 Returned values

1) The returned value is an integer that is the number of days the date represented by *argument-1* succeeds December 31, 1600, in the Gregorian calendar.

## B.32.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

77 WS-INT          PIC 9(10) .

    COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE (20000101) .
    IF WS-INT = 145732    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

    COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE (16010101) .
    IF WS-INT = 1        PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

    MOVE 16010101 TO WS-INT .
    PERFORM DATEOFINT-TEST
        UNTIL FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DATE (WS-INT) > 10 .
    IF WS-INT = 16010111 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

DATEOFINT-TEST .
    COMPUTE WS-INT = WS-INT + 1 .

```

EXAMPLE 61. INTEGER-OF-DATE function

### B.33. INTEGER-OF-DAY

The INTEGER-OF-DAY function converts a date in the Gregorian calendar from Julian date form (YYYYDDD) to integer date form.

The type of this function is integer.

#### B.33.1 General format

FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DAY ( *argument-1* )

#### B.33.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer of the form YYYYDDD, whose value is obtained from the calculation (YYYY \* 1000) + DDD.

- a) YYYY represents the year in the Gregorian calendar. It shall be an integer greater than 1600 and less than 10000.
- b) DDD represents the day of the year. It shall be a positive integer less than 367 provided that it is valid for the year specified.

#### B.33.3 Returned values

1) The returned value is an integer that is the number of days the date represented by *argument-1* succeeds December 31, 1600, in the Gregorian calendar.

#### B.33.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 A                PIC S9(10)  VALUE 1602035.
01 ARR              VALUE "16010011602035".
02 IND OCCURS 2 TIMES PIC 9(7).
01 WS-INT           PIC 9(10).
EVALUATE FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DAY(A)
WHEN 400
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

IF FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DAY(IND(1)) = 1 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE WS-INT = FUNCTION INTEGER-OF-DAY(A) + 10.
IF WS-INT = 410 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 62. INTEGER-OF-DAY function

## B.34. INTEGER-PART

The INTEGER-PART function returns an integer that is the integer portion of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.34.1 General format

FUNCTION INTEGER-PART ( *argument-1* )

## B.34.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.34.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be:

$$(\text{FUNCTION SIGN}(\textit{argument-1}) * \text{FUNCTION INTEGER}(\text{FUNCTION ABS}(\textit{argument-1})))$$

where the arguments for the SIGN and ABS functions are the same as for the INTEGER-PART function itself.

**NOTE** — If the value of *argument-1* is +1.5, +1 is returned; if the value of *argument-1* is -1.5, -1 is returned; and if the value of *argument-1* is zero, zero is returned.

## B.34.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

77 WS-INTEG     PIC -99.999

   COMPUTE WS-INTEG =
       FUNCTION INTEGER-PART(6.3 - (4.2 / 2)).

   IF WS-INTEG = 4 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

   COMPUTE WS-INTEG =
       FUNCTION INTEGER-PART(1.35) -
       FUNCTION INTEGER-PART(2.85).

   IF WS-INTEG = 0 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

   EVALUATE FUNCTION INTEGER-PART (123.7890675)
   WHEN      123
       PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 63. INTEGER-PART function

B.35. LENGTH

The LENGTH function returns an integer equal to the length of the argument in alphanumeric character positions.

The type of this function is integer.

B.35.1 General format

FUNCTION LENGTH ( *argument-1* )

B.35.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be alphanumeric literal or a data item of any class or category.

B.35.3 Returned values

- 1) If *argument-1* is an elementary data item or an alphanumeric literal, the returned value shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in alphanumeric character positions.

- 2) If *argument-1* is a group data item:

- a) If *argument-1* or any data item subordinate to *argument-1* is described with the DEPENDING phrase of the OCCURS clause, the returned value shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in alphanumeric character positions, as a sending operand, determined by evaluation of the data item specified in the DEPENDING phrase in accordance with the rules of the OCCURS clause. The contents of the data item specified in the DEPENDING phrase are used at the time the LENGTH function is evaluated.
- b) Otherwise, the returned value shall be an integer equal to the length of *argument-1* in alphanumeric character positions.
- c) The returned length shall include the number of implicit FILLER positions, if any, in *argument-1*.



## B.35.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 DATA-BLOCK.
03 DATA-ARRAY OCCURS 1 TO 5 TIMES DEPENDING ON I.
05 DATA-ELEMENTS OCCURS 65535 TIMES.
07 DATA-COUNTER PIC 9(18).
07 ARRAY-VALUE PIC 9(18).
07 FILL-A-BYTE PIC X(15).
01 A PIC S999 VALUE -999.
01 B PIC -999.99.
01 C PIC 9(9)COMP.
01 I PIC 99 VALUE 3.
01 NO-BYTES PIC 9(10).

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (A).
IF NO-BYTES = 3 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (B).
IF NO-BYTES = 7 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (C).
IF NO-BYTES = 4 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (DATA-BLOCK).
IF NO-BYTES = 10026855 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 5 TO I.
COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (DATA-BLOCK).
IF NO-BYTES = 16711425 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (DATA-ARRAY (1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 3342285 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (DATA-ELEMENTS (1, 1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 51 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NO-BYTES = FUNCTION LENGTH (FILL-A-BYTE (1, 1)).
IF NO-BYTES = 15 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 64. LENGTH function

### B.36. LOG

The LOG function returns a numeric value that approximates the logarithm to the base  $e$  (natural log) of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

#### B.36.1 General format

FUNCTION LOG ( *argument-1* )

#### B.36.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than zero.

#### B.36.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the logarithm to the base  $e$  of *argument-1*.

#### B.36.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 E                PIC S9(1)V9(9) VALUE 2.718281828.
01 WS-NUM           PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01 MIN-RANGE       PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01 MAX-RANGE       PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.999980 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 1.00002 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION LOG(E) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 0.632497 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.632547 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION LOG(3.2 / 1.7) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 1.48569 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 1.48581 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION LOG(E + 1.7) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 65. LOG function

## B.37. LOG10

The LOG10 function returns a numeric value that approximates the logarithm to the base 10 of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.37.1 General format

FUNCTION LOG10 ( *argument-1* )

## B.37.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than zero.

## B.37.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the logarithm to the base 10 of *argument-1*.

## B.37.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01  ARG1                PIC S9(5)V9(5)      VALUE 10.00.
01  WS-NUM              PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01  MIN-RANGE          PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01  MAX-RANGE          PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE -0.000020 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 0.000020 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION LOG10(1) .
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE -2.00004 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE -1.99996 TO MAX-RANGE.
IF (FUNCTION LOG10(.01) >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (FUNCTION LOG10(.01) <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

PERFORM LOG10-TEST
  UNTIL FUNCTION LOG10(ARG1) < 0.30.
PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

LOG10-TEST.
  COMPUTE ARG1 = ARG1 - 1.00.

```

EXAMPLE 66. LOG10 function

**B.38. LOWER-CASE**

The LOWER-CASE function returns a character string that is the same length as *argument-1* with each uppercase letter replaced by the corresponding lowercase letter.

The type of the function depends on the argument type as follows:

<u>Argument Type</u>	<u>Function Type</u>
Alphabetic	Alphabetic
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric

**B.38.1 General format**

**FUNCTION LOWER-CASE** ( *argument-1* )

**B.38.2 Arguments**

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

**B.38.3 Returned values**

- 1) The same character string as *argument-1* is returned, except that each uppercase letter shall be replaced by the corresponding lowercase letter.
- 2) The character string returned has the same length as *argument-1*.

**B.38.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 WS-ANUM          PIC X(10) .

MOVE SPACES TO WS-ANUM.
IF FUNCTION LOWER-CASE("highnLOW") = "highnlow" THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE FUNCTION LOWER-CASE("figure") TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "figure" THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE SPACES TO WS-ANUM.
MOVE FUNCTION LOWER-CASE("95") TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "95" THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

**EXAMPLE 67. LOWER-CASE function**

**B.39. LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC**

The LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC function returns a value that is equal to the lowest algebraic value that may be represented in *argument-1*.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Integer	Integer
Numeric	Numeric
Numeric-edited	Numeric

**B.39.1 General format**

**FUNCTION LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC ( *argument-1* )**

**B.39.2 Arguments**

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an elementary data item of category numeric or numeric-edited.

**B.39.3 Returned values**

- 1) The value returned is equal to the lowest algebraic value that may be represented in *argument-1*.

**NOTE** — The following illustrates the expected results for some values of *argument-1*.

<u>Argument-1 characteristics</u>	<u>Value returned</u>
S999	-999
S9(4) BINARY	-9999
99V9(3)	0
\$**,**9.99BCR	-99999.99
\$**,**9.99	0

**B.39.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

77 A          PIC S9(5)V9(3) .
77 B          PIC S9(7)  COMP .
77 C          PIC $$$$$$9.99 .
77 RESULT    PIC S9(18) .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC (A) .
      IF RESULT = -99999          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC (B) .
      IF RESULT = -2147483648     PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

      COMPUTE RESULT = FUNCTION LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC (C) .
      IF RESULT = 0              PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

```

**EXAMPLE 68. LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC function**

### B.40. MAX

The MAX function returns the content of the *argument-1* that contains the maximum value.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Alphabetic	Alphanumeric
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric
Index	Index
All arguments integer	Integer
Numeric (some arguments may be integer)	Numeric

#### B.40.1 General format

FUNCTION MAX ( { *argument-1* }... )

#### B.40.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall not be of class pointer.
- 2) All arguments shall be of the same class with the exception that mixing of arguments of alphabetic and alphanumeric classes is allowed.

#### B.40.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the content of the *argument-1* having the greatest value. The comparisons used to determine the greatest value are made according to the rules for simple conditions. (See page [241](#), Simple conditions.)
- 2) If the value of more than one *argument-1* is equal to the greatest value, the content of the *argument-1* returned is the leftmost *argument-1* having that value.
- 3) If the type of the function is alphanumeric, the size of the returned value is the same as the size of the selected *argument-1*.

## B.40.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 WS-NUM                PIC S9(6)V9(6).
01 WS-ANUM               PIC X.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MAX(-4.3, 10.2, -0.7, 3.9).
IF (WS-NUM >= 10.1998) AND (WS-NUM <= 10.2002)
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE SPACES TO WS-ANUM.
MOVE FUNCTION MAX("R", "I", "I", "a") TO WS-ANUM.
IF WS-ANUM = "a" THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MAX(A * B, (C + 1) / 2, 3 + 4).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 69. MAX function

B.41. MEAN

The MEAN function returns a numeric value that is the arithmetic mean (average) of its arguments.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.41.1 General format

FUNCTION MEAN ( { *argument-1* }... )

B.41.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.41.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) For one occurrence of *argument-1*,

$$(argument-1)$$

- b) For two occurrences of *argument-1*,

$$((argument-1_1 + argument-1_2) / 2)$$

- c) For n occurrences of *argument-1*,

$$((argument-1_1 + argument-1_2 + \dots + argument-1_n) / n)$$

B.41.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 A PIC S9(10) VALUE 5.
01 B PIC S9(10) VALUE 7.
01 C PIC S9(5)V9(5) VALUE 34.26.
01 WS-NUM PIC S9(6)V9(6).
01 MIN-RANGE PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE PIC S9(5)V9(7).

EVALUATE FUNCTION MEAN(3.9, -0.3, 8.7, 100.2)
WHEN 28.1244 THRU 28.1256
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 20.6896 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 20.6904 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MEAN(C, 9 * A, 0, B / 2).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 4.49991 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 4.50009 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MEAN(FUNCTION MEAN(4, 2), 6).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 70. MEAN function





### B.42. MEDIAN

The MEDIAN function returns the content of the argument whose value is the middle value in the list formed by arranging the arguments in sorted order.

The type of this function is numeric.

#### B.42.1 General format

FUNCTION MEDIAN ( { *argument-1* }... )

#### B.42.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

#### B.42.3 Returned values

1) When the number of occurrences of *argument-1* is odd, the returned value shall be such that at least half of the occurrences referenced by *argument-1* are greater than or equal to the returned value and at least half are less than or equal. For the purposes of the equivalent arithmetic expression, the middle value is referred to as *argument-a*.

The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(*argument-a*)

2) When the number of occurrences of *argument-1* is even, the returned value is the arithmetic mean of the two middle values. For the purposes of the equivalent arithmetic expression, the two middle values are referred to as *argument-b* and *argument-c*.

The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

((*argument-b* + *argument-c*) / 2)

3) The comparisons used to arrange the *argument-1* values in sorted order are made according to the rules for simple conditions. (See page [241](#), Simple conditions.)

## B.42.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 A          PIC S9(10)          VALUE 5.
01 B          PIC S9(10)          VALUE 7.
01 C          PIC S9(5)V9(5)      VALUE 34.26.
01 WS-NUM     PIC S9(6)V9(7).
01 MIN-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).

EVALUATE FUNCTION MEDIAN(3.9, -0.3, 8.7, 100.2)
WHEN 6.29987 THRU 6.30013
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 34.2593 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 34.2607 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MEDIAN(C, 9 * A, B / 2).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MEDIAN(10.2, -0.2, 5.6, -15.).
IF (WS-NUM >= 2.69995) AND
   (WS-NUM <= 2.70005)
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

## EXAMPLE 71. MEDIAN function

### B.43. MIDRANGE

The MIDRANGE (middle range) function returns a numeric value that is the arithmetic mean (average) of the values of the minimum argument and the maximum argument.

The type of this function is numeric.

#### B.43.1 General format

FUNCTION MIDRANGE ( { *argument-1* }... )

#### B.43.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

#### B.43.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

$$((\text{FUNCTION MAX}(\textit{argument-1}) + \text{FUNCTION MIN}(\textit{argument-1})) / 2)$$

where the arguments for the MAX and MIN functions are the same as the arguments for the MIDRANGE function itself.

#### B.43.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 A          PIC S9(10)          VALUE 5.
01 B          PIC S9(10)          VALUE 7.
01 C          PIC S9(5)V9(5)      VALUE 34.26.
01 WS-NUM     PIC S9(6)V9(7) .
01 MIN-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7) .
01 MAX-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

EVALUATE FUNCTION MIDRANGE(3.9, -0.3, 8.7, 100.2)
WHEN 49.9490 THRU 49.9510
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 22.4995 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 22.5004 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MIDRANGE(C, 9 * A, 0, B / 2).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 3.49993 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 3.50007 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM =
    FUNCTION MIDRANGE(FUNCTION MIDRANGE(1, 3), 5).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 72. MIDRANGE function

## B.44. MIN

The MIN function returns the content of the *argument-1* that contains the minimum value.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument Type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Alphabetic	Alphanumeric
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric
Index	Index
All arguments integer	Integer
Numeric (some arguments may be integer)	Numeric

## B.44.1 General format

FUNCTION MIN ( { *argument-1* }... )

## B.44.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall not be of class pointer.
- 2) All arguments shall be of the same class with the exception that mixing of arguments of alphabetic and alphanumeric classes is allowed.

## B.44.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the content of the *argument-1* having the least value. The comparisons used to determine the least value are made according to the rules for simple conditions. (See page [241](#), Simple conditions.)
- 2) If the value of more than one *argument-1* is equal to the least value, the content of the *argument-1* returned is the leftmost *argument-1* having that value.
- 3) If the type of the function is alphanumeric, the size of the returned value is the same as the size of the selected *argument-1*.

## B.44.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 A          PIC S9(10)      VALUE 5.
01 B          PIC S9(10)      VALUE 7.
01 C          PIC S9(5)V9(5)  VALUE 34.26.
01 WS-NUM     PIC S9(5)V9(6).
01 MIN-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).

      IF (FUNCTION MIN(4.3, 2.6, 7.3, 9.1) >= 2.59995) AND
         (FUNCTION MIN(4.3, 2.6, 7.3, 9.1) <= 2.60005) THEN
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
      MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
      MOVE 1.99996 TO MIN-RANGE.
      MOVE 2.00004 TO MAX-RANGE.
      COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MIN(A * B, (3 + 1) / 2, 3 + 4).
      IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
         (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
      MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
      MOVE 4.99990 TO MIN-RANGE.
      MOVE 5.00010 TO MAX-RANGE.
      COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MIN(FUNCTION MIN(14, A), E, 50).
      IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
         (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 73. MIN function

## B.45. MOD

The MOD function returns an integer value that is *argument-1* modulo *argument-2*.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.45.1 General format

**FUNCTION MOD** ( *argument-1*, *argument-2* )

## B.45.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* and *argument-2* shall be integers.
- 2) The value of *argument-2* shall not be zero.

## B.45.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

$$(\textit{argument-1} - (\textit{argument-2} * \text{FUNCTION INTEGER}(\textit{argument-1} / \textit{argument-2})))$$

where *argument-1* and *argument-2* for the INTEGER function are the same as the arguments for the MOD function itself.

**NOTE** — The following illustrates the expected results for some values of *argument-1* and *argument-2*.

<u>Argument-1</u>	<u>Argument-2</u>	<u>Return</u>
11	5	1
-11	5	4
11	-5	-4
-11	-5	-1

## B.45.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 A          PIC S9(10)    VALUE 5.
01 B          PIC S9(10)    VALUE 7.
01 WS-NUM     PIC S9(5)V9(6).
01 MIN-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).
01 MAX-RANGE  PIC S9(5)V9(7).

EVALUATE FUNCTION MOD(11, 5)
WHEN 1          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MOD(-11, 5).
IF WS-NUM = 4 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE ZERO TO WS-NUM.
MOVE 6.99986 TO MIN-RANGE.
MOVE 7.00014 TO MAX-RANGE.
COMPUTE WS-NUM = FUNCTION MOD(FUNCTION INTEGER(A - B), 9).
IF (WS-NUM >= MIN-RANGE) AND
   (WS-NUM <= MAX-RANGE) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```





## B.46. NUMVAL

The NUMVAL function returns the numeric value represented by the character string specified by *argument-1*. Leading and trailing spaces are ignored.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.46.1 General format

FUNCTION NUMVAL ( *argument-1* )

## B.46.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be an alphanumeric literal or an alphanumeric data item whose content has one of the following two formats:

$$[ \textit{space-string} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \right] [ \textit{space-string} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{digit} [ . [ \textit{digit} ] ] \\ \textit{digit} \end{array} \right\} [ \textit{space-string} ]$$

or

$$[ \textit{space-string} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{digit} [ . [ \textit{digit} ] ] \\ \textit{digit} \end{array} \right\} [ \textit{space-string} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \\ \textit{CR} \\ \textit{DB} \end{array} \right] [ \textit{space-string} ]$$

where

*space-string* is a string of one or more space characters and *digit* is a string of one to 18 digits. If *argument-1* is alphanumeric, CR or DB, if specified, shall be uppercase, lowercase or a combination thereof from the computer's alphanumeric character set.

2) The total number of digits in *argument-1* shall not exceed 18.

3) If the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause is specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, a comma shall be used in *argument-1* rather than a decimal point.

## B.46.3 Returned values

1) The returned value is the numeric value represented by *argument-1*.

2) The number of digits returned is 18.

3) If *argument-1* contains CR, DB, or the minus sign, the returned value is negative.

B.46.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 TEMP      PIC S9(5)V9(5) .

      IF (FUNCTION NUMVAL (".935") >= 0.934981) AND
         (FUNCTION NUMVAL (".935") <= 0.935019)
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      MOVE ZERO TO TEMP.
      COMPUTE TEMP = FUNCTION NUMVAL ("+394.2").
      IF (TEMP >= 394.192) AND
         (TEMP <= 394.208)
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

      COMPUTE TEMP = FUNCTION NUMVAL (" 200.0002  - ").
      IF (TEMP >= -200.0042) AND
         (TEMP <= -199.9962)
          PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 75. NUMVAL function

## B.47. NUMVAL-C

The NUMVAL-C function returns the numeric value represented by the character string specified by *argument-1*. The currency sign, if any, and any grouping separators preceding the decimal separator are ignored. Optionally, the currency sign may be specified by *argument-2*.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.47.1 General format

**FUNCTION NUMVAL-C** ( *argument-1* [, *argument-2*] )

## B.47.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be of class alphanumeric.
- 2) *Argument-2*, if specified, shall be of the same class as *argument-1*. *Argument-2* shall contain exactly one non-space character. *Argument-2* shall not contain any of the digits 0 through 9; characters '\*', '+', '-', ',', '.' or space. *Argument-2* specifies a currency sign that may appear in *argument-1*.
- 3) If *argument-2* is not specified, there shall be only one currency sign for the compilation unit, either the default currency sign or one specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph.
- 4) *Argument-1* shall have one of the following two formats:

$$[ \text{space} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \right] [ \text{space} ] [ \text{currency} ] [ \text{space} ] \left\{ \text{digit} [ , \text{digit} ] \dots [ \cdot [ \text{digit} ] ] \right\} [ \text{space} ]$$

or

$$[ \text{space} ] [ \text{currency} ] [ \text{space} ] \left\{ \text{digit} [ , \text{digit} ] \dots [ \cdot [ \text{digit} ] ] \right\} [ \text{space} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \\ \text{CR} \\ \text{DB} \end{array} \right] [ \text{space} ]$$

where

- *digits* is a string of one or more of the digits 0 through 9;
  - except for currency, uppercase letters and the corresponding lowercase letters are equivalent;
  - *space* is a string of zero or more spaces;
  - *currency* is a string of one or more characters matching the currency sign in *argument-2*, if specified, or matching the default currency sign if *argument-2* is not specified;
- 5) If the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause is specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, the decimal separator is a comma and the grouping separator is the decimal point.
  - 6) The total number of digits in *argument-1* shall not exceed 18.

## B.47.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the numeric value represented by *argument-1*.
- 2) The number of digits returned is 18.
- 3) The returned value is negative if *argument-1* contains CR, DB, or a minus sign.

B.47.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 NUMVALC                                PIC S9(7)V9(5) .

COMPUTE NUMVALC = FUNCTION NUMVAL-C ("90") + 10 .
IF NUMVALC = 100 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

COMPUTE NUMVALC = FUNCTION NUMVAL-C ("924.912", "$") .
IF NUMVALC = 924.912 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

COMPUTE NUMVALC = FUNCTION NUMVAL-C ("93,021", "$") .
IF NUMVALC = 93021 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 76. NUMVAL-C function

## B.48. NUMVAL-F

The NUMVAL-F function returns the value or an approximation of the value represented by the character string specified by *argument-1*. Leading, trailing, and embedded spaces are ignored.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.48.1 General format

FUNCTION NUMVAL-F ( *argument-1* )

## B.48.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be an alphanumeric literal or an alphanumeric data item whose content has the following format:

$$[ \text{space} ] \left[ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \right] [ \text{space} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{digit} [ . [ \text{digit} ] ] \\ \text{digit} \end{array} \right\} [ \text{space} ] \left[ E [ \text{space} ] \left\{ \begin{array}{c} + \\ - \end{array} \right\} [ \text{space} ] n [ \text{space} ] \right]$$

where *space* is a string of zero or more spaces; *n* is one, two, or three digits representing the exponent; and *digit* is a string of one to 18 digits. If *argument-1* is alphanumeric, *E* shall be either an uppercase or lowercase E in the computer's alphanumeric character set.

2) The total number of digits in the significand shall not exceed 18.

3) If the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause is specified in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph, a comma shall be used in *argument-1* rather than a decimal point.

## B.48.3 Returned values

1) Leading, trailing, and embedded spaces are ignored.

2) The returned value is the numeric value represented by argument-1, assuming that it can be expressed within 18 decimal digits.

## B.48.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 NUMVALF          PIC S9(7)V9(5) .

COMPUTE NUMVALF = FUNCTION NUMVAL-F ( "35" ) .
IF NUMVALF = 35  PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NUMVALF = FUNCTION NUMVAL-F ( "3E2" ) .
IF NUMVALF = 300 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE NUMVALF = FUNCTION NUMVAL-F ( "3E-2" ) .
IF NUMVALF = .03 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 77. NUMVAL-F function

B.49. ORD

The ORD function returns an integer value that is the ordinal position of *argument-1* in the program collating sequence. The lowest ordinal position is 1.

The type of this function is integer.

B.49.1 General format

FUNCTION ORD ( *argument-1* )

B.49.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be of one character position in length and shall be of class alphabetic or alphanumeric.

B.49.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value shall be the ordinal position of *argument-1* in the current program collating sequence.

B.49.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 ORDINT          PIC S9(10) .
01 A               PIC X VALUE "F" .

IF FUNCTION ORD("5") = 54 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .

COMPUTE ORDINT = FUNCTION ORD(A) .
IF ORDINT = 71 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 78. ORD function

## B.50. ORD-MAX

The ORD-MAX function returns a value that is the ordinal number of the *argument-1* that contains the maximum value.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.50.1 General format

**FUNCTION ORD-MAX** ( { *argument-1* }... )

## B.50.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall not be of class pointer.
- 2) All arguments shall be of the same class with the exception that mixing of arguments of alphabetic and alphanumeric classes is allowed.

## B.50.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the ordinal number that corresponds to the position of the *argument-1* having the greatest value in the *argument-1* series.
- 2) The comparisons used to determine the greatest valued argument are made according to the rules for simple conditions. (See page [241](#), Simple conditions.)
- 3) If the value of more than one *argument-1* is equal to the greatest value, the number returned corresponds to the position of the leftmost *argument-1* having that value.

## B.50.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 ORDMAX PIC S9(10) .
01 A      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 5.
01 B      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 7.
01 C      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 4.

COMPUTE ORDMAX = FUNCTION ORD-MAX(5, 3, 2, 8, 3, 1) .
IF ORDMAX = 4 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
COMPUTE ORDMAX = FUNCTION ORD-MAX (A, B, C) .
IF ORDMAX = 4 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 79. ORD-MAX function

### B.51. ORD-MIN

The ORD-MIN function returns a value that is the ordinal number of the argument that contains the minimum value.

The type of this function is integer.

#### B.51.1 General format

FUNCTION ORD-MIN ( { *argument-1* }... )

#### B.51.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall not be of pointer.
- 2) If more than one *argument-1* is specified, all arguments shall be of the same class with the exception that mixing of arguments of alphabetic and alphanumeric classes is allowed.

#### B.51.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the ordinal number that corresponds to the position of the *argument-1* having the least value in the *argument-1* series.
- 2) The comparisons used to determine the least valued *argument-1* are made according to the rules for simple conditions. (See page [241](#), Simple conditions.)
- 3) If the value of more than one *argument-1* is equal to the least value, the number returned corresponds to the position of the leftmost *argument-1* having that value.

#### B.51.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 ORDMIN                PIC S9(10) .

01 A                      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 5.
01 B                      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 7.
01 C                      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 4.
01 D                      PIC S9(10)   VALUE 10.

COMPUTE ORDMIN = FUNCTION ORD-MIN(5, 3, 2, 8, 3, 1) .
IF ORDMIN = 6 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE ORDMIN = FUNCTION ORD-MIN(A, B, D) .
IF ORDMIN = 1 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 80. ORD-MIN function



## B.52. PI

The PI function returns a value that is an approximation of pi, the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.52.1 General format

FUNCTION PI

## B.52.2 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(3 + .141592653589793238)

## B.52.3 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 PI-NUM                PIC 9.9(5) .
01 EXP-PI                PIC 9V9(5) VALUE 3.14159.
01 EXP-DISP-PI          PIC 9.9(5) .

MOVE FUNCTION PI TO PI-NUM.
MOVE EXP-PI TO EXP-DISP-PI.
IF PI-NUM = EXP-DISP-PI PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

## EXAMPLE 81. PI function

B.53. PRESENT-VALUE

The PRESENT-VALUE function returns a value that approximates the present value of a series of future period-end mounts specified by *argument-2* at a discount rate specified by *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.53.1 General format

FUNCTION PRESENT-VALUE ( *argument-1*, { *argument-2* }... )

B.53.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* and *argument-2* shall be of the class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be greater than -1.

B.53.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) For one occurrence of *argument-2*,

$$(\textit{argument-2} / (1 + \textit{argument-1}))$$

- b) For two occurrences of *argument-2*,

$$(\textit{argument-2}_1 / (1 + \textit{argument-1}) + \textit{argument-2}_2 / (1 + \textit{argument-1}) ** 2)$$

- c) For *n* occurrences of *argument-2*, the equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(FUNCTION SUM (

$$(\textit{argument-2}_1 / (1 + \textit{argument-1}) ** 1)$$

...

$$(\textit{argument-2}_n / (1 + \textit{argument-1}) ** n)))$$

where *argument-1* and *argument-2<sub>i</sub>* in the terms of the SUM function are the same as the arguments for the PRESENT-VALUE function itself.

## B.53.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 PV-NUM      PIC S9(5)V9(6).

MOVE 43.9991 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 44.0009 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE PV-NUM = FUNCTION PRESENT-VALUE(0, 23, 12, 9).
IF (PV-NUM >= MINVAL) AND (PV-NUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 65.9974 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 66.0026 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE PV-NUM = FUNCTION PRESENT-VALUE
    (-.5, (2 + 3), (6 / 3), (9 - 3)).
IF (PV-NUM >= MINVAL) AND (PV-NUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 82. PRESENT-VALUE function

B.54. RANDOM

The RANDOM function returns a numeric value that is a pseudo-random number from a rectangular distribution.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.54.1 General format

FUNCTION RANDOM [ ( *argument-1* ) ]

B.54.2 Arguments

- 1) If *argument-1* is specified, it shall be zero or a positive integer. It is used as the seed value to generate a sequence of pseudo-random numbers.
- 2) If a subsequent reference specifies *argument-1*, a new sequence of pseudo-random numbers is started.
- 3) If the first reference to this function in the run unit does not specify *argument-1*, the seed value is zero.
- 4) In each case, subsequent references without specifying *argument-1* return the next number in the current sequence.

B.54.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is greater than or equal to zero and less than one.
- 2) For a given seed value on a given implementation, the sequence of pseudo-random numbers will always be the same.
- 3) The subset of the domain of *argument-1* values that will yield distinct sequences of pseudo-random numbers is 0 through  $2^{31}-2$ .

B.54.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 RANDNUM      PIC S9(5)V9(6) .

COMPUTE RANDNUM = FUNCTION RANDOM.
IF (RANDNUM >= 0) AND
   (RANDNUM < 1) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE RANDNUM = FUNCTION RANDOM(2) + 1.
IF (RANDNUM >= 1) AND
   (RANDNUM < 2) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 83. RANDOM function

## B.55. RANGE

The RANGE function returns a value that is equal to the value of the maximum argument minus the value of the minimum argument.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
All arguments integer	Integer
Numeric (some arguments may be integer)	Numeric

## B.55.1 General format

FUNCTION RANGE ( { *argument-1* }... )

## B.55.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.55.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(FUNCTION MAX (*argument-list*) – FUNCTION MIN (*argument-list*))

where *argument-list* is the *argument-1* list for the RANGE function itself.

## B.55.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01  RANGENUM  PIC S9(7)V9(7) .
01  A         PIC S9(10)    VALUE 6.
01  B         PIC S9(10)    VALUE 8.
01  C         PIC S9(10)    VALUE -5.
01  D         PIC S9(10)    VALUE 12.

COMPUTE RANGENUM = FUNCTION RANGE(5, -2, -14, 0).
IF RANGENUM = 19 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

IF FUNCTION RANGE(A, B, C, D) = 17 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 84. RANGE function

B.56. REM

The REM function returns a numeric value that is the remainder of *argument-1* divided by *argument-2*.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.56.1 General format

FUNCTION REM ( *argument-1*, *argument-2* )

B.56.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* and *argument-2* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-2* shall not be zero.

B.56.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

$(argument-1 - (argument-2 * FUNCTION INTEGER-PART (argument-1 / argument-2)))$

where *argument-1* and *argument-2* of the INTEGER-PART function are the same as the arguments for the REM function itself.

B.56.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 REMNUM      PIC S9(5)V9(6) .
01  A          PIC S9(10)      VALUE 5
.
COMPUTE REMNUM = FUNCTION REM(-11, -5) .
IF REMNUM = -1 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
COMPUTE REMNUM = FUNCTION REM(A, 2) .
IF REMNUM = 1 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 85. REM function

## B.57. REVERSE

The REVERSE function returns a character string of exactly the same length as *argument-1* and whose characters are exactly the same as those of *argument-1*, except that they are in reverse order.

The type of the function depends on the argument type as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Alphabetic	Alphanumeric
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric

## B.57.1 General format

FUNCTION REVERSE ( *argument-1* )

## B.57.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be of class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

## B.57.3 Returned values

- 1) If *argument-1* is a character string of length  $n$ , the returned value is a character string of length  $n$  such that for  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the character in position  $j$  of the returned value is the character from position  $n - j + 1$  of *argument-1*.

## B.57.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 REVSNUM                PIC X(10) .

MOVE FUNCTION REVERSE("figure") TO REVSNUM.
IF REVSNUM = "erugif" THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 86. REVERSE function

B.58. SIGN

The SIGN function returns +1, 0, or -1 depending on the sign of the argument.

The type of the function is integer.

B.58.1 General Format

FUNCTION SIGN ( *argument-1* )

B.58.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.58.3 Returned Values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) When the value of *argument-1* is positive,

(1)

- b) When the value of *argument-1* is zero,

(0)

- c) When the value of *argument-1* is negative,

(-1)

B.58.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 VAL                PIC S9(1) .
01 EXP-VAL1           PIC S9(1) VALUE -1.
01 EXP-VAL2           PIC S9(1) VALUE 0.
01 EXP-VAL3           PIC S9(1) VALUE 1.

MOVE -34431 TO NUM1.
COMPUTE VAL = FUNCTION SIGN (NUM1).
IF VAL = EXP-VAL1 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 0 TO NUM1.
COMPUTE VAL = FUNCTION SIGN (NUM1).
IF VAL = EXP-VAL2 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 34431 TO NUM1.
COMPUTE VAL = FUNCTION SIGN (NUM1).
IF VAL = EXP-VAL3 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 87. SIGN function



## B.59. SIN

The SIN function returns a numeric value that approximates the sine of an angle or arc, expressed in radians, that is specified by *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.59.1 General format

**FUNCTION SIN** ( *argument-1* )

## B.59.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.59.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the sine of *argument-1* and is greater than or equal to  $-1$  and less than or equal to  $+1$ .

## B.59.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 SINNUM          PIC S9(5)V9(6) .

MOVE ZERO TO SINNUM.
MOVE -0.000020 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  0.000020 TO MAXVAL.

COMPUTE SINNUM = FUNCTION SIN(0) .
IF (SINNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (SINNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
MOVE  0.865990 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  0.866060 TO MAXVAL.

COMPUTE SINNUM = FUNCTION SIN(PI / 3) .

IF (SINNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (SINNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 88. SIN function

The SQL-ADD-ESCAPES function returns an alphanumeric string with the contents of *argument-1* modified by adding the appropriate escape character to each occurrence of the SQL search characters '%' (percent), '\_' (underscore), ' (single-quote), and each occurrence of the escape character itself. The escape character is determined by the ODBC driver associated with the currently active connection; so, it can vary from connection to connection. The default escape character is '\' (backslash). Escaping the single-quote character was added in 5.44.

The type of this function is alphanumeric.

The function is only recognized if the source is compiled with the -G q option (enable SQL processing).

#### B.60.1 General format

FUNCTION SQL-ADD-ESCAPES ( *argument-1* )

#### B.60.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be zero or more characters in length.

#### B.60.3 Returned values

- 1) The characters of *argument-1* are scanned left to right and each "%" is replaced by "<esc>%", each "\_" is replaced by "<esc>\_", and each "<esc>" is replaced by "<esc><esc>".

#### B.60.4 Example

The following illustrate the use of this function.

```
FUNCTION SQL-ADD-ESCAPES ("Table%Type_ \Col_")
```

would return the string

```
"Table\&Type\_ \Col\_".
```

Where the <esc> is "\" (backslash).

The SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES function returns an alphanumeric string with the contents of *argument-1* modified by removing the appropriate escape character from each occurrence where it precedes one of the SQL search characters, '%' (percent), '\_' (underscore), ' (single-quote), or the escape character itself. The escape character is determined by the ODBC driver associated with the currently active connection; so, it can vary from connection to connection. The default escape character is '\' (backslash). Un-escaping the single-quote character was added in 5.44.

The type of this function is alphanumeric.

The function is only recognized if the source is compiled with the -G q option (enable SQL processing).

#### B.61.1 General format

FUNCTION SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES ( *argument-1* )

#### B.61.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be zero or more characters in length.

#### B.61.3 Returned values

- 1) The characters of *argument-1* are scanned left to right and each "<esc>%" is replaced by "%", each "<esc>\_" is replaced by "\_", and each "<esc><esc>" is replaced by "<esc>".

#### B.61.4 Example

The following illustrate the use of this function.

```
FUNCTION SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES ("Table\%Type\_\\Col\_")
```

would return the string

```
"Table%Type\_Col_".
```

Where the <esc> is "\" (backslash).

B.62. SQRT

The SQRT function returns a numeric value that approximates the square root of *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.62.1 General format

FUNCTION SQRT ( *argument-1* )

B.62.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.
- 2) The value of *argument-1* shall be zero or positive.

B.62.3 Returned values

- 1) *Argument-1* is not rounded.
- 2) The returned value shall be the absolute value of the exact square root of *argument-1* truncated to 19 digits.

B.62.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 SQRTNUM      PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

MOVE 0.000000 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 0.000020 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE SQRTNUM = FUNCTION SQRT(0) .
IF (SQRTNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (SQRTNUM <= MAXVAL)
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 0.316214 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 0.316240 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE SQRTNUM = FUNCTION SQRT(9 - 8.9) .
IF (SQRTNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (SQRTNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
   PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 89. SQRT function

## B.63. STANDARD-DEVIATION

The STANDARD-DEVIATION function returns a numeric value that approximates the standard deviation of its arguments.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.63.1 General format

FUNCTION STANDARD-DEVIATION ( { *argument-1* }... )

## B.63.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.63.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

(FUNCTION SQRT (FUNCTION VARIANCE (*argument-list*)))

where *argument-list* is the *argument-1* list for the STANDARD-DEVIATION function itself.

## B.63.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 STDNUM      PIC S9(5)V9(6) .

MOVE 6.92 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 7.02 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE STDNUM =
      FUNCTION STANDARD-DEVIATION(5, -2, -14, 0) .
IF (STDNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (STDNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE 11.7995 TO MINVAL.
MOVE 11.8005 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE STDNUM =
      FUNCTION STANDARD-DEVIATION(2.6 + 30, 4.5 * 2) .

IF (STDNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (STDNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
      PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 90. STANDARD-DEVIATION function

B.64. SUM

The SUM function returns a value that is the sum of the arguments.

The type of this function depends upon the argument types as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
All arguments integer	Integer
Numeric (some arguments may be integer)	Numeric

B.64.1 General format

FUNCTION SUM ( { *argument-1* }... )

B.64.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.64.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) For one occurrence of *argument-1*,

(*argument-1*)

- b) For two occurrences of *argument-1*,

(*argument-1*<sub>1</sub> + *argument-1*<sub>2</sub>)

- c) For *n* occurrences of *argument-1*,

(*argument-1*<sub>1</sub> + *argument-1*<sub>2</sub> + ... + *argument-1*<sub>*n*</sub>)

B.64.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 SUMNUM      PIC S9(6)V9(7) .

COMPUTE SUMNUM = FUNCTION SUM(5, -2, -14, 0) .
IF SUMNUM = -11 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
MOVE 41.5992 TO MINVAL .
MOVE 41.6008 TO MAXVAL .
COMPUTE SUMNUM = FUNCTION SUM(2.6 + 30, 4.5 * 2) .
IF (SUMNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (SUMNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE .
```

EXAMPLE 91. SUM function

## B.65. TAN

The TAN function returns a numeric value that approximates the tangent of an angle or arc, expressed in radians, that is specified by *argument-1*.

The type of this function is numeric.

## B.65.1 General format

FUNCTION TAN ( *argument-1* )

## B.65.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

## B.65.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is the approximation of the tangent of *argument-1*.

## B.65.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 TAN-NUM      PIC S9(5)V9(7) .

MOVE -0.000020 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  0.000020 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE TAN-NUM = FUNCTION TAN(0) .
IF (TAN-NUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (TAN-NUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE  0.999960 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  1.000040 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE TAN-NUM = FUNCTION TAN(PI / 4) .
IF (TAN-NUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (TAN-NUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 92. TAN function

B.66. TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD

The TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD function tests whether a date in standard date form (YYYYMMDD) is a valid date in the Gregorian calendar. *Argument-1* of the INTEGER-OF-DATE function is required to be in standard date form.

The type of this function is integer.

B.66.1 General Format

FUNCTION TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD ( *argument-1* )

B.66.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer.

B.66.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is:

- a) If the value of *argument-1* is less than 16010000 or greater than 99999999,

(1)

**Note 1** — The year is not within the range 1601 to 9999.

- a) Otherwise, if the value of FUNCTION MOD ( *argument-1* 10000 ) is less than 100 or greater than 1299,

(2)

**Note 2** — The month is not within the range 1 through 12.

- c) Otherwise, if the value of FUNCTION MOD ( *argument-1* 100 ) is less than 1 or greater than the number of days in the month determined by FUNCTION INTEGER ( FUNCTION MOD ( *argument-1* 10000 ) / 100 ) of the year determined by FUNCTION INTEGER ( *argument-1* / 10000 ),

(3)

**Note 3** — The day is not valid for the given year and month.

- d) Otherwise,

(0)

**Note 4** — The date is valid.



## B.66.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 DATE-VAL PIC 9.

ACCEPT SYSTEM-DATE FROM DATE YYYYMMDD.
COMPUTE DATE-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD ( SYSTEM-DATE ).
IF DATE-VAL = 0 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

*** year out of range.
COMPUTE DATE-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD ( 14000000 ).
IF DATE-VAL = 1 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

*** month out of range.
COMPUTE DATE-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD ( 20000000 ).
IF DATE-VAL = 2 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 93. TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD function

B.67. TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD

The TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD function tests whether a date in Julian date form (YYYYDDD) is a valid date in the Gregorian calendar. *Argument-1* of the INTEGER-OF-DAY function is required to be in Julian date form.

The type of this function is integer.

B.67.1 General Format

FUNCTION TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD ( *argument-1* )

B.67.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an integer.

B.67.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is:

- a) If the value of *argument-1* is less than 1601000 or greater than 9999999,

(1)

**Note 1** — The year is not within the range 1601 to 9999.

- b) Otherwise, if the value of FUNCTION MOD (*argument-1* 1000) is less than 1 or greater than the number of days in the year determined by FUNCTION INTEGER ( *argument-1* / 1000 ),

(2)

**Note 2** — The day is not valid in the given year.

- c) Otherwise,

(0)

**Note 3** — The date is valid.

**B.67.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 DAY-VAL      PIC 9.

ACCEPT SYSTEM-DAY FROM DAY YYYYDDD.
COMPUTE DAY-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD ( SYSTEM-DAY )
IF DAY-VAL = 0 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

**** year out of range
COMPUTE DAY-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD ( 1400000 ).
IF DAY-VAL = 1 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

**** day out of range
COMPUTE DAY-VAL = FUNCTION TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD ( 1700462 ).
IF DAY-VAL = 2 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

**EXAMPLE 94. TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD function**

### B.68. TEST-NUMVAL

The TEST-NUMVAL function verifies that the contents of *argument-1* conform to the specification for argument-1 of the NUMVAL function.

The type of this function is integer.

#### B.68.1 General Format

FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL ( *argument-1* )

#### B.68.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an alphanumeric literal or an alphanumeric data item.

#### B.68.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is:
  - a) If the content of *argument-1* does not conform to the argument rules for the NUMVAL function, the returned value shall be the position of the first character in error, from (1) to (FUNCTION LENGTH (*argument-1*) + 1)

- b) Otherwise:

(0)

#### NOTES

- 1 — The returned value is (FUNCTION LENGTH (*argument-1*) + 1) if *argument-1* is zero-length or contains only spaces or a string such as "+.”.
- 2 — The returned value is (3) if a three-character argument contains a string such as “0 1”.
- 3 — The returned value identifies the position of the 19th digit if the total number of digits exceeds 18.

#### B.68.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 TST-NUMV    PIC 9.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL ( "35" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL ( "$35" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 1
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL ( "35+" ) .
IF TST-NUMV = 0
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL ( "35$" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 3
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 95. TEST-NUMVAL function

## B.69. TEST-NUMVAL-C

The TEST-NUMVAL-C function verifies that the contents of *argument-1* conform to the specification for *argument-1* of the NUMVAL-C function.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.69.1 General Format

**FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C** ( *argument-1* [ , *argument-2* ] )

## B.69.2 Arguments

1) *Argument-1* shall be of class alphanumeric.

2) *Argument-2*, if specified, shall be of the same class as *argument-1*. *Argument-2* shall contain exactly one non-space character. Any leading or trailing spaces in *argument-2* are ignored. *Argument-2* shall not contain any of the digits 0 through 9; the characters '\*', '+', '-', '.', and '!' or space. *Argument-2* specifies a currency sign that may appear in *argument-1*.

## B.69.3 Returned values

1) The returned value is:

a) If the content of *argument-1* does not conform to the argument rules for *argument-1* of the NUMVAL-C function, the returned value shall be the position of the first character in error, from (1) to (FUNCTION LENGTH ( *argument-1* ) + 1)

b) Otherwise:

(0)

**NOTES**

1 — The returned value is (FUNCTION LENGTH ( *argument-1* ) + 1) if *argument-1* is zero-length or contains only spaces or a string such as “+”.

2 — The returned value is (3) if a three-character argument contains a string such as “0 1”.

3 — The returned value identifies the position of the 19<sup>th</sup> digit if the total number of digits exceeds 18.

B.69.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 TST-NUMV                               PIC 9.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( "35" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( "$35", "$" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( "35E" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 3 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( "3 E 3" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 3 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( "35,433$", "$" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 7 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-C ( A ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

**EXAMPLE 96. TEST-NUMVAL-C function**

## B.70. TEST-NUMVAL-F

The TEST-NUMVAL-F function verifies that the contents of *argument-1* conform to the specification for *argument-1* of the NUMVAL-F function.

The type of this function is integer.

## B.70.1 General Format

FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( *argument-1* )

## B.70.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be an alphanumeric literal or an alphanumeric data item.

## B.70.3 Returned values

- 1) The returned value is:

- a) If the content of *argument-1* does not conform to the argument rules for the NUMVAL-F function, the returned value shall be the position of the first character in error, from (1) to (FUNCTION LENGTH (*argument-1*) + 1)

- b) Otherwise, if the numeric value represented by *argument-1* cannot be represented in a floating-point data item because of exponent overflow:

(-1)

- c) Otherwise, if the numeric value represented by *argument-1*, cannot be represented in a floating-point data item because of exponent underflow:

(-2)

- d) Otherwise:

(0)

**NOTES**

1 — The returned value is (FUNCTION LENGTH ( *argument-1* ) + 1) if *argument-1* is zero-length or contains only spaces or a string such as “1.5E”.

2 — The returned value is (3) if a three-character argument contains a string such as “0 1”.

3 — If the total number of digits in the significand exceeds 18, the returned value identifies the position of the 19th digit.

4 — If the total number of digits in the exponent exceeds 3, the returned value identifies the position of the 4th digit.

5 — If the exponent has no sign, the returned value identifies the position of the first exponent digit.

B.70.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 TST-NUMV                PIC 9.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( "35" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( "3E2" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( "3E-2" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 0 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( "35$" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 3 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE TST-NUMV = FUNCTION TEST-NUMVAL-F ( "3,433" ).
IF TST-NUMV = 2 THEN PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

**EXAMPLE 97. TEST-NUMVAL-F function**



**B.71. UPPER-CASE**

The UPPER-CASE function returns a character string that is the same length as *argument-1* with each lowercase letter replaced by the corresponding uppercase letter.

The type of the function depends on the argument type as follows:

<u>Argument type</u>	<u>Function type</u>
Alphabetic	Alphabetic
Alphanumeric	Alphanumeric

**B.71.1 General format**

**FUNCTION UPPER-CASE** ( *argument-1* )

**B.71.2 Arguments**

1) *Argument-1* shall be of class alphabetic or alphanumeric and shall be at least one character position in length.

**B.71.3 Returned values**

1) The same character string as *argument-1* is returned, except that each lowercase letter is replaced by the corresponding uppercase letter.

2) The character string returned has the same length as *argument-1*.

3) If the computer's character set does not include uppercase letters, no changes take place in the character string.

**B.71.4 Example**

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER      PIC X(7) .

MOVE "abcdefg" TO ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER.
MOVE FUNCTION UPPER-CASE (ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER)
  TO ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER.
IF ANY-CHANGE-ANSWER = "ABCDEFG" THEN
  PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 98. UPPER-CASE function

B.72. VARIANCE

The VARIANCE function returns a numeric value that approximates the variance of its arguments.

The type of this function is numeric.

B.72.1 General format

FUNCTION VARIANCE ( { *argument-1* }... )

B.72.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be class numeric.

B.72.3 Returned values

- 1) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) For one occurrence of *argument-1*,

$$(0)$$

- b) For two occurrences of *argument-1*,

$$(((\text{argument-1}_1 - \text{FUNCTION MEAN}(\text{argument-list})) ** 2 + (\text{argument-1}_2 - \text{FUNCTION MEAN}(\text{argument-list})) ** 2) / 2)$$

- c) For *n* occurrences of *argument-1*,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{FUNCTION SUM} ( \\ & \quad ((\text{argument-1}_1 - \text{FUNCTION MEAN}(\text{argument-list})) ** 2) \\ & \quad \dots \\ & \quad ((\text{argument-1}_n - \text{FUNCTION MEAN}(\text{argument-list})) ** 2)) / n) \end{aligned}$$

where *argument-list* is the *argument-1* list for the VARIANCE function itself and *argument-1<sub>i</sub>* is the *i*th argument of the *argument-1* list for the VARIANCE function itself.

## B.72.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 VARNUM                PIC S9(5)V9(6) .

MOVE  48.6865 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  48.6885 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE VARNUM = FUNCTION VARIANCE(5, -2, -14, 0) .
IF (VARNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (VARNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

MOVE  139.234 TO MINVAL.
MOVE  139.245 TO MAXVAL.
COMPUTE VARNUM = FUNCTION VARIANCE(2.6 + 30, 4.5 * 2) .
IF (VARNUM >= MINVAL) AND
   (VARNUM <= MAXVAL) THEN
    PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 99. VARIANCE function

**B.73. WHEN-COMPILED**

The WHEN-COMPILED function returns the date and time the compilation unit was compiled as provided by the system on which the compilation unit was compiled.

The type of this function is alphanumeric.

**B.73.1 General format****FUNCTION WHEN-COMPILED****B.73.2 Returned values**

- 1) The character positions returned, numbered from left to right, are:

<b>Character Positions</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1-4	Four numeric digits of the year in the Gregorian calendar.
5-6	Two numeric digits of the month of the year, in the range 01 through 12.
7-8	Two numeric digits of the day of the month, in the range 01 through 31.
9-10	Two numeric digits of the hours past midnight, in the range 00 through 23.
11-12	Two numeric digits of the minutes past the hour, in the range 00 through 59.
13-14	Two numeric digits of the seconds past the minute, in the range 00 through 59.
15-16	Two numeric digits of the hundredths of a second past the second, in the range 00 through 99. The value 00 is returned if the system on which the compilation was done does not have the facility to provide the fractional part of a second.
17	Either the character '-', the character '+', or the character '0'. The character '-' is returned if the local time indicated in the previous character positions is behind Coordinated Universal Time. The character '+' is returned if the local time indicated is the same as or ahead of Coordinated Universal Time. The character '0' is returned if the system on which the compilation was done does not have the facility to provide the local time differential factor.
18-19	If character position 17 is '-', two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 12 indicating the number of hours that the reported time is behind Coordinated Universal Time. If character position 17 is '+', two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 13 indicating the number of hours that the reported time is ahead of Coordinated Universal Time. If character position 17 is '0', the value 00 is returned.
20-21	Two numeric digits are returned in the range 00 through 59 indicating the number of additional minutes that the reported time is ahead of or behind Coordinated Universal Time, depending on whether character position 17 is '+' or '-', respectively. If character position 17 is '0', the value 00 is returned.

- 2) The returned value is the date and time of compilation of the compilation unit that contains this function. The returned value in a contained source unit is the compilation date and time associated with the compilation unit in which it is contained.

- 3) The returned value shall denote the same time as the compilation date and time if provided in the listing and in the generated object code, although their representations and precision may differ.

## B.73.3 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```

01 TEMP1                                PIC X(21) .
01 WS-DATE.
   02 WS-YEAR                            PIC 9999.
      88 COM-YEAR                        VALUE 1990 THRU 9999.
   02 WS-MONTH                           PIC 99.
      88 COM-MONTH                       VALUE 01 THRU 12.
   02 WS-DAY                              PIC 99.
      88 COM-DAY                         VALUE 01 THRU 31.
   02 WS-HOUR                             PIC 99.
      88 COM-HOUR                        VALUE 00 THRU 23.
   02 WS-MIN                              PIC 99.
      88 COM-MIN                         VALUE 00 THRU 59.
   02 WS-SECOND                           PIC 99.
      88 COM-SEC                         VALUE 00 THRU 59.
   02 WS-HUNDSEC                          PIC 99.
      88 COM-HUNDSEC                    VALUE 00 THRU 99.
   02 WS-GREENW                           PIC X.
      88 COM-GREENW                     VALUE "-", "+", "0".
   02 WS-OFFSET                            PIC 99.
      88 COM-OFFSET                     VALUE 00 THRU 13.

MOVE FUNCTION WHEN-COMPILED TO TEMP1.
MOVE TEMP1 TO WS-DATE.
IF COM-YEAR AND COM-MONTH AND COM-DAY AND
COM-HOUR AND COM-MIN AND COM-SEC AND
COM-HUNDSEC AND COM-GREENW AND COM-OFFSET THEN
PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

```

EXAMPLE 100. WHEN-COMPILED function

### B.74. YEAR-TO-YYYY

The YEAR-TO-YYYY function converts *argument-1*, the two low-order digits of a year, to a four-digit year. *Argument-2*, when added to the year at the time of execution, defines the ending year of a 100-year interval, or sliding window, into which the year of *argument-1* falls.

The type of the function is integer.

#### B.74.1 General format

FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY ( *argument-1* [ , *argument-2* ] )

#### B.74.2 Arguments

- 1) *Argument-1* shall be a nonnegative integer that is less than 100.
- 2) *Argument-2* shall be an integer.
- 3) If *argument-2* is omitted, the function shall be evaluated as though 50 were specified.
- 4) The sum of the year at the time of execution and the value of *argument-2* shall be less than 10000 and greater than 1699.

#### B.74.3 Returned values

- 1) *Maximum-year* shall be calculated as follows:

(FUNCTION NUMVAL (FUNCTION CURRENT-DATE (1:4)) + *argument-2*)

where *argument-2* of the NUMVAL function is the same as *argument-2* of the YEAR-TO-YYYY function itself.

- 2) The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be as follows:

- a) When the following condition is true

FUNCTION MOD (*maximum-year*, 100) >= *argument-1*

The equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(*argument-1* + 100 \* (FUNCTION INTEGER (*maximum-year*/100)))

- b) Otherwise, the equivalent arithmetic expression shall be

(*argument-1* + 100 \* (FUNCTION INTEGER (*maximum-year*/100) – 1))

#### NOTES

1 — In the year 1995, the returned value for FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY (4, 23) is 2004. In the year 2008 the returned value for FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY (98, (-15)) is 1898.

2 — The YEAR-TO-YYYY function implements a sliding window algorithm. To use it for a fixed window, *argument-2* can be specified as follows, where *fixed-maximum-year* is the maximum year in the fixed 100-year interval:

(*fixed-maximum-year* – FUNCTION NUMVAL (FUNCTION CURRENT-DATE (1:4)))

If the fixed window is 1973 through 2072, then in 2009 *argument-2* shall have the value of 63 and in 2019, the value of 53.

#### B.74.4 Example

The following code fragments illustrate the use of this function.

```
01 YEARVAL                                PIC 9(4) .

DISPLAY "FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY " NO ADVANCING.
COMPUTE YEARVAL = FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY ( 4, 23 ).
IF YEARVAL = 2004 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.

COMPUTE YEARVAL = FUNCTION YEAR-TO-YYYY ( 98, (-15))
IF YEARVAL = 1898 PERFORM CORRECT-VALUE.
```

EXAMPLE 101. YEAR-TO-YYYY function





## IX. SCREEN HANDLER

### A. General Description

The **ICOBOL** SCREEN HANDLER implements a subset of Threshold, Inc.'s SCREEN DEMON calls, which use the CALL mechanism. ICSDMODE instructs **ICOBOL** how to enable the SCREEN HANDLER

#### A. 1. Enabling the SCREEN HANDLER

By default, the SCREEN HANDLER is disabled in the **ICOBOL** configuration file (.cfi). ICSDMODE is set by using the configuration file (.cfi) or with an environment setting. Any ICSDMODE environment setting overrides the setting in the Program Environment section of the configuration file (.cfi).

The syntax is:

```
ICSDMODE=disabled | underline | 0 | reverse | 1 | linedraw | 2
```

Where

*disabled*

Disables the SCREEN HANDLER

*0* or *underline*

Run in standard SCREEN DEMON format, which is to underline the row above the box and underline the last row in the box for the top and bottom lines, and use reverse video for the sides.

*1* or *reverse*

Use reverse video for the entire box. This means that two (2) more lines than in standard mode are hidden under the box.

*2* or *linedraw*

Use the line-drawing character set of a terminal for the entire box. As with the previous setting, two (2) more lines than in standard mode are hidden under the box. If a particular terminal does not have a line-drawing character set, then "+", "-", and "|" are used for the corners, horizontal, and vertical portions of the box, respectively. Currently, only the terminal types ibm, xenix, 386ix, pcbios, and pwindow support the line-drawing characters by default.

The ICSDMODE selection does not affect SD\_DRAW\_HLINE or SD\_DRAW\_VLINE or the value of the *height* of a box or the value of the *top-left-line* entry.

SCREEN DEMON was an enhancement product for AOS/VS available from its developer, Threshold, Inc., Auburn, AL.

A. 2. Summary of Calls

The table below summarizes the **ICOBOL** SCREEN HANDLER calls that are available when the SCREEN HANDLER feature is enabled. A description of each argument, as well as details for the calls, follow the table.

FUNCTION	ARGUMENTS
SD_DRAW_BOX	USING <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> , <i>height</i> , <i>width</i> [, <i>label</i> ]
SD_DRAW_HLINE	USING <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> , <i>width</i>
SD_DRAW_VLINE	USING <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> , <i>height</i>
SD_ERROR_MESSAGE	USING <i>msg-string</i> [, <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> ]
SD_GET_IMAGE	USING <i>image-buffer</i>
SD_GET_POS	USING <i>position</i>
SD_MESSAGE	USING <i>msg-string</i> [, <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> [, <i>label</i> ]]
SD_MESSAGE_ONLY	USING <i>msg-string</i> [, <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> [, <i>label</i> ]]
SD_NEW_WINDOW	[ USING <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> , <i>height</i> , <i>width</i> [, <i>label</i> ]]
SD_POP_UP_MENU	USING <i>menu-packet</i> [, <i>label</i> ]
SD_POP_UP_MENU2	USING <i>menu-packet</i> [, <i>label</i> ]
SD_READ_CHAR	USING <i>char-field</i> [, <i>time-out-value</i> ]
SD_REDRAW	(none)
SD_REMOVE_WINDOW	(none)
SD_RETURN_INPUT	USING <i>data-string</i> , <i>string-size</i>
SD_SET_ACCEPT_TIMEOUT	USING <i>time-out-value</i>
SD_SYS_ERROR_MESSAGE	USING <i>error-code</i> [, <i>msg-string</i> [, <i>top-left-line</i> , <i>top-left-column</i> ]]

TABLE 38. Summary of Screen Handler Calls

**NOTE:** The following are included only for compatibility purposes, and executing them has no impact on how the screen handler operates even though they may set or clear some flags which are otherwise not used. (If these calls were implemented, as they are in the real Screen Demon, they would alter the performance characteristics of your program.) These calls will fail if the ICSDMODE environment variable has not been set. They will also fail if the call interface (i.e., number of arguments or argument size) is invalid. Otherwise, the calls will always succeed (and do nothing).

```
CALL "SD_CONTROL" USING control
CALL "SD_DISABLE"
CALL "SD_ENABLE"
CALL "SD_FLUSH"
CALL "SD_GET_CONTROL" USING control
CALL "SD_TURBO_FULL"
CALL "SD_TURBO_OFF"
CALL "SD_TURBO_PARTIAL"
```

**NOTE:** In SD\_CONTROL and SD\_GET\_CONTROL, the data item *control* is defined as PIC 9(4) COMP.

## A.3. Error Handling

The following Exception Status codes may be returned.

Exception Code	Description
241	"The argument is too long to process"
203	"Program not found" if ICSDMODE is not set
076	"Device timeout" when SD_POP_UP_MENU exits due to a timeout set by SD_SET_ACCEPT_TIMEOUT
013	"Invalid data" when a parameter is invalid; i.e., line or column is out of range, string too long for box, etc.
008	"Insufficient memory" when there is no more memory available for screen images.
001	"Invalid operation" when trying to perform an option that is not currently valid; i.e., trying to do a SD_REMOVE_WINDOW when nothing is pushed.

The **ICOBOL** SCREEN HANDLER runs in a mode similar to the SCREEN DEMON partial turbo, i.e., the user's screen is updated at the end of every operation.

The **ICOBOL** SCREEN HANDLER cannot be disabled while under **ICOBOL**.

The calls SD\_GET\_IMAGE and SD\_GET\_POS are only defined for screens with 24 lines and 80 columns. If either is called on a larger size screen, SD\_GET\_IMAGE will return the upper left 24 by 80 quadrant and SD\_GET\_POS will generate an Exception Status 13.

For menu items there is a limit of 21 items otherwise an Invalid Data is given.

## **B. Calls**

### B.1. SD\_DRAW\_BOX

This call provides the ability to draw a box on the terminal. The area inside the box is cleared to spaces.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_DRAW_BOX" USING top-left-line, top-left-column, height, width  
    [, label ]
```

Where

*top-left-line*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left line position of a box or line. If  $\leq 2$ , it will be centered.

*top-left-column*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left column position of a box or line. If  $\leq 0$ , it will be centered.

*height*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how high (in lines) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The height does not include the top line.

*width*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how wide (in columns) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The width includes the edges of the box which are one space wide.

*label*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and defines a label to be placed on the top line of a box underlined and bright. The label must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE).

B.2. SD\_DRAW\_HLINE and SD\_DRAW\_VLINE

These calls allow for either a horizontal line (SD\_DRAW\_HLINE) or a vertical line (SD\_DRAW\_VLINE) to be drawn on the terminal.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_DRAW_VLINE" USING top-left-line, top-left-column, height
```

```
CALL "SD_DRAW_HLINE" USING top-left-line, top-left-column, width
```

Where

*top-left-line*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left line position of a box or line. If  $\leq 2$ , it will be centered.

*top-left-column*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left column position of a box or line. If  $\leq 0$ , it will be centered.

*height*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how high (in lines) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The height does not include the top line.

*width*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how wide (in columns) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The width includes the edges of the box which are one space wide.

**NOTE:** SD\_DRAW\_HLINE is only useful to set the underline attribute.

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### B.3. SD\_GET\_IMAGE

This call transfers a copy of the current image buffer to a buffer defined in the program's WORKING STORAGE. This call is only defined for a 24 by 80 screen. If called on a larger screen only the first 24 rows by 80 columns will be returned and the cursor position will be reported as  $(line-1)*80 + (column-1)$ .

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_GET_IMAGE" USING image-buffer
```

Where

*image-buffer*

Specifies a structure of the following format:

01	IMAGE-BUFFER.				
05	SCREEN-LINE	OCCURS 24 TIMES	PIC X(80).		
05	FILLER	OCCURS 24 TIMES.			
	07 CHAR-ATTRIBUTE	OCCURS 80 TIMES	PIC 9(2) COMP.		
05	CURSOR-POSITION		PIC 9(4) COMP.		
05	CURRENT-ATTRIBUTES		PIC 9(4) COMP.		
05	SCREEN-BUFFER-RESERVED		PIC X(252).		

*char-attribute*

Is defined as:

<u>bit</u>	<u>attribute</u>
1	DIM
2	BLINK
4	UNDERSCORE
8	REVERSED
16	Alternate character set

**B.4. SD\_GET\_POS**

This call provides the program the ability to determine the cursor's current position on the screen. This call is only defined for a 24 by 80 screen. If called on a larger screen when the cursor is beyond the 24 by 80 area the call will fail with an Exception Status 13.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_GET_POS" USING cursor-position
```

Where

*cursor-position*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP in which the cursor position is stored as (linenumber-1)\*80 + (columnnumber-1). Thus when positioned to the home position (line 1, col 1), the cursor-position would be zero(0).

### B.5. SD\_MESSAGE, SD\_ERROR\_MESSAGE, SD\_MESSAGE\_ONLY

These calls provide the ability to display a message. SD\_MESSAGE and SD\_ERROR\_MESSAGE wait for an operator to acknowledge the message, but SD\_MESSAGE\_ONLY does not.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_MESSAGE" USING msg-string [, top-left-line, top-left-column  
    [, label ]]
```

```
CALL "SD_ERROR_MESSAGE" USING msg-string [, top-left-line,  
    top-left-column ]
```

```
CALL "SD_MESSAGE_ONLY" USING msg-string [, top-left-line, top-left-column  
    [, label ]]
```

Where

*msg-string*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and contains a message to be displayed within a box. The msg-string must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE). A bar | symbol will cause the message to wrap to a new line.

*top-left-line*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left line position of a box or line. If <= 0, it will be centered vertically.

*top-left-column*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left column position of a box or line. If <= 0, it will be centered horizontally.

*label*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and defines a label to be placed on the top line of a box underlined and bright. The label must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE).

If neither line nor column is included or both are set to <= 0, the message box will be centered on the screen.

If label is not included, no label will be provided.

SD\_ERROR\_MESSAGE is equivalent to calling SD\_MESSAGE with the label set to "Error!".



**B.6. SD\_NEW\_WINDOW**

This call saves the current image in a push-down image stack that can later be restored with the SD\_REMOVE\_WINDOW call. Each call to SD\_NEW\_WINDOW will cause the current image to be pushed onto the image stack and a new image buffer will start to receive all subsequent output to the screen.

Calling SD\_NEW\_WINDOW with the optional parameters is short-hand for an SD\_NEW\_WINDOW followed by an SD\_DRAW\_BOX.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_NEW_WINDOW" [ USING top-left-line, top-left-column, height, width  
  [, label ] ]
```

Where

*top-left-line*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left line position of a box or line. If  $\leq 2$ , it will be centered.

*top-left-column*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left column position of a box or line. If  $\leq 0$ , it will be centered.

*height*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how high (in lines) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The height does not include the top line.

*width*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines how wide (in columns) a box or line should extend from the top left position. The width includes the edges of the box which are one space wide.

*label*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and defines a label to be placed on the top line of a box underlined and bright. The label must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE).

### B.7. SD\_POP\_UP\_MENU

This call provides the ability to display a simple pop-up menu. The user can use the up-arrow and down-arrow keys or the first letter of a selection to position to an item. A newline selects that item and exits the menu while an ESC exits the menu with no selection. The screen area under the pop-up menu is restored upon exiting from the menu.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_POP_UP_MENU" USING menu-packet [, label ]
```

Where

*menu-packet*

Specifies a structure of the following format:

```
01 MENU-PACKET .
   05 MENU-LINE           PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 MENU-COLUMN        PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 DEFAULT-ITEM       PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 SELECTED-ITEM      PIC 9(4) COMP.
   05 SELECTED-STRING    PIC X(30) .
   05 MENU-ITEMS-STRING  PIC X(n) .
```

*label*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and defines a label to be placed on the top line of a box underlined and bright. The label must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE).

The line and column arguments specify the top-left-line and top-left-column for the box containing the pop-up menu (just as documented under SD\_DRAW\_BOX). If these are set to zero, the menu is centered. The menu-items-string is the list of options to be displayed in the pop-up menu. This string should contain the string for each selection-item separated by a vertical bar (|) and ending with two vertical bars (||). For example:

```
"First selection|Second selection|Third selection||".
```

The default-item specifies the default item, i.e., the item to which the cursor will be positioned initially. The selected-item and selected-string are the returned item number and string when exiting the pop-up menu. If an ESC was hit, a zero(0) and spaces will be returned.

Within the pop-up menu, the user can use the up-arrow and down-arrow keys to position to the previous or next selection or the first letter of a selection to move to the next selection starting with that letter.

If a default timeout has been specified by SD\_SET\_ACCEPT\_TIMEOUT and no input is entered within that time, the CALL returns with an Exception Status 76 "Device timeout", and the SELECTED-ITEM and SELECTED-STRING are set as if an ESC had been typed.

## B.8. SD\_POP\_UP\_MENU2

This call provides the ability to display a simple pop-up menu and accepts function keys as terminators. The user can use the up-arrow and down-arrow keys or the first letter of a selection to position to an item. A newline selects that item and exits the menu while an ESC exits the menu with no selection. The screen area under the pop-up menu is restored upon exiting from the menu. This function differs from SD\_POP\_UP\_MENU in that it allows function keys to successfully select and return a menu option. The value of ESCAPE KEY is set to indicate which terminator was pressed. (The COBOL program can query this value with the "ACCEPT FROM ESCAPE KEY" statement.) Pressing ESC exits the menu with no selection, but it also updates ESCAPE KEY.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_POP_UP_MENU2" USING menu-packet [, label ]
```

Where

*menu-packet*

Specifies a structure of the following format:

01	MENU-PACKET.		
05	MENU-LINE	PIC 9(4)	COMP.
05	MENU-COLUMN	PIC 9(4)	COMP.
05	DEFAULT-ITEM	PIC 9(4)	COMP.
05	SELECTED-ITEM	PIC 9(4)	COMP.
05	SELECTED-STRING	PIC X(30)	.
05	MENU-ITEMS-STRING	PIC X(n)	.

*label*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and defines a label to be placed on the top line of a box underlined and bright. The label must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE).

The line and column arguments specify the top-left-line and top-left-column for the box containing the pop-up menu (just as documented under SD\_DRAW\_BOX). The menu-items-string is the list of options to be displayed in the pop-up menu. This string should contain the string for each selection-item separated by a vertical bar (|) and ending with two vertical bars (||). For example:

```
"First selection|Second selection|Third selection||".
```

The default-item specifies the default item, i.e., the item to which the cursor will be positioned initially. The selected-item and selected-string are the returned item number and string when exiting the pop-up menu. If an ESC was hit, a zero(0) and spaces will be returned.

Within the pop-up menu, the user can use the up-arrow and down-arrow keys to position to the previous or next selection or the first letter of a selection to move to the next selection starting with that letter.

If a default timeout has been specified by SD\_SET\_ACCEPT\_TIMEOUT and no input is entered within that time, the CALL returns with an Exception Status 76 "Device timeout", and the SELECTED-ITEM and SELECTED-STRING are set as if an ESC had been typed. ESCAPE KEY is set to 99.

B.9. SD\_READ\_CHAR

This call allows the program to read a single keystroke with or without a timeout. Any 7-bit character read is passed through unchanged. If a timeout is given and no keystroke is received within that time frame, the character 128 is returned. If a function key is pressed a value from the following table is returned. Any 8-bit character has its high-order bit stripped, and the 7-bit value is returned.

Key	normal	Shift	Ctrl	Ctrl-Shift
F1	241	225	177	161
F2	242	226	178	162
F3	243	227	179	163
F4	244	228	180	164
F5	245	229	181	165
F6	246	230	182	166
F7	247	231	183	167
F8	248	232	184	168
F9	249	233	185	169
F10	250	234	186	170
F11	251	235	187	171
F12	252	236	188	172
F13	253	237	189	173
F14	254	238	190	174
F15	240	224	176	160
C1	220	216		
C2	221	217		
C3	222	218		
C4	223	219		
right-arrow	24	152		
left-arrow	25	153		
up-arrow	23	151		
down-arrow	26	154		
home	8	136		
newline	10			
ESC	27			

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_READ_CHAR" USING char-field [, time-out-value ]
```

Where

*char-field*

Specifies a PIC X(1) and returns the read character if less than 8-bit, a 128 if a timeout occurred, or a number from the above table for a function key.

*timeout-value*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP specifying the number of seconds to wait before terminating the READ. If not specified, the READ will wait forever. If set to 0 or >= 65535 then the timeout is set to wait forever, if set > 6300 it is set to 6300, otherwise if between 1 - 6300 it is set to that number of seconds.

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If a timeout had previously been specified by `SD_SET_ACCEPT_TIMEOUT`, the new value will override the previous value for this call.

**NOTE:** The `IC_GET_KEY` builtin, page [548](#), [584](#), provides a more complete and terminal independent method of reading individual keystrokes.

B.10. SD\_REDRAW

This call instructs the SCREEN HANDLER to clear the screen and redisplay the entire contents of the current image-buffer.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_REDRAW"
```

B.11. SD\_REMOVE\_WINDOW

This call restores the image-buffer that is on the top of the image-buffer stack. SD\_REMOVE\_WINDOW effectively removes all data that had been displayed since the last SD\_NEW\_WINDOW call and replaces it with the data that was on the screen at that time.

A STOP RUN or a CALL PROGRAM to a new program will always clear all pushed image buffers.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_REMOVE_WINDOW"
```

### B.12. SD\_RETURN\_INPUT

This call provides the ability to place keystrokes into the terminal's input buffer such that the next ACCEPT will read them as if they had been typed from the keyboard.

Up to 256 characters can be returned, provided the internal input buffer is empty, i.e., characters are not still left from previous SD\_RETURN\_INPUT calls. If all the data will not fit into the input buffer, an Exception Status 241 is returned.

A STOP RUN will empty the input buffer.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_RETURN_INPUT" USING data-string, string-size
```

Where

*data-string*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and holds data to be placed into the input buffer for this terminal. This item cannot be larger than 256 bytes. All entered data is treated like it came from a DG terminal. I.E., to enter a function key enter the 2-byte DG sequence even when on a non-DG terminal.

*string-size*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP that specifies the number of bytes to use out of data-string. It must be less than or equal to the size of data-string.

To enter data into an empty 10 character field, the following could be used:

```
MOVE "1234567890" TO DATA-STRING.  
MOVE 10 TO DATA-ARRAY(11).  
MOVE 11 TO STRING-SIZE.  
CALL "SD_RETURN_INPUT" USING DATA-STRING, STRING-SIZE.
```

Where

DATA-STRING

Specifies a PIC X(256).

DATA-ARRAY

Specifies a PIC 99 COMP array defined over DATA-STRING.

STRING-SIZE

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP.

Which would enter the characters "1234567890" followed by a newline into the next ACCEPT from the keyboard.

**NOTE:** The SD\_RETURN\_INPUT function is useful for returning information from a hotkey program into the field from which the hotkey was launched.



B.13. SD\_SET\_ACCEPT\_TIMEOUT

This call provides the ability to set a default timeout value for all subsequent SCREEN HANDLER calls that read from the keyboard. These include SD\_POP\_UP\_MENU, SD\_POP\_UP\_MENU2, SD\_READ\_CHAR, SD\_MESSAGE, SD\_ERROR\_MESSAGE, and SD\_SYS\_ERROR\_MESSAGE. If no input is done for the specified number of seconds the input will be terminated with Exception Status set to 76. To disable timeout, a value of 65535 must be provided as the time-out-value. The initial default timeout value is forever (i.e., 65535).

This timeout only affects SCREEN HANDLER reads, normal I/O is not affected. The standard IC\_SET\_TIMEOUT does not affect any SCREEN HANDLER reads.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_SET_ACCEPT_TIMEOUT" USING time-out-value
```

Where

*time-out-value*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP specifying the number of seconds to wait before terminating a read. If set to 0 or >= 65535 then the timeout is set to wait forever, if set > 6300 it is set to 6300, otherwise if between 1 - 6300 it is set to that number of seconds.

**NOTE:** This call serves a different function than the SCREEN DEMON call.

### B.14. SD\_SYS\_ERROR\_MESSAGE

This call provides the ability to display a system error message as defined by the system. The message is displayed in a box with an optional user message and an operator acknowledge is sought. The *error-code* should be a valid Exception Status.

The syntax is:

```
CALL "SD_SYS_ERROR_MESSAGE" USING error-code [, msg-string  
    [, top-left-line, top-left-column ]]
```

Where

*error-code*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and should be a valid system Exception Status code.

*msg-string*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and contains a message to be displayed within a box. The msg-string must be terminated with a null (LOW-VALUE). A bar | symbol will cause the message to wrap to a new line.

*top-left-line*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left line position of a box or line. If  $\leq 2$ , it will be centered.

*top-left-column*

Specifies a PIC 9(4) COMP and defines the top left column position of a box or line. If  $\leq 0$ , it will be centered.

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## **PART TWO - DEVELOPER'S GUIDE**



## X. INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVELOPER'S GUIDE

### A. Overview

**ICOBOL** provides the ability to compile and execute COBOL programs in the Linux and Windows environments. This allows the developer to use the most cost-effective platforms (Linux or Windows ) for both program development and program installation.

### B. Operating Environment

#### B.1. General Concepts

The **ICOBOL** system has been designed to provide an application operating environment that works as consistently as possible among several different operating system environments. This consistency is expressed in a few key concepts that have their roots in the Linux and Windows operating systems. If you are using one of these operating systems, the concepts may already be familiar to you.

##### B.1.1 Communication with the Operating System

The first concept is that programs communicate with their operating environment through three input/output streams or files: standard input (stdin), standard output (stdout), and standard error (stderr). Programs can read data to be processed from stdin, process it in some way, and write the results to stdout. They report errors to stderr. By default, most systems connect stdin to the console keyboard and both stdout and stderr to the console display.

Many utilities, especially in the COBOL environment, must process complex data files that do not fit this simple model and so they do not often use stdin for the data to process. However, the stdout and stderr files are still very useful. They allow the utility to logically separate error reporting from reporting the results of processing. For example, the ICSTAT utility reports statistics about an ICISAM files. It reports these statistics to stdout. If an error occurs, for example one of the command arguments does not exist, the error is reported to stderr.

##### B.1.2 I-O Redirection

The second concept is the ability to redirect I-O files from the default files to another file or device. The Linux and Windows systems provide a very simple way to redirect these standard files in the command processor by using the special characters '<' and '>'. When stdout is redirected to a file, it provides a simple mechanism to capture the output of a utility. See your operating system command processor documentation for more on this concept.

##### B.1.3 Environment Variables

The third major concept is the ability to customize the operation of specific programs by setting information in items called Environment Variables. Environment variables have a name and a value like program variables or data items. The difference is that these variables are managed by the command processor. The utility programs can ask the operating system whether a particular environment variable is set or not, and what its value is. They are most often used to set default operating options, or the locations of important files. For example, all **ICOBOL** command-line programs look for the environment variable ICROOT as the base directory for finding the system files and help files. ICCONFIGDIR is also provided to find customized system files. Linux and Windows both provide environment variables. ICROOT and other common environment variables used by **ICOBOL** are described in more detail beginning on page [738](#).

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Environment variables are maintained in the command processor (or shell). Environment variables are set up with a command like:

### On Windows

```
SET ICROOT=C:\Program Files\Icobel
```

### On Linux

```
ICROOT=/usr/icobel.500
```

## B.2. Directory Structure

On Linux, the **ICOBOL** software is installed in a directory with the name `cobel $nnn$` , where  $nnn$  corresponds to the revision level. For example, **ICOBOL** Revision 5.00 will be in a directory named `icobel.500` by default. This directory can be installed wherever is most appropriate or convenient for your system and can be renamed as needed. On Windows, the **ICOBOL** software is installed in a directory with the name `icobel` in the program files directory by default.

The main directory contains: all of the command-line programs, the readme file(s), and supplied COBOL executable programs. One subdirectory is called *help*. The help subdirectory contains help (.hf) files, for all the command-line programs defined as `<command>.hf`. There may be additional directories with other miscellaneous files, see the appropriate readme file(s) for a list of all the actual files.

<u>Main Directory</u>	<u>Sub-Directories</u>	<u>Description</u>
<code>icobel.&lt;rev&gt;</code>		- main executables and needed files
	<code>docs</code>	All documentation, readme files
	<code>examples</code>	Various examples
	<code>  cgi</code>	Cgiruntime, scripts, examples
	<code>  config</code>	various configuration files, .pti, messages
	<code>  icodbc</code>	sample ICISAM ocbd files
	<code>  print</code>	various pdf sample backgrounds
	<code>  programs</code>	Examples, login, sp2logon, isqltest, ...
	<code>  scripts</code>	Various script files
	<code>  terminfo</code>	Various terminfo source files
	<code>help</code>	Help files (.hf)
	<code>icnet</code>	Server surrogate files
	<code>install</code>	Various install scripts
	<code>x86</code>	On a 64-bit os this holds all the matching 32-bit executables

FIGURE 9. **ICOBOL** Directory Structure (Linux)

<u>Main Directory</u>	<u>Sub-Directories</u>	<u>Description</u>
icobol		Main executables, .dlls, and needed files
	docs	All documentation, readme files
	examples	Various examples
	cgi	Cgiruntime, scripts, examples
	config	various configuration files, .pti, messages
	icodbc	sample ICISAM odbc files
	print	various pdf sample backgrounds
	programs	Examples, login, sp2logon, isqltest, ...
	qpr	Formprint examples
	sp2	Sp2 examples
	help	Help files (.hf)
	icnet	Server surrogate files
	install	Install information
	qpr	(Dev) Gui-printer development (Formprint) (ICQPRW)
	card	qpr files in card format
	crt	qpr files in crt format
	sentinel	Rainbow sentinel device files
	sp2	(Dev) Gui-screen development (ICSP2)
	card	sp2 files in card format
	crt	sp2 files in crt format
	uninstall	Uninstall information
	x86	On a 64-bit os this holds all the Matching 32-bit executables

FIGURE 10. **ICOBOL** Directory Structure (Windows)

Installs previous to 4.70 had a print sub-directory for printer translation (.pti) files and background .pdf files and a term sub-directory for terminal description (.tdi) files. The default versions of .pti and .tdi files are now builtin to the runtimes and any customized file(s) should be stored in a directory that is sought with the ICONFIGDIR environment entry.

Command-line programs require the corresponding help file to be available in order to display their help text. If it is not available, an error message will be displayed that it could not find the help file. There are three methods for finding the help file: by using the ICONFIGDIR, by using ICROOT environment variables or by passing a partial pathname to the operating system.

### B.3. ICEXEC Control Program

The **ICOBOL** system uses a control program called ICEXEC to coordinate multi-user access to system resources. The runtime system (ICRUN) along with the ICNETD servers require the ICEXEC program to be running in order to operate. All other **ICOBOL** executables can operate with or without ICEXEC.

On Linux, ICEXEC is required to provide an exclusive open capability since Linux does not provide that capability. When ICEXEC is not running, an exclusive open is emulated by posting a write-lock on the whole file. A non-exclusive open posts a read-lock on the whole file. Thus, two programs can detect whether a file is opened or open-exclusively by using this mechanism. Care should be exercised when moving from no-ICEXEC to ICEXEC-running, as utilities that started in the no-ICEXEC mode will keep running in that mode until they terminate.

#### B.4. ICPERMIT License Program

The license manager, ICPERMIT, is used to provide licensing information to any executable that requires an authorization either on a single machine or over a TCP/IP-based network. This includes the **ICOBOL** compiler (ICOBOL), the runtime (ICRUN), ICNETD servers (ICIOS, ICRUNRS, ICLOGS, ICSQLS), the ICSP2 editor, the ICQPRW editor, sp2 runtimes, ICODBC driver, programs built with the user library, and the ICIDE. ICPERMIT must be running and authorizing the proper license before any of these programs can operate. Otherwise, an error message occurs, stating the program could not connect with the license server and so is not authorized to execute.

### C. Command-line Conventions

Another aspect of providing a consistent system across multiple operating platforms is in the command-line interface. The command-line programs use a common command-line syntax across all platforms, and they adhere to the following standard conventions:

#### C.1. Switches

- 1) all switches are composed of a single letter or digit preceded by a hyphen (-) (or optionally a forward slash (/) on Windows);
- 2) the switches are order independent;
- 3) the switches ARE case sensitive;
- 4) lower-case switches imply an action or modification of an action, e.g., '-h' for help;
- 5) UPPER-CASE switches imply an action with a required argument that must follow with an intervening space, e.g., '-A audit.log' for setting up an auditfile called audit.log.
- 6) multiple lower-case switches can be combined with one hyphen, e.g., '-aew' for '-a -e -w'.

#### C.2. Conventions for Defining Syntax

The following shows how the various conventions for defining syntax are represented in the **ICOBOL** documentation:

Convention	Meaning
[ ]	Brackets enclose optional portions of a format. One of the options contained within the brackets may be explicitly specified or that portion may be omitted.
{ }	Braces enclosing a portion of a format means that one of the options contained within the braces must be specified.
	Bar will be used to separate choices when multiple choices are allowed.
...	Ellipsis indicates that the previous item can be repeated one or more times.
<i>italic-lower-case</i>	Indicates a generic term representing a value that is defined as indicated.

TABLE 39. Common Command-line Syntax Conventions

#### C.3. Filename Case (upper or lower)

Linux systems support case-sensitive filenames as opposed to Windows, where they are case-insensitive. All released **ICOBOL** on Linux files are lower-case, which is in keeping with most Linux systems. By default, the **ICOBOL** on Linux runtime will convert all COBOL filenames, including program names, to lower-case before looking up that file in Linux. Although **ICOBOL** on Linux can support UPPER-CASE only or mixed-case, we



recommend using only one case for filenames to ease portability to case-insensitive environments.

With this in mind, this document will still use upper-case names in the text for specific programs but will always use lower-case in examples and when showing what needs to be entered from the keyboard to run a program.

On Linux, all examples assume the Bourne shell is being run.

## D. Common Switches

### D.1. Overall

There are several switches that are common to all **ICOBOL** command-line programs except for ICINFO. These are described in detail in the following sections and will be referenced later, in the discussions of each program. The **ICOBOL** command-line switch processor scans all the command-line switches, checking for errors. Any errors display an abbreviated startup banner (the program name and revision) to stdout before displaying the error message to stderr and then exiting with a non-zero exit code. If there are no errors to terminate processing prematurely, the common switches are processed. First, if the Help switch is given, an abbreviated startup banner and help text are displayed to stdout after which the program exits normally (i.e., no other switches or arguments are processed). Next, if the Audit switch is given, auditing is enabled. Finally, the Quiet switch, if given, is processed. The program then begins its specific processing by emitting a startup banner, consisting of the program name, revision level, system, and the copyright notice. When it finishes processing, it will emit a trailer message indicating that it is done.

### D.2. Audit Switch

The Audit switch will be shown in the syntax as:

```
-a[:a|b|d|p|t|u] | -A file|dir[:a|b|d|p|t|u]
```

Where

- a Append. Do not truncate the file, just append to the current file.
- b Backup. If a previous log file (.lg) exists, rename it to \*.lgb and then open a new .lg file. **On Linux, this will break hard links.**
- d Date. Add date in the form of \_YYYYMMDD before the .lg extension.
- p PID. Add pid in the form of \_NNNN before the .lg extension.
- t Time. Add time in the form of \_YYYYMMDDHHmmsshh before the .lg extension. (YYYY-year, MM-month, DD-day of the month, HH-hour, mm-minute, ss-second, hh-hundredths of seconds.)
- u Username. Add username in the form \_name before the .lg extension.

**NOTE:**

- 1) On Windows, the option "-A c:a" will be treated as open file "c" in append mode in the current directory. Previously this would have been open file "a" in the current directory of drive C:. To get the old behavior, enter

```
"-A c:\a"
```

The audit flags (a,b,d,p,t,u) instruct the Audit processing to take a different action than the default for the audit file. The default action is the same as usual, truncate the file to zero on startup.

**Note that:**

- a Audit to the default file for this command.
- A *file* Audit to the specified file.
- A *dir* Audit to default file in the specified directory.

Audit files contain a copy of any output that was sent to either stdout or stderr, in the same order as it was emitted at

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execution time (i.e., it may be interspersed). The programs handle this internally, so stdout and stderr can still be redirected. The audit file can be specified to use the default name in the current directory (-a), a user specified name (-A *file*), or the default name in a specified directory (-A *dir*). An audit file is always created if it does not already exist. If it does exist, it is truncated to zero, unless the 'a' option on the audit switch is used (e.g., '-a:a').

The default audit file name is <command>.lg.

### D.3. Quiet Switch

The Quiet switch will be shown in the syntax as:

-q

The Quiet switch works by suppressing all output that is emitted to stdout. The most obvious effect is that it suppresses the usual banner and trailer messages that are emitted to stdout as the program starts and terminates. Because it is suppressing stdout, the Quiet switch may also suppress other parts of the usual output.

### D.4. Help Switch

The Help switch will be shown in the syntax as:

-h|-?

The Help switch displays a summary of the command-line syntax, the switches and what they do, and the applicable environment variables.

## E. Filename Extensions

**ICOBOL** requires that extensions for certain types of files match those in the following table except for those marked *defacto*. Those marked *defacto* are only the most commonly used extensions for these purposes and are not required. All **ICOBOL** release files will conform to these *defacto* standards.

- d Those extensions marked as this sentence is marked are extensions in some older revision of **ICOBOL** or ICHOST
- d but are handled in some special cases by current **ICOBOL** utilities.

Common extensions used by **ICOBOL** include:

.cd	Old ICHOST COBOL program file
.cf	Old Configuration file (pre-3.30)
.cfi	Configuration file
.cl	Library file
.co	COBOL Source program (ANSI card format) (defacto)
.cx	COBOL Program file
.er	Error file (defacto)
.fa	File attribute file
.fp	Failsafe protection file
.gsy	global symbol file for the ide
.hf	<b>ICOBOL</b> help files
.icp	ICIDE project files
.lg	Audit / Log file (defacto)
.lgb	previous Audit / Log file
.lk	Link file
.ls	List file (defacto)
.ms	Message file
.od,.nt	Pair of files, ICPACK data and index temporary files
.pd,.dd	Pair of files, older revision COBOL program file (program and data) (pre-ICOBOL 2)
.pq	Printer control file
.pt	Old Printer translation file (pre-3.30)
.pti	Printer translation file (.ini format)
.sd	ICRUN Sort data file (temporary)
.sr	COBOL Source program (free-form format) (defacto)
.st	ICRUN Sort tag file (temporary)
.sy	COBOL Symbol table file
.td	Old Terminal description file (pre-3.30)
.tdi	Terminal description file (.ini format)
.tmp	Temporary file (defacto)
.xco	COBOL Source program (Extended card format) (defacto)
.xd,.nx	Pair of files, COBOL ICISAM file (date and index portion)
.xdb	ICODBC database definition file (.ini format)
.xdt	ICODBC table definition file (.ini format)
.xl	Log file (pre-5.40)
.xlg	Generation log file(pre-5.40)

TABLE 40. Common Filename Extensions used by **ICOBOL**

On Linux, all **ICOBOL** utilities support mixed-case filenames. If a utility needs to add an extension, e.g., .xd/.nx, etc., it searches back from the end of the simple filename for the first alphabetic character. If it finds an upper-case alphabetic, it will use an upper-case extension, otherwise a lower-case extension is used. For example "icheck DATABASE1" and "icheck 12345" would use the lower-case extensions '.xd' and '.nx' for the ICISAM file, while "icheck dataBASE52" would use the upper-case extensions '.XD' and '.NX'.

**F. Exit Codes**

All command-line programs return exit codes that provide an indication of the success or failure of the program. These are returned through the appropriate OS-specific mechanism (e.g., into ERRORLEVEL on Windows and the exit code on Linux). In general, the following codes will be returned:

Exit code	Description
0	The program completed without errors.
1	The program ran, but some items it processed had errors. For example, ICHECK checked a series of files, and some of them were corrupt.
2	The program was running, but was terminated by an operator interrupt or external abort.
3	The program was running, but was terminated by some fatal internal error. For example, the compiler was running but detected that its virtual memory manager had run out of memory unexpectedly.
4	There were command-line errors and so the program did not perform any of the requested function(s).
5	The user was not authorized to execute the program or perform a requested operation, so the program did not run.
6	The program experienced an error during its initialization phase and could not execute. For example, it could not allocate sufficient memory to perform its function.
7	Help was requested
8-9	Reserved for future 'common' errors.
10	These codes are specific to each program and will be documented with each program.
<b>NOTE:</b> All of the programs support exit codes 0 through 9 with the meaning described above.	

**G. Common Environment Variables**

G.1. Overall

There are several common environment entries that most command-line programs use. These are described in detail in this section, which will be referenced in each section describing the **ICOBOL** command-line programs. Other environment variables that are more program specific will be described under each **ICOBOL** command-line program.

All **ICOBOL** command-line programs accept an environment variable specific to themselves called uppercase-command-line-program-name. These specific environment variables can be used to set up options that are always used.

## G.2. ICROOT

ICROOT specifies the **ICOBOL** root directory. ICROOT is used to find needed files and subdirectories like the help directory, print directory, and the term directory.

The syntax is:

```
ICROOT=dir
```

Where

*dir*

Specifies the directory where to find the **ICOBOL** help and term directories. Usually this should be set the current revision directory.

If ICROOT is not set, the current directory is used.

## G.3. ICCONFIGDIR

(Added in 4.70)

*ICCONFIGDIR* specifies a directory for customized system files. If ICCONFIGDIR is specified it will be searched for any customized help, messages, print, or term files. If not found then ICROOT will be used. Since ICROOT usually points to the **ICOBOL** installation directory, this provides a mechanism to have customized versions of system files that are not affected by the installation of a new version of **ICOBOL**.

The syntax is:

```
ICCONFIGDIR=dir
```

Where

*dir*

Specifies the directory where to find the user-customized system directories help, messages, print, and term.

If ICCONFIGDIR is not set, then ICROOT is used. This would be the same as version before 4.70.

## G.4. Executable-Name Environment Variable

All command-line utilities support an environment variable of the same name as the utility in upper-case. For example, the 'iccheck' utility will recognize the variable ICCHECK. The environment variable can contain command line options for the utility which will be processed prior to any options actually present on the command line. If such an environment variable is present, the utility will display the complete set of options at startup.

## G.5. TZ (Windows only)

On Windows, TZ specifies the time zone and number of hours past Greenwich mean time (GMT) for this location.

The syntax is:

```
TZ=tttn [ttt]
```

Where

*ttt*

Specifies a time zone of three letters. The second time zone should be given if daylight-saving time applies at this location.

*n*

Specifies a positive (west) or negative (east) integer number of hours difference from Greenwich mean time (GMT). Up to two digits can be specified.

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If no TZ is specified, **ICOBOL** assumes all times are Greenwich mean time (GMT). If the second time zone is specified, **ICOBOL** assumes that daylight-saving time starts and stops based on the same schedule as used in the USA.

An example for Raleigh, North Carolina, USA would be:

```
SET TZ=EST5EDT
```

TZ is used for the command-line programs to accurately report date and time, and to accurately set date and time information in file headers. It sets the time zone and number of hours past Greenwich mean time (GMT) for this location.

## XI. COMPILER (ICOBOL)

### A. Overview

The **ICOBOL** Compiler (ICOBOL) is available for the Linux and Windows environments. The compiler works the same in all environments except as stated in this manual. The following sections describe the requirements for the various operating environments.

The **ICOBOL** compiler provides the following features:

- a number of compile-time optimizations, including the detection and elimination of unreferenced data and unused code
- warnings about non-standard features or misuse of **ANSI 85** features when compiling for ANSI COBOL 74
- the ability to select the **ICOBOL** dialect (**ANSI 74**, **ANSI 85**, or *VXCOBOL*)
- enhanced compilation performance
- the ability to create a cross-reference listing

The **ICOBOL** compiler requires an **ICOBOL** Development license to be available from the license manager (ICPERMIT). Please see your Installing and Configuring **ICOBOL** on Linux, or Installing and Configuring **ICOBOL** on Windows manuals on how to install and use ICPERMIT to allow the **ICOBOL** compiler to be authorized.

The **ICOBOL** compiler generates a COBOL executable file with the .cx extension. This .cx file when used in conjunction with the runtime system (icrun) allows the COBOL program to be executed in any environment in which the runtime is available.

### B. Syntax

The syntax for the **ICOBOL** compiler is:

```
icobol [-a[:aflag]|-A file|dir[:aflag]] [-B 1|2|4] [-c] [-C copydir]...
  [-D ic|vx|85] [-e|-E erdir] [-F f|c] [-G {a|b|d|e|g|h|i|n|p|q|s}...]
  [-h|-?] [-H cnt] [-i] [-I {g|m|p|x}...] [-l|-L lmdir] [-M dmdir]
  [-N {h|p|s|u}...] [-o|-O rev] [-P cxdir] [-q] [-R rev] [-s] [-S num]
  [-w] [-X "string"] [-Z sydir] { infile }...
```

Where

- a[:aflag] or -A file|dir[:aflag] (Audit)  
Enables auditing (default icobol.lg). Where *aflag* is a|b|d|p|t|u. *Aflags* are a-append, b-backup, d-date, p-pid, t-time, u-username.
- B 1|2|4 (Byte alignment)  
Where to align 01 & 77 level items. Options are: 1-byte, 2-byte, or 4-byte. Default is 2.
- c (Copy source directory)  
Add the directory of the main source file to the COPY list.
- C *copydir* (Copy directory)  
Add *copydir* to COPY searchlist. A maximum of 16 directories can be added this way.
- D ic|vx|85 (Dialect)  
Select **ICOBOL** dialect. Dialects are:  
ic-icobol (traditional **ANSI 74** with extensions),  
vx-icobolvx (*VXCOBOL*),  
85-strict (**ANSI 85**).

- Default is ic.
- e | -E *erdir* (Error)  
Specify error file. Redirect messages to *infile.er* for -e, or to *erdir/infile.er* for -E.
  - F c|f|x (Format source)  
Select source format. Options are c-card, f-free-form, or x-extended card. Default is f.
  - G {a|b|d|e|g|h|i|n|p|q|s}... (General)  
General switch allows various options to be specified. Multiple options may be specified. Options are:
    - a-ANSI (**VXCOBOL**)
    - b-COMP size check by bytes (**ANSI 85 and VXCOBOL**)
    - d-compile debug lines
    - e-ISO screen behavior
    - g-GO TO from/to/among declaratives is warning
    - h-require ANSI SEARCH ALL rules (**VXCOBOL**)
    - i-imply DUPLICATES
    - n-allow <nnn> lits
    - p-COMP size check by PIC (**ANSI 74**)
    - q-allow **ISQL** support
    - s-single-key is ICISAM (**VXCOBOL**)
  - h | -? (Help)  
Display help text.
  - H *cnt* (Hard error limit)  
Halt compile of each program after *cnt* errors. Default is to compile till end-of-file or a Fatal Error.
  - i (Info)  
Put out messages of category "information"
  - I {g|m|p|x}... (Include in listing)  
Include in listing options. Multiple options may be specified. Options are:
    - g-use global line numbers,
    - m-show metacode & pc,
    - p-show only the pc,
    - x-cross reference.
  - l | -L *lmdir* (Listing file)  
Specify listing file. Produce a listing in *infile.ls* for -l, or to *lmdir/infile.ls* for -L.
  - M *dddir* (Make ICODBC data definition files)  
Create ICODBC definition files: *dddir*\*.xd[t|b]. Works with the ICODBC options (-X *string*) switch.
  - N {h|i|p|s|u}... (NO)  
NO options. Multiple options may be specified. Options are:
    - h-No - to \$ translation
    - i-No ic-xxx intrinsic functions
    - p-No check or recovery for missing period
    - s-No space needed in comma or semicolon separators
    - u-No USE, INVALID KEY or AT END required.
  - o|-O *rev* (OEM version)  
Set OEM version in .cx to be the compiler's version(-o) or 'rev' (limit 8 characters).
  - P *cxdir* (Program files)  
Specify location of .where to place the generated .cx program files as *cxdir*\infile.cx
  - q (Quiet)  
Specify quiet operation.
  - R *rev* (Revision)  
Specify the code revision to be compiled. Valid revisions are 1 (3.0x), 2 (3.2x), 3 (3.4x), 4 (3.5x), 5 (4.4x), 6 (4.5x), or 7 (5.xx). The default is always the maximum revision supported, which is 7.
  - s (Stats)  
Put out statistics.
  - S num (compiler Source lines)  
Set the maximum number of compiler source lines. The absolute maximum is 200,000. The default is 60000.
  - w (Warnings)  
Put out Warning messages.



- X "*string*" (ICODBC options)  
Options for ICODEBC definition file creation.
  - Z *sydir* (Debug)  
Causes the symbol files needed for debugging to be generated. The program symbol file (*infile.sy*) will be created in the directory given by *sydir*. The path for the symbol file(s) will also need to be passed to the runtime using the same switch value or -z for the current directory.
- infile*  
is one or more COBOL source files or a template representing source files to compile.

**Options for -X "string" above:**

- F 1|2|3|4 (ICODBC Format)  
Column format:
  - 1-exactly as in source,
  - 2-exactly as in source with '\_' replacing hyphen,
  - 3-initial caps after hyphens with hyphens removed,
  - 4-initial caps after hyphens with '\_' replacing hyphen. (default is 3)
- G p (ICODBC General)  
General options: p-COMP items have precision based on size.
- I f (ICODBC Include)  
Include options: f-filler items are included.
- L *min:max* (ICODBC Level numbers)  
Include only items with level numbers between *min* and *max*.
- n (ICODBC Not overwrite)  
Do not overwrite existing .xdb and .xdt files.
- N {g|n|r|s}... (ICODBC No)  
NO options:
  - g-no group items are included,
  - n-no RENAMES (level 66) items included,
  - r-no REDEFINES items included,
  - s-no secondary record definitions included.
- {-P *old[:new]}*... (ICODBC Prefix)  
Replace the prefix '*old*-' with '*new*-' in column names. If '*new*' is not specified, remove '*old*-' . Multiple ICODEBC Prefix (-P) switches may be specified.

B.1. Rules

- (a) The compile switches may be specified in any order.
- (b) For the General switch (-G) and No switch (-N), one or more of the option values may be specified and they may be specified in any order.
- (c) On Windows, the '/' can be used in place of the '-' as long as it is used consistently throughout the command-line.
- (d) For *infile*, if the source name does not have an extension and a file by that name is NOT found, an extension of the appropriate case is appended. First, a '.co' or '.CO' extension ('.cob' or '.COB' if using *VXCOBOL*) is appended and sought, but if that name is NOT found, a '.sr' or '.SR' extension is appended to the original filename and sought.

**NOTE:** If both *foo.co* and *foo.sr* exist in the same directory, specifying

```
icobol foo
```

will only compile '*foo.co*' since the *.co* extension is sought first.

- (e) On Linux, the extension case is determined based on the last alphabetic character in the simple part of the

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filename. If the last alphabetic character is upper-case, then the extension will be upper-case, otherwise a lower-case extension will be used. The recommendation is to always use lowercase filenames.

- (f) If multiple source files are given, each file is compiled separately as though it was the only source file given.
- (g) The input filename can specify a wildcard template. The valid template characters are '?' and '\*' and match any one character or series of characters, respectively.
- (h) If the **ICOBOL** compiler detects an error while compiling, no program file (.CX) is generated and the compiler returns with a non-zero exit code when it terminates. If there is an existing program file, it is not modified.
- (i) On Linux, copy files are always sought in lower-case. If files must be converted from upper-case to lower-case the makelow script, in the examples sub-directory of the release, can be used.

### B.2. Environment Variables

The **ICOBOL** compiler looks for the following environment variables in addition to ICROOT and ICCONFIGDIR:

**ICOBOL** sets standard switches. The contents of **ICOBOL** are treated like switches from the command line that are processed before the command line. The environment variable may only contain switches, no input file arguments. Since the contents of the environment variable contains spaces, it must be enclosed in quotes in most Linux shells.

For example to compile using the strict **ANSI 85** dialect (-D 85), always produce a listing (-l), include warnings (-w), and search *copy\_dir* for COPY files, the environment variable **ICOBOL** can be set as follows:

#### On Windows:

```
> SET ICOBOL=-D 85 -l -w -C copy_dir
```

#### On Linux with the Bourne shell:

```
$ ICOBOL="-D 85 -l -w -C copy_dir"  
$ export ICOBOL
```

This setup of the **ICOBOL** environment variable can be included in the 'Environment' tab of the System Properties sheet on Windows or in your .profile file on Linux.

## C. Switches

### C.1. Overview

All **ICOBOL** compiler switches start with a dash '-' followed by the switch with no spaces. Each individual switch must be separated by a space or spaces from the other switches. Switches are case-sensitive. On Windows, the slash '/' can be used in place of the dash as long as it is used consistently throughout the command line.

The general standard for switches is that a lower-case switch is only an ON or OFF switch. An UPPER-CASE switch implies that an additional argument, delimited by spaces, follows this switch.

In addition to the following switches, which are unique to the **ICOBOL** compiler, also see the Common Switches section, beginning on page [735](#).

C.2. Byte Alignment Switch (-B 1|2|4)

This switch instructs the compiler to align 01 level and 77 level items on a specific boundary. The valid values are 1, 2, and 4. A value of 1 causes the compiler to allocate 01 or 77 level items on a byte boundary, i.e., there is no specific alignment. A value of 2, the default, causes the compiler to allocate the items on a 2-byte (word) boundary. A value of 4 causes the compiler to allocate the items on a 4-byte (double-word) boundary. As a general rule, the default value is recommended unless a specific alignment is needed in order to interface with a linked-in routine.

C.3. COPY Sourcedir Switch (-c)

This switch specifies to the compiler to add the source directory for the main source file to the list of directories that will be searched for COPY files if the file is NOT found in the current working directory. This directory is added IN FRONT of the directories specified by the -C dir switch.

C.4. COPY Path Switch (-C *copydir*)

This switch specifies to the compiler that, in addition to the current directory, the specified *copydir* directory will be searched for any COPY files with non-full pathnames (simple or relative). I.E., both the names "*source1*" and "*dir1\source1*" would be sought using the extra copydir's, but "*dir1\source1*" would not since it has a full-pathname. Up to sixteen directories can be specified in this manner with the -C switch in front of each directory. For example:

```
-C directory1 -C directory2 -C directory3 -C directory4
```

would specify four additional directories to search for COPY files after looking in the current directory. The directories will be searched in the order specified on the command line.

The name specified as the input file is not sought along the COPY Path set of directories.

C.5. Dialect Switch (-D ic|vx|85)

This switch selects the **ICOBOL** dialect. Valid dialects are:

- ic  
The fundamental dialect. It is consistent with traditional **ICOBOL**, and uses **ANSI 74** file status codes and file-handling semantics. This is the default.
- vx  
This dialect is consistent with the syntax and semantics used by Data General's AOS/VS COBOL and by Envyr Corporation's **VXCOBOL**.
- 85  
This is the stricter **ANSI 85** dialect. It is consistent with **ICOBOL2** code compiled with the (now obsolete) -M 85 option. It uses **ANSI 85** file status codes and file handling semantics.

C.6. Error File Switch (-e | -E *erdir*)

The -e and -E switches are mutually exclusive.

The -e switch specifies that the name of the error file is to be the name of the source program (*infile*) with the '.er' extension (i.e., *infile.er*). If *infile* has an extension, the extension is removed before '.er' is appended. When used with multiple source files or a template, each individual source program will have its own error file.

The -E *erdir* switch specifies that the error file should be the source file with the '.er' extension and that the file should be placed in the directory specified by *erdir*.

### C.7. Format Switch (-F c | f | x)

This switch specifies the format of the source program being compiled.

Where

- c specifies ANSI Card format
- f specifies Free-form format (also known as CRT format)
- x specifies Extended Card format (also known as xcard)

All COPY files in the program must have the same format as the program that uses them.

### C.8. General Switch (-G {a|b|d|e|g|h|i|k|n|p|q|s}... )

This switch provides a mechanism to enable a particular enhanced feature of the **ICOBOL** compiler. The switch options that are available are:

- a (ANSI) (**VXCOBOL**). Causes COMP items to be stored based on picture, IS NUMERIC test is strict ANSI (item must be USAGE DISPLAY and spaces are not allowed), and OPEN OUTPUT of a sequential file will delete and recreate.
- b (COMP size check by bytes) (**ANSI 85 and VXCOBOL**) This is the default for **ANSI 74**. By default, **ANSI 85 and VXCOBOL** size checks by picture.
- d (With DEBUGGING) causes the compiler compile all debugging lines. If not given, debugging lines are treated as comment lines.
- e (ISO screen behavior) causes the compiler to invoke ISO screen behavior. This option is useful when migrating to **ICOBOL** from certain other COBOL products. When specified on the compilation, runtime behavior is altered as follows: (1) BLANK LINE erases the entire line, (2) ERASE LINE erases from the cursor to the end of the line, and (3) ERASE SCREEN erases from the cursor to the end of the screen.
- g (GO TO from/to/among declaratives is warning) Normally this is an error and we recommend against the use of this option.
- h (Require ANSI SEARCH ALL rules) (**VXCOBOL**) Requires that the SEARCH ALL statement conform to ANSI syntax. Without this switch, SEARCH ALL syntax is identical to SEARCH.
- i (Imply DUPLICATES) Specifies that the ALTERNATE KEY clause should ALWAYS imply the WITH DUPLICATES phrase.
- n (Numbers) (**VXCOBOL**) allow the constructs <nnn> or <onnn> or (**ANSI 74/85**) allow the constructs <nnn>, <onnn>, <dnnn>, and <xnn> in nonnumeric literals to specify a byte value represented by the nnn or nn numbers. In the case of <nnn> and <onnn>, nnn represents an octal value, in <dnnn> nnn represents a decimal value, and in <xnn> nn represents a hex value. Upper and lower case 'o', 'd', and 'x' can be used to specify octal, decimal, or hex. In hex mode, upper and lower case 'a' - 'f' can be used. The value for any byte must be in the range 0 - 255 (decimal). For octal and decimal no more than three digits can be specified and for hex no more than two digits can be specified. <1> is treated as <001>. The construct << can be used to enter a single < when the General number switch (-G n) has been specified. Only one byte can be specified per <> pair.
- p (COMP size check by PIC) (**ANSI 74**) This is the default for **ANSI 85 and VXCOBOL**. **ANSI 74** size check by bytes.
- q (**ISQL** Support) Allow Integrated SQL support, including SQL data types and SQL statements. Enables the **ISQL** feature-set.
- s (Single-key is ICISAM) (**VXCOBOL**) For **VXCOBOL**, the default for a single-key indexed file is to use INFOS. Specifying this switch will cause ICISAM files to be used.

C.9. Hard Error Limit Switch (-H *cnt*)

This switch provides a mechanism to instruct the compiler to stop compiling a file after a certain number of errors are encountered. Normally the compiler continues to process the file until a Fatal Error is encountered or the end-of-file is reached. Valid values for *cnt* can be from 1 to 65535.

For example, if "-H 10" were given on the compile line then after the tenth error is encountered a message would be given that the maximum number of errors has been reached and that this compile is terminating.

*Cnt* is only for a single compile. If multiple compiles are being done, the error counter is reset at the start of each compilation.

C.10. Information Switch (-i)

This switch causes the compiler to display all information messages. The default is to not display information messages.

C.11. Include listing options Switch (-I {g|m|p|x}... )

This switch allows the programmer to select from the following options to include in the compiler output listing. One or more options may be specified in any order.

Where

- g Specifies that global line numbers be included in the output listing. By default, each copy file starts a new set of line numbers for that source.
- m Specifies that metacode and pc be included in the output listing.
- p Specifies that the pc be included in the output listing.
- x Specifies that a cross-reference be included in the output listing.

If not specified, none of the above is done. If the Listing File Switch is not specified, it is implied.

C.12. Listing File Switch (-l | -L *lmdir*)

The -l and -L switches are mutually exclusive.

The -l switch specifies that the name of the list file is to be the name of the source program (*infile*) with the '.ls' extension (i.e., *infile.ls*). When used with multiple source files or a template, each individual source program will have its own list file.

The -L *lmdir* switch specifies that the list file should be the source file with the '.ls' extension and that the file should be placed in the directory specified by *lmdir*. When used with multiple source files or a template each individual source program will have its own list file in the *lmdir* directory.

The listing file will show any dialect, format source, or compile options. Each source line will be shown with its line number, whether the line came from a COPY file (c), a flag character (<, >, or \*), and a space preceding each actual source line.

The results of a COPY ... REPLACING statement are clearly shown. Lines (or parts of lines) which are removed are indicated with a < next to the line number. Lines (or parts of lines) which are being inserted are marked with a > next to the line number. For each replacement, the listing will show the text word or words being removed (<) and those, if any, being inserted (>).

The following example shows a COPY file included without any replacement (at line 23) and the same copy file (included at line 25) with 3 items replaced. Note that the positions of the inserted text are displayed at the location in which they appeared in the COPY statement.

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```
23 < COPY "TESTFILE.FD".
1c FD TESTFILE.
2c 01 TESTFILE-REC.
3c 04 FILLER PIC X(25).
4c 04 TESTFILE-STUFF PIC X(25).
24
25 < COPY "TESTFILE.FD" REPLACING TESTFILE BY TESTFILE2
26 < TESTFILE-REC BY TESTFILE2-REC
27 < TESTFILE-STUFF BY TESTFILE2-STUFF.
1c FD
1c< TESTFILE
> TESTFILE2
1c .
2c 01
2c< TESTFILE-REC
> TESTFILE2-REC
2c .
3c 04 FILLER PIC X(25).
4c 04
4c< TESTFILE-STUFF
> TESTFILE2-STUFF
4c PIC X(25).
```

### C.13. Make ICODBC Data Definition Files Switch (-M *dddir*)

This switch creates ICODBC definition files: *dddir*\\*.xdt and *dddir*\\*.xdb. The *-X string* switch is used to pass options for creating ICODBC definition files. See the ICODBC Section later in this chapter (starting on page [758](#)), for more information on this support. This option requires symbol files so if no Debug Switch is specified, the symbol files (.sy) are placed in the same *dddir* directory.

### C.14. No Switch (-N {h|p|s|u}...)

This switch provides a mechanism to disable particular default features of the **ICOBOL** compiler. Valid option values for the No switch are:

- h (No dollar signs) do not replace “-“ with “\$” for a generated external name as specified in the Language Reference manual, in the Default Filenames table that is included in the section describing the ASSIGN clause of the SELECT statement.
- I (No ic-xxx intrinsic functions). The compiler will omit the ic-xxx intrinsic functions, which are an extension to standard COBOL.
- p (No check or recovery for missing Periods). In certain cases, the compiler attempts to recover from missing periods. This option suppresses that behavior.
- s (No check for Space) no space needed in comma or semicolon separators.
- u (No USE, INVALID KEY, or AT END required). Certain statements require a coded method of error checking. Use this option only if you code error checks in-line after each statement.

To disable any of these features, use the No switch (-N) followed by a space and then the switch values, in any order, of the features to be disabled (without spaces).

For example, ‘-N hp’:

- (1) will NOT replace “-“ with “\$” in generated external filenames, and
- (2) will NOT check for or fix missing periods.

**C.15. OEM Version Switch (-o | -O *rev*)**

The -o switch instructs the compiler to set the OEM version in the .cx file to be the compiler's version.

The -O switch instructs the compiler to set the OEM version in the .cx file to be '*rev*' (limited to 3 characters).

**C.16. Program Output File Switch (-P *cxdir*)**

This switch specifies that the .cx program output file(s) should be placed in the directory specified by *cxdir*.

**C.17. Revision Switch (-R 1|2|3|4|5|6|7)**

The -R *x* switch instructs the compiler to allow only syntax that generates code of the specified .CX revision or less. The compiler will not allow syntax that generates code above the revision level specified. This switch is useful to generate program files to run on older systems. The compiler will set the .CX revision to the specified value when generating code.

The -R 1 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 1 .cx files (**ICOBOL 3.00**).

The -R 2 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 2 .cx files (**ICOBOL 3.20**). Revision 2 supports new functionality for ACCEPT and DISPLAY.

The -R 3 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 3 .cx files (**ICOBOL 3.40**). Revision 3 supports the **ISQL** data types and statements (when used with the -G q switch) along with some minor performance enhancement opcodes. Programs compiled at this level require at least a 3.40 runtime in order to execute, even if no new opcodes are generated.

The -R 4 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 4 .cx files (**ICOBOL 3.50**). Revision 4 supports up to 255 operands in a FETCH statement. This will allow 255 columns to be fetched. The previous limit was 100. A 3.50 or higher revision runtime is required to execute revision 4 .cx files.

The -R 5 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 5 .cx files (**ICOBOL 4.40**). Revision 5 supports the Intrinsic Functions added in 4.40. A 4.40 or higher runtime is required to execute revision 5 .cx files.

The -R 6 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 6 .cx files (**ICOBOL 4.50**). Revision 6 supports the new Intrinsic Functions added in 4.50, SQL-ADD-ESCAPES and SQL-REMOVE-ESCAPES, along with the two new statements GET COLUMNS and GET TABLES. A 4.50 or higher runtime is required to execute revision 6 .cx files.

The -R 7 switch instructs the compiler to produce revision 7 .cx files (**ICOBOL 5.00**). Revision 7 allocates 64-bits (8 bytes) for USAGE IS POINTER instead of 32-bits (4 bytes). If a -R 6 or below .cx file is run on a 32-bit runtime it will run as expected. If run on a 64-bit runtime it can generate a fatal runtime error when trying to store an address into an item with USAGE IS POINTER. Error will be 2131 "The allocated storage for USAGE IS POINTER is too small." You will need to recompile with -R 7 or greater. A 5.00 or higher runtime is required to execute revision 7 .cx files.

If no -R switch is given, -R 7 is the default.

**C.18. Statistics Switch (-s)**

This switch instructs the compiler to put out statistics that include the a) start and stop time, b) number of lines and lines per minute, c) the number of errors, warnings, and information messages encountered, and d) a blank line for each individual source compiled.

### C.19. Source lines Switch (-S)

This switch instructs the compiler on how many lines to compile. If not specified, the default is 60000 lines. The absolute maximum lines allowed is 200,000 lines for the whole compile including COPY files and 65534 lines per individual file.

### C.20. Warnings Switch (-w)

This switch instructs the compiler to put out Warning messages. The default is no Warnings.

### C.21. ICODBC Options Switch (-X “string”)

Options for ICODBC definition files are in “string”. Valid options are:

#### -F 1|2|3|4 (ICODBC Column format)

This option specifies how column names are to be created from the COBOL data names. Options are:

- 1-exactly as in source,
- 2-exactly as in source with '\_' replacing hyphen,
- 3-initial caps after hyphens with hyphens removed,
- 4-initial caps after hyphens with '\_' replacing hyphen  
(default is 3)

#### -G p (ICODBC General options)

p-COMP items have precision based on size, rather than picture

#### -I f (ICODBC Include options)

f-filler items are included (i.e., a column definition is created for each FILLER item)

#### -L *min:max* (ICODBC Level)

Only include column definitions for data items with level numbers between *min* and *max*:  $1 \leq min \leq max \leq 49$ . (Level 66 items must be explicitly excluded with the -N n option.) If no -L is specified, all levels are included.

#### -n (ICODBC No overwrite)

Do not overwrite existing .xdb and .xdt files

#### -N {g|n|r|s}... (ICODBC NO options)

Specifies data items which are NOT to be included in the column definitions. Valid options are:

- g-no group items are included,
- n-no RENAMES (level 66) items included,
- r-no REDEFINES items included,
- s-no secondary record definitions included

#### {-P old[:new]}... (ICODBC Prefix)

Replace the prefix 'old-' with 'new-' in column names. If 'new' is not specified, remove 'old-'. Multiple ICODBC Prefix (-P) switches may be specified.

These options are only used if the Make ICODBC Definition files switch (-M) is given. See the ICODBC Section later in this chapter (starting on page [758](#)), for more information on this support.

### C.22. Debug Switch (-Z *sydir*)

This switch instructs the compiler to generate the needed symbol file(s) for use when debugging. The symbol file (infile.sy) will be generated in the directory *sydir*. The symbol file information must be specified to the runtime using its -Z or -z switch also.



## D. Messages

### D.1. Overview

The **COBOL** compiler generates four levels of messages. These are:

- (1) Fatal errors, which cause the compilation to halt.
- (2) Errors, which cause the compiler to attempt to continue the compilation but no program files will be generated.
- (3) Warnings, which will generally imply a construct that:
  - a) will not compile under 1.xx **COBOL** compilers,
  - b) is not standard in comparison to the **ANSI COBOL 85** standard, or
  - c) is ignored or has behavior which might not be expected.
 Warnings will not suppress the creation of a program file.
- (4) Information messages which will help the programmer to clean up his program. For example to indicate that a data item is never referenced or a piece of code is never executed.

#### D.1.1 Format

Messages from the compiler are shown in three different formats depending on where the message is being placed: the screen (stdout), the error file, or the listing file.

When coming to the screen (stdout) messages are displayed in a one line format as shown below :

```
** source-file (line-number, col-num): Msg-type: Msg-text
```

Where

*source-file*

is the fully resolved name of the appropriate source filename

*line-num*

is the local line number in the *source-file* of the condition.

*col-num*

is the column of the start of the token that caused the condition.

*Msg-type*

Is Fatal, Error, Warning, or Info.

*Msg-text*

Is the actual text for this particular message.

When going to the error file, messages are displayed in a five line format as shown below:

```
Line # of filename
<actual COBOL line from the source file>
a circumflex (^) is positioned at the place which caused the message to be generated
Msg-type: Msg text
(blank line)
```

Where

#

Is the appropriate local line number.

*filename*

Is the fully resolved name of the appropriate source file.

*Msg-type*

Is Fatal, Error, Warning, or Info.

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### *Msg-text*

Is the actual text for this particular message.

When going to the listing file, messages are displayed after the affected line of text in a three-line format as shown below:

```
<actual COBOL line from the source file>
a circumflex (^) is positioned at the place which caused the message to be generated
Msg-type:  Msg text
          (blank line)
```

Where

### *Msg-type*

Is Fatal, Error, Warning, or Info.

### *Msg-text*

Is the actual text for this particular message.

A blank line is always inserted to more easily allow the messages to be viewed.

### D.1.2 Examples

Two examples of the messages are given below:

#### Example 1 to screen:

```
** C:\test200\logon.sr (1662,1): Info:  This item is never referenced.
```

#### Example 2 to screen:

```
** C:\test200\logon.sr (1185,24): Info:  Code was generated the same as 1.xx ICOBOL (which
resets the TALLY variable to zero).
```

#### Example 1 to error file:

```
Line 1662 of C:\test200\logon.sr
DETERMINE-TERMINAL.
^
Info:  This item is never referenced.
```

#### Example 2 to error file:

```
Line 1185 of C:\test200\logon.sr
INSPECT F-STR TALLYING LOW-CTR FOR ALL LOW-VALUES.
^
Info: Code was generated the same as 1.xx ICOBOL (which resets the TALLY variable to zero).
```

### D.1.3. Rules

- (1) Information messages are displayed only when the Info switch (-i) is given.
- (2) Warning messages are displayed only when the Warning switch (-w) is given.
- (3) Fatal Errors and Errors are always displayed.

## D.2. Error Messages

The **ICOBOL** compiler provides a level of messages for those features of **ICOBOL** that are in error. Generally errors result from improperly coded COBOL code where either a syntax rule or general rule has been violated.

There are some errors that can occur on a file that compiles correctly with previous (usually Data General) **ICOBOL** compilers. These generally are places where the previous **ICOBOL** compiler did not check for the error. This compiler will give an error in these cases and will not generate a program file. These must be fixed in order to compile successfully.

Some examples of these types of error are given below with the Message text that you will see on the Error line followed by a description of what causes the message:

1. This option may only be used with a group, TO clause, or USING clause.

Some previous compilers allowed the AUTO clause on a FROM clause, although it makes no sense and was prohibited in the documentation.

2. The JUSTIFIED clause may only be specified with a FROM clause or USING clause.

In the SCREEN Section, previous compilers ignored the JUSTIFIED clause on items with the TO clause even though it was prohibited in the documentation.

3. The JUSTIFIED clause may not be specified for a numeric or edited item.

Some previous compilers ignored the JUSTIFIED clause on a numeric or edited item even though it was prohibited in the documentation and by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards.

4. A GO TO statement may not branch between declarative and non-declarative procedures.

Previous compilers allowed this construct, even though it was prohibited in the documentation and by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards. This construct can eventually lead to a "Perform stack overflow" error at runtime, since a perform is pushed onto the stack when the declarative section is executed, but is never popped off again. (This error can be turned into a warning with the -G w switch, but this is not recommended.)

5. Syntax error. (on a PICTURE in a level 88)

Previous compilers ignored the PICTURE clause on a level 88 even though it is prohibited in the documentation and by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards. The PICTURE clause should be removed.

6. This item must refer to an elementary integer data item.

Previous compilers allowed an alphanumeric item to be used in a GO TO DEPENDING ON, even though it was prohibited in the documentation and by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards. This must be changed to an integer.

## D.3. Warning Messages

When not running in **ANSI 85** mode (-D 85), the **ICOBOL** compiler provides a level of warning messages for those features of **ICOBOL** that do not meet the **ANSI COBOL 85** standard. These warnings are provided to encourage the programmer to clean-up and/or fix these areas such that the code will still work in the **ICOBOL** environment but do not meet **ANSI 85** requirements.

Some examples of these types of warnings are given below with the Message text that you will see on the Warning line, followed by a description of what causes the warning:

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1. This item must be an elementary item, not a group item.

In the flagged statement this particular item must be an elementary item. **ICOBOL** allows group items here if they are only 1-byte in length.

2. The RECORDING MODE clause is valid only for a SEQUENTIAL file. (Self explanatory.)

3. The composite of operands is greater than 18 digits.

Previous compilers did not detect when more than 18 digits of total precision are used in an ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, or DIVIDE statement. This compiler detects this. These should either be fixed or changed to COMPUTE statements, which do not check the precision.

Example: An ADD of a PIC 9.9 to a PIC 9(18) would create a 19 digit precision. (i.e., PIC 9(18).9).

Previous compilers treated index-names and index data items just like a PIC 9(5) COMPUTATIONAL item. As a result, index-names and index data items can be totally misused from what the standard allows. The next several messages all pertain to the use (or misuse) of index-names, index data items, and/or the SET and MOVE statements.

4. The value must be an integer value greater than zero.

Previous compilers allowed a SET index-name to 0. This is prohibited by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards since 0 is NEVER a valid occurrence number.

5. This index-name is not listed in a corresponding INDEXED BY list.

Previous compilers allowed any index-name to be used to subscript any table. The **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards only allow the index-name to be used with the table with which it is associated in the INDEXED BY phrase.

6. The operand is the wrong class or type for the operation.

The **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards define index-names and index data items to be separate types that are NOT numeric. The SET statement only allows specific combinations of index-name, index data item, and numeric data items or literals.

7. This is an invalid use of an index-name or index data item.

Previous compilers allowed index-names and index data items to be used in arithmetic and MOVE statements. This is prohibited by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards.

8. A numeric item or index-name is required.

This message usually appears in a PERFORM VARYING using an index data item, which previous compilers allowed, but which is prohibited by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards.

9. This item must refer to an elementary integer data item.

Previous compilers allowed index-names and index data items to be used in a GO TO DEPENDING ON, even though it was prohibited in the documentation and by the **ANSI COBOL 74** and **ANSI COBOL 85** standards.

### D.4. Information Messages

The **ICOBOL** compiler provides a level of messages that inform the programmer about certain aspects of the code or data of which he may not otherwise be aware. These messages also may indicate what the compiler is doing about a

particular data item or code sequence. In most cases, these messages are about unreferenced data items and unexecutable code.

Some examples of these types of messages are given below, with the Message text that you will see on the Info line followed by a description of what causes the message:

1. This item is never referenced.

This message indicates that the level 01 data name (and every sub-item) or 77 data name or the paragraph name is never referenced. The compiler will not include these items in the program file.

2. This section is unreachable; the entire section has been eliminated.
3. This paragraph is unreachable; the entire paragraph has been eliminated.
4. This statement is unreachable; it (and possibly others following) has been eliminated.
5. This paragraph is the end of a PERFORM range, but the end of the paragraph is unreachable.
6. This word is a reserved word in some other compatibility mode.

This message is given when a user-defined word has been defined that will conflict with the *VXCOBOL* Reserved Word list or with a Reserved Word in another COBOL compiler. Changing this word to a new name will allow for an easier future migration.

The first five of these messages say the particular piece of code can never be executed and thus is being eliminated from the program file. These messages can be used as a guide to detect unexecutable portions of code.

In addition, #5 implies that you could use a GO TO statement rather than a PERFORM, since the PERFORM will never return.

The following messages are generated as part of detecting invalid code versus the **ANSI COBOL 74** or **ANSI COBOL 85** standards. These messages can be moved to warnings by using the General Bad code switch (-G b).

1. Code was generated the same as 1.xx **ICOBOL**.

On storing into a Signed COMPUTATIONAL item, **ICOBOL** does not account for the sign bit when detecting size error.

Example: For a PIC S9(2) COMPUTATIONAL item (i.e., 1 byte) a store of 129 will succeed, but give the value -127. It should have been a size error since the value 129 will not fit in the item.

**NOTE:** This does not occur when the -G s switch is used, since size check is then based on the number of digits, not the binary value.

2. Code was generated the same as 1.xx **ICOBOL** (which generates incorrect code).

This message is generated in the following cases:

- (a) on a comparison between a numeric integer and a figurative constant other than ZEROS (i.e., HIGH-VALUES, LOW-VALUES), 1.xx **ICOBOL** generates an alphanumeric to alphanumeric comparison, and the proper operation is to generate a numeric to alphanumeric comparison.
  - (b) on a MOVE of a figurative constant other than ZEROS (i.e., HIGH-VALUES or LOW-VALUES) to a numeric or numeric edited item 1.xx **ICOBOL** generates an alphanumeric move. The proper operation is to generate a numeric to numeric or numeric edited move, treating the alphanumeric items as an unsigned integer.
3. Code was generated the same as 1.xx **ICOBOL** (which resets the TALLY variable to zero)

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**ICOBOL** (in ANSI 74 mode) always resets the tallying counter in an INSPECT statement to zero before it starts tallying. The standard says that the tallying counter is **ONLY** incremented, i.e., if a zero was in the variable when the INSPECT started it would execute just like 1.xx **ICOBOL**, otherwise the variable would come out with a different result.

4. Code was generated the same as 1.xx **ICOBOL** (which ignores S in the picture)

**ICOBOL** accepts an S in the PICTURE clause of Screen Section entries and ignores it unless the SIGN IS clause is also specified. If the SIGN IS clause is absent, it is preferable to either remove the S, thereby making the entry unsigned, or to use the plus (+) or minus (-) PICTURE characters.

## E. Example Output

Two examples of what the output of an **ICOBOL** compiler invocation looks like are given below:

### Example 1

```
$ icobol logon
icobol Revision 5.40 (Linux for x86 (ln7 64-bit))
Copyright (C) 1987-2020, Envyr Corporation. All rights
reserved.
Options: -G n
Compiling /ictests/cobolsrc/logon.sr
1 file/argument was processed
No files/arguments had errors
icobol is finished
$
```

### Example 2

```
$ icobol -s logon
icobol Revision 5.40 (Linux for x86 (ln7 64-bit))
Copyright (C) 1987-2020, Envyr Corporation. All rights
reserved.
Options: -G n -s
Compiling /ictests/cobolsrc/logon.sr
Start: Mar-07-2020 13:44:49.03 Stop: Mar-07-2020 13:44:49.04
3448 lines compiled in 0.01 seconds (20688000 lines per
minute)
No errors, 2 warnings, 47 info messages

1 file/argument was processed
No files/arguments had errors
icobol is finished
$
```

## F. Cross Reference Output

The cross reference output is attached at the end of the listing file and will have the following format:

```

Start of Cross Reference

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION Symbols:
...

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION (CONFIGURATION SECTION) Symbols:
...

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION (INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION) Symbols:
...

DATA DIVISION (FILE SECTION) Symbols:
...

DATA DIVISION (WORKING-STORAGE SECTION) Symbols:
...

DATA DIVISION (LINKAGE SECTION) Symbols:
...

DATA DIVISION (SCREEN SECTION) Symbols:
...

PROCEDURE DIVISION Symbols:
...

End of Cross Reference

```

Each symbol is displayed in the following format:

SYMBOLNAME    symbol-type, symbol-type-info,  
                  level number (when needed), address (in data) or pc (in code), size (bytes), and occurs (for  
                  tables), segment count, also count, and occurs for key-names.

[*sourcename*]    xxx <*howused*>

Where

*sourcename*

Is the simple filename to which the following line numbers belong and is only given when there are COPY files.

*symbol-type* and  
*symbol-type-info*

Are defined below in TABLE 41.

*xxx*

Is the line number in the source where this entry is used.

<*howused*>

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How the symbol is used at this linenumber can include any of the following:

(dead)	Usage occurs in dead code
(implied )	Usage is implied by an operation
Begin	Procedure referenced as beginning of PERFORM range
CLOSE	File referenced in a CLOSE statement
Definition	Item is defined.
DELETE FILE	File referenced in a DELETE FILE statement
End	Procedure referenced as end of PERFORM range
GO TO	Procedure referenced in GO TO
Modified	Data item is modified and then the statement type (ACCEPT, ...)
OPEN	File referenced in an OPEN statement
READ	File referenced in a READ statement
Referenced	Data item is referenced and then the statement type (ACCEPT, ...)
REWRITE	File referenced in a REWRITE statement
Used	Item is used in another item's definition
WRITE	File referenced in a WRITE statement

The Used is given for an item used for example with a REDEFINES, a SCREEN TO/FROM/USING clause, a SCREEN LINE/COL, FILE STATUS clause in the FD, file-name in SELECT statement, KEY clause and ALTERNATE KEY clause.

The definition is the first line shown and then the remaining numbers are in the same order the source was processed.

symbol-type	symbol-type-info
file-name	SEQUENTIAL, RELATIVE, INDEXED
data-name	group, alphabetic, alphanumeric, numeric-edited, numeric integer [USAGE COMP [3 5]], numeric [USAGE COMP [3 5]], POINTER
screen-name	group, alphabetic, alphanumeric, numeric-edited
section-name	[declaratives] pc
paragraph-name	[declaratives] pc
program-name	
index-name	
key-name	
condition-name	

TABLE 41. Cross Reference Symbol Types

Filenames; Primary-, Alternate-, and Relative- Keys; and File Status symbols that are used in a SELECT show the line number of the FD instead of the SELECT.

### G. ICODBC Support

By using the Make ICODBC Definition Files switch (-M) the compiler can be used to create a Database Definition File (.XDB) and one or more Table Definition Files (.XDT) for use with the ICODBC Driver. The compiler creates a single Database Definition File (.XDB) and a Table Definition File (.XDT) for each Indexed File that is contained in the corresponding source program.

As each indexed file described in the program is processed, a column definition will be created for every data item described in the record definition or definitions. This will be a complete picture of the indexed file, and via the ICODBC Driver, it will enable an ODBC-enabled application (Microsoft Access, Crystal Reports, etc.) to select, read, and format any data in the indexed file. However, this may be more capability than is required and the .XDT and .XDB files can be edited with a text editor to remove and/or modify any columns that are not needed.

Several options for ICODBC definition files are supported via the -X switch to assist in narrowing the number of



columns created for each table and formatting options that allow table names and column names to be created from identifiers in the COBOL program in a variety of forms.

Using the Make ICODBC Definition Files switch does not necessarily create what you would like as a finished set of Database Definition Files or Table Definition Files. However, it does remove the drudgery of mapping data types and of determining the positions and lengths of each data item required as a column in the table. The output from this option should be considered as a good starting point from which to create your definition files with a text editor.

For each source file that includes indexed file definitions, a single Database Definition File (.XDB) and one or more Table Definition File (.XDT) will be created. Each of these files is created in the directory specified by the -M switch. If the -n switch is given in the -X switch, then an error will be generated if it needs to create a file and the file already exists. If the -n switch is NOT given in the -X switch, any existing file(s) will be overwritten.

The name of the Database Definition File (.xdb) is derived from the simple name of the source file and adding the .XDB extension. The name of each Table Definition File (.xdt) is derived from information in the original COBOL program in the following manner:

- (1) If the indexed file's external filename was specified as a literal, then a .XDT extension is appended to the simple name of the file specified by the literal.
- (2) If the indexed file's external filename was specified as an identifier and that identifier has a VALUE clause, then a .XDT extension is appended to the simple name of the file specified by the contents of the VALUE clause.
- (3) Otherwise, the internal (COBOL) filename is used with every hyphen (-) being converted to a dollar sign (\$).

Table and column names are created from identifier names. There are two steps involved in the name creation. The first step is to apply prefix replacement. The second step is to apply the formatting option.

When ICODBC Prefix replacement (-P switch) is specified, each prefix specified is compared against each data item in the record. If the prefix matches, it is replaced with the new prefix specified or removed if no new prefix was specified. If it does not match, the next prefix specified on the command line is compared to the data item and so on. Only the first matching prefix is applied. For example, if the command line specified the switch -P AR:AP and the data item AR-TOTAL was a field in the data record being processed, AR-TOTAL would be converted to AP-TOTAL. If the command line option was -P AR, the AR-TOTAL would be converted to TOTAL. Any replacement is done prior to application of formatting options.

If an ICODBC Formatting option (-F switch) is specified, each data item from the record is formatted according to fixed rules as described above in the syntax. Consider the following examples starting with the data item AR-TOTAL-ON-ORDER:

<u>-F value</u>	<u>Column Name Generated</u>	<u>With -P AR:ACCOUNT also</u>
1	AR-TOTAL-ON-ORDER	ACCOUNT-TOTAL-ON-ORDER
2	AR_TOTAL_ON_ORDER	ACCOUNT_TOTAL_ON_ORDER
3	ArTotalOnOrder	AccountTotalOnOrder
4	Ar_Total_On_Order	Account_Total_On_Order

The following rules apply with regard to the inclusion or exclusion of data items when columns are being generated:

- (1) FILLER items are included only if requested with the -I f switch. When included, their column name is generated as if the FILLER item had been named ICMAKEDB-FILLER-*n* where *n* is an integer increasing in value by one for each FILLER encountered.
- (2) The primary key for the file is always included. This includes all segments for a suffixed key. No option may override this rule.
- (3) Secondary record definitions, group items, data items with a REDEFINES clause, data items with a RENAMES clause, and data items with level numbers outside of a specific range may be excluded by specifying one of the -N switch options or the -L switch. These items are included unless explicitly excluded with a switch.
- (4) No data item which has an OCCURS clause or which is subordinate to an OCCURS clause will be included.

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No option may override this rule.

(5) No item whose PICTURE includes the P character will be included. No option may override this rule.

For each column, a section in the .XDT file is created containing the data type, position in the record, and length of the data. For numeric types it will also generate the precision and scale of the data item. For any column which is an alternate record key, segment of an alternate record key or an ALSO key, a Suppress directive will be generated using the same character defined in the SUPPRESS WHEN clause for the alternate key.

**ICOBOL** data types are mapped to those used by the ICODBC Driver according to the following table.

Data Description	Type	Length	Precision	Scale
PIC A( <i>n</i> )	ALPHABETIC	<i>n</i>	n/a	n/a
PIC X( <i>n</i> )	ALPHANUMERIC	<i>n</i>	n/a	n/a
group item	ALPHANUMERIC	varies	n/a	n/a
alphanumeric edited items	ALPHANUMERIC	varies	n/a	n/a
numeric edited items	ALPHANUMERIC	varies	n/a	n/a
PIC X( <i>n</i> ) or group used in a key or key-segment with subordinated items of non-DISPLAY usage	BYTE	<i>n</i>	n/a	n/a
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY	UNSIGNED DISPLAY	<i>l+r</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY	DISPLAY	<i>l+r</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN LEADING	LEADING OVERPUNCH	<i>l+r</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN LEADING SEPARATE	LEADING SEPARATE	<i>l+r+1</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN TRAILING	TRAILING OVERPUNCH	<i>l+r</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN TRAILING SEPARATE	TRAILING SEPARATE	<i>l+r+1</i>	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP	UNSIGNED COMP	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP-3	UNSIGNED COMP-3	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP-5	UNSIGNED COMP-5	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE BINARY	UNSIGNED COMP	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC 9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE PACKED	UNSIGNED COMP-3	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP	COMP	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP-3	COMP-3	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE COMP-5	COMP-5	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE BINARY	COMP	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
PIC S9( <i>l</i> )V9( <i>r</i> ) USAGE PACKED	COMP-3	varies	<i>l+r</i>	<i>r</i>
USAGE INDEX	COMP	4	9	0
USAGE POINTER	COMP-5	4*	10	0

TABLE 42. **ICOBOL** Data Types to ODBC Data Types

More on ICODBC can be found in the ICODBC Driver Chapter starting on page [813](#).

Note for USAGE IS POINTER for revision 7 and up .cx files this is 8 bytes.

## XII. DEBUGGING

### A. Introduction

The **ICOBOL** runtime system incorporates a high-level (source code) debugger. This high-level debugger is available whenever a symbol file (.sy) can be accessed for a particular COBOL program. Sources are available in this mode if the source file(s) can be accessed. The **ICOBOL** compiler generates symbol files through the use of the `-Z` switch. To start the runtime in debug mode use the `-z` or `-Z` switch.

**ICOBOL** programs are compiled into a pseudo-code (p-code) that corresponds to the types of operations found in the COBOL language. The runtime system 'executes' this pseudo-code when it runs the COBOL programs.

The debugger supports the following features:

Breakpoints can be set on a particular type of instruction or operation. Several examples are: *Break Perform* will set a breakpoint on all PERFORM statements; *Break I-o* will set a breakpoint on all non-screen I/O; and *Break I-o Screen* will set a breakpoint on all screen I/O.

Breakpoints can be set at the start or end of particular programs. Thus, if an application has hundreds of programs, but only a certain program has a problem, the debugger can be set to stop only when a particular program is executed allowing just that program to be debugged.

Breakpoints are remembered for individual programs. If a program is canceled or is exited, the breakpoints are remembered. Thus, if the program is ever reactivated by a CALL or CALL PROGRAM, the breakpoints are reset before the program begins running.

The current status of active and inactive CALLs and PERFORMs can be displayed.

The number of open files, their names, file type, and open mode can be displayed.

The debugger keeps two screen images, the debug screen and the COBOL screen. The debugger automatically switches to the COBOL screen when the COBOL program is run and back to the debug screen when re-entering the debugger. While in the debugger you can switch to the COBOL screen and back again to view the output from the COBOL program. You can also select a portion of the COBOL screen to always have displayed in the debugger screen.

The **ICOBOL** compiler generates individual symbol files (.sy) for each compiled program for debugging by using the `-Z` switch (`-Z`). The symbol file includes all line offsets that have code, all information about data items, and the names of source files used in the compilation. The debugger requires the symbol file to support the following additional features:

Breakpoints can be set at a line number, at the beginning or end of a procedure, and whether a particular data-item has been changed.

Data-items can be viewed and set to new values using their names.

Up to 8 breakpoints (with no more than 1KB of data) can be set to test if particular data items change their values. (Some other debuggers refer to this type of breakpoint as a "watchpoint").

If sources are available, the actual COBOL programs can be viewed as needed to track the program. In addition, the *Find* command can be used to search for a particular <string> in the COBOL source.

Symbol files (.sy) used by the debugger must be in the correct byte order for the machine on which the debugger is running. (i.e., they must have been compiled on the same type of machine (big-endian versus little-endian).)

Sources are sought as specified in the .sy file, in the current directory, or as specified with the `-z` or `-Z` switch..

### B. Invocation

To start the debugger enter ICRUN with the `-Z` or `-z` switch. The `-Z sydir` switch specifies the location of the symbol files (.sy) that were created by the **ICOBOL** compiler using the same switch. If `-z` is given, the current directory is used. For example, the following would start **ICOBOL** in the debugger and instruct the debugger to look for symbol files in the *symboldir* directory.

```
icrun -Z symboldir
```

If not enabled, the SCREEN OPTIMIZER will automatically be placed in partial mode (ICSCROPT=partial).

### C. Usage

A snapshot of the default debug screen when loading LOGON whose source files(s) and symbol file are present is shown in SCREEN 1.

```
1084 END DECLARATIVES
1085
1086 MAIN-LOGIC SECTION.
1087 ONLY-AT-START.
1088 * PD/DD Revision 7 feature
**> 1089+ ACCEPT ENVIR-STRUCTURE FROM ENVIRONMENT.
1090+ INSPECT OEM-REV-STRING REPLACING ALL LOW-VALUES BY SPACES.
1091+ ACCEPT LINE-NUMBER FROM LINE.
1092+ ACCEPT USERNAME FROM USER NAME.
-----
icrun Revision 5.00 (os)
Stopped at line 1089 in "logon": The initial program is loaded.

> _
```

SCREEN 1. Default Debugging SCREEN

A snapshot of the same debug screen with the display view enabled is shown in SCREEN 2.

```
1084 END DECLARATIVES
1085
1086 MAIN-LOGIC SECTION.
1087 ONLY-AT-START.
1088 * PD/DD Revision 7 feature
**> 1089+ ACCEPT ENVIR-STRUCTURE FROM ENVIRONMENT.
-----
-----
icrun Revision 5.00 (os)
Stopped at line 1089 in "logon": The initial program is loaded.

> _
```

SCREEN 2. Debugging SCREEN (all views enabled)

A snapshot of the same initial debug screen with no symbol file available for LOGON is shown in SCREEN 3.

```
Source view is not available for this program
-----
icrun Revision 4.70 (os)
Error: Unable to open symbol file for logon: The file was not found.
Stopped at line unknown in "logon": The initial program is loaded.

> _
```

SCREEN 3. Debugging SCREEN (no symbol file)

A snapshot of the default debug screen when loading LOGON where the symbol file is available but the initial source file is not available is shown in SCREEN 4.

```

1084 ??
1085 ??
1086 ??
1087 ??
1088 ??
**> 1089+ ??
1090+ ??
1091+ ??
1092+ ??
-----
icrun Revision 5.00 (os)
Error: The file was not found: logon.sr
Stopped at line 1089 in "logon": The initial program is loaded.

> _

```

SCREEN 4. Debugging SCREEN (symbols but no source)

The `??' symbols in the source window indicate for this line number the source line is not available.

The debug screen is split into up to four(4) windows. The number of lines within each window is determined dynamically based on the number of lines supported by the console and the number of enabled windows. The command window is always present with two lines.

### **Source window** (the top)

If the symbol file is not found, the source window will shrink to one line, and no debugger commands that use source will be allowed.

If the symbol file is found and the source for the current program can be opened, the actual program source with line numbers is shown. If the source can not be found, a message indicating that will be displayed in the output window and in the source window a `??' will be used to indicate that no source is available for this line. In scrolling through the source a COPY file may be encountered whose source is available and then the actual source lines will be displayed.

If a source line has code associated with it a `+' will be displayed after the line number. Location breakpoints can only be set on lines marked with a `+'. Location breakpoints are indicated by a `B' after the line number. A `==>' to the left of the line number indicates the current execution line. A `-->' to the left of the line number is the current location of the cursor in the source file. A `\*\*>' to the left of the line number indicates that the current execution line and the current line in the source file are the same.

The source window is enabled by default.

The source window is scrollable with the *View* and *Zoom* commands. The *View* and *Zoom* commands can be used even if the window is not enabled.

### **Display window**

The display window shows lines from the current COBOL program screen output.

The display window is not enabled by default, it must be enabled with the *View ON Display* command.

The display window is scrollable (within the content of one screen) with the *View* and *Zoom* commands. The *View* and *Zoom* commands can be used even if the window is not enabled.

### **Output window**

All user commands and debugger responses are shown in the output window. The output window is scrollable by using the *View* and *Zoom* commands, allowing positioning anywhere in the current output from the start of this debug session to the last displayed message.

The output window is the main work area for the debugger and is enabled by default.

### **Command window** (bottom two lines)

The bottom two lines of the debug screen form the command window. The command window is always enabled. The first line holds the debugger prompt '>', while the second line provides a message text string. The debugger keeps a circular 'history' of the last twenty (20) commands that have been entered. These are accessible by using the up- and down-arrow keys. This makes it fairly easy to repeat a sequence of commands. One-character commands are not saved.

Whenever the debugger is entered, an appropriate reason will be displayed in the output window just above the command window. The reason will include the current line number and program name.

Several possible reasons are given below:

#### *The run unit is finished:*

The runtime is ready to exit back to the operating system with the incoming reason code. If the reason is cleared, the system will restart with a *Run*. If the reason is not cleared, it will be returned as the error code and the system terminated with a *Run*.

#### *Break:*

The program has stopped for a breakpoint. There is no incoming reason code. Exception Status may be set.

#### *Interrupt:*

The program has stopped for a program interrupt. The interrupt code is the reason code, it is what will happen with a *Run* or *Step* unless cleared. The Exception Status is not set to this code. An *Error Reset* will clear the reason code.

#### *The initial program is loaded:*

##### *Break After "name":*

##### *Break Before "name":*

The program has stopped for the beginning of a statement for the initial startup, the before or after "name" breakpoint, or single-stepping. There is no incoming reason code.

#### *Break Global Perform (Use):*

The program has stopped at the start of a perform operation. There is no incoming reason code.

#### *Break Global eXit:*

The program has stopped at the start of an exit perform operation. There is no incoming reason code.

#### *Break Call "name" (program or |):*

The program has stopped at the start of a call [[]] operation. There is no incoming reason code.

#### *Break Call Program "name" (program or #):*

The program has stopped at the start of call program [#] operation. There is no incoming reason code.

#### *Break eXit Program:*

The program has stopped at the start of a exit perform operation. There is no incoming reason code.

*Break I-o:*

*Break I-o Screen:*

The program has stopped at the start of an I/O or Screen I/O operation. There is no incoming reason code.

*Break Stop:*

The program has stopped at some type of stop-run situation. The incoming reason code should indicate the reason.

*Break Error Call:*

The program has stopped for an error from Call to a COBOL program. Exception Status is the same as incoming reason code. A failure will always still be in the original program.

*Break Error I-o:*

*Break Error I-o Screen:*

The program has stopped for an I/O or Screen I/O error. Exception Status is the same as incoming reason code. The File Status has been set up according to the error (unless ACCEPT or DISPLAY).

*Break Error Stop:*

The program has stopped for a fatal error. Exception Status is not set to the fatal error although the reason code is.

On Windows, a Ctrl-C will show an Exception Status 193 "Program terminated by console interrupt".

On Linux, the Linux Quit key will show an Exception Status 255 "The process was terminated" here. The Linux Intr will show an Exception Status 193 "Program terminated by console interrupt".

The incoming reason code is important when using the Break Error features, since it is the error that will be used when resuming execution with the *Run* command, unless cleared with *Error Reset*.

For the Break Call type breakpoints, the reason shows the call argument as a quoted string. If the string is too long to fit, it is followed by an ellipsis (...).

When first started, the debugger is entered after loading the initial program. The message "The initial program 'name' is loaded" is displayed in the Output window. For other cases of when the debugger is entered please see the section on the *Break* command.

## D. Commands

### D.1. Overview

At the debugger prompt the following commands are available:

<i>Audit</i>	Echo commands to a command file
<i>Break</i>	Manage breakpoints
<i>Command</i>	Execute a host operating system command
<i>Dump</i>	Display data values
<i>Error Reset</i>	Reset the incoming reason code
<i>eXecute</i>	Execute a command file
<i>Find</i>	Search for a specific string in a source file
<i>Go</i>	Go to a different pc in the program
<i>Help or ?</i>	Show help information
<i>Info</i>	Provide information on various items
<i>List</i>	List a text file
<i>Move</i>	Allow data values to be changed
<i>Quit</i>	Quit the debugger and exit <i>the runtime</i>
<i>RERUN</i>	Run the program again from the beginning
<i>Run</i>	Run the program
<i>Step</i>	Single-step source into CALL/PERFORM
<i>Type</i>	Formatted breakdown of the contents of data items
<i>View</i>	View a particular window or enable/disable a particular window
<i>Zoom</i>	Zoom a particular window to full size

All commands and keywords can be abbreviated as indicated by the uppercase letters, typically the first letter of the command or keyword. If a keyword is all uppercase, it cannot be abbreviated. Words that are completely in lowercase and *italic* represent generic items, like a number or a string of text.

The command syntax below uses the following conventions:

{ } for required choices and  
[ ] for optional choices.

### D.2. AUDIT

The *Audit* command controls the echoing of commands to an audit file. It provides a simple mechanism for creating command files that can then be run with the *eXecute* command. You can look at command files with the *List* command.

The syntax is:

```
> Audit { "filename"
         { Extend "filename"
           Close } }
```

Where

"filename" specifies a text file.

Below is a description for each valid syntax.

Audit "filename"	Recreates an existing file or creates a new one to echo debugger commands.
Audit Extend "filename"	Appends to an existing file or creates a new one to echo debugger commands.
Audit Close	Closes the audit file.

There can be at most one audit file active at a time. All debugger commands that pass the syntax checks and are



executed will be audited to the file except the *Audit Close* command and the *eExecute* command. While the *eExecute* command itself is not audited, the commands from the *eExecute* file are audited as they are processed.

### D.3. BREAK

The *Break* command encompasses all aspects of breakpoint management including setting, deleting, listing, and temporarily disabling and reenabling breakpoints.

Unless specific breakpoints are set the debugger is entered in one of four ways:

- 1) The debugger is entered after loading the initial program. The message "The initial program 'name' is loaded" will be displayed in the Output window.
- 2) The debugger is entered after the last program terminates. The message 'The run unit is finished' will be displayed in the Output window. Entering *Run* or *Quit* will cause the runtime to terminate.
- 3) If program interrupts are enabled, pressing Ctrl-C (on Windows) or the Intr or Quit keys (on Linux) while running the COBOL program will cause the debugger to be entered. The message "Interrupt at . . . in 'program-name'" will be displayed in the Output window along with the appropriate Exception Status.
- 4) The debugger is entered after an ICEXEC command Abort has been done on the pid or a '*kill -15*' or '*kill -SIGUSR1*' on the pid. The message "Interrupt at . . . in 'program-name'" will be displayed in the Output window along with the appropriate Exception Status.

If the program was in an ACCEPT operation when one of the interrupts in #3 or #4 occurs, the debugger is entered with the reason "Console Interrupt in screen read". Execution will resume in the screen read. Only a *Run* can be done at this point to continue the program.

When breakpoints are enabled, the debugger is usually entered because of a breakpoint. The reason information will show which breakpoint caused entry into the debugger.

The following descriptions are grouped into several categories. Note that location and test breakpoints can only be set for the current active program

The syntax is:

#### Setting location breakpoints:

> Break  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{AT } \textit{procedure} \\ \text{END } \textit{procedure} \\ \textit{line} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [ COUNT=counter [ RESET ] ]}$

#### Setting global breakpoints:

> Break  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{After} \\ \text{Before} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{"name"} \\ \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{Call [ | ]} \\ \text{Call Program [ # ]} \\ \text{I-o } \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Screen} \\ \text{Indexed} \\ \text{Relative} \\ \text{sequential} \\ \text{iNfos} \\ \text{sqL} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{Perform} \\ \text{Stop} \\ \text{eXit [ Program ]} \end{array} \right\} \text{ [ COUNT=counter [ RESET ] ]}$

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Setting data change breakpoint (only one allowed):

> Break Test *identifier* [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Setting error breakpoints:

> Break Error { 

exception	Any
	Call [   ]
Call Program [ # ]	Screen
	Indexed
I-o	Relative
	seQuential
	iNfos
	sqL

 } [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Deleting, Enabling/Disabling, Listing Breakpoints:

> Break { Delete } { *breaknumber...* }  
          { ON }    { "name" }  
          { OFF }   { ALL }

> Break [ List [ *breaknumber...* ] ]  
          [ "name" ]  
          [ ALL ] ]

Where

*breaknumber* is a specific breakpoint number. Each breakpoint has a unique breakpoint number assigned.  
*counter* is an integer and represents the number of times this breakpoint must be encountered before executing the breakpoint.  
*exception* is valid exception value to watch for.  
*identifier* is a valid data-item in this program. The default format is the storage type of the item. (Requires a symbol file.)  
*line* must be a valid line number in the current program. (Requires a symbol file.)  
*"name"* must be a simple program name enclosed in double-quotes.  
*procedure* must be a valid section or paragraph name in this COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)

Below is a description for each type of breakpoint that can be set with the command on the left and the action on the right.

### Location Breakpoints

Break AT *procedure* Set a breakpoint at the first executable line in the given paragraph or section  
Break END *procedure* Set a breakpoint at the end of the given paragraph or section if it ends a PERFORM or at the first line of the next paragraph for a paragraph that is not an ending paragraph.  
Break *line* Set a breakpoint at the specified linenumber

Location breakpoints are indicated in the source window by a 'B' following the line number.

### Global Breakpoints

Break After "*name*" Break after subprogram "*name*" has finished and returned to the calling program.  
Break After Any Break after every subprogram has finished and returned to its calling program. The Any form overrides all "*name*" form breakpoints, but the "*name*" ones are remembered, so if

	Any is cleared, the "name" breakpoints will be reset.
Break Before " <i>name</i> "	Break before program " <i>name</i> " begins execution each time it is started by a CALL or CALL PROGRAM.
Break Before Any	Break before every program or subprogram begins execution. The Any form overrides all " <i>name</i> " form breakpoints, but the " <i>name</i> " ones are remembered, so if Any is cleared, the " <i>name</i> " breakpoints will be reset.
Break Call	Break at every CALL of a subprogram or builtin function.
Break Call	Break at every CALL of an operating system call.
Break Call Program	Break at every CALL PROGRAM of a COBOL program.
Break Call Program #	Break at every CALL PROGRAM # system call.
Break eXit	Break at every exit from a PERFORM that will exit, i.e., for PERFORM n TIMES, it breaks at the exit from the last of the n times.
Break eXit Program	Break at every EXIT PROGRAM in a subprogram.
Break Perform	Break at every PERFORM statement, including the implicit perform of a USE PROCEDURE, although excluding in-line PERFORMs other than an in-line PERFORM n TIMES.
Break I-o	Break at every I/O operation, excluding ACCEPT and DISPLAY.
Break I-o Screen	Break at every screen I/O operation (ACCEPT and DISPLAY).
Break I-o Indexed	Break at every indexed I/O operation (CLOSE, DELETE, OPEN, READ, REWRITE, START, UNLOCK, and WRITE).
Break I-o Relative	Break at every relative I/O operation (CLOSE, DELETE, OPEN, READ, REWRITE, START, UNLOCK, and WRITE).
Break I-o seQuential	Break at every sequential I/O operation (CLOSE, OPEN, READ, REWRITE, START, and WRITE).
Break I-o iNfos	Break at every INFOS I/O operation (CLOSE, DELETE, EXPUNGE, OPEN, READ, RETRIEVE, REWRITE, START, SUB-INDEX operations, UNLOCK, and WRITE).
Break I-o sql	Break at every <b>ISQL</b> statement (COMMIT, CONNECT, DEALLOCATE, DISCONNECT, EXECUTE, EXECUTE IMMEDIATE, FETCH, PREPARE, ROLLBACK, and SET CONNECTION).
Break Stop	Break at every STOP RUN and at every STOP "lit" in which the user has chosen to stop (i.e., hit ESC).

**Data Change Breakpoint**

Break Test <i>identifier</i>	Break if the storage associated with identifier has changed.
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**Error Breakpoints**

Break Error <i>exception</i>	Break after every operation that returns the Exception Status specified by ' <i>exception</i> '. Only one <i>Break Error exception</i> is allowed; exception cannot be 0.
Break Error Any	Break after every operation that returns a non-zero exception code.
Break Error Call	Break after every CALL of a subprogram that returns with an error.
Break Error Call	Break after every CALL of an operating system call that returns an error.
Break Error Call Program	Break after every CALL PROGRAM of a COBOL program that returns an error.
Break Error Call Program #	Break after every CALL PROGRAM # system call that returns an error.
Break Error I-o	Break after every I/O operation that returns an error, excluding ACCEPT and DISPLAY), including DELETE FILE, EXPUNGE, START, UNDELETE, UNLOCK, and STOP "lit".
Break Error I-o Screen	Break after every screen I/O operation that returns an error (ACCEPT and DISPLAY).
Break Error I-o sql	Break after any <b>ISQL</b> statement that returns an error (SQLSTATE not = 0).

**Miscellaneous**

Break [ List [ALL] ]	List ALL breakpoints.
Break Delete <i>breaknumber</i>	Clears the given breakpoint number.
Break Delete " <i>name</i> "	Clears all Location type breakpoints in the program specified by " <i>name</i> ".

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Break Delete ALL            Clears ALL breakpoints in the debugger!!  
Break OFF ALL                Temporarily disable ALL breakpoints.  
Break ON ALL                 Reenable ALL temporarily disabled breakpoints.  
Break OFF *breaknumber*    Temporarily disable the given breakpoint number.

The keywords AT, END, OFF, ON, and ALL cannot be abbreviated.

All breakpoints are persistent. The debugger remembers breakpoints even when a program has been CANCELED from the run-unit or replaced by a CALL PROGRAM. If the program ever becomes part of the run-unit again through a CALL or CALL PROGRAM, the debugger resets the breakpoints. In order to delete breakpoints, use the *Break Delete* command.

Location and Test breakpoints can only be set while in the applicable program.

Up to 8 Break Test breakpoints can be set.

### D.4. COMMAND

The *Command* command is used to process commands through to the host operating system command line processor or shell.

The syntax is:

```
> Command [ "string" ]
```

Where

*string* is a particular string of commands to pass to the host command processor to be executed, after which it returns automatically. If no *string* is given, the debugger pushes to the command processor in interactive mode.

When the host operating system command line processor returns to the debugger, the prompt "Press any key to continue" is given. If an error is returned from the command processor an Info message is given showing the actual error returned.

### D.5. DUMP

The *Dump* command displays storage for particular data items. It can show the data in one of several formats.

The syntax is:

```
> Dump [ identifier [ 

|              |
|--------------|
| Decimal      |
| Hex          |
| Octal        |
| Alphanumeric |

 ] ]
```

Where

*identifier* is a valid data-item in this program. The default format is the storage type of the item.

Below is a description for several valid syntaxes:

Dump <i>identifier</i>	Displays the content of the data-item in a format appropriate to the type of the data-item.
Dump <i>identifier</i> Hex	Displays the data at the address and length as specified for the given identifier in hex.
Dump	Display the next data area in the same format as the previous area if the identifier was a table element. The address immediately follows the item from the previous display and the length used is the same.

The Decimal, Hex, or Octal format specifiers display data in a dump format that has the address in the left margin, followed by a numeric decoding of ten-bytes of data in the selected numeric format, followed by a decoding of the ten-bytes as ASCII characters. In the ASCII dump, unprintable characters are shown as periods.

Unsigned numeric items are shown with no sign. Signed numeric items are shown with either a '+' or '-'. In an identifier numeric dump, a decimal point is displayed when appropriate based on the PICTURE and actual value of the item.

The Alphanumeric type will display data as a quoted string, using the <nnn> octal notation for unprintable characters.

If the data item is a table element, you must supply valid subscripts the first time entered. After that a Dump with no arguments will increment the subscript(s) as needed to dump the next value..

#### D.6. ERROR RESET

The *Error Reset* command is used to clear the incoming reason code, which will be used by the program when it resumes.

The syntax is:

```
> Error Reset
```

See the *Step* and *Run* commands for the implications of using Error Reset.

#### D.7. EXECUTE

The *eXecute* command is used to run a series of debugger commands stored in a text file.

The syntax is:

```
> eXecute "filename"
```

Where

*"filename"* is a text file that holds valid debugger commands to be executed. The commands from *"filename"* are echoed to the screen as they are executed. If the *Audit* command is active, the *eXecute* command itself is not echoed, but the commands are.

#### D.8. FIND

The *Find* command is used to find a string of text in the source of the current program. *Find* requires that the source file be available for the current program.

The syntax is:

```
> Find [ First
        Last
        Next
        Previous ] [ "string" ]
```

Where

*"string"* is a string of text to search for in the current program source.

The First specifier indicates that the search is to start at the beginning of the program and proceed in the forward direction.

The Last specifier indicates that the search is to start at the end of the program and proceed backwards.

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The Next and Previous specifiers start at the location of the last find and proceeds forward or backward respectively.

The string argument is required for the first *Find* command. If not specified on subsequent *Find* commands, the most recently specified value is used.

*Find* without any arguments repeats the most recent *Find* command.

### D.9. GO

The *Go* command moves the COBOL PC to a new location. It does not start execution.

The syntax is:

```
> Go { TO procedure
      line
      eXit }
```

Where

*procedure* must be a valid section or paragraph name in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)

*line* must be a valid line number in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)

Below is a description of valid combinations:

Go TO <i>procedure</i>	The current PC is moved to the first executable line in the given procedure.
Go <i>line</i>	The current PC is moved to the start of the given linenumber.
Go eXit	The current PC is moved to the return address in the current (topmost) perform, and the perform stack is popped a level.

This command does not cause the program to run, but it does change the location where execution will occur the next time that execution resumes with a *Run* or *Step*.

The view in the source window will be adjusted appropriately.

You should be careful about moving the location from within a PERFORM or into a PERFORM as it could confuse the runtime with its PERFORM stack.

### D.10. HELP

The *Help* command provides general help or help for a specific debugger command.

The syntax is:

```
> Help [ command ]
> ? [ command ]
> command ?
```

Where

*command* must be a valid debugger command

If no command is given, a general help is given showing all possible debugger commands.

If command is given, detailed help will be displayed for that particular debugger command only.

Help is also available from the command-line by pressing F1. If the command name (or its abbreviation) has already been typed in, help will be provided for that command.

All help information is shown in a separate zoomed help window. While in the zoomed window, the cursor up, cursor down, F2 (page up), and F3 (page down) can be used to position up and down in the window to view the contents.

Pressing ESC will cause the command to exit.

Help information is provided via help files that start with icdeb in the standard help directory.

#### D.11. INFO

The *Info* command is used to display specific information about the state of the program or various program elements.

The syntax is:

```
> Info [ ON qualified-name
        Call [ count ]
        Detail
        Error [ exception ]
        Open
        Perform [ count ]
        eXit [ count ]
        sql ]
```

Where

- qualified-name* is a valid item in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)
- count* is an integer value indicating to only show the topmost *count* items of the selected values.
- exception* is a valid Exception Status.

Each particular *Info* command provides specific information about the indicated item.

*Info On qualified-name* provides a description of the item including its class and category, size, and address.

*Info Call* displays the active call list. If count is given only the topmost count programs will be displayed.

*Info Detail* provides detailed information about the internal state of the runtime system that provides the following:

- A. (line 1) the Program name and dialect compiled with,
- B. (line 2) the ESCAPE KEY, the Exception Status, the File Status, the INFOS Status,
- C. (Optional) if the exception status has an embedded os error message and extra line showing "Exception register [INFO on: ] OS-err: Along with any severity of the error will be given.
- D. (line 3/4) the number of Performs active (for this program); Open files (for this program); number of Active programs; the number of Inactive programs (for this process), and the program counter (PC);

A sample for *Info Detail* is shown below:

```
Name: ussteel                               Dialect: icobol
ESC: 00 EXC: 00000 FileStatus: '00' InfosStatus: '000000000000'
Perform: 01 Open: 01 Active: 01 Inactive: 00 PC: 13523
```

*Info Error* displays the text associated with the current Exception Status or if a particular exception code is given then the text for that exception is displayed.

*Info Open* displays a list of the files currently open by this program with their name, type, and open mode.

*Info Perform* displays the Perform stack. If count is given only the topmost count performs will be displayed.

*Info eXit* displays the inactive call list. If count is given only the topmost count programs will be displayed.

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*Info sql* displays *ISQL* information about active SQL connections. A sample would look like:

```
SQLState: 02000 SQLText: [Envyr Corporation][icrun] No data was affected by..  
Connection: TestDSN  
  String: TestDSN  
  Statement: 1  
    Cols: 3 PREPARED: Y EXECUTED: Y
```

### D.12. LIST

The *List* command is used to list the contents of any text file.

The syntax is:

```
> List "filename" [ First  
                  Last  
                  line ]
```

Where

"filename" is a valid text file to be opened and listed.  
*line* is a valid line number in the given file.

The First, Last, and *line* options provide a default starting position in the file.

The indicated text file is listed in a zoomed list window. The First, Last, and *line* options provide a default starting position in the file. If no default starting position is given the First line is used.

While in a zoomed window the cursor up, cursor down, F2 (page up), and F3 (page down) can be used to position up and down in the window to view the contents.

Pressing ESC will cause the command to exit.

### D.13. MOVE

The *Move* command allows storage to be changed to a new value.

The syntax is:

```
> Move { identifier  
        literal } TO identifier
```

Where

*identifier* must be a valid identifier in this COBOL program. (Requires the symbol file.)  
*literal* must be a valid COBOL literal.

The *Move* is just like the MOVE statement in COBOL.

String literals may have imbedded octal, decimal, or hex values using the construct <nnn>, <onnn>, <dnnn>, and <xnn> to specify a byte value represented by the *nnn* or *nn* numbers. In the case of <nnn> and <onnn>, *nnn* represents an octal value, in <dnnn>, *nnn* represents a decimal value, and in <xnn>, *nn* represents a hex value. Upper and lower case 'o', 'd', and 'x' can be used to specify octal, decimal, or hex. In hex mode, upper and lower case 'a' - 'f' can be used. The value for any byte must be in the range 0 - 255 (decimal). For octal and decimal, no more than three digits can be specified and for hex no more than two digits can be specified. <1> is treated as <001>. The construct << can be used to enter a single <. Only one byte can be specified per <> pair.



## D.14. QUIT

The *Quit* command performs an implicit STOP RUN (closing all files) and exits the debugger.

The syntax is:

```
> Quit
```

After a STOP RUN, only *Quit* and *Rerun* are allowed.

## D.15. RERUN

The *RERUN* command is used to restart the debug session. An implicit STOP RUN (closing all files) is done and the initial program is reloaded. All breakpoint information is retained, and all the programs that had become part of the memory image are retained in a canceled state.

The syntax is:

```
> RERUN
```

After a STOP RUN, only *Quit* and *RERUN* are allowed.

## D.16. RUN

The *Run* command resumes program execution and optionally set a temporary location breakpoint.

The syntax is:

```
> Run [ TO procedure
        line ]
```

Where

*procedure* must be a valid section or paragraph in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)  
*line* must be a valid line number in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)

A more detailed description for each combination is given below:

Run	Resumes program execution.
Run TO <i>procedure</i>	Sets a temporary breakpoint at the first executable line in the given paragraph or section and then Resumes program execution
Run <i>line</i>	Sets a temporary breakpoint at the given line number and then Resumes program execution.

The *Run* command is used to resume program execution. The program resumes execution with the incoming reason code, as shown in the Output window, unless the *Error Reset* command was used to clear the reason code. In cases where the debugger was entered on a *Break Error* type breakpoint, it is usually better to run with the incoming reason code so that the program continues as it would normally. In some cases, resetting the reason code can lead to erroneous program behavior, e.g., if a READ statement failed, the record area may be corrupt. However, if the program was entered by an external interrupt, e.g., the Intr key, it is often advantageous to reset the error so that the program will continue to run rather than terminating, as is the normal result.

If the debugger had been entered by pressing the Interrupt key, the *Error Reset* command must be used before resuming, or else the program will be terminated with a console interrupt.

If you are in an ACCEPT operation, the ACCEPT will be resumed when *Run* is entered. (The reason is "Console Interrupt within a screen read".)

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If the run-unit has terminated, issuing an *Error Reset* followed by *Run* will start the original program over again. This can also be done with a *RERUN*.

If after setting a temporary breakpoint, any other breakpoints are encountered during the course of running other than the temporary breakpoint, the debugger will stop at that breakpoint and the temporary breakpoint will be cleared.

The *Run* command automatically switches to the COBOL screen before starting execution.

### D.17. STEP

The *Step* command single steps to the next statement. *Step* follows *CALL* and out-of-line *PERFORM*'s to their targets.

The syntax is:

```
> Step [ count ]
```

Where

*count* is the number of steps to be performed.

If any other breakpoints are encountered during the course of stepping, the debugger will stop at that breakpoint and the *Step* operation will be canceled.

Instead of using the count option it is often better to use the "RUN xxx" form of the *Run* command where xxx is the line-number.

**Step** Single steps by one statement. If the current instruction is a *CALL* or *PERFORM* the debugger will stop at the first statement or instruction in the target of the *CALL* or *PERFORM*.

**Step 10** Single steps by 10 statements. If the current statement is a *CALL* or *PERFORM* the debugger will stop at the 10th statement inside the *CALL* or *PERFORM*.

*Step*, just like *Run*, continues execution with the incoming reason code unless it has been cleared with the *Error Reset* command. See the *Run* command for additional information on how this affects program behavior.

### D.18. TYPE

The *Type* command is used to show the contents of data items. It breaks down group items into their composite data items. *Type* requires that a symbol file be available.

The syntax is:

```
> Type [ identifier ]
```

Where

*identifier* is a valid data-item in the program.

This command displays a formatted breakdown of the contents of *identifier*. The output contains the level number, identifier name, and its current value. For a group item, it shows the contents of each elementary data item in a format appropriate for the data type.

When no arguments are supplied, the results depend on the *identifier* of the previously executed *Type* command. If the preceding *Type* command was a display of a table item, the next element of the table is displayed. The debugger will automatically increment the subscripts. If the preceding *Type* was of a simple data item, the command will return an error.

An example of the output from this command follows:

```

> type group-item
01 GROUP-ITEM
05 EMP-NAME
  10 EMP-NAME-FIRST = "Joe      "
  10 EMP-NAME-LAST  = "Programmer"
05 EMP-AGE = 47
05 EMP-PHONE = 8005551212

```

#### D.19. VIEW

The *View* command is used to control which windows are active on the screen and to position to a particular window to browse.

The syntax is:

```

> View [ ON ] [ OFF ] [ Source ] [ Display ] [ Output ] ...
> View Reset
> View Compress [ ON ] [ OFF ]

```

When the debugger initially starts the source, output, and command windows are enabled by default. The *View* command can be used to enable others or disable current windows. In addition with the *Compress* option if the screen supports compressed mode it can be toggled on and off.

The windows are always positioned in order from the top of the screen, with Source first, Display second, Output third, and Command fourth. The *View ON* and *View OFF* commands can have multiple arguments to change multiple windows at the same time. When ON or OFF is omitted, only a single window is allowed. A *View* command with no arguments positions to the Output view by default.

When positioned to a window, the cursor up, cursor down, F2 (page up), and F3 (page down) can be used to position up and down in the data displayed in the window. ESC will return you to the command prompt.

The *View Reset* command resets the source window to be positioned around the current program execution location. It is useful for quickly returning these views to their default state after using the *View* or *Zoom* commands to look at some other areas of the program.

#### D.20. ZOOM

The *Zoom* command is used to zoom a particular window to full size.

The syntax is:

```

> Zoom [ Source ] [ Display ] [ Output ]

```

The *Zoom* command without any argument zooms the Output window. A zoomed window expands to the whole screen minus the 2-line command window.

While in a zoomed window the cursor up, cursor down, F2 (page up), and F3 (page down) can be used to position up and down in the window to view the contents.

Pressing ESC will cause the command to exit.

## E. Performance Considerations

When running programs in the debugger, performance is degraded. The degradation is in the 10 to 25% range. Use of the *Break Test* breakpoint causes a dramatic performance degradation as this test must be performed at the start of every opcode to detect changes from a preceding opcode.

Setting ICSCROPT=full instead of ICSCROPT=partial will provide for better screen optimization as the screens will not actually be re-painted unless there is an actual change to the screen. This is especially helpful when using the *Step* command.

## F. Quick Reference

? [ *command* ]

*command* ?

Audit { "filename"  
Extend "filename"  
Close }

Break { AT *procedure*  
END *procedure*  
line } [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Break { { After } { "name" }  
{ Before } { Any }  
Call [ | ]  
Call Program [ # ]  
I-o { Screen  
Indexed  
Relative  
seQuential  
iNfos  
sqL  
Perform  
Stop  
eXit [ Program ] } } [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Break Test *identifier* [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Break Error { exception  
Any  
Call [ | ]  
Call Program [ # ]  
I-o { Screen  
Indexed  
Relative  
seQuential  
iNfos  
sqL  
Stop } } [ COUNT=*counter* [ RESET ] ]

Break [ List [ *breaknumber...*  
"name"  
ALL ] ]

Break { Delete } { *breaknumber...*  
ON } { "name"  
OFF } { ALL }

Command [ "*string*" ]

Dump [ *identifier* [ 

Decimal
Hex
Octal
Alphanumeric

 ] ]

Error Reset

eXecute "*filename*"

Find [ 

First
Last
Next
Previous

 [ "*string*" ]

Go { 

TO <i>procedure</i>
<i>line</i>
eXit

 }

Help [ *command* ]

Info [ 

ON <i>qualified-name</i>
Call [ <i>count</i> ]
Detail
Error [ <i>exception</i> ]
Open
Perform [ <i>count</i> ]
eXit [ <i>count</i> ]
sql

 ]

List "*filename*" [ 

First
Last
<i>line</i>

 ]

Move { 

<i>identifier</i>
<i>literal</i>

 } TO *identifier*

Quit

RERUN

Run [ 

TO <i>procedure</i>
<i>line</i>

 ]

Step [ *count* ]

Type *identifier*

View [ 

ON
OFF

 ] [ 

Source
Display
Output

 ] ...

View Reset

View Compress [ 

ON
OFF

 ]

Zoom [ 

Source
Display
Output

 ]

Where

*breaknumber* is a specific breakpoint number. Each breakpoint has a unique breakpoint number assigned.

*command* is a valid debugger command.

*count* is an integer.

*counter* is an integer that represents the number of times this breakpoint must be encountered before executing the breakpoint.

*exception* is a valid Exception Status.

"*filename*" is a text filename enclosed in double-quotes.

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<i>identifier</i>	is a valid data-item in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)
<i>line</i>	is a valid line number in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)
<i>"name"</i>	is a simple program name enclosed in double-quotes.
<i>procedure</i>	is a valid section or paragraph name in the current COBOL program. (Requires a symbol file.)
<i>"string"</i>	is an alphanumeric string enclosed in double quotes.

## XIII. ICREVSET

### A. Introduction

The ICREVSET utility is used to set the programmer (or supplier) revision field in a file. This utility is separate from the ICREV utility so that it can be removed from the end-user's system, thereby preventing the end-user from modifying his revision information. This utility can set the programmer revision field in any type of standard-header file.

The OEM Version switch (-o|-O rev) of the compiler can also be used to set the OEM revision of .cx files at file creation.

The ACCEPT FROM ENVIRONMENT statement can be used in a COBOL program to extract the programmer revision field from the executing program.

### B. Syntax

The standard syntax is:

```
icrevset [-a[:aflag]|-A file|dir[:aflag]] [-h|-?] [-L file] [-q] [-v] rev
{ infile }...
```

Where

-a[:aflag]|-A path[:aflag] (audit)

Audit to icrevset.lg, aflag: a-append, b-backup, d-datestamp, p-process-id, t-timestamp, u-username

-A path[:flag] (audit)

Audit to path, or path\icrevset.lg if path is a directory

-h|-? (Help)

Display help text.

-L file (Library)

Use the specified COBOL library to find the specified files.

-q (Quiet)

Enables quiet operation.

-v (Verbose)

The name of each file will be displayed as it is processed, as well as the file type and the prior value of the revision field. Otherwise, a simple summary of the number of files processed is displayed.

rev

Specifies a string of up to 8 characters containing the text the programmer (or supplier) desires in the programmer revision field.

infile

Specifies a filename or template. The filenames or templates must specify an extension to determine the type of file to modify. If the filename argument specifies a library file, the revision field is set in the library file itself.

### C. General Rules

ICREVSET looks for the common environment variables ICROOT and ICONFIGDIR.

On Linux, when using the library switch, if a template is to be specified for *infile*, it may need to be quoted to prevent it from being expanded by the shell.





## XIV. ICDUMP

### A. Introduction

The Dump utility (ICDUMP) allows the user (usually the programmer) to dump a .CX file or a .PD file to look at a particular COBOL PC for debugging purposes.

### B. Syntax

The syntax is:

```
icdump [-a[:aflag]|-A path[:aflag]] [-c] [-d] [-f] [-h|-?] [-l] [-n] [-o]
        [-q] [-r] [-x] { filename }...
```

Where

- a[:aflag]|-A path[:aflag] (audit)  
Audit to icdump.lg, aflag: a-append, b-backup, d-datestamp, p-process-id, t-timestamp, u-username
- A path[:aflag] (audit)  
Audit to path, or path\icdump.lg if path is a directory
- c (Code)  
Display a dump of the Code area
- d (Data)  
Display a dump of the Data area
- f (File)  
Display a dump of the file info
- h|-? (Help)  
Display help text
- l (Literal)  
Display a dump of the literal area
- n (No-header)  
Do not display the header dump
- o (One-line)  
Dump a one-line format only (file, code-rev., program-id, oem-rev)
- q (Quiet)  
Enable quiet operation.
- r (Reference)  
Display a dump of the reference table
- x (External)  
Display a dump of the external area
- filename*  
Specifies the file to be dumped.

### C. Rules

ICDUMP looks for the common environment variables ICROOT and ICCONFIGDIR.

### D. Example

The example below shows the output from an ICDUMP of f\_pi.sr, a simple program. It shows the information from the file headers, the program code, the reference table, and the program data segment.

The command line for this example is:

```
icdump -crdfx f_pi
```

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The output for this example is shown in four different frames only for explanatory purposes. The above command line produces one stream of output that includes all of the output.

The first frame shows the ICDUMP banner and the dump of the file headers.

```
icdump Revision 5.40 (Windows (64-bit))
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Processing f_pi.cx

Decoding of File Headers

Standard Header:
  ICOBOL Executable File Revision 5.00 (byteswapped)
  Created: Jun-30-2000 08:01:29.00 by icobol 3.00 (Windows 9X/NT/2000)
  Modified: Jun-30-2000 08:01:29.00 by icobol 3.00 (Windows 9X/NT/2000)
  Supplier Revision: none

File Header:
  Revision:          5.00
  PROGRAM-ID:       F-PI
  Currency Char:    $
  Decimal Char:     .
  Comma Char:       ,
  Is Initial:       No
  COBOL Type:       ANSI-74+
  Source Format:     Free format
  Parse options:    (00000000) None
  Start PC:         1          End PC:          21
  Use Input Beg:    0          Use Input End:    0
  Use Output Beg:   0          Use Output End:   0
  Use IO Beg:       0          Use IO End:       0
  Use Extend Beg:   0          Use Extend End:   0
  Code Start:       268       Code Size:        22
  PicLits Offset:   22
  Init Start:       292       Init Size:        2
  Ref Start:        296       Ref Count:        2
  D-V Start:        312       D-V Count:        0
  File Start:       0          File Count:        0
  Using Start:      0          Using Count:       0
  External Start:   0          External Size:     0
  Data Size:        24        CONTENT Size:     0
  External Count:   0          Total Using:      0
```

EXAMPLE 102. ICDUMP of the Header (default)

This frame shows the dump of the program code segment.

```
Decoding of Program Code

  PC      Operation          Operands
%00001  Compute x ->y...      FUNCTION PI @0
%00007  Display Data Adv     @0
%00011  Compute x ->y...      FUNCTION PI @1
%00017  Display Data Adv     @1
%00021  STOP RUN
```

EXAMPLE 103. ICDUMP of the Program Code (using the -c switch)

This frame shows the dump of the program reference table.

```

Decoding of Program Reference Table

Ref #   File or Data Type           Type-specific Information
       Address (Relocation Information)

   0   Unsigned Display           len: 18, cnt: 18, l: 1, r: 17
       0 (Data Segment)

   1   Unsigned Display           len: 6, cnt: 6, l: 1, r: 5
       18 (Data Segment)

There are no files defined in this program.

```

EXAMPLE 104. ICDUMP of the Reference Table (using the -r switch)

This frame shows the dump of the program data segment.

```

Decoding of Program Data Segment

The data segment is 24 bytes long
Offset   Hex Dump                               Char Dump

   0     00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00   .....
  10     00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00   .....
  20     00 00 00 00                       ....

There are no external data items
icdump is finished

```

EXAMPLE 105. ICDUMP of the Data (using the -d switch)



## XV. RUNTIME (ICRUN)

### A. Introduction

The **ICOBOL** runtime (ICRUN) is the environment (or soft machine) provided by the **ICOBOL** product that executes COBOL programs. This chapter describes how the runtime works.

ICRUN insulates the COBOL program from many machine and operating system differences. However, where differences are noted one should try to code for the least common denominator of the features. When that is not possible, use the ACCEPT FROM ENVIRONMENT statement to allow the program to know exactly which machine it is running on.

The command line and environment settings for ICRUN are described in the appropriate Installing and Configuring manuals (for Linux or Windows).

### B. Printer Control Utility

The Printer Control utility is provided when enabled from the configuration file (.cfi). The Printer Control utility provides for the spooling and separate printing of files. The Printer Control utility uses the printer control file to hold the filenames that are currently in the printer control queue. By default, the printer control file is system.pq. The printer control file can handle up to 1024 files based on what the configuration file (.cfi) has allowed. Once that maximum is reached, an OPEN of a file that would have been placed in the printer control file will fail with a File Status 99 (Exception Status 44).

The Printer Control subsystem can be configured to automatically print a file once it has been entered into the printer control file or to allow each file to be queued separately to a printer by a user. To manually queue files to be printed, the IC\_PRINT\_STAT builtin must be executed to start the Printer Control Utility. To automatically have files printed, the AUTO option must be set in the configuration file (.cfi) for the particular queue.

At startup time, the printer control file is scanned and if an entry or file no longer exists on the disk, the entry is removed from the system.pq file and the printer control queue.

#### On Linux

The printer control file is read at ICEXEC startup to load the queue and it is kept updated while running.

The Linux print spooler, *lp*, is used to provide the actual printing of jobs. The following Linux command is executed to print a job:

```
lp -dpcqdest -tsimple-filename filename
```

where pcqdest is the destination defined for the particular printer control queue in the configuration file (.cfi), simple-filename is the simple part of the filename as the title, and then the file to be printed. If the destination field is blank the default queue is used.

#### On Windows

The Windows print spooler is used to provide the actual printing of jobs. ICEXEC reads the configuration file (.cfi) and determines available print queues and matching Windows printers (except for a default (blank name) which is still setup by the runtime system when it starts.

## C. Program Termination

### C.1. Overview

The runtime is running in one of two modes: Logon mode or Program mode. Each mode handles program termination differently. These are described below.

### C.2. Logon mode Termination

Two types of COBOL program termination are provided under **ICOBOL** when running in Logon mode.

#### C.2.1 Return to LOGON as Inactive

The first type of program termination stops the COBOL program and returns control to the program LOGON as an inactive terminal. This is done by:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
1) CALL "IC_LOGON"	Set to Inactive
2) STOP RUN and then press ENTER	Set to Stopped Set to Inactive
3) Pressing the Intr key (if allowed by the configuration file (.cfi)) and then press ENTER	Set to Stopped Set to Inactive
4) Program errors that terminate the program, e.g., Fatal COBOL I/O errors, and then press ENTER	Set to Stopped Set to Inactive

**NOTE: If a fatal I/O error is encountered and the program terminates, the current Exception Status is displayed right after the COBOL PC as E=nnn.**

#### C.2.2 Return to Parent Process

The second type of program termination terminates the **ICOBOL** process for that terminal and returns the user to the parent process. This is done by one of the following:

```
CALL "IC_HANGUP"  
CALL "IC_SHUTDOWN"
```

Under Windows, if the parent process was ICEXEC, then ICEXEC will cause the initial logon prompt to be re-displayed if so configured.

### C.3. Program mode Termination

If running in Program mode, **ICOBOL** will return to the shell (or parent process) on any of the following:

- 1) STOP RUN
- 2) CALL "IC\_HANGUP", "IC\_SHUTDOWN"
- 3) CALL PROGRAM #H, #S, ##U
- 4) console interrupt
- 5) Fatal error.

## D. Device Support

### D.1. Overview

The mapping from an **ICOBOL** logical device to a particular hardware device can be configured in the configuration file (.cfi) under the Device Configuration menu.

It is recommended that only logical devices be used in a COBOL program so that it will be insulated from a particular operating system and/or a particular hardware configuration.

The **ICOBOL** logical devices are:

- console devices (@CON0, @CON1, @CON2, and up),
- printer devices (@PRN0 through @PRN127),
- printer control queues (@PCQ0 through @PCQ127),
- serial devices (@SER0 through @SER127).

There are eight generic logical devices:

- @NUL always maps to the internal null device,
- @CON always maps to the current console,
- @PTS always maps to the current console with printer pass thru mode enabled for each WRITE operation,
- @PCQ, @PRN, and @SER can be configured, on a per console basis with the PCQ, PRN, or SER entries, to point to any of their respective logical devices, e.g., PCQ=1 is used to set the generic @PCQ to point to @PCQ1. If no entry is specified, the default values for @PCQ, @PRN, and @SER are @PCQ0, @PRN0, and @SER0 respectively. (These can be set as environment variable(s) to override those defined in the configuration file (.cfi).)
- @DATA maps to the current contents of the environment variable DATAFILE at runtime.
- @LIST maps to the current contents of the environment variable LISTFILE at runtime.

### D.2. General Rules

(1) If **ICOBOL** detects any operating system name from the table below, it is replaced with the corresponding **ICOBOL** name as shown. This replacement is not done if the name was mapped using the link file.

Operating System Name	ICOBOL Name	Operating System Name	ICOBOL Name
NUL	@NUL	@INPUT	@CON
CON	@CON	@OUTPUT	@CON
\$TTI	@CON	@CONSOLE	@CON
\$TTO	@CON	@LPT	@PCQ0
PRN	@PRN0	@LPT1	@PCQ1
LPT1	@PRN0	@LPT2	@PCQ2
LPT2	@PRN1	@LPT3	@PCQ3
LPT3	@PRN2	@LPT4	@PCQ4
\$LPT	@PRN0	@LPT5	@PCQ5
\$LPT1	@PRN1	@LPT6	@PCQ6
AUX	@SER0	@LPT7	@PCQ7
COM1	@SER0	@LPT8	@PCQ8
COM2	@SER1	@LPT9	@PCQ9
COM3	@SER2	...	...
COM4	@SER3	@LPT2048	@OCQ2048
QTY:0	@CON1		
QTY:1	@CON2		
QTY:2	@CON3		
...	...		

TABLE 43. Device Mappings

All the device names in TABLE 43 are mapped in a case insensitive manner; i.e., `con`, `CON`, `Con`, and `cOn` all specify the same device name to **ICOBOL**. To override an **ICOBOL** name specify a pathname, i.e., `=con`, `./CON` or `./con`, in which case **ICOBOL** will not find it as a device but will pass the name on through to the operating system.

(2) **ICOBOL** does not open hardware devices it controls with the EXCLUSIVE option unless explicitly set.

(3) The logical filename @NUL is a special internal device. If you use @NUL as an input device, a read will always generate an immediate end-of-file. As an output device, the write operations are simulated, but no data is actually written.

(4) Each logical console device (@CONn) is either enabled or not. If enabled, the logical console device has a character device (**on Linux** 'from /dev'), a blank for use with the Terminal number switch (-T) or when terminal devices are not defined in the configuration file (.cfi), or a null for use with the IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM builtin. Logical consoles also have the ability to Run Programs if the Run Program option is set to Yes. If Run Programs is set to Yes, the Program environment options are used. The line-number returned by the ACCEPT LINE statement of a COBOL program is the number n of the @CONn logical console name. When **ICOBOL** starts if the ttyname for the console cannot be found in the the configuration file (.cfi) Console table or if it is already in use, it will scan the console table for an entry that is enabled, has a blank device, and is currently not in use as its console.

(5) Each logical printer control queue (@PCQn) has associated with it a standard Linux print queue (**on Linux**) or a standard Windows printer (**on Windows**). These must be defined and enabled before **ICOBOL** can make use of the @PCQn devices. Whenever an @PCQn logical device is opened, the output is routed to the particular print queue (**on Linux**) or printer (**on Windows**) defined for the destination as setup in the configuration file (.cfi). This is known as intercept spooling.

**On Linux**, this is done using the Linux print spooler (*lp*). Thus if the COBOL filename opened was '@PCQ1', **ICOBOL** would pipe the written output to

*lp -dpcq1destination.*

**On Windows**, this is done using standard Windows print routines to place the file in the Windows printer subsystem.

(6) Each logical printer device (@PRNn) has associated with it some printer options such as form-feed on open and/or close upon printing.

**On Linux**, you should be very careful when printing directly to a device that the Linux print spooler is using because there is no standard way to provide EXCLUSIVE access to that output device. You should either use printer control queues (@PCQn), the Printer Control Utility, or use a device that is not being used by the Linux print spooler.

(7) The logical serial devices (@SERn) are serial communication ports on which no programs can be run, but serial input and/or output can be performed.

(8) If the hardware for a particular device is not installed in the system, not enabled, or set to None; a File Status 91 is returned on the OPEN.

(9) **On Linux**, standard Linux character devices that reside in /dev can be used as appropriate for files.

### D.3. Parallel Printer Ports

(1) Parallel printer ports are generally the lp0, lp1, and lp2 devices.

(2) On output to a parallel port, if a timeout value was not specified on the OPEN, the write will try forever. If the timeout and message options are both set on an extended device open, the message displayed on the user's screen will show the actual reason (like offline, out of paper, I/O error, etc.) that is causing the write to wait.



(3) On a CLOSE of a parallel port, if its buffer still has characters waiting to be written, the CLOSE will delay up to 5 minutes to enable the buffer to be flushed. After that time the parallel port will be closed and the buffer reset.

#### D.4. Serial Ports

(1) The serial ports are generally the tty01, tty02, . . . or tty1a, tty1b, . . . devices.

(2) If an OPEN specifies a device with modem control enabled, the OPEN will wait until Data Carrier Detect (DCD) is detected before preceding (this could wait forever). For all other operations, if DCD is not detected, a File Status 30 (Exception Status 122) will be returned.

(3) If hardware errors, such as parity, are detected, a File Status 30 (Exception Status 13) is returned for the operation in progress.

(4) Program lines cannot be opened by a program on another terminal. The other program will get a File Status 94 (file is exclusively opened).

(5) On output to a serial line that is not the current console, if a timeout value was not specified on the OPEN, the write will try forever. A timeout option along with a possible message option can be specified as an extended device open option on the OPEN to change this behavior.

(6) On a CLOSE of a serial line, if a timeout value was not specified on the OPEN, the CLOSE will try forever. If a timeout had been specified the CLOSE will complete in that time, the line closed, and the buffer reset.

## E. Filenaming Conventions

### E.1. Internal Filenames

An *internal filename* is assigned to an external file by using the SELECT clause in a COBOL program. The I/O statements in the program then refer to this file by its internal name, as in OPEN INPUT FILE-ONE.

### E.2. External Filenames

An *external filename* is the name by which a file is known to the operating system and/or **ICOBOL** environment. This section, describes how **ICOBOL** handles COBOL external filenames. Also see the sections in the **ICOBOL** Language Reference that discuss the COBOL builtins IC\_RENAME\_FILE, IC\_GET\_DISK\_SPACE, IC\_DIR\_LIST, IC\_MOVE\_FILE\_DATA).

In the SELECT clause of a COBOL program, the external filename can be specified. If no external filename is specified for a SELECT, the **ICOBOL** compiler generates a default external filename based on the ASSIGN TO <device> clause as defined in Table 1 on page [106](#) Default External Filenames.

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ICOBOL considers the following as **legal** characters in a filename:

Characters	Description
a-z	Lower-case letters
A-Z	Upper-case letters
0-9	Digits
.	Period
_	Underscore
\$	Dollar sign
-	Hyphen
!	Exclamation
%	Percent
&	Ampersand
{ }	Left- and right-brace
( )	Left- and right-parenthesis
~	Tilde

TABLE 44. Legal characters in a filename

ICOBOL treats the following characters as **illegal** characters in a filename:

Character	Description
'	Open- and close-single-quote
"	Double quote
[ ]	Left- and right-bracket
*	Asterisk
#	Pound-sign
+	Plus-sign
	Vertical-bar
< >	Left- and right-angle-bracket
;	Semicolon
?	Question-mark
ALSO: Embedded spaces (only if the -N e option is used), characters less than space, and characters greater than tilde.	

TABLE 45. Illegal Characters in a Filename

In certain contexts, the following characters are allowed in a filename:

Character	Description
equal (=)	As the first character of a filename, an equal is replaced with the current directory
caret (^)	As the first character of a filename, a caret is replaced with the parent directory
colon (:)	All occurrences are converted to the appropriate directory separator - \ on Windows - / on Linux <b>NOTE:</b> On Windows, : is not converted if immediately following a single letter at the beginning of the name. (Drive-letter)
backslash (\)	All occurrences are converted to the appropriate directory separator - \ on Windows - / on Linux)
forwardslash (/)	Treated as a directory separator and converted to the appropriate directory separator - \ on Windows - / on Linux; except when given on a program name when single-character program switches are stripped off the program name by scanning from the end
at-sign (@)	As the first character of an <b>ICOBOL</b> logical device name specifier

TABLE 46. Characters Allowed in a Filename, in Certain Contexts

### E.2.1 Rules

(1) **ICOBOL** always trims leading and trailing spaces before any other processing is done to a filename.

(2) A simple filename cannot be longer than 255 characters, and the pathname cannot be longer than 255 on Windows and 1023 on Linux. If it is, an error is given.

### E.2.2 Program names

#### E.2.2.1 Overview

The simple portion of a program name in **ICOBOL** must be 30 characters or less; otherwise, an error is given.

In addition to length, there are other things **ICOBOL** considers when processing a program name, and the processing is different for each of the operations that use program name:

- CALL statement
- CALL PROGRAM statement
- CANCEL statement
- IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM builtin

The table below defines processes that are used in some of the operations listed above, as **ICOBOL** processes a program name. The section that follows the table will describe how **ICOBOL** processes a program name for each of the operations and will use the name of the definition from the table (e.g., *Strip program switches*) to simplify the explanation.

#### Strip program switches:

When searching for program switches, the runtime first checks to see if the switches were delimited by a space, in which case the switches are stripped to the right of the space with no other embedded space allowed. For example, `"/usr/a/b /c/d"` would treat `c` and `d` as switches with the program name being `"/usr/a/b"`. If not delimited by a space, **ICOBOL** scans backward from the end of the string picking off `"/character"` pairs until either no more valid pairs exist or the beginning of the name. For example, `"/usr/a/b/c/d"` would treat `a`, `b`, `c`, and `d` as switches with the program name being `"/usr"`. See page [310](#) for a complete description on program switch processing.

#### CALL check:

When searching for an active or inactive program during a CALL, **ICOBOL** uses the simple part of the filename in a case-insensitive fashion. If there is already an active program with that name, it is an error (recursion). If there is already an inactive program with that name, the program is activated. Otherwise, **ICOBOL** uses the name to activate a new program.

#### Check ICCODEPATH:

ICCODEPATH specifies a list of directories and/or COBOL library files in which to look for COBOL programs with simple names. If ICCODEPATH is not specified, the simple name is passed to the operating system. Which will look in the current directory. If ICCODEPATH is specified, each directory and/or COBOL library is searched sequentially to find the given program file.

### E.2.2.2 CALL Statement

Program name is processed as follows for a CALL statement:

- 1) Check if this is a call to the operating system ('|' as the first character) and process accordingly;
- 2) Strip program switches;
- 3) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case);
- 4) Search for name in the link file and replace with new name if found;
- 5) If a simple name;
  - a) check for user-defined subroutines (calls added with the Link Kit) or builtins and process if found;
  - c) CALL check;
  - d) check for invalid characters;
  - e) append '.cx' and check ICCODEPATH. If not found, give an error.
- 6) If not a simple name;
  - a) CALL check;
  - b) check for invalid characters;
  - c) append '.cx', resolve the name, and look up the file in the operating system. If not found, give an error.

### E.2.2.3 CALL PROGRAM Statement

Program name is processed as follows for a CALL PROGRAM statement:

- 1) Check if this is a system call (prefix of # or ##), process if so
- 2) Strip program switches
- 3) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 4) Search for name in the link file and replace with new name if found
- 5) Check for invalid characters
- 6) If a simple name, append '.cx' and check ICCODEPATH. If not found, give an error.
- 7) If not a simple name, append '.cx', resolve the name, and look up the file in the operating system. If not found, give an error.

### E.2.2.4 CANCEL Statement

Program name is processed as follows for a CANCEL statement:

- 1) Strip program switches
- 2) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 3) Search for name in the link file and replace with new name if found
- 4) Extract the simple name and check to see if there is already an active program with that name, if so give an error (active), next check to see if there is an inactive program with that name, if so, CANCEL the program
- 5) Otherwise ignore.

### E.2.2.5 IC DETACH PROGRAM builtin

Program name is processed as follows for an IC DETACH PROGRAM builtin:

- 1) Extract the program part of the name, (up to the first space),
- 2) Strip program switches
- 3) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 4) Search for name in the link file and replace with new name if found
- 5) Check for invalid characters
- 6) If a simple name, append '.cx' and check ICCODEPATH. If not found, give an error.
- 7) If not a simple name, append '.cx', resolve the name, and look up the file in the operating system. If not found, give an error.

### E.2.3 Sequential and ICISAM Filenames

#### E.2.3.1 Overview

There are several different operations for which **ICOBOL** needs to process a filename for a sequential or ICISAM file, and for each operation the process is different. Here are the operations that use a sequential or ICISAM filename:

- OPEN Statement
- DELETE FILE Statement, along with the IC\_DIR\_LIST, IC\_GET\_DISK\_SPACE, IC\_MOVE\_FILE\_DATA builtins
- IC\_RENAME builtin

The table below defines a process that is used in some of the operations listed above, as **ICOBOL** processes a sequential or ICISAM filename. The section that follows the table will describe how **ICOBOL** processes a filename for each of the operations and will use the name of the definition from the table (i.e., *Check ICDATAPATH*) to simplify the explanation.

#### Check ICDATAPATH:

ICDATAPATH specifies a list of directories in which to look for COBOL data files with simple names. If ICDATAPATH is not specified, the simple name is passed to the operating system, which will look in the current directory. If ICDATAPATH is specified, each directory is searched sequentially to find the given file. If not found, and the creation attribute is specified, the file will always be created in the current directory regardless of ICDATAPATH.

#### E.2.3.2 OPEN Statement

Filename is processed as follows for an OPEN statement:

- 1) Check for a pipe open (" as the first character); if so, process the OPEN.
- 2) Strip any extended open options (i.e., the comma-separated list)
- 3) Convert name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 4) Search for name in the link file and, if found, replace with new name, otherwise, map all RDOS, AOS/VS, and MS-DOS names to their **ICOBOL** logical name as defined in TABLE 42 on page [789](#).
- 5) Check for a pipe open (" as the first character) if so process the OPEN.
- 6) Check for invalid characters
- 7) If a simple name, check ICDATAPATH appending ICISAM extensions if needed. If not found, give an error or create in the current directory as required by the OPEN.
- 8) If not a simple name, append ICISAM extensions if needed, resolve the name, and look up the file in the operating system. If not found, give an error or create in the specified directory as required by the OPEN.
- 9) Process the OPEN.

**NOTE:** A pipe open does not allow extended open options. Extended open options are discussed beginning on page [796](#).

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### **E.2.3.3 DELETE FILE Statement along with IC DIR LIST, IC GET DISK SPACE, IC MOVE FILE DATA builtins**

Filename is processed as follows for a DELETE FILE statement and the above named builtins and system calls:

- 1) Convert name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 2) Search for name in the link file and replace with new name if found
- 3) Check for invalid characters
- 4) Append ICISAM extensions if needed, resolve the name, and look up the file in the operating system. If not found, give an error.
- 5) Process as specified.

### **E.2.3.4 IC RENAME builtin**

Filename is processed as follows for IC RENAME builtin:

- 1) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 2) Check for invalid characters
- 3) Rename.

### **E.2.3.5 IC DETACH PROGRAM builtin (for the output file)**

Filename is processed as follows for IC\_DETACH\_PROGRAM builtin:

- 1) If specified, extract the output filename
- 2) Convert the name to the case specified by **ICOBOL** (default lower-case)
- 3) Search for name in the link file and, if found, replace with new name, otherwise, map all RDOS, AOS/VS, and MS-DOS names to their **ICOBOL** logical name as defined in TABLE 42 on page [789](#).
- 4) Check for invalid characters
- 5) Resolve name to a fully qualified name
- 6) Process the OPEN.

## **F. Extended OPEN options**

### **F.1. Overview**

Extended open options are available to allow specification of certain items at open time that may not be known when the COBOL program is written. The extended open options are a comma-separated list of options that allow the COBOL programmer to tailor the reads, writes, rewrites, and closes based on information known only at runtime. Within the extended open options, spaces are ignored.

The extended open options are specific to the file organization (sequential, relative, indexed or infos) and are described in the following sections. **ICOBOL** checks the options for validity and will return an error for invalid options or option value.

The case extended open option, c=l|n|u was added in 5.20, it is NOT supported for programs running in IC2X mode. It must be the first extended open option and is processed during the filename case conversion.

## F.2. Extended Sequential Open

The extended open options for sequential files can be further sub-divided into the following four categories:

OPEN OPTION	DESCRIPTION
Extended Device Open	For all opens that resolve to direct access to a hardware device.
Extended PDF opens	For opens that generate a .PDF file ( <i>,x=pdf</i> )
Extended PCQ Open	For all opens that will either be explicitly ( <i>OPEN "@PCQn"</i> ) or implicitly ( <i>ASSIGN TO PRINTER</i> or <i>PRINTER-1</i> ) placed into the printer control file.
Extended Disk Open	All other cases.

TABLE 47. Four Categories of Extended Open for Sequential Files

## F.2.1 (Sequential) Extended Device Open

Extended device open options are allowed for all opens that resolve to direct access to a hardware device. The attributes for any hardware device, including the current console, can be reset at open by using the extended device open options.

F.2.1.1 **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** syntax is:

```
device [,t=timeout] [,e=retries] [,m=y|n] [,r=record-size] [,b=baud]
      [,p=n|o|e] [,d=8|7] [,s=1|2] [,f=b|n|i|o]
```

F.2.1.2 **VXCOBOL** syntax:

```
device [,t=timeout] [,b=baud] [,p=n|o|e] [,d=8|7] [,s=1|2] [,f=b|n|i|o]
```

Where

*device*

Is any name that resolves to direct access to a hardware device. These can include the logical console, serial, and printer devices of *@CONn*, *@SERn*, or *@PRNn*.

*t=timeout*

Sets the timeout in tenths of seconds. This is the maximum inter-character time to wait for the device to respond before returning an exception on the I/O operation. For a *CLOSE*, it is the amount of time to wait to flush buffers before closing the line and resetting the buffers. Valid values are 65535 to wait forever, and 0 - 63000 for that number of tenths of seconds. A File Status 9T (Exception Status 76 "Device timeout") will be returned if the timeout is taken.

*e=retries* (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

Sets a retry count when writing data-sensitive records. Valid values are 0 - 63. If any one of the Exception Status values above occurs on the write, the specified number of retries will be performed before the exception is returned to the COBOL program.

*m=y|n* (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

Specifies that when performing an exception retry to display a message (with a beep) indicating which exception occurred followed by "Retrying. . ." on the bottom of the user's screen. If the exception condition is overcome before the retry count is exhausted, the message is erased. Otherwise, a "Retry failure. . ." message will be displayed.

*r=record-size* (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

Overrides the record size specified at compile time for this FD. The new record-size must be less than or equal to that specified in the COBOL FD. May not be specified for an *EXTERNAL* file. For variable-length files the maximum record size is set.

*b=baud*

Sets the baud to one of following legal values, 110, 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 56000.

*p=n|o|e*

Sets the parity to none, odd, or even

*d=8|7*

Sets the number of data bits to 8 or 7

*s=1|2*

Sets the number of stop bits to 1 or 2

*f=b|n|i|o*

Sets both Software Input Flow Control (SIFC) and Software Output Flow Control (SOFC), neither SIFC nor SOFC, SIFC only, or SOFC only, respectively. When used on a program line, the console interrupt option will be disabled.

### F.2.1.3 Rules

(1) If an attribute is not given, its value is taken from the default set by the operating system.

(2) If a particular option is not applicable for the final hardware device, it is ignored, e.g., baud rate for a parallel port.

(3) The timeout (*t=*), retries (*e=*), message (*m=*), and record-size (*r=*) are set on a per COBOL FD basis.

(4) The remaining options, baud (*b=*), parity (*p=*), data-bits (*d=*), stop-bits (*s=*) and flow control (*f=*), are the hardware options and will affect all subsequent I/O on this device until a close is done, at which time the device is reset to its default value. All closes of a device will reset it to its default state. Thus if you re-open your console with a new baud rate, the new baud will be in effect until you close the file. Also if you re-open your console with a flow-control option set the console interrupt option will be disabled until you close the file. For example "*@con,f=n*" will open the current console with the current baud, parity, data-bits, and stop-bits while disabling console interrupt and having both software flow control (SIFC and SOFC) options disabled. This is useful for doing file transfer via a terminal emulator.

(5) A STOP RUN or any other program termination will do a CLOSE, forcing a reset of the options on the current console to the default state.

(6) Mdm Ctl (modem control) and Hrd OFS (hardware output flow control) options are never reset due to an extended device open.

(7) An example of the message retry count would be "*...,t=3000,e=10*" which specifies that the timeout be set to 5 minutes and the retry count set to 10. Thus before the program gets an error the WRITE will delay for 10 times 5 minutes or 50 minutes. While retrying, if the WRITE can continue, the message will be erased.

### F.2.2 (Sequential) Extended PDF Open

The extended PDF open for sequential files has the following syntax:

```
filename , [c=l|n|u,] x=pdf [, f=pdf-format] [, p=userpw[|ownerpw]]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename.

*c=l|n|u*

Allows the case of the filename to be overridden: l for lowercase, n for no case change, u for uppercase. This must be the first extended open option specified.



*x=pdf*

Specifies that the data sent to this file should resolve to a generated .PDF file. This option can only be specified for OUTPUT files. If the .pdf extension is NOT given in *filename* it is appended.

*f=pdf-format*

Specifies a defined PDF-format to use for the file. If not specified, a PDF-format of 0 is selected.

*p=userpw[ownerpw]*

(Added in 5.00)

specifies a user or user and owner password for the resulting .pdf file. When only the *userpw* is specified, it is used as both the user and owner password. When both passwords are supplied, the rights are controlled by which password is used. The owner password has all rights, which includes the ability to change the password. The user password has the following rights:

Printing:	Yes
Changing the document:	No
Document assembly:	No
Content Copying:	Yes
Content Copying for Accessibility:	Yes
Page Extractions:	No
Commenting:	Yes
Filling Form fields:	Yes
Signing:	Yes
Creation of Template Pages:	No

More information can be found under PDF Generation on page [806](#).

### F.2.3 (Sequential) Extended PCQ Open (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

For all opens that will have entries either explicitly, with an OPEN "@PCQn", or implicitly, using an ASSIGN TO PRINTER or PRINTER-1, placed into the printer control file, allow extended pcq open options to be specified.

The syntax is:

```
filename [,c=l|n|u][,r=record-size] [,i=position] [,q=n] [,d=k|r|d]
[,p=priority] [,c=copies] [,n=y|n] [,a=y|n]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename or @PCQn.

*c=l|n|u*

Allows the case of the filename to be overridden: l for lowercase, n for no case change, u for uppercase.

This must be the first extended open option specified.

*r=record-size*

Overrides the record size specified at compile time for this FD. The new record-size must be less than or equal to that specified at compile time.

*i=position*

Overrides the initial position to start performing I/O operations. With this option you can start reading at any byte in the file. For example, "tmp,i=1024" would allow you to start reading or writing at the 1024th byte. Zero is the beginning of file. If not specified, the default is beginning-of-file for all OPENs except OPEN EXTEND, in which case it is end-of-file. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

*q=n*

Places this file in the printer control file with its default queue set to n. n must be an enabled printer control queue (0-2047) or else an error will be raised - file status 91, Exception Status 81 "Device is not available or does not exist". (The QUEUE IS phrase of the file control entry may be used for the same purpose.)

*d=k|r|d*

Sets the disposition option to keep (k), remove (r), or delete (d) when this file is placed into the printer control file.

*p=priority*

Sets the priority to this value when this file is placed into the printer control file. Valid values are 1 - 255.

*c=copies*

Sets the copies option to this value when this file is placed into the printer control file.

*n=y|n*

Sets the notify option to yes or no when this file is placed into the printer control file.

*a=y|n*

Sets the auto print option to yes or no when this file is placed into the printer control file.

### F.2.4 (Sequential) Extended Disk Open (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

The extended disk open for all other sequential files has the following syntax:

```
filename [,c=l|n|u] [,r=record-size] [,i=position]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename.

*c*=l|n|u

Allows the case of the filename to be overridden. L for lowercase, n for no case change, u for uppercase.

This must be the first extended open option specified.

*r*=*record-size*

Overrides the record size specified at compile time for this FD. The new record-size must be less than or equal to that specified at compile time. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file. For variable-length files the maximum record size is set.

*i*=*position*

Overrides the initial position to start performing I/O operations. With this option you can start reading at any byte in the file. For example, "tmp,i=1024" would allow you to start reading or writing at the 1024th byte. Zero is the beginning of file. If not specified, the default is beginning-of-file for all OPENS except OPEN EXTEND, in which case it is end-of-file.

### F.3. Extended Relative Open (**ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**)

The extended open for relative files has the following syntax:

```
filename [,c=l|n|u] [,v=7|8] [,p=y|n] [,r=record-size]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename.

*c*=l|n|u

Allows the case of the filename to be overridden: l for lowercase, n for no case change, u for uppercase.

This must be the first extended open option specified.

*v*=7|8

Specifies that if this particular file is to be created it should be created as an ICISAM version 7 or 8 file.

*p*=y|n

Specifies the delete-is-physical attribute for files. The default is n(o), if not specified. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

*r*=*record-size*

Overrides the record size specified at compile time for this FD. The new record-size must be less than or equal to that specified at compile time. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file. For variable-length files the maximum record size is set.

If an existing file is being opened, all of the specified new parameters must match the attributes of the current file.

## F.4. Extended Indexed Open

The extended open for indexed files has the following syntax:

**ANSI 74 and ANSI 85**

```
filename [,c=l|n|u] [,v=7|8] [,b=i] [,r=record-size] [,n=number-keys]
      [,p=y|n] [,o=offset]... [,l=length]... [,d=y|n]... [,u=y|n]...
```

**VXCOBOL**

```
filename [,c=l|n|u] [,b=i]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename.

c=l|n|u

Allows the case of the filename to be overridden: l for lowercase, n for no case change, u for uppercase. This must be the first extended open option specified.

b=i

Specifies the record manager to use. To use ICISAM (which is always available) use i.

v=7|8

Specifies that if this particular file is to be created it should be created as an ICISAM version 7 or 8 file.

r=*record-size*

Overrides the record size specified at compile time for this FD. The new record-size must be less than or equal to that specified at compile time. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file. For variable-length files the maximum record size is set.

n=*keys*

Overrides the number of keys specified at compile time for this FD. The new number of keys must be less than or equal to that specified at compile time. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

p=y|n

Specifies the delete-is-physical attribute for files. The default is n(o), if not specified. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

o=*offset*

Overrides the offset for each of the keys specified in the order primary, alternate-1, alternate-2, etc. Offset is zero(0) based, thus o=0 means the first byte in the record. The new offset must be within the old record size and within the new record size, if specified. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

l=*length*

Overrides the length of each of the keys in the specified order primary, alternate-1, alternate-2, etc. The length must not be larger than 100 and the key area must be completely contained within the old and new record areas. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

d=y|n

Overrides whether duplicates are allowed or not for a key. No duplicates are allowed indexed files. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

u=y|n

Specifies whether to convert all key entries for this key to upper-case. The default is no. This option may not be specified for an EXTERNAL file.

### NOTES:

1. The o, l, d, and u options can be repeated for the number of keys specified by the n option, or by the number of keys defined in the FD at compile time.
2. The o, l, d, and u options may also be specified as:

[,o=offset,l=length,d=y|n,u=y|n]...

It is easier to see what is being done with this syntax.

3. The offset (o) and length (l) options may not be used with keys whose file control entry specifies the PLUS, ALSO, or OCCURS clause.

With these options, it is possible to write programs that do not know the format of a particular file. The format can be entered or read from a table to allow a generic program to read an ICISAM file and create a report. The first key offset, length, duplicate is the primary key, the second key offset, length, duplicate, is the first alternate, the third set is the second alternate, and so on. There is NO re-ordering of the alternate keys like the compiler performs.

If an existing file is being opened, all of the specified new parameters must match the attributes of the current file.

## G. ICISAM Information

### G.1. Overview

**ICOBOL 5** supports two versions of indexed and relative files (7 and 8). Revision 5 and 6 files can be imported and exported via the ICREORG utility. All ICISAM files consist of two separate files. The .XD file contains a header along with all the actual data. The .NX file contains a header along with all the index b-trees for the specified keys to look up records in the .XD part of the file. These two files are both required to successfully use an ICISAM file.

All ICISAM files are created as version 8 files unless the extended open option is used to explicitly specify version 7 or the System Configuration is set to Create version 7 by default..

Version 7 files are limited to 4GB (.xd and .nx) and version 8 files have a limit of 4G (4 billion) records (.xd) and a 16TB index (.nx).

### G.2. ICISAM Versions

Version 7 indexed files are compatible with revisions 3.30 and higher of *ICHOST* and **ICOBOL 2.0**. Indexed blocks are allocated as 2048-byte entries. Version 8 indexed files are compatible with **ICOBOL 5.00** and higher.

The headers in the .XD and the .NX contain duplicated data allowing for verification at open time and allow the entire file to be rebuilt using only the .XD portion. Indexed files support the ability to physically delete records, i.e., a DELETE places the record on a reuse chain such that the next WRITE will use that record position rather than allocate a new record area. UNDELETES cannot be performed when a record has been physically deleted. The default for indexed file is for delete-is-physical to be disabled.

Indexed files support up to 16 alternate keys, each alternate can allow or not allow duplicates, have a maximum record size of 16384 bytes (16KB), and a maximum key size of 255 bytes. Indexed files also allow a particular key path to be set to only add and lookup key entries in upper-case. When set to upper-case mode, all key entries for this key are converted to upper-case before being added or looked up in the index. Indexed files also support descending keys, suffixed keys, multiple locations per key, suppressed key values, etc. Indexed files keep a deleted record count in the header.

Version 8 indexed files and relative files are the recommended versions to use unless a compatibility issue is involved. By default, **ICOBOL5** creates version 8 files but can access version 7. The **ICREORG** utility can be used to read/create files of any version.

**NOTE:** **VXCOBOL** always uses ICISAM for ANSI alternate keyed indexed files and for relative files. **VXCOBOL** uses ICISAM for single-keyed files if the -G s switch is specified to **ICOBOL** when using the **VXCOBOL** dialect (-D vx).

### G.3. ICISAM Reliability

**ICOBOL's** file reliability system helps to insure the logical structure of ICISAM files.

The .XD header of each ICISAM file contains two flag bits, one for the .XD file and one for the .NX file. For an open ICISAM file, the appropriate flag is set by **ICOBOL** when that portion of the ICISAM file has been modified and the modification has not been flushed to disk. These reliability flags are only cleared by **ICOBOL** when it is sure the disk image for the file is logically correct. This is done whenever the file is CLOSE'd by any program, an index root node splits, or a WRITE or REWRITE with the IMMEDIATE option is performed.

If for some reason the system terminates while either one or both of the reliability flags are set, neither **ICOBOL** nor most of its utilities will be allowed to OPEN the ICISAM file. The ICCHECK utility must be run on the file to determine if there really is a problem and if so what the problem is. If no problem exists, ICCHECK will clear the reliability flags.

### G.4. ICISAM Key Ordering

If upgrading from a version 5 or 6 file with alternate keys the order of the duplicate keys that have been rewritten is different. The order for version 5 and 6 files is always the order of the record in the file. For version 7 and 8 files the order is always the order in which the duplicate key was written.

In ICISAM files, the order of alternate keys with the same key is the order in which the key-itself was written to the file. It has nothing to do with the order in which the record physically resides in the data portion of the file. So a REWRITE that changes an alternate key such that it is a duplicate is created will position that record at the end of that duplicate key path.

ICREORG's on any ICISAM file has the possibility to CHANGE the order that alternate keys with the same value will be positioned in the alternate key path since the record and the key will have been rewritten in the order specified by the ICREORG. (Default is primary key order which is not necessarily the original order.)

Example

-----

Record-A (primary=1 alternate=dave)  
 Record-B (primary=3 alternate=mary)  
 Record-C (primary=5 alternate=dave)  
 Record-D (primary=7 alternate=albert)  
 Record-E (primary=9 alternate=mary)

#### \*\* EXAMPLE 1 \*\*

Write records A, B, C, D, E (to an empty file)  
 Read next on alternate: records D, A, C, B, E

Rewrite record D changing alternate to mary  
 Read next on alternate: records A, C, B, E, D

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ICREORG the above file to a new file using just the defaults will re-order the alternates as such:

```
icreorg filea fileb
```

Read next on alternate: records A, C, B, D, E (using fileb)

### \*\* EXAMPLE 2 \*\*

Write records C, A, B, D, E (to an empty file)

Read next on alternate: records D, C, A, B, E

Rewrite record D changing alternate to mary

Read next on alternate: records C, A, B, E, D

ICREORG the above file to a new file using just the defaults will re-order the alternates as such:

```
icreorg filea fileb
```

Read next on alternate: records A, C, B, D, E (using fileb)

In **ICOBOL 5**, to create a version 7 the extended open option of ",v=7" must be added to the filename at OPEN. Version 5 and 6 files are not supported directly by the runtime. ICREORG can be used to convert to a newer format.

## H. Notes and Warnings

Many early versions of **ICOBOL** detect SIZE ERROR incorrectly when the receiving item is SIGNED COMP (and the ANSI switch was NOT used on the 1.xx Interactive COBOL compiler). Current versions of **ICOBOL** determine SIZE ERROR based on whether the binary value of the absolute value of the result will fit in the number of bytes. For example, a PIC S99 COMP takes 1-byte and can store (in binary) -128 to 127.

### On Linux

**ICOBOL** handles the following Linux signals with the given action:

<u>Linux signal</u>	<u>Action</u>
SIGHUP (01)	Terminate <b>ICOBOL</b>
SIGINT (02)	<b>ICOBOL</b> console interrupt      Linux Intr key (usually Ctrl-Del)
SIGQUIT (03)	Terminate <b>ICOBOL</b> Linux Quit key (usually Ctrl-\)
SIGPIPE (13)	Terminate <b>ICOBOL</b>
SIGTERM (15)	Terminate <b>ICOBOL</b>
SIGUSR1 (16)	Abort the <b>ICOBOL</b> program
SIGPWR (19)	Terminate <b>ICOBOL</b>

The Linux Intr and Quit keys can be viewed or changed to different values by using the Linux *stty* command.

## I. Pipe Opens

### I.1. Overview

A sequential OPEN INPUT, OPEN I-O, or OPEN OUTPUT/EXTEND can accept pipelines to and from the Linux shell or Windows operating system (added in 4.10) when opening sequential files. The format for specifying a pipeline as a filename is:

" >command"	(pipe to a command	- OPEN OUTPUT/EXTEND)	
" <command"	(pipe from a command	- OPEN INPUT)	
" <>command"	(pipe from and to a command	- OPEN I-O)	(Added in 4.10)

Where

*command*

Is any valid Bourne shell or Windows operating system syntax.

The particular command must be able to accept input on standard-in if it is being opened for output, extend, or I/O and it must be able to return data via its standard-out if it is being opened for input or I/O.

### I.2. Rules

(1) If a file is sequentially organized, OPEN can be directed to open a pipe to either standard input, standard output, or both standard input and standard output of the command. When the runtime system encounters the pipe command format while a COBOL OPEN statement is executing, the system opens a pipe for that command. Under Linux, the shell then interprets the command as though you had entered the string `sh -c` command. Under Windows, the command is given directly to the operating system to be executed. Each pipe open requires the creation of an additional process.

(2) If the first three characters of the pipeline are "|<>", then the OPEN mode must be I-O and the output written to the COBOL file by the runtime system becomes standard input of command and the standard output of command becomes the data read from the COBOL file by the runtime system. If the first two characters of the pipeline are "|>", then the OPEN mode must be OUTPUT or EXTEND and the output written to the COBOL file by the runtime system becomes standard input of command. If the first two characters of the pipeline are "|<", then the OPEN mode must be INPUT and the standard output of command becomes the data read from the COBOL file by the runtime system. If the correct open mode is not used, the OPEN fails with a FILE STATUS 91.

(3) When opening a pipe to or from a shell command, the shell looks for the command in the PATH variable, not ICCODEPATH.

(4) The DELETE FILE statement has no effect in these cases. When a file is closed that has been opened this way, the CLOSE statement halts the writing to the pipe and tells the runtime system to wait for the process on the other end of the pipe to terminate.

(5) This syntax is allowed on the right hand side in the linkfile produced by ICLINK. Thus, the following syntax could be used to open a pipe to the Linux print spooler.

In the linktextfile:

```
$lpt |>lp -dprinter1 -onobanner
```

(6) On the CLOSE, the Exception Status is set and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if specified, will be performed. Otherwise, the returned exit code is placed into Exception Status, but the ON EXCEPTION clause is not executed. Thus both error and non-error cases can be tested.

## J.1. Introduction

Starting in 4.10 the runtime can generate .PDF files.

This can be done either thru the use of the extended open options (`x=pdf`) and writing to the newly opened file, by using the `IC_PDF_PRINT` builtin to create one from an existing file, or from the Printer Control Utility using an existing file in printer control.

The extended PDF open for sequential files has the following syntax:

```
filename ,x=pdf [,f=pdf-format] [,p=userpw[|ownerpw]]
```

Where

*filename*

Is any disk filename.

`x=pdf`

Specifies that the data sent to this file should resolve to a generated .PDF file. This option can only be specified for OUTPUT files. If the .pdf extension is NOT given in *filename* it is appended.

`f=pdf-format`

Specifies a defined PDF-format to use for the file. If not specified, a PDF-format of 0 is selected.

`p=userpw[|ownerpw]`

Specifies a user or user and owner password for the resulting .pdf file. When only the *userpw* is specified, it is used as both the user and owner password. When both passwords are supplied, the rights are controlled by which password is used. The owner password has all rights, which includes the ability to change the password. The user password has the following rights:

Printing:	Yes
Changing the document:	No
Document assembly:	No
Content Copying:	Yes
Content Copying for Accessibility:	Yes
Page Extractions:	No
Commenting:	Yes
Filling Form fields:	Yes
Signing:	Yes
Creation of Template Pages:	No

PDF files are generated based on a particular PDF Format. These formats must be pre configured by `ICCONFIG` or `ICEDCFW` in the configuration file. An overview of a PDF Format is shown in the following Section M.2.

Each particular PDF Format specifies how a new .PDF file should be created as data is written to the file. The particular items include the page size, margins, font, font-size, etc. In addition, a background form can be imposed on each page, including the ability to generate multi-part forms.

Any errors generated when sending data to a .PDF file will be logged in the audit log if specified.

When a pdf file is generated, the following properties are set in the .PDF file.

Filename,  
 Author (current user),  
 Created date/time,  
 Application set to `icrun` with its revision,  
 PDF Producer is set to Envyr Corporation,  
 PDF Version is set to 1.5,  
 Location is set to the directory,  
 File Size,



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Page Size.

Properties that are not set include: Title, Subject, Keywords, and Modified.

The use of a Background form allows a Form to be imposed as the background to the characters that are to be printed. This allows for special forms to no longer be purchased. These Background forms can be any .PDF file. Several methods of creating these background .PDF form files are: A) scan an image, B) create a .ps file from a program and then use something like Adobe Acrobat, C) use a program that can generate a .PDF directly like many newer word processors. Background forms are found using either ICCONFIGDIR or the current directory.

The support of multipage images's allows for the logical printing of multiple part forms. For example, you could have a multipage image that is an Invoice and at the bottom of page one it will say "Customer Copy", at the bottom of page 2 it will say "Company Copy", at the bottom of page 3 it will say "Receipt", and finally at the bottom of page 4 it says "File Copy". The multipart count must be set to the number of pages in the image.

Now when a single "page" is printed using that form, 4 physical pages will be sent to the .pdf file with each page of the background being different.

When using PDF creation, some possible errors at open include:

- 276 PDF writing facility is not available (need a pdf license)
- 277 PDF format requested is not configured or enabled.
- 280 The required form for PDF writing had errors
- 281 The background form uses features that are not implemented yet
- 282 The background form reader encountered unexpected errors with the file
- 283 The background form has attribute values that are not supported

Only OPEN OUTPUT is supported when generating a PDF file. PDF files cannot be read or appended by **ICOBOL**.

Some sample background image files are provided in the examples directory. These include:

- pastdue\_bw.pdf
- pastdue\_color.pdf
- preliminary\_watermark.pdf
- four\_page\_sample.pdf
- sampleinvoice1.pdf

## J.2. PDF Format

This section provides a brief overview of a PDF format that can be set in either ICCONFIG or ICEDCFW. Below shows a PDF Format setting screen.

```

                                PDF Format Configuration
                                Format Number: 0__

Enable? Y          Comment: _____

Paper: Letter          Width: 612 (8.5)          Height: 792 (11)
Background Form: _____
UseOnce: N          Multipart: N  Scale: N  Center: Y  FitMargins: N

Margins:
    Left: 18 (0.25)    Top: 36 (0.5)
                                Right: 18 (0.25)
                                Bottom: 36 (0.5)

Font Name: Courier          Alignment: None
Font Size: 12          Line Spacing: 0 (0)

Autowrap: N          Landscape: N          Multipart Count: 1

Summary: Page Size:          612 x 792 units          (8.5 x 11 inches)
          Printable Area: 576 x 720 units          (8 x 10 inches)
          Approximately 80 characters by 60 lines

Page Dimensions and Margins are in 1/72 inch units. Parentheses show inches.
Press <up>, <down> or Enter, F3 previous, F4 next, F5 to copy, ESC to exit.
    
```

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Where:

*Format Number*

is the particular format description to be configured. The range of values is as specified in the System Parameters configuration. Currently up to 256 formats can be specified.

*Enable*

set to Yes allows this PDF Format to be used.

*Comment*

provides an optional brief description of this format. This description is stored in the shared area and is viewable by ICSMVIEW or in the Printer Control Utility.

*Paper*

allows for a particular paper size to be entered by scrolling through the various predefined sizes or by entering a custom size which allows for the specific size to be set. Valid selections include A5, A4, Executive, Lineprinter, Tabloid, Ledger, Legal, Letter, and Custom.

*Background Form*

is optional and allows a background image file (in .pdf format) to be specified that will be imposed on the pdf image to be created. At runtime this form must be present in the print subdirectory under ICROOT or via ICCONFIGDIR.

The following selections only apply if a background image is specified:

*UseOnce:* Y/N

(Default is N)

Y=use the background form one time (*ReuseLastPage* appears)

N=old behavior (*MultiPart* appears)

*ReuseLastPage:* Y/N

(Appears only when *UseOnce*=Y)

Y=once the form has been used, reuse the last page of the form for all the remaining pages.

When used with a 1-page form, the effect is the same as *UseOnce*=N.

N=once the form is used, print remaining pages with no form.

*ReuseLastPage* is useful to have a unique first page.

*Multipart*

specifies whether this background image is a multi-page document. When set, the runtime will generate a logical page multiple times for each page in the image. The default is No.

*Scale*

specifies whether to scale the background image. When set to Yes, the image will be scaled to either the paper size or margin size. The aspect ratio is kept intact. The default is No.

*Center*

specifies whether the background image should be centered. When set to Yes, the image will be centered to either the paper size or margin setting. The default is Yes.

*Fit Margins*

specifies whether to use the margin settings or the paper size should be used when scaling or centering the image. The default is the No (use paper size).

*Margins*

allows the specific inside margins (*Top, Left, Right, Bottom*) to be specified for this format. Units are in points, which are 1/72 inch units. The defaults are 36 (.5 in) for *Top* and *Bottom* and 18 (.25 in) for *Left* and *Right*.

*Font Name*

allows for a specific supported font to be entered. Currently supported fonts include: Courier, Courier-Oblique, Courier-Bold, Courier-BoldOblique, Helvetica, Helvetica-Oblique, Helvetica-Bold, Helvetica-BoldOblique, Times-Roman, Times-Italic, Times-Bold, and Times-BoldItalic. These are 12 of the 14 standard Adobe fonts. The default is Courier. (Oblique is commonly known as Italic.)

*Alignment*

is shown when a proportional font is specified and instructs how characters are to be placed on a page. Valid selections are: None, Character, Word. None is the default. Character will treat the font like a fixed font and place each character in a fixed position on the line. Word will set each word into a calculated fixed position.

*Font Size*

is the specified size in points. Size can range from 2 to 72. For example, a 12-point Courier font provides 10 characters per inch. The 10 is usually referred to as the pitch for fixed fonts.. A 10-point Courier provides 12 characters per inch, i.e., 12 pitch. The default is 12.

*Line Spacing*

specifies the default spacing between lines in points. The line height is the sum of *font size* and *line spacing*. The default is 0.

*Autowrap*

specifies whether to wrap lines that are too long or truncate the lines. The default is No (truncate).

*Landscape*

specifies whether this page should be treated as landscape or portrait. (Swaps width and height.) The default is No (portrait).

*Multipart Count*

specifies whether to generate multiple pages for each page. If this value is greater than 1, then a multi-part form will be generated. If a multi-page image is specified and *Multipart* is set to Y then this value MUST match the number of pages in the image. If a multi-page image file was specified, but *Multipart* is set to N, then this file will be used in a modulo fashion as logical pages are presented. The default is 1.

The Summary section at the bottom of the screen shows a summary of the pdf page specifics. This is kept constantly updated as selections are made in the screen.

All page dimensions and margins are in points which are 1/72 inch units. The values in parenthesis (x) show inches.

### J.3. PDF Sample

A sample program, (pdfsample.sr, .cx) is provided in the examples subdirectory along with a sample background .PDF invoice (sampleinvoice1.pdf) in the examples subdirectory. A final sample output is provided as Finalinvoice.pdf in the examples subdirectory.

The sample program can be used to create a basic .PDF file, provide alignment information when using a background .PDF, and shows an actual printing of a basic Invoice using the sample invoice background .PDF provided.

The sampleinvoice1.pdf is provided assuming margins are .5 on all sides, and a Courier font of size 10. The source code in pdfsample.sr shows the specific lines and columns that are available to be filled in.

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Two additional sample background .PDF file are also provided as sampleinvoicep.pdf and sampleinvoice1pd.pdf that have a PAID and PAST DUE watermark respectively added to the base invoice. The PAST DUE water mark is provided in Red to highlight the invoice.

### **K. HOT KEYS**

#### **K.1. Introduction**

Hot keys are available in Interactive COBOL to allow a specific program (a hotkey program) to be run when a particular key is pressed without changing the currently running program. For example, to provide a pop-up calculator or calendar.

Hot keys are defined in the terminal description file (.tdi). Enter the Configure Keyboard selection under Terminal Descriptions and change the Type for an input key to "Hot Key Function" and the Code to the particular hotkey program to be run. Available hotkey programs are "hotkey00" thru "hotkey99".

Keys that are described as "Hot Key Function" can never be seen by an application. For this reason, although there are no restrictions imposed by Interactive COBOL, printable characters, standard delimiter keys (newline, carriage-return, ESC, Tab (used by Print Utility), F1 - F3, and screen edit keys (Ctrl-A, Ctrl-R, Ctrl-V, etc.) should be avoided. Particular function keys needed by the current COBOL application should also be avoided.

If the particular hotkey program is not available or otherwise gets an error while loading, a beep will be given.

To link a particular program to a hotkey program you can either rename the program to the particular hotkey name, "hotkey00", "hotkey01", etc. or use the linking facility (ICLINK) to provide for runtime linking of the hotkey program name to the actual COBOL program.

#### **K.2. Construction**

Hotkey programs are most useful when they use the SCREEN HANDLER functions to save and restore screens, even though hotkey programs do not require the SCREEN HANDLER. Hotkey programs should be designed to detect whether the SCREEN HANDLER is running and perform the appropriate functions.

We suggest that the hotkey program should perform an SD\_NEW\_WINDOW when it first starts and an SD\_REMOVE\_WINDOW just before it exits. It can then freely use the screen to interact with the user. When it exits, the screen will be restored. The hotkey program can also be used to perform lookups and return data to the ACCEPT field with the SD\_RETURN\_INPUT call.

If your application uses an initial program to allow the user to logon via a username and password type scheme, you should make sure that any hotkey program that is installed disallows its use if the user has not properly logged on.

Hotkey programs should also insure that they do not do a STOP RUN or CALL PROGRAM or get a Fatal Error since that will stop the entire run unit. A hotkey program should be written like a CALL subprogram such that it will always return to its calling program.

The builtin functions IC\_ENABLE\_HOTKEY and IC\_DISABLE\_HOTKEY provide the ability to selectively allow or disallow access to hotkey programs.

#### **K.3. Restrictions**

Hot keys cannot be used while in a builtin or system call.

Hotkey programs must abide by the same subprogram rules (recursion) as normal subprograms.

Hot keys are only recognized during an ACCEPT operation on the current console.

If the hotkey program was started initially by a hot key then it is automatically CANCEL'ed on exit. If the hotkey program was already loaded (via a CALL) it is not CANCEL'ed on exit. I.E., a hotkey program will always start in its initial state if it was not previously loaded with a CALL.

If a hotkey program CALL's a program that was not already loaded it will not be automatically CANCEL'ed when it exits. The hotkey program must explicitly cancel subprograms that it initiates.

Up to 100 unique hotkey programs can be configured, "hotkey00" thru "hotkey99".

There is no mechanism to pass parameters to a hotkey program.

Hotkey programs can be any program (including builtins) that can be CALL'ed from a COBOL program, but not an operating system program although you can build a COBOL stub program that in turn calls an operating system program.

#### K.4. Example

The program sysserve in the examples directory in the Runtime release is a sample HotKey program that provides a System Services screen. If the SCREEN HANDLER is available it uses it to save the initial screen that will be restored when it exits. If no SCREEN HANDLER is available the screen is blanked when it exits.



## XVI. ICODEBC Driver

### A. Introduction

The Interactive COBOL ODBC Driver (ICODBC32.DLL) for Windows is available as both a 32-bit and 64-bit ODBC Driver that provides an ODBC-compliant interface via icodbc32.dll. It is accessible from both 32-bit and 64-bit ODBC-enabled applications.

The Interactive COBOL ODBC Driver (ICODBC.SO) for Linux is available as both a 32-bit and 64-bit ODBC Driver that provides an ODBC-compliant interface via icodbc.so. This interface can be used with the unixODBC Driver Manager. One program in particular that makes use of this interface is the JDBC-ODBC Bridge under the Java Runtime.

ICODBC is a fully functional ODBC Driver (SQL-92 Entry level compliant) providing access to Interactive COBOL data records stored in INDEXED ORGANIZATION files. Through this mechanism it is possible for ODBC-enabled programs (e.g., Crystal Reports, Visual Basic, PowerBuilder, Microsoft Access, etc...) to use SQL to access legacy Interactive COBOL INDEXED file data records as if they were rows of a table in an SQL relational database.

### B. General Information

On Windows, for the purpose of buffering file data within an application, multiple opens of the same local/redirected file are commoned by using the lower case rendition of the file name supplied to the driver. It is important to always specify the identical filename (or alias) and not a different alias to refer to a particular file. This applies to database and table definition files as well as data (INDEXED) file names. On Linux, the inode number is used so the name is not important for buffering.

The ICODEBC Driver optionally connects to the shared memory area created and initialized by the Interactive COBOL System Executive Program (ICEEXEC). Multi-user file sharing, buffering, and record locking are handled more efficiently through this mechanism as opposed to a stand-alone (single-user) environment.

### C. Using the Driver

In order for the ICODEBC driver to provide for the INDEXED to SQL data translation, the application builder must supply information regarding the database, the tables comprising the database, and the rows and columns comprising each table. Simply speaking, an INDEXED file can be viewed as a table (or tables) comprised of a set of rows (records), each one specifying a value for a column (field).

The ICODEBC driver utilizes two ASCII text files, which are formatted according to Microsoft Windows initialization (.ini) file conventions, to describe the appropriate view of a database and the tables which it contains. The two files are the .xdb (Database definition) file, which describes a database; and the .xdt (Table Definition) file, which describes a table. **The key names are case-sensitive and must appear in the file exactly as specified below.**

For a given database, the .xdb file explicitly specifies the number of tables comprising that database, defining the name, the INDEXED file, and the Table definition file for each one. Although there is an obvious relationship between an INDEXED file and a Table Definition file, there is no forced association required by the driver. Thus, it is possible to describe different databases using the same Table Definitions paired with different instances of INDEXED files.

For a table, the .xdt file explicitly specifies the number of columns comprising the table, defining the name, the position, size, and type of the data field corresponding to each. Although there may be obvious relationships between the data fields of a record and the columns of a table, the driver does not enforce a particular correspondence. Thus it is possible to describe different columns of a table using the same data field, or to describe the columns of a table using only some of the data fields available. In many cases it may be necessary to have one

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column that is the whole row (record), along with individual columns that may or may not duplicate other columns in the row (record).

### D. Creating .XDB and XDT Files

The **ICOBOL** compiler (when started with the Make ICODBC Definition Files switch (-M)) can be used to create a preliminary Database Definition file (.xdb) and Table Definition File(s) (.xdt) as it compiles a source program. These preliminary files can provide a starting point for tailoring the definitions of your database and tables. The ICODBC Options switch (-X *string*) on the compiler can be used to set specific ICODBC generation options. See page [750](#) in the Compiler Chapter for more on the compiler ICODBC Options switch.

For the Database Definition file (.xdb), the compiler will create the [Database] section with the NumTables key and then will generate the [Tables] section and individual [<table-names>] sections based on the number of Indexed files found in the program.

For the Table Definition file(s) (.xdt), the compiler will create the [Table] section with NumColumns, MaxRecordSize, and MinRecordSize keys, the [Primary Key] section, the [Columns] section, and finally the [<column-names>] sections with Type, Position, Length keys along with any other key that is needed for the particular Type, for each of the columns that were detected in the record definition of the COBOL program..

In the descriptions below, the characters '[' and ']' are required (they are not part of an optional definition). These define "Section Names" in the file. Within Sections are "keys" which have a value associated with them. Leading spaces are ignored and blank lines are ignored. A semi-colon (;) starts a comment.

#### The Database Definition File (.xdb)

##### XDB Syntax      (Bold lines are required.)

###### **[Database]**

```
NumTables=<number-of-tables>  
OpenMode=<open-mode>  
BaseYear=<base-year-value>  
BaseYearPivot=<base-year-pivot-value>  
EpochYear=<epoch-year-value>  
EpochDay=<epoch-day-value>  
EpochTick=<epoch-tick-value>  
ProxyDate=<date-value>  
ProxyTime=<time-value>  
ProxyTimestamp=<timestamp-value>  
Username=<username-value>  
Password=<password-value>
```

###### **[Tables]**

```
<table-name-1>  
...  
<table-name-n>
```

###### **[<table-name-1>]**

```
TableFile=<table-definition-file-name>  
DataFile=<data-file-name>  
...
```

###### **[<table-name-n>]**

```
TableFile=<table-definition-file-name>  
DataFile=<data-file-name>
```



XDB General Rules

- \* "NumTables" key is **required** and the value of *<number-of-tables>* must match the number of table names listed in the [Tables] section and the number of [*<table-name-i>*] sections.
- \* "OpenMode" key is optional and specifies the open mode for the data files comprising the database. The value of *<open-mode>* must be one of either "INPUT", "OUTPUT", "I-O", or "EXTEND". If this key is not specified, a default value of "INPUT" is implied. This value can be overridden by the presence of an "OpenMode" key in the [Table] section of the individual Table Definition files (see below).
- \* "BaseYear" key is optional and specifies the century year to be added to the two or three digit year values of the DAY and DATE data types described below. The value of *<base-year-value>* must be a valid numeric edited string literal, and must specify a year greater than or equal to 1600 (up to 32700) that is a century (i.e., divisible by 100). If this key is not specified, a default value of 1900 is implied.
- \* "BaseYearPivot" key is optional and specifies the two-digit year value of the DAY and DATE data types described below, to which, if less than, a century (i.e., 100 years) will be added, in addition to the value of *<base-year-value>*. The value of *<base-year-pivot-value>* must be a valid numeric edited string literal, and must be greater than 0 and less than 99. If this key is not specified, a default value of 0 is implied.
- \* "EpochYear" key is optional and specifies the starting year of time (as represented by a zero value) for the corresponding epoch data types described below. The value of *<epoch-year-value>* must be a valid numeric edited string literal, and must specify a year greater than (up to 32767) or equal to 1601. If this key is not specified, a default value of 1601 is implied.
- \* "EpochDay" key is optional and specifies the starting day of time (as represented by a zero value) for the corresponding epoch data types described below. The value of *<epoch-day-value>* must be a valid numeric edited string literal, and must specify a day greater than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to 365 (or 366 if *<epoch-year-value>* represents a leap year). If this key is not specified, a default value of '01-01' (i.e., January 1) is implied.
- \* "EpochTick" key is optional and specifies the discrete unit of time that passes between single value increments of epoch data types described below. The value of *<epoch-tick-value>* must be one of either "SECOND", "BISECOND", "MINUTE", or "DAY". If this key is not specified, a default value of "SECOND" is implied.
- \* "ProxyDate" key is optional and specifies a particular value to be substituted for otherwise invalid values when retrieving SQL\_DATE data. The value of *<date-value>* must be of the form 'yyyy-mm-dd' (e.g. "0001-01-01").
- \* "ProxyTime" key is optional and specifies a particular value to be substituted for otherwise invalid values for SQL\_TIME data. The value of *<time-value>* must be of the form 'hh:mm:ss' (e.g. "00:00:00").
- \* "ProxyTimestamp" key is optional and specifies a particular value to be substituted for otherwise invalid values for SQL\_TIMESTAMP data. The value of *<timestamp-value>* must be of the form 'yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.ff' (e.g. "0001-01-01 00:00:00.00").
- \* There must be an identically named section for each *<table-name-i>* specified in the [Tables] section. At least one Table is **required**.
- \* *<table-definition-file-name>* must be a valid pathname specifying a valid Table Definition (.xdt) file, the ".xdt" extension is not required. It may be a 'relative' (as opposed to 'absolute') pathname, in which case the pathname specifier for the Database Definition (.xdb) file in the Data Source will be automatically prefixed to it. It may also be a URL specification as documented for ICNETD in the Interactive COBOL Utilities Manual. It may contain a single variable name reference to be substituted with an assigned value when a connection to the database is established. Variable names are delimited by a leading and trailing percent character ('%').
- \* *<data-file-name>* must be a valid pathname specifying an **ICOBOL INDEXED** file. It may be a 'relative' (as opposed to 'absolute') pathname, in which case the pathname specifier for the Database Definition (.xdb) file in the Data Source will be automatically prefixed to it. It may also be a URL specification as documented for

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ICNETD in the Interactive COBOL Utilities Manual. It may contain a single variable name reference to be substituted with an assigned value when a connection to the database is established. Variable names are delimited by a leading and trailing percent character ('%').

### The Table Definition File (.xdt)

#### XDT Syntax (Basic Structure) (Bold lines are required.)

##### [Table]

**NumColumns**=<number-of-columns>  
**MaxRecordSize**=<maximum-data-record-size>  
**MinRecordSize**=<minimum-data-record-size>  
OpenMode=<open-mode>  
PrimaryKeyName=<primary-key-name>  
NumSelectors=<number-of-selectors>

[Primary Key]  
<column-name-p1>  
...  
<column-name-pN>

##### [Columns]

<column-name-1>  
...  
<column-name-n>

##### [<column-name-1>]

**Type**=<data-storage-type>  
**Position**=<data-byte-position>  
**Length**=<data-byte-length>  
Precision=<data-digits-of-precision>  
Scale=<data-digits-of-scale>  
Picture=<data-storage-picture>  
Suppress=<data-byte-suppress-when-value>  
Padding=<data-byte-padding-value>  
Default=<data-value>

...

[<column-name-n>]  
Type=<data-storage-type>  
Position=<data-byte-position>  
Length=<data-byte-length>  
Precision=<data-digits-of-precision>  
Scale=<data-digits-of-scale>  
Picture=<data-storage-picture>  
Suppress=<data-byte-suppress-when-value>  
Padding=<data-byte-padding-value>  
Default=<data-value>

#### XDT Syntax (Advanced Structure) (Bold lines are required.)

##### [Selector]

Type=<data-storage-type>  
Position=<data-byte-position>  
Length=<data-byte-length>  
Precision=<data-digits-of-precision>  
Scale=<data-digits-of-scale>  
Value=<data-value>  
Relation=<data-record-selector-relation>

##### [Selectors]

<selector-name-1>

```
...
<selector-name-n>

[<selector-name-1>]
Type=<data-storage-type>
Position=<data-byte-position>
Length=<data-byte-length>
Precision=<data-digits-of-precision>
Scale=<data-digits-of-scale>
Value=<data-value>
Relation=<data-record-selector-relation>
```

...

```
[<selector-name-n>]
Type=<data-storage-type>
Position=<data-byte-position>
Length=<data-byte-length>
Precision=<data-digits-of-precision>
Scale=<data-digits-of-scale>
Value=<data-value>
Relation=<data-record-selector-relation>
```

```
[Foreign Keys]
<foreign-key-table-name-f1>=<foreign-key-name-1>
...
<foreign-key-table-name-fN>=<foreign-key-name-n>
```

```
[<foreign-key-name-j>]
<column-name-fj0>
...
<column-name-fjN>
```

### General Rules

- \* "NumColumns" key is **required** and specifies the number of columns in the table. The value of *<number-of-columns>* must match the number of column names listed in the [Columns] section and the number of [*<column-name-i>*] sections.
- \* "MaxRecordSize" and "MinRecordSize" keys are **required**. *<maximum-data-record-size>* and *<minimum-data-record-size>* values must respectively match the actual maximum and minimum record sizes of the INDEXED file; and they must be the same if the records are fixed-length.
- \* "OpenMode" key is optional and specifies the open mode for the data file of the table. The value of *<open-mode>* must be one of either "INPUT", "OUTPUT", "I-O", or "EXTEND". If this key is not specified, the value specified by the "OpenMode" key in the [Database] section of the Database Definition file is implied.
- \* "PrimaryKeyName" key is optional and specifies the primary key for the purposes of foreign key reference.
- \* "NumSelectors" key is optional and specifies the number of record selectors for the table. A record selector specifies a subset of the records in the INDEXED file which are to be considered as rows in the table. The value of *<number-of-selectors>* must match the number of selector names listed in the [Selectors] section and the number of [*<selector-name-i>*] sections.
- \* [Primary Key] section is optional and specifies the column(s) of the table which comprise the primary key. In general specifying this column will allow faster access to the data. In order for the Microsoft Jet Database Engine (see more later in the Usage section) to be able to create a dynaset over rows of the table, this section must be specified, and all of the columns specified must be either "ALPHABETIC" or "ALPHANUMERIC",

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- \* There must be an identically named section for each *<column-name-i>* specified in the [Columns] section.
- \* "Type" key is **required** for the [*<column-name-I>*], [Selector], or [*<selector-name-i>*] section if specified, and specifies the data storage type of the item.
- \* *<data-storage-type>* value must be one of either "BYTE", "ALPHABETIC", "ALPHANUMERIC", "DISPLAY", "TRAILING OVERPUNCH", "TRAILING SEPARATE", "LEADING OVERPUNCH", "LEADING SEPARATE", "UNSIGNED DISPLAY", "COMP", "UNSIGNED COMP", "COMP-3", "UNSIGNED COMP-3", "COMP-5", "UNSIGNED COMP-5", "DAY", "COMP DAY", "DATE", "COMP DATE", "COMP DATE GROUP", "TIME", "COMP TIME", "COMP TIME GROUP", "FULLDATE", "EPOCH TIMESTAMP", or "COMP EPOCH TIMESTAMP", matching the **ICOBOL** data type of the corresponding field.
- \* *<data-value>* value may be any character string literal (unquoted) if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "ALPHABETIC" or "ALPHANUMERIC". Otherwise, if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "BYTE", the value of *<data-value>* must be a valid hexadecimal string literal (unquoted). Otherwise, if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "DISPLAY", "TRAILING OVERPUNCH", "TRAILING SEPARATE", "LEADING OVERPUNCH", "LEADING SEPARATE", "UNSIGNED DISPLAY", "COMP", "UNSIGNED COMP", "COMP-3", "UNSIGNED COMP-3", "COMP-5", or "UNSIGNED COMP-5", the value of *<data-value>* must be a valid numeric edited string literal. Otherwise, if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "DAY", "COMP DAY", "DATE", "COMP DATE", or "COMP DATE GROUP", the value of *<data-value>* must be a character string literal (unquoted) of the form 'yyyy-mm-dd'. Otherwise, if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "TIME", "COMP TIME", or "COMP TIME GROUP", the value of *<data-value>* must be a character string literal (unquoted) of the form 'hh:mm:ss'. Otherwise, if the *<data-storage-type>* of the item is "FULLDATE", "EPOCH TIMESTAMP", or "COMP EPOCH TIMESTAMP", the value of *<data-value>* must be a character string literal (unquoted) of the form 'yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.ff'.
- \* "Position" key is **required** for the [*<column-name-I>*], [Selector], or [*<selector-name-i>*] section if specified, and specifies the data byte position of the item.
- \* *<data-byte-position>* value must be the byte position (one-based) within a record to the data field corresponding to the column.
- \* "Length" key is **required** for the [*<column-name-I>*] or [Selector] section if specified, and specifies the data byte length of the item.
- \* *<data-byte-length>* value must be the length in bytes within a record of the data field corresponding to the column.
- \* For a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is "BYTE", "ALPHABETIC" or "ALPHANUMERIC", neither the "Precision" key nor the "Scale" key may be present.
- \* For a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is not "BYTE", "ALPHABETIC" or "ALPHANUMERIC", the "Precision" key must be present.
- \* For a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is "DAY", "COMP DAY", "DATE", "COMP DATE", "COMP DATE GROUP", "TIME", "COMP TIME", "COMP TIME GROUP", "FULLDATE", "EPOCH TIMESTAMP", or "COMP EPOCH TIMESTAMP" the "Scale" key must not be present.
- \* For a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is "COMP DATE GROUP" or "COMP TIME GROUP", the value of *<data-digits-of-precision>* must be the total number of decimal digits in all the elementary items of the group.
- \* *<data-digits-of-precision>* value must be the total number of decimal digits to the left and right of the decimal point defined for the data field corresponding to the column. (e.g., if the field is defined as "PIC 9999V99", the value is 6).

- \* *<data-digits-of-scale>* value must be the number of decimal digits to the right of the decimal point defined for the data field corresponding to the column. (e.g., if the field is defined as "PIC 9999V99", the value is 2).
- \* "Picture" key is optional and may be present only for a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is "DATE", "COMP DATE" or "COMP DATE GROUP". The value of *<data-storage-picture>* must be one of either "YYYYMMDD", "YYYYDDMM", "MMDDYYYY", "MMYYYYDD", "DDMMYYYY", "DDYYYYMM", "CCYYMMDD", "CCYYDDMM", "MMDDCCYY", "MMCCYYDD", "DDMMCCYY", or "DDCCYYMM" if the value of *<data-digits-of-precision>* is 8; it must be one of either "YYYYMMDD", "YYYYDDMM", "MMDDYYYY", "MMYYYYDD", "DDMMYYYY", or "DDYYYYMM" if the value is 7; and it must be one of either "YYMMDD", "YYDDMM", "MMDDYY", "MMYYDD", "DDMMYY", or "DDYYMM" if the value is 6.
- \* "Suppress" key is optional; but if present, the value of *<data-byte-suppress-when-value>* must be the numeric value (0 to 255) which when present in all bytes of the data field indicates that the value of the column is considered empty or null.
- \* "Padding" key is optional; but if present, the value of *<data-byte-padding-value>* must be the numeric value (0 to 255) which will be used to pad the value of the column to its full length of *<data-byte-length>* when a shorter value is specified.
- \* For a section where the value of *<data-storage-type>* is not "ALPHABETIC" or "ALPHANUMERIC", the "Padding" key must not be present.
- \* "Default" key is optional and specifies the default value to be stored for the column if no value is provided as part of the INSERT statement.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you plan on adding records (rows) to a database then consider setting this value especially for DATE / TIME columns as on an INSERT sometimes a "null" record is inserted and then the values that the user had specified are individually PUT into the columns, thus the INSERT would fail with an Invalid data-type-value for a DATE/TIME column if the "Default" is NOT specified.

(Advanced Structure)

- \* [Selector] section is optional and specifies the simple definition of only one record selector for the table. It may not be present when the "NumSelectors" key is present.
- \* "Value" key is **required** for the [Selector] or [*<selector-name-i>*] section if specified, and specifies the value to be used in determining the desired subset.
- \* "Relation" key is optional for the [Selector] or [*<selector-name-i>*] section if specified, and specifies the a comparison operation to be applied in determining the desired subset. The value of *<data-record-selector-relation>* must be one of either "EQ", "NE", "GT", "GE", "LT", or "LE" and specifies the relationship between the value of the selector in a record and *<data-record-selector-value>* which must be true for a record to be included in the desired subset. If this key is not specified, a default value of "EQ" is implied (i.e., records for which the value of their selector field is equal to the value of *<data-record-selector-value>* are included in the subset).
- \* [Foreign Keys] section is optional and identifies the tables whose primary keys are referenced by foreign keys from the table.
- \* There must be an identically named *<table-name-j>* key in the [Tables] section of the Database Definition (.xdb) file be for each *<foreign-key-table-name-i>*.
- \* There must be an identically named section in the Table Definition (.xdt) file for each *<foreign-key-name-i>*. These sections serve to identify the columns of the table which comprise the foreign key.

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### **Example XDB**

```
[Database]
NumTables=4
OpenMode=I-O
; AOS/VS uses biseconds since 1968-01-01 00:00:00
;   EpochYear=1968
;   EpochTick=BISECOND
; UNIX uses seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00
;   EpochYear=1970
;   EpochTick=SECOND
; MacOS uses seconds since 1903-01-01 00:00:00
;   EpochYear=1904
;   EpochTick=SECOND
; CBS uses days since 1876-12-31 00:00:00
;   EpochYear=1876
;   EpochDay=366
;   EpochTick=DAY
```

```
[Tables]
Customers
Companies
Orders
Products
```

```
[Customers]
TableFile=c:\application\odbcdesc\anycust
DataFile=c:\application\livedata\%this%cust
```

```
[Companies]
TableFile=c:\application\odbcdesc\anycomp
DataFile=c:\application\livedata\%this%comps
```

```
[Orders]
TableFile=c:\application\odbcdesc\anyorder
DataFile=c:\application\livedata\%this%order
```

```
[Products]
TableFile=c:\application\odbcdesc\product
DataFile=c:\application\livedata\products
```

### **Example XDT**

```
[Table]
NumColumns=6
MinRecordSize=100
MaxRecordSize=100
PrimaryKeyName=CustomerKey
```

```
[Columns]
CustomerId
Company
Address
City
State
ZipCode
```

```
[Primary Key]
CustomerId
```

```
[Foreign Keys]
Companies=CompanyKey
```

```
[CompanyKey]
Company
```

```
[CustomerId]
Type=UNSIGNED DISPLAY
```

```

Position=1
Length=10
Precision=10
Scale=0

[Company]
Type=ALPHANUMERIC
Position=11
Length=20

[Address]
Type=ALPHANUMERIC
Position=31
Length=40

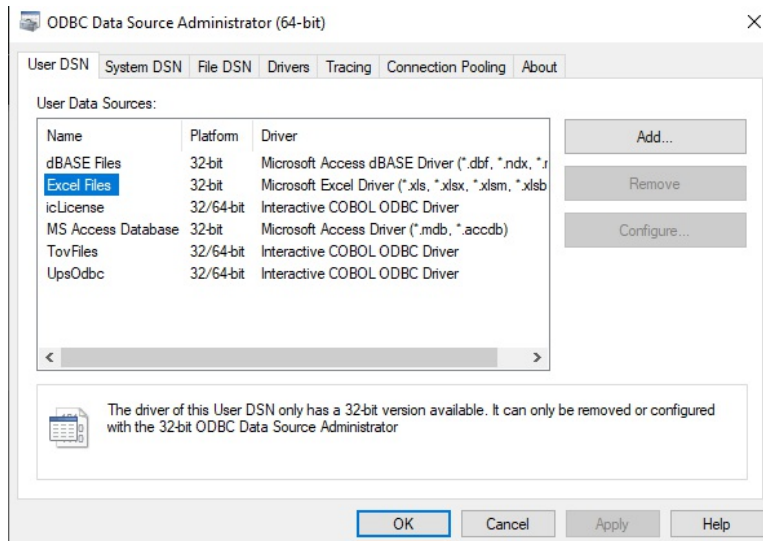
[City]
Type=ALPHANUMERIC
Position=71
Length=20

[State]
Type=ALPHABETIC
Position=91
Length=2

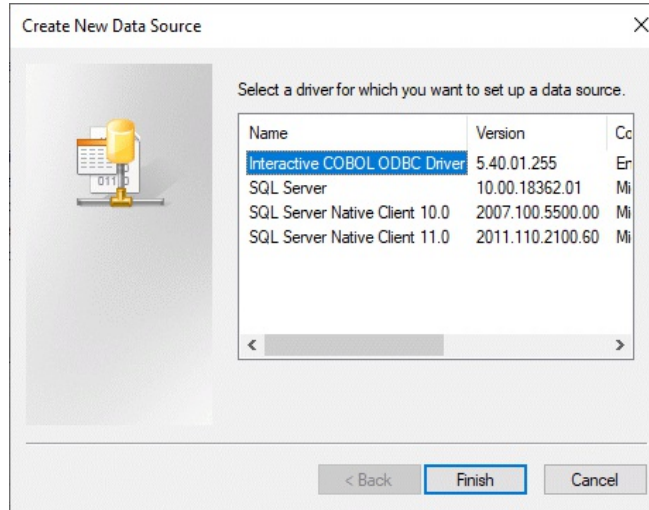
[ZipCode]
Type=UNSIGNED DISPLAY
Position=93
Length=5
Precision=5
Scale=0
    
```

## E. Managing Data Sources (On Windows)

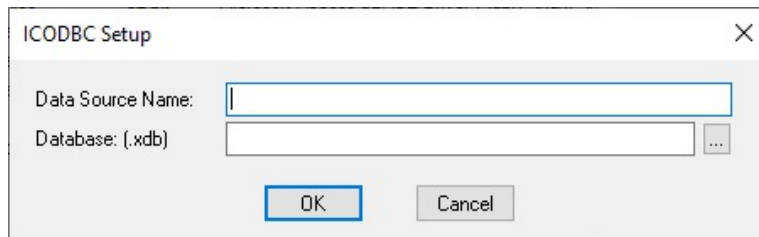
1. Run the ODBC Administrator. Typically, you should be able to do this by double-clicking the appropriate ODBC Administrator icon in the Control Panel, or by selecting ODBC Administrator from the programs folder created by the driver installation procedure. Note that on a Windows 64-bit operating system there are TWO ODBC Administrators, a 32-bit and a 64-bit version. You must make sure you are working with the correct program.



2. To ADD (i.e., create) a new data source from any of the DSN panels (User, System, or File) in the ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box, click the "Add" button. The dialog box below will be shown.



From this Create New Data Source dialog box, select the "Interactive COBOL ODBC Driver" and click the "Finish" button. The Setup dialog below will be shown.



From the ICODEBC Setup dialog box you may specify the name of the data source and enter the name of the database to be associated with it. The browse selection ... is available to find the file if needed. The Database field must contain the absolute (i.e., fully qualified) pathname of a Database definition (.xdb) file, the ".xdb" extension is not required. It may be a URL specification as documented for the Interactive COBOL Runtime System. Additionally, it may contain a comma-list of value assignments to be used to dynamically substitute for variable names referenced in table definition or data file names when establishing a connection to the database. Click OK. The ODBC Data Source Administrator dialog box will be reactivated. See below for a description of the Database definition (.xdb) file.

3. To DELETE (i.e., remove) a data source from the Data Sources dialog box, select the one you want to eliminate and click the "Delete" button.

4. To CHANGE the setup for a data source from the Data Sources dialog box, select the one you want to eliminate and click the "Configure" button. From the ICODEBC Setup dialog box you may change the name of the data source and/or the name of the database to be associated with it. See the description above for adding a new data source.

5. Click Close.

### Example

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Data Source name:     ABC Company Database  
Database: (.xdb)     c:\application\odbcdesc\anycust,this=ABC

From your favorite ODBC-enabled program there will typically be a SQL/ODBC option available when you select the data to access. Choosing this option will allow you to connect to any one of the data sources available to you. For details, please read the documentation and/or online Help for the particular program you are using.



## F. Managing Data Sources (On Linux)

The ICODEBC Driver on Linux is intended to provide an ODBC interface to those Linux applications that can make use of a shared object interface to ODBC. One of those type applications is the unixODBC project. unixODBC is available from [www.unixodbc.org](http://www.unixodbc.org) and must be installed before using the ICODEBC Linux driver (icodbc.so).

UnixODBC is not so much an end user program, but rather an intermediary between a program and one or more databases. In this case the database is ICISAM files.

The isql program that comes with unixODBC can be used to perform simple connections and queries to test that ICODEBC is installed correctly.

### Getting Started with unixODBC

UnixODBC is available in source code only. This means that you download a tar file (or zipped tar file) from <http://www.unixODBC.org>, extract it, compile it, and install it.

### Installing unixODBC

As mentioned before, get the source tar file from <http://www.unixodbc.org>. As root, move the tar file to /op or /usr/local or where ever you want the source to reside. If zipped, then unzip the file. Untar the file and run the following commands from the command line in the unixODBC source directory:

```
./configure
make
make install
```

Assuming that you have all the libraries and tools that it needs, you should be breezing through this compile. UnixODBC takes quite a while to compile, actually all of these packages do. Relax and enjoy it. After installing you will probably have to set the path for shared objects (LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH on Linux).

### Installing

Prerequisites:

On Linux, there is no ODBC Administrator so the data-sources must be configured in a text file.

System versus User

ODBC distinguishes between two types of ini files. System ini files are designed to be accessible but not modifiable by any user, and user files are private to a particular user, and may be modified by that user. The system files are odbcinist.ini and odbc.ini (note no leading dot), and the user file is ~/.odbc.ini in each user's home directory (note the leading dot).

The system file odbcinist.ini contains information about ODBC drivers available to all users, and the odbc.ini file contains information about DSN's available to all users. These "System DSN's" are useful for application such as web servers that may not be running as a real user and so will not have a home directory to contain a .odbc.ini file.

A good example of this is Apache and PHP with ODBC support. When the http server is first started it calls SQLAllocEnv as root. It then at a later time changes to the specified user (in my case nobody) and calls SQLConnect. If the DSN's was not a system DSN then this fails.

The ~/.odbc.ini in the user's home directory are "User DSN's". These are only useful for cases of testing or when you do not need to share datasets.

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The unixODBC library uses the odbcinst.ini file to administrator the driver manager. Again this file is in a .ini format and has the following format.

### odbcinst.ini

This ini file simply lists all installed drivers. It is located in /usr/local/etc/odbcinst.ini. The syntax is simple; a name followed by a property which tells us the drivers file name.

For example;

```
[Sybase 11]
Comment = Super Duper Sybase Server
Driver = /usr/lib/libsybase.so
Setup = /usr/lib/libsybaseS.so
FileUsage = 1
```

The Driver file name ( i.e., /usr/lib/libsybase.so ) should be unique. The friendly name ( i.e., Sybase 11 ) must also be unique.

The Setup property points to a shared object containing functions to be called by ODBC Config. ODBC Config will call this share to get driver specific property names during data source configuration. If ODBC Config can not find/use this file it will assume some defaults such as; Data Source Name, Host, and default Database. (Setup is NOT SUPPORTED BY ICODBC at this time.)

One can modify this file either using the ODBCINST shared object, by using the command line equivalent odbcinst, or a standard Linux editor.

The odbcinst command can be used to add ICODBC to this file.

Enter the following into a temp file:

```
[ICODBC]
Comment = Interactive COBOL ISAM ODBC Driver for Linux
Driver = /usr/lib/icodbc.so
FileUsage = 1
```

Now invoke odbcinst with the following arguments assuming you have created a file template\_icodbc:

```
odbcinst -i -d -f template_icodbc
```

The args to odbcinst are as follows:

- i (install)
- d (driver name)
- f (name of template)

Make sure you copy or link the released file, icodbc.so, to icodbc.so in /usr/lib. If you had specified a simple name in the Driver line above, then the path for shared objects can be used to find the icodbc driver. (LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH under Linux.) The installic script in the examples sub-directory of the icobol release can be used to install icodbc.so.

Just execute:

```
examples/installic icodbc
```

If you wish to turn on ODBC tracing then the following needs to be added to the odbcinst.ini file:

```
[ODBC]
Trace = Yes
```

Trace File = filename

If not specified, Trace defaults to NO and Trace File defaults to /tmp/sql.log.

### **odbc.ini or ~/.odbc.ini**

These files describe the data-set to be used. They have the same format but refer to SystemDSN and UserDSN's respectively.

The environment variable ODBC\_SYSINI can be used to find the system odbc.ini file and the environment variable HOME is used to find the user .odbc.ini file. If the system file is not found then the "\$HOME"/.odbc.ini file is tried. If it is not found then the unixODBC will fail on the DriverConnect. Thus you must have ODBC\_SYSINI set if you are not using UserDSN's.

The contents of the odbc.ini files give a section that is the data-set name, then a description, driver, and the DBQ (database) entry. Generally each driver requires different entries. The entries may be added in the same way using odbcinst, or a text editor. A sample entry to match the above driver could be:

```
[TESTDSN]
Description      = Test IC Dataset
Driver           = ICODBC
DBQ              = /home/data/datfile89
UID              = user-id
PWD              = user-password
Threading        = 3
```

And this may be written to a template file, and inserted in the ini file for the current user by:

```
odbcinst -i -s -f template_file
```

The individual entries of course may vary.

The Driver line is used to match the [section] entry in the odbcinst.ini file and the Driver line in the odbcinst file and is used to find the path for the driver library, and this is loaded and the connection is then established. It's possible to replace the driver entry with a path to the driver itself. This can be used, for example if the user can't get root access to setup anything in /etc (less important now because of the movable etc path).

The DBQ line specifies the actual ICISAM database file to open. UID/PWD specify the user-id and password if any required to access the database.

The Threading line instructs unixODBC to not allow any threading. This should be the default.

Currently the icodbc.so driver has auditing in effect. An audit log "icodbc\_<pid>.lg" will be created in the current directory for all connections.

The isql command that comes with unixODBC can be used to connect to a dataset and execute some simple SQL commands.

### **Java**

One application that makes use of the unixODBC project is the JDBC-ODBC Bridge that is provided with the Java 2 Runtime environment. A java runtime can be downloaded from [www.java.sun.com/products](http://www.java.sun.com/products). The JDBC-ODBC Bridge enable java programs to access ODBC data when a JDBC compliant interface is not available to access the same data.

Under Java, the JDBC-ODBC Driver can be loaded with the `Class.forName("sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcodbcDriver")`

A Connection to an ICOBOL Isam database can be made via:

```
Connect con = DriverManager.getConnection( jdbc.odbc.<datasource>,  
<username>, <userpassword> );
```

where <datasource> is the DataSetName for the ICOBOL database.

### ERROR CONDITIONS

A. You get:

```
Error: Connection refused (oserr=111) Connecting to localhost:7334  
java.sql.SQLException: [unixODBC]
```

Icpermit is not running.

B. You get:

```
java.sql.SQLException: No suitable driver
```

The unixODBC driver(s) cannot be found. Make sure the load path for .so files is set. (Under Linux, LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH=/usr/local/lib).

C. You get:

```
java.sql.SQLException: [unixODBC]
```

The icodbc.so driver cannot find "\$ODBC\_SYSINI"/odbc.ini or "\$HOME"/.odbc.ini to find the data set name.

An ICODBC license must be available from the license manager.

### G. Data Types Supported

Currently the ICODBC driver provides for the following mapping of ICODBC data types to ODBC SQL data types as shown in the following table. Examples of **ICOBOL** data types are also shown.

**ICODBC Driver (Data Types)**

ICODBC Type	SQL Type	Length	Precision	Scale	ICOBOL Data Description
ALPHABETIC	SQL_CHAR	n	n/a	n/a	PIC A(n)
ALPHANUMERIC	SQL_CHAR	n	n/a	n/a	PIC X(n)
		varies	n/a	n/a	group item
		varies	n/a	n/a	alphanumeric edited items
		varies	n/a	n/a	numeric edited items
BYTE	SQL_BINARY	n	n/a	n/a	PIC X(n) or group used in a key/key-segment with subordinated items of non-DISPLAY usage
UNSIGNED DISPLAY	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY
DISPLAY	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY
LEADING OVERPUNCH	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN LEADING
LEADING SEPARATE	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r+1	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN LEADING SEPARATE
TRAILING OVERPUNCH	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN TRAILING
TRAILING SEPARATE	SQL_NUMERIC	l+r+1	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE DISPLAY SIGN TRAILING SEPARATE
UNSIGNED COMP	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP
		varies	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE BINARY
UNSIGNED COMP-3	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP-3
		varies	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE PACKED
UNSIGNED COMP-5	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC 9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP-5
COMP	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP
		varies	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE BINARY
		4	9	0	USAGE INDEX
COMP-3	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP-3
		varies	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE PACKED
COMP-5	SQL_NUMERIC	varies	l+r	r	PIC S9(1)V9(r) USAGE COMP-5
		4	10	0	USAGE POINTER
DAY	SQL_DATE	n	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) where n=5,7 ([YY]YYdd)
COMP DAY	SQL_DATE	varies	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) COMP where n=5,7 ([YY]YYddd)
DATE	SQL_DATE	n	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) where n=6,7,8 ([[Y]Y]YMMDD)
COMP DATE	SQL_DATE	varies	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) COMP where n=6,7,8 ([[Y]Y]YMMDD)
COMP DATE GROUP	SQL_DATE	varies	n=6 or 8	n/a	see note aa
TIME	SQL_TIME	n	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) where n=4,6,8 (hhmm[ss[ff]])
COMP TIME	SQL_TIME	varies	n	n/a	PIC 9(n) COMP where n=4,6,8 (hhmm[ss[ff]])
COMP TIME GROUP	SQL_TIME	2,3,4	n=4,6,or 8	n/a	see note bb
EPOCH TIMESTAMP	SQL_TIMESTAMP	varies	n!= 0	n/a	PIC [S]9(n)
COMP EPOCH TIMESTAMP	SQL_TIMESTAMP	varies	n!=0	n/a	PIC [S]9(n) COMP
FULLDATE	SQL_TIMESTAMP	20	n/a	n/a	PIC X(20) where n=20 (YYYYdddMMDDhhmssffw)

TABLE 48. ICODEBC Data Types to ODBC SQL Data Types

**Note aa:**

```
01 DATE-GROUP.  
    02 YY PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 DD PIC 9(2) COMP  
        n=6 (default Picture=YMMDD)  
01 DATE-GROUP.  
    02 YYYY PIC 9(4) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 DD PIC 9(2) COMP  
        n=8 (default Picture=YYYYMMDD)  
01 DATE-GROUP.  
    02 CC PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 YY PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 DD PIC 9(2) COMP  
        n=8 (CCYMMDD)
```

**Note bb:**

```
01 TIME-GROUP.  
    02 HH PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
01 TIME-GROUP.  
    02 HH PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 SS PIC 9(2) COMP  
01 TIME-GROUP.  
    02 HH PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 MM PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 SS PIC 9(2) COMP  
    02 FF PIC 9(2) COMP
```

It is intended that eventually other ODBC SQL data types will be supported through either implicit or explicit column descriptions in the table definition file. Suggestions are welcome.

## H. Driver Limitations

- \* Entry level SQL-92 compliant, with some additional Intermediate and/or Full level functionality. See the SQL grammar section at the end of this file for the SQL grammar supported. Some modification statements (CREATE or DROP) are not supported semantically, although they are supported syntactically.
- \* SQLBrowseConnect, SQLTablePrivileges, SQLColumnPrivileges, SQLProcedures, and SQLProcedureColumns are not supported. These ODBC API calls are not SQL-92 compliant CLI Calls and are not commonly used.
- \* Character and binary values supplied for parameterized queries (SELECT \* FROM EMPLOYEE WHERE NAME = ?) are limited to 255 bytes.
- \* Interval types are not supported.
- \* Qualifiers or owners are not allowed on databases, tables, etc.
- \* Transactions are not supported.
- \* Only SQL\_CHAR, SQL\_NUMERIC, SQL\_BINARY, SQL\_TIME, SQL\_DATE, and SQL\_TIMESTAMP are supported.
- \* Queries that specify columns which are components of an INDEXED key are satisfied based on the internal ordering of the key, which may not be equivalent to the external ordering.

\* The following are the (maximum) limits of various implementation defined elements:

Character Literal Length	255	Binary Literal Length	255
Database Name Length	27	Column Name Length	63
Index Name Length	63	Table Name Length	63
Key Name Length	63	User Name Length	63
Password Length	63	Number of Columns in Order By	20
Number of Columns in a Key	15	Number of Columns in Index	15
Number of Foreign Keys in a Table	15		

## I. SQL Grammar Supported

statement	::= CREATE create   DROP drop   SELECT select orderby   INSERT insert   DELETE delete   UPDATE update
create	::= TABLE tablename ( createcols )   INDEX indexname ON tablename ( indexcolumns )
indexcolumns	::= indexcolumn   indexcolumn , indexcolumns
indexcolumn	::= columnname asc
createcols	::= createcol , createcols   createcol
createcol	::= columnname datatype   columnname datatype ( integer )   columnname datatype ( integer , integer )
drop	::= TABLE tablename   INDEX indexname
select	::= selectcols FROM tablelist where groupby having
delete	::= FROM tablename where
insert	::= INTO tablename insertvals
update	::= tablename SET setlist where
setlist	::= set   setlist , set
set	::= columnname = NULL   columnname = expression
insertvals	::= ( columnlist ) VALUES ( valuelist )   VALUES ( valuelist )   ( columnlist ) VALUES ( SELECT select )   VALUES ( SELECT select )
columnlist	::= columnname , columnlist   columnname
valuelist	::= NULL , valuelist   expression , valuelist   expression   NULL
selectcols	::= selectallcols *   selectallcols selectlist
selectallcols	::=   ALL   DISTINCT
selectlist	::= selectlistitem , selectlist   selectlistitem
selectlistitem	::= expression   expression aliasname   expression AS aliasname   aliasname.*
where	::=   WHERE boolean

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having	::=   HAVING boolean
boolean	::= and   and OR boolean
and	::= not   not AND and
not	::= comparison   NOT comparison
comparison	::= ( boolean )   colref IS NULL   colref IS NOT NULL   expression LIKE pattern   expression NOT LIKE pattern   expression IN ( valuelist )   expression NOT IN ( valuelist )   expression op expression   EXISTS ( SELECT select )   expression op selectop ( SELECT select )   expression IN ( SELECT select )   expression NOT IN ( SELECT select )   expression BETWEEN expression AND expression expression NOT BETWEEN expression AND expression
selectop	::=   ALL   ANY
op	::= >   >=   <   <=   =   <>
pattern	::= string   ?   USER
expression	::= expression + times   expression - times   times
times	::= times * neg   times / neg   neg
neg	::= term   + term   - term
term	::= ( expression )   colref   simpleterm   aggterm   scalar
scalar	::= scalarescape   scalarshorthand
scalarescape	::= --*(VENDOR(MICROSOFT),PRODUCT(ODBC) FN fn )*--
scalarshorthand	::= { FN fn }
fn	::= functionname ( valuelist )   functionname ()   POSITION ( expression IN expression )   EXTRACT ( expression FROM expression )
aggterm	::= COUNT ( * )   AVG ( expression )   MAX ( expression )   MIN ( expression )   SUM ( expression )   COUNT ( expression )
simpleterm	::= string   realnumber   ?   USER   date   time   timestamp
groupby	::=   GROUP BY groupbyterms
groupbyterms	::= colref   colref , groupbyterms
orderby	::=   ORDER BY orderbyterms
orderbyterms	::= orderbyterm   orderbyterm , orderbyterms
orderbyterm	::= colref asc   integer asc
asc	::=   ASC   DESC
colref	::= aliasname . columnname   columnname
tablelist	::= tablelistitem , tablelist   tablelistitem



tablelistitem	::= tableref   outerjoin
outerjoin	::= ojescape   ojshorthand
ojescape	::= --*(VENDOR(MICROSOFT),PRODUCT(ODBC) OJ oj )*--
ojshorthand	::= { OJ oj }
oj	::= tableref LEFT OUTER JOIN tableref ON boolean   tableref LEFT OUTER JOIN oj ON boolean   tableref INNER JOIN tableref ON boolean   tableref INNER JOIN oj ON boolean
tableref	::= tablename   tablename aliasname
indexname	::= identifier
functionname	::= identifier
tablename	::= identifier
datatype	::= identifier
columnname	::= identifier
aliasname	::= identifier
identifier	::= an identifier (identifiers containing spaces must be enclosed in double quotes)
string	::= a string (enclosed in single quotes)
realnumber	::= a non-negative real number (including E notation)
integer	::= a non-negative integer
date	::= datescape   dateshorthand
datescape	::= --*(VENDOR(MICROSOFT),PRODUCT(ODBC) d dateval )*--
dateshorthand	::= { d dateval }
dateval	::= a date in yyyy-mm-dd format in single quotes (for example, '1996-02-05')
time	::= timescape   timeshorthand
timescape	::= --*(VENDOR(MICROSOFT),PRODUCT(ODBC) t timeval )*--
timeshorthand	::= { t timeval }
timeval	::= a time in hh:mm:ss format in single quotes (for example, '10:19:48')
timestamp	::= timestampescape   timestampshorthand
timestampescape	::= -->(*VENDOR(MICROSOFT),PRODUCT(ODBC) ts timestampval )*--
timestampshorthand	::= { ts timestampval }
timestampval	::= a timestamp in yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss[.ffffff] format in single quotes (for example, '1996-02-05 10:19:48.529')

### J. Usage Notes

#### Jet Database Engine

The Microsoft Jet Database Engine ("Jet") is the advanced relational database engine built into Microsoft Access(R) and Visual Basic(R). Jet is intended to provide transparent access to data, regardless of the data's location and format, and therefore deals with ODBC data. Any error returned by Jet that falls in the range -7700 to -7799 is an ODBC Specification Compliance Error. The error indicates that an ODBC driver has failed to comply with the ODBC specification and represents a bug in the driver. Please report all such errors to us with as much detail as possible.

In Microsoft Access, links to tables in an ODBC data source can be created; these links are called attached tables. Attaching ODBC tables allows you to use them transparently within Microsoft Access, but to implement this transparency, Jet must ask the ODBC driver for a great deal of information about the table and cache it locally. This process can be expensive and complex. After establishing a connection to the desired data source, Jet calls the ODBC API function SQLTables to obtain a list of tables (and other similar objects) in the ODBC data source. When you select a table, Jet calls SQLColumns, SQLStatistics, SQLSpecialColumns, and various ODBC Info functions to acquire information about the selected table.

To allow updating of attached ODBC tables, Jet creates dynasets over them. There must be a unique (primary key) value for each row in the table and it must be of type character and treatable as a null-terminated string. The unique key values of a row are also called the row's bookmark because they uniquely identify and allow direct access to the row.

Because data sources vary in their use of binary data, sometimes data loss can occur. Character data is generally considered to be in the form of a null-terminated string, so values may lose some accuracy when being transferred to Jet. If this data forms part of a table's bookmark, Jet might think the row has been deleted ("#Deleted" will appear in a Microsoft Access datasheet/form). This is because Jet asked for the row by its key values, but no exact match was found. Jet cannot distinguish this situation from that of a genuine record deletion by another user.

#### Microsoft Access and Visual Basic

Errors can occur while an application is running, either from the Visual Basic environment or as a stand-alone executable. In particular, Visual Basic reserves a portion of the first 1000 error numbers, and other error numbers are reserved by the Microsoft Jet Database Engine, or are available for defining custom errors. More information concerning these errors is available in online help facility in the "Trappable Errors" and "Trappable Data Access Errors" topics from Microsoft Access Help Topics.

#### Microsoft Access

Microsoft Access appears to be stricter than earlier versions of that product regarding its adherence to the declared precision of numeric fields. The ODBC Driver responds to a request for information concerning a column of a table by Microsoft Access with, among other things, the display size, scale, and precision of the column. For the precision, the driver dutifully returns the value of <data-digits-of-precision> specified in the column definition of the table definition file. Because it is possible with Interactive COBOL COMPUTATIONAL data types to store a value whose actual precision exceeds the declared precision of a data item, strict enforcement of the declared precision has, in some cases, led to a problem whereby Microsoft Access reports that "The decimal field's precision is too small to accept the numeric you attempted to add". Further complicating this situation, the **ICOBOL** compiler sets the value of <data-digits-of-precision> as determined from the picture describing the data item in the COBOL program.

Depending on the intent of the application, there are a number of ways to correct this problem. If the value of the field is meant to be limited by the declared precision then the application should assure that no data is stored with a greater precision; and steps should be taken to eliminate the corrupt data from the data file. The application can be

compiled with the "-G p" to enable size checking based on the picture; or it can perform data entry validation. If the value of the field can legitimately have more digits of precision than declared then the declared precision of the item in the COBOL source program of the application should be increased to properly reflect that fact. The value of <data-digits-of-precision> in the column definition then needs to be modified, either automatically with the compiler or manually with a text editor.

It is also possible to coerce the generated value of <data-digits-of-precision> to be the maximum for COMPUTATIONAL items through the use of the ICODEBC option "-G p" command line option. Please reference page [195](#), [198](#), [233](#) for information regarding the storage of COMPUTATIONAL data items.

## K. Debugging

Several points for starting to use the ICODEBC Driver.

1. Start in read-only mode to lessen the likely hood of corrupting your data.
2. Start with just a few columns and get it working.
3. Enable SQL tracing and see what is passed into the SQL call and what the actual SQL calls return by looking at the output from the trace. This may give you a hint as to the real problem. **NOTE:** Remember to turn off tracing when it is no longer needed!!
4. Under Access start with an import and not a link.
5. Look in the readodbc.txt file for more debugging information.

## L. SYWARE

The ICODEBC Driver was built using the SYWARE Dr. DeeBee ODBC Driver Kit (Gold Edition). Portions of the product are copyrighted by SYWARE Inc. and Microsoft.



## XVII. ICIDE

### A. Introduction

The **ICOBOL** Integrated Development Environment (ICIDE) is available with **ICOBOL** on Windows. The ICIDE provides a GUI interface to define the project, run the compiler, perform queries, tailor reports, browse sources and reports, and edit sources. To use the ICIDE, an ICOBOL Development license must be available from the license manager.

The ICIDE provides a project-based framework for editing, managing, and compiling the ICOBOL source files that make up your application. A project encompasses a set of source files plus the associated COPY files, compiler settings, and directory information necessary to organize and build your application. You determine what set of files to include in a project. You can, for example, create a project that contains all of the source files for your "Acme Accounting System." Or you can create a project that contains a subset of a larger system's source files; for an "Accounts Payable Subsystem," for example.

Editing a file is as simple as double clicking a filename. Compiling a file (or a group of files) takes just a keystroke. Compiling all of a project's files takes just a few mouse clicks. If an error occurs during compilation, the offending source line can be automatically displayed in an editing window with the click of a mouse.

Once you've defined a project and performed the initial build, the ICIDE opens up a whole new set of tools for traversing your application. As an integral part of the build process, the ICIDE creates a symbol file for each program and it integrates information from each of those symbol files into a global symbol table. This allows the ICIDE to efficiently perform operations such as a global cross-reference of a symbol. A simple right click operation on a symbol allows you to see all the places where that symbol is used in the entire application.

### B. Use

When the ICIDE is first started a screen like below will be shown. To the left is the Project Window (where "No Project is Open" is shown). To the right (in the grey area) is the Source Window. At the bottom is the Output Window used for Search, Cross Reference, and Building.

The syntax for starting the ICIDE from the command line is:

<code>icide</code>	Start icide
<code>icide filename</code>	Start icide with filename opened
<code>icide /p filename</code>	Print filename to the default printer
<code>icide /pt filename printer driver port</code>	Print filename to the specified printer

To get started, Select **Help, Welcome** and then go through the **Start Here** section for a short tutorial about the ICIDE. After that you can use the **Command Reference** section to get help on different subjects as needed.

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The screenshot shows an IDE window titled 'isqltest.sr - icide'. The main editor displays the following COBOL code:

```
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.  
PROGRAM-ID ISQLTEST.  
  
** Sample program that provides a screen interface to the  
** new ISQL statements available in 3.40  
  
** Compile with the -Gq switch to enable SQL support  
  
** Revision History  
** ..... 06/30/2004 ... 3.44 ... First release  
** ..... 04/01/2005 ... 3.50 ... Updates ..... v4  
** ..... 03/16/2011 ... 4.50 ... Update for GET COLUMNS and GET TABLES ... v5  
** ..... GET DIAGNOSTICS COLUMN COUNT  
** ..... Allow CONNECT DEFAULT and USER ..... v6  
** ..... Allow several options for  
** ..... GET TABLES/COLUMNS ..... v7  
**  
** Documentation:  
**  
** All the ISQL functions are driven via a Function Key interface.  
**  
** First a database must be available via ODBC. Under Windows use  
** the ODBC Administrator to add an ODBC User DSN or System DSN.  
** That allows the appropriate driver (ACCESS, ICISAM, ORACLE,  
** MySQL, etc.) and the corresponding database to be setup.
```

The Output window shows the following build log:

```
Begin build at Mar-07-2020 21:01:57.46  
  Compiling W:\icobol\icobol5\ic3x\cobutils\isqltest.sr  
End build at Mar-07-2020 21:01:57.56
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Free-Format Source' and 'Line 1/756, Col 1'.

## XVIII. GLOSSARY

### A. Introduction

The terms in this section are defined in accordance with their meaning in COBOL, and may not have the same meaning for other languages.

These definitions are also intended as either reference or introductory material to be reviewed prior to reading the detailed language specifications that follow. For this reason, these definitions are, in most instances, brief and do not include detailed syntactical rules.

### B. Definitions

Abbreviated Combined Relation Condition. The combined condition that results from the explicit omission of a common subject or a common subject and common relational operator in a consecutive sequence of relation conditions.

Access Mode. The manner in which records are to be operated upon within a file.

Actual Decimal Point. The physical representation, using the decimal point characters period (.) or comma (,), of the decimal point position in a data item.

Alphabet-Name. A user-defined word, in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division, that assigns a name to a specific character set and/or collating sequence.

Alphabetic Character. A letter or a space character.

Alphanumeric Character. Any character in the computer's character set.

Alternate Record Key. A key, other than the primary record key, whose contents identify a record within an indexed file.

Arithmetic Expression. An identifier of a numeric elementary item, a numeric literal, such identifiers and literals separated by arithmetic operators, two arithmetic expressions separated by an arithmetic operator, or an arithmetic expression enclosed in parentheses.

Arithmetic Operation. The process caused by the execution of an arithmetic statement, or the evaluation of an arithmetic expression, that results in a mathematically correct solution to the arguments presented.

Arithmetic Operator. A single character or fixed two-character combination which belongs to the following set:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
**	exponentiation

Arithmetic Statement. A statement that causes an arithmetic operation to be executed. The arithmetic statements are the ADD, COMPUTE, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, and SUBTRACT statements.

Ascending Key. A key upon the values of which data is ordered starting with the lowest value of key up to the highest value of key in accordance with the rules for comparing data items.

ASCII character set. The 96-character ASCII character set is composed of the 96 characters from space (decimal 32) through DEL (decimal 127).

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Assumed Decimal Point. A decimal point position which does not involve the existence of an actual character in a data item. The assumed decimal point has logical meaning with no physical representation.

At End Condition. A condition caused during the execution of a READ statement for a sequentially accessed file, when no next logical record exists in the file, or when the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item, or when an optional input file is not present.

Block. A physical unit of data that is normally composed of one or more logical records. For disk files, a block may contain a portion of a logical record. The size of a block has no direct relationship to the size of the file within which the block is contained or to the size of the logical record(s) that are either contained within the block or that overlap the block. The term is synonymous with physical record.

Called Program. A program which is the object of a CALL statement combined at object time with the calling program to produce a run unit or a program which is the object of a CALL PROGRAM statement which produces a new run unit.

Calling Program. A program which executes a CALL or CALL PROGRAM to another program.

Character. The basic indivisible unit of the language.

Character Position. A character position is the amount of physical storage required to store a single standard data format character whose usage is DISPLAY.

Character-String. A sequence of contiguous characters which form a COBOL word, a literal, a PICTURE character-string, or a comment-entry.

Class Condition. The proposition, for which a truth value can be determined, that the content of an item is wholly alphabetic or is wholly numeric or consists exclusively of those characters listed in the definition of a class-name.

Class-Name. A user-defined word defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division that assigns a name to the proposition for which a truth value can be defined, that the content of a data item consists exclusively of those characters listed in the definition of the class-name. **NOT SUPPORTED BY VXCIBOL.**

Clause. A clause is an ordered set of consecutive COBOL character-strings whose purpose is to specify an attribute of an entry.

COBOL Character Set. The complete COBOL character set consists of the characters listed below.

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
0, 1, ... , 9	digit
A, B, ... , Z	uppercase letter
a, b, ... , z	lowercase letter
	space
+	plus sign
-	minus Sign (hyphen)
*	asterisk
/	slant (solidus)
=	equal sign
\$	currency sign (represented as # in the International Reference Version of International Standard ISO 646-1973)
,	comma (decimal point)
;	semicolon
.	period (decimal point, full stop)
"	quotation mark
(	left parenthesis
)	right parenthesis
>	greater than symbol
<	less than symbol
:	colon

**Note:** Except when used in nonnumeric literals and some PICTURE symbols, each lowercase letter is equivalent to the corresponding uppercase letter.



COBOL Word. A character-string of not more than 30 characters which forms a user-defined word, a system-name, or a reserved word.

Collating Sequence. The sequence in which the characters that are acceptable to a computer are ordered for purposes of sorting, merging, comparing, and for processing indexed files sequentially.

Column. A character position within a print or display line. The columns are numbered from 1, by 1, starting at the left-most character position of the print line and extending to the right-most position of the line.

Combined Condition. A condition that is the result of connecting two or more conditions with the 'AND' or the 'OR' logical operator.

Comment-Entry. An entry in the Identification Division that may be any combination of characters from the computer's character set.

Comment Line. A source program line represented by an asterisk (\*) in the indicator area of the line and any characters from the computer's character set in area A and area B of that line. The comment line serves only for documentation in a program. A special form of comment line represented by a slant (/) in the indicator area of the line and any characters from the computer's character set in area A and area B of that line causes page ejection prior to printing the comment.

Compile Time. The time at which a COBOL source program is translated, by a COBOL compiler, to a COBOL object program.

Compiler Directing Statement. A statement, beginning with a compiler directing verb, that causes the compiler to take a specific action during compilation. The compiler directing statement is the COPY statement.

Complex condition. A condition in which one or more logical operators act upon one or more conditions.

Computer-Name. A system-name that identifies the computer upon which the program is to be compiled or run.

Computer's character set. The computer's character set for all computers on which **ICOBOL** is currently supported is the complete 8-bit ASCII table from decimal 0-255; i.e., the entire range of 8-bit (1-byte) values.

Condition. A status of a program at execution time for which a truth value can be determined. Where the term 'condition' (*condition-1, condition-2, ...*) appears in these language specifications in or in reference to 'condition' (*condition-1, condition-2, ...*) of a general format, it is a conditional expression consisting of either a simple condition optionally parenthesized, or a single combined condition consisting of the syntactically correct combination of simple conditions, logical operators, and parentheses, for which a truth value can be determined.

Condition-Name. A user-defined word that assigns a name to a subset of values that a conditional variable may assume; or a user-defined word assigned to a status of a switch or device. When 'condition-name' is used in the general formats, it represents a unique data item reference consisting of a syntactically correct combination of a condition-name, together with qualifiers and subscripts, as required for uniqueness of reference.

Condition-Name Condition. The proposition, for which a truth value can be determined, that the value of a conditional variable is a member of the set of values attributed to a condition-name associated with the conditional variable.

Conditional Expression. A simple condition or a complex condition specified in an EVALUATE, IF, PERFORM or SEARCH statement.

Conditional Phrase. A conditional phrase specifies the action to be taken upon determination of the truth value of a condition resulting from the execution of a conditional statement.

Conditional statement. A conditional statement specifies that the truth value of a condition is to be determined and that the subsequent action of the object program is dependent on this truth value.

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**Conditional Variable.** A data item one or more values of which has a condition-name assigned to it.

**Configuration Section.** A section of the Environment Division that describes overall specifications of source and object programs.

**Contiguous Items.** Items that are described by consecutive entries in the Data Division, and that bear a definite hierarchical relationship to each other.

**Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).** Time scale, based on the second (SI), as defined and recommended by the CCIR, and maintained by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM). For most practical purposes associated with the Radio Regulations, UTC is equivalent to mean solar time at the prime meridian (0° longitude), formerly expressed in GMT. [NTIA] [RR] **Note 1:** The maintenance by BIPM includes cooperation among various national laboratories around the world. **Note 2:** The full definition of UTC is contained in CCIR Recommendation 460-4. (188) **Note 3:** The second was formerly defined in terms of astronomical phenomena. When this practice was abandoned in order to take advantage of atomic resonance phenomena ("atomic time") to define the second more precisely, it became necessary to make occasional adjustments in the "atomic" time scale to coordinate it with the workaday mean solar time scale, UT-1, which is based on the somewhat irregular rotation of the Earth. Rotational irregularities usually result in a net decrease in the Earth's average rotational velocity, and ensuing lags of UT-1 with respect to UTC. **Note 4:** Adjustments to the atomic, i.e., UTC, time scale consist of an occasional addition or deletion of one full second, which is called a leap second. Twice yearly, during the last minute of the day of June 30 and December 31, Universal Time, adjustments may be made to ensure that the accumulated difference between UTC and UT-1 will not exceed 0.9 s before the next scheduled adjustment. Historically, adjustments, when necessary, have usually consisted of adding an extra second to the UTC time scale in order to allow the rotation of the Earth to "catch up." Therefore, the last minute of the UTC time scale, on the day when an adjustment is made, will have 59 or 61 seconds. Synonyms World Time, Z Time, Zulu Time. (Source: [www.its.bldrdoc.gov](http://www.its.bldrdoc.gov))

**Counter.** A data item used for storing numbers or number representations in a manner that permits these numbers to be increased or decreased by the value of another number, or to be changed or reset to zero or to an arbitrary positive or negative value.

**CRC.** See Cyclic Redundancy Check.

**Currency Sign.** The character '\$' of the COBOL character set.

**Currency Symbol.** The character defined by the CURRENCY SIGN clause in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph. If no CURRENCY SIGN clause is present in a COBOL source program, the currency symbol is identical to the currency sign.

**Current Record.** In file processing, the record which is available in the record area associated with a file.

**Current Volume Pointer.** A conceptual entity that points to the current volume of a sequential file.

**Cyclic Redundancy Check.** A sophisticated checksum, which is based on the algebra of polynomials over the integers (mod 2). It is substantially more reliable in detecting transmission errors, and is one common error-checking protocol used in modems. (Source: <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/CyclicRedundancyCheck.html>)

**Data Clause.** A clause, appearing in a data description entry in the Data, Division of a COBOL program, that provides information describing a particular attribute of a data item.

**Data Description Entry.** An entry, in the Data Division of a COBOL program, that is composed of a level-number followed by a data-name, if required, and then followed by a set of data clauses, as required.

**Data Item.** A unit of data (excluding literals) defined by the COBOL program.

**Data-Name.** A user-defined word that names a data item described in a data description entry. When used in the general formats, 'data-name' represents a word which must not be reference-modified, subscripted, or qualified unless specifically permitted by the rules of the format.

Debugging Line. A debugging line is any line with a `d' or `D' in the indicator area of the line.

Declarative Sentence. A compiler directing sentence consisting of a single USE statement terminated by the separator period.

Declaratives. A set of one or more special purpose sections, written at the beginning of the Procedure Division, the first of which is preceded by the keyword DECLARATIVES and the last of which is followed by the keywords END DECLARATIVES. A declarative is composed of a section header, followed by a USE compiler directing sentence, followed by a set of zero, one, or more associated paragraphs.

De-Edit. The logical removal of all editing characters from a numeric edited data item in order to determine that item's unedited numeric value.

Delimited Scope Statement. Any statement which includes its explicit scope terminator.

Delimiter. A character or a sequence of contiguous characters that identify the end of a string of characters and separates that string of characters from the following string of characters. A delimiter is not part of the string of characters that it delimits.

Descending Key. A key upon the values of which data is ordered starting with the highest value of key down to the lowest value of key, in accordance with the rules for comparing data items.

Destination. The symbolic identification of the receiver of a transmission from a queue.

Digit Position. A digit position is the amount of physical storage required to store a single digit. This amount may vary depending on the usage specified in the data description entry that defines the data item. If the data description entry specifies that usage is DISPLAY, then a digit position is synonymous with a character position.

Division. A collection of zero, one, or more sections or paragraphs, called the division body, that are formed and combined in accordance with a specific set of rules. Each division consists of the division header and the related division body. There are four divisions in a COBOL program: Identification, Environment, Data, and Procedure.

Division Header. A combination of words, followed by a separator period, that indicates the beginning of a division. The division headers in a COBOL program are:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.  
 ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.  
 DATA DIVISION.  
 PROCEDURE DIVISION [ USING { *data-name-1* }... ] .

Dynamic Access. An access mode in which specific logical records can be obtained from or placed into a disk file in a non-sequential manner and obtained from a file in a sequential manner during the scope of the same OPEN statement.

Editing Character. A single character or a fixed two-character combination belonging to the following set:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
B	space
0	zero
+	plus
-	minus
CR	credit
DB	debit
Z	zero suppress
*	check protect
\$	currency sign
.	(decimal point) period
/	slant (solidus)

Elementary Item. A data item that is described as not being further logically subdivided.

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End of Procedure Division. The physical position of a COBOL source program after which no further procedures appear.

Entry. Any descriptive set of consecutive clauses terminated by a separator period and written in the Identification Division, Environment Division, or Data Division of a COBOL program.

Environment Clause. A clause that appears as part of an Environment Division entry.

Execution Time. The time at which an object program is executed. The term is synonymous with object time.

Explicit Scope Terminator. A reserved word which terminates the scope of a particular Procedure Division statement.

Expression. An arithmetic or conditional expression.

Extend Mode. The state of a file after execution of an OPEN statement, with the EXTEND phrase specified, for that file and before the execution of a CLOSE statement.

External Data. The data that is described in a program as external data items and external file connectors.

External Data Item. A data item which is described as part of an external record of a run unit and which itself may be referenced from any program in which it is described.

External Data Record. A logical record which is described in one or more programs of a run unit and whose constituent data items may be referenced from any program in which they are described.

External File Connector. A file connector which is accessible to one or more object programs in the run unit.

External Switch. A software device that can be specified when invoking a run unit. It is defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph and can be used to indicate that one of two alternate states exists (ON or OFF).

Field. A contiguous row of character positions on a display screen. These characters form a logical unit that can be filled with data, moved, displayed, etc.

Figurative Constant. A compiler generated value referenced through the use of certain reserved words.

File. A collection of logical records.

File Attribute Conflict Condition. An unsuccessful attempt has been made to execute an input-output operation on a file and the file attributes, as specified for that file in the program, do not match the fixed attributes for that file.

File Clause. A clause that appears as part of any of the following Data Division entries: file description entry (FD entry) and sort-merge file description entry (SD entry.)

File Connector. A storage area which contains information about a file and is used as the linkage between a file-name and a physical file and between a file-name and its associated record area.

FILE-CONTROL. The name of an Environment Division paragraph, in which the data files are declared for a given source program.

File Control Entry. A SELECT clause and all its subordinate clauses which declare the relevant physical attributes of a file.

File Description Entry. An entry in the File Section of the Data Division that is composed of the level indicator FD, followed by a file-name, and then followed by a set of file clauses as required.

File-Name. A user-defined word that names a file connector that is described in a file description entry or a sort-merge file description entry within the File Section of the Data Division.

File Organization. The permanent logical file structure established at the time that a file is created.

File Position Indicator. A conceptual entity that contains the value of the current key within the key of reference for an indexed file, or the record number of the current record for a sequential file, or the relative record number of the current record for a relative file, or indicates that no next logical record exists, or that the number of significant digits in the relative record number is larger than the size of the relative key data item, or that an optional input file is not present, or that the at end condition already exists, or that no valid next record has been established.

File Section. The section of the Data Division that contains file description entries and sort-merge file description entries together with their associated record descriptions.

File System. An input-output control system that directs, or controls, the processing of mass storage files.

Fixed File Attributes. Information about a file which is established when a file is created and cannot subsequently be changed during the existence of the file. These attributes include the organization of the file (sequential, relative, or indexed), the primary record key, the alternate record keys, the code set, the minimum and maximum record size, the record type (fixed or variable), the collating sequence of the keys for indexed files, the blocking factor, the padding character, and the record delimiter.

Fixed Length Record. A record associated with a file whose file description or sort-merge description entry requires that all records contain the same number of character positions.

Format. A specific arrangement of a set of data.

Global Name. A name which is declared in only one program but which may be referenced from that program and from any program contained within that program. Condition-names, data-names, file-names, record-names, and some special registers may be global names. **NOT SUPPORTED BY COBOL.**

Group Item. A data item that is composed of subordinate data items.

High Order End. The left-most character of a string of characters.

I-O-CONTROL. The name of an Environment Division paragraph in which object program requirements for rerun points, sharing of same areas by several data files, and multiple file storage on a single input-output device are specified.

I-O-CONTROL Entry. An entry in the I-O-CONTROL paragraph of the Environment Division which contains clauses which provide information required for the transmission and handling of data on named files during the execution of a program.

I-O Mode. The state of a file after execution of an OPEN statement, with the I-O phrase specified, for that file and before the execution of a CLOSE statement.

I-O Status. A conceptual entity which contains the two-character value indicating the resulting status of an input-output operation. This value is made available to the program through the use of the FILE STATUS clause in the file control entry for the file.

Identifier. A syntactically correct combination of a data-name, with its qualifiers, subscripts, and reference modifiers, as required for uniqueness of reference, that names a data item. The rules for 'identifier' associated with the general formats may, however, specifically prohibit qualification, subscripting, or reference modification.

Imperative Statement. A statement that either begins with an imperative verb and specifies an unconditional action to be taken or is a conditional statement that is delimited by its explicit scope terminator (delimited scope statement). An imperative statement may consist of a sequence of imperative statements.

Implicit Scope Terminator. A separator period which terminates the scope of any preceding unterminated statement, or a phrase of a statement which by its occurrence indicates the end of the scope of any statement contained within the preceding phrase.

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**Index.** A computer storage area or register, the content of which represents the identification of a particular element in a table.

**Index Data Item.** A data item in which the values associated with an index-name can be stored.

**Index-Name.** A user-defined word that names an index associated with a specific table.

**Indexed File.** A file with indexed organization.

**Indexed Organization.** The permanent logical file structure in which each record is identified by the value of one or more keys within that record.

**Initial Program.** A program that is placed into an initial state every time the program is called in a run unit.

**Initial State.** The state of a program when it is first called in a run unit.

**Input File.** A file that is opened in the input mode.

**Input Mode.** The state of a file after execution of an OPEN statement, with the INPUT phrase specified, for that file and before the execution of a CLOSE statement.

**Input-Output File.** A file that is opened in the I-O mode.

**Input-Output Section.** The section of the Environment Division that names the files and the external media required by an object program and which provides information required for transmission and handling of data during execution of the object program.

**Input-Output Statement.** A statement that causes files to be processed by performing operations upon individual records or upon the file as a unit. The input-output statements are: ACCEPT (with the identifier phrase), CLOSE, DELETE, DISPLAY, OPEN, PURGE, READ, REWRITE, SET (with the TO ON or TO OFF phrase), START, UNDELETE, UNLOCK, and WRITE.

**Input Procedure.** A set of statements, to which control is given during the execution of a SORT statement, for the purpose of controlling the release of specified records to be sorted.

**Integer.** A numeric literal or a numeric data item that does not include any digit position to the right of the assumed decimal point. When the term 'integer' appears in general formats, integer must not be a numeric data item, and must not be signed, nor zero unless explicitly allowed by the rules of that format.

**Internal Data.** The data that is described in a program excluding all external data items and external file connectors. Items described in the Linkage Section of a program are treated as internal data.

**Internal Data Item.** A data item which is described in one program in a run unit.

**Internal File Connector.** A file connector which is accessible to only one object program in the run unit.

**Intra-Record Data Structure.** The entire collection of groups and elementary data items from a logical record which is defined by a contiguous subset of the data description entries which describe that record. These data description entries include all entries whose level-number is greater than the level-number of the first data description entry describing the intra-record data structure.

**Invalid Key Condition.** A condition, at object time, caused when a specific value of the key associated with an indexed or relative file is determined to be invalid.

**ISAM.** Indexed Sequential Access Method. The term ISAM file commonly refers to a relative or indexed file.

**Key.** A data item which identifies the location of a record, or a set of data items which serve to identify the ordering of data.

Key of Reference. The key, either primary or alternate, currently being used to access records within an indexed file.

Key Word. A reserved word whose presence is required when the format in which the word appears is used in a source program.

Language-Name. A system-name that specifies a particular programming language.

Letter. A character belonging to one of the following two sets:

- (1) uppercase letters: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z;
- (2) lowercase letters: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.

Level Indicator. Two alphabetic characters that identify a specific type of file or a position in a hierarchy. The level indicators in the Data Division are: FD and SD.

Level-Number. A user-defined word, expressed as a one or two digit number, which indicates the hierarchical position of a data item or the special properties of a data description entry. Level-numbers in the range 1 through 49 indicate the position of a data item in the hierarchical structure of a logical record. Level-numbers in the range 1 through 9 may be written either as a single digit or as a zero followed by a significant digit. Level-numbers 66, 77, and 88 identify special properties of a data description entry.

Line Number. An integer that denotes the vertical position of a report line on a page.

Line Terminator. The line terminator for data-sensitive files for a particular operating system.

Linkage Section. The section in the Data Division of the called program that describes data items available from the calling program. These data items may be referred to by both the calling and the called program.

Literal. A character-string whose value is implied by the ordered set of characters comprising the string.

Logical Operator. One of the reserved words AND, OR, or NOT. In the formation of a condition, either AND, or OR, or both, can be used as logical connectives. NOT can be used for logical negation.

Logical Record. The most inclusive data item. The level-number for a record is 01. A record may be either an elementary item or a group item. The term is synonymous with record.

Longitudinal Redundancy Check The LRC algorithm is an extremely simple error detection method which yields any character from 00h (0) through 0FFh (255). LRC stands for Longitudinal Redundancy Check, an old method based on longitudinal parity. There are two major disadvantages of this method. The first problem is that the resulting check character may be a control character which could interfere with data communications. The second problem is that it is not highly effective, particularly with long transmissions. (Source: <http://www.smartronics.com/ref/checksum.html>)

Low Order End. The right-most character of a string of characters.

LRC. See Longitudinal Redundancy Check

Mass Storage. A storage medium in which data may be organized and maintained in both a sequential and non-sequential manner.

Mass Storage Control System (MSCS). An input-output control system that directs, or controls, the processing of mass storage files. Generally referred to as the file system.

Mass Storage File. A collection of records that is assigned to a mass storage medium.

Merge File. A collection of records to be merged by a MERGE statement. The file is created and can be used only by the merge function.

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Mnemonic-Name. A user-defined word that is associated in the Environment Division with a specific switch name.

Native Character Set. The character set associated with the computer specified in the OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph.

Native Collating Sequence. The collating sequence associated with the computer specified in the OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph.

Negated Combined Condition. The 'NOT' logical operator immediately followed by a parenthesize combined condition.

Negated Simple Condition. The 'NOT' logical operator immediately followed by a simple condition.

Next Executable Sentence. The next sentence to which control will be transferred after execution of the current statement is complete.

Next Executable Statement. The next statement to which control will be transferred after execution of the current statement is complete.

Next Record. The record which logically follows the current record of a file.

Noncontiguous item. Elementary data items, in the Working-Storage and Linkage Sections, which bear no hierarchic relationship to other data items.

Nonnumeric Item. A data item whose description permits its content to be composed of any combination of characters taken from the computer's character set. Certain categories of nonnumeric items may be formed from more restricted character sets.

Nonnumeric Literal. A literal bounded by quotation marks. The string of characters may include any character in the computer's character set.

Numeric Character. A character that belongs to the following set of digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Numeric Item. A data item whose description restricts its content to a value represented by characters chosen from the digits '0' through '9'; if signed, the item may also contain a '+', '-' or other representation of an operational sign.

Numeric Literal. A literal composed of one or more numeric characters that may contain either a decimal point, or an algebraic sign, or both. The decimal point must not be the right-most character. The algebraic sign, if present, must be the left-most character.

OBJECT-COMPUTER. The name of an Environment Division paragraph in which the computer environment, within which the object program is executed, is described.

Object Computer Entry. An entry in the OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph of the Environment Division which contains clauses which describe the computer environment in which the object program is to be executed.

Object of Entry. A set of operands and reserved words, within a Data Division entry of a COBOL program, that immediately follows the subject of the entry.

Object Program. A set or group of executable machine language instructions and other material designed to interact with data to provide problem solutions. In this context, an object program is generally the machine language result of the operation of a COBOL compiler on a source program. Where there is no danger of ambiguity, the word 'program' alone may be used in place of the phrase 'object program'.

Object Time. The time at which an object program is executed. The term is synonymous with execution time.

Obsolete Element. A COBOL language element in Standard COBOL that is to be deleted from the next revision of Standard COBOL.



Open Mode. The state of a file after execution of an OPEN statement for that file and before the execution of a CLOSE statement for that file. The particular open mode is specified in the OPEN statement as either INPUT, OUTPUT, I-O, or EXTEND.

Operand. Whereas the general definition of operand is 'that component which is operated upon', for the purposes of this document, any lowercase word (or words) that appears in a statement or entry format may be considered to be an operand and, as such, is an implied reference to the data indicated by the operand.

Operational Sign. An algebraic sign, associated with a numeric data item or a numeric literal, to indicate whether its value is positive or negative.

Optional File. A file which is declared as being not necessarily present each time the object program is executed. The object program causes an interrogation for the presence or absence of the file.

Optional Word. A reserved word that is included in a specific format only to improve the readability of the language and whose presence is optional to the user when the format in which the word appears is used in a source program.

Ordinal Number. A number that show the order or succession in which names, objects, periods of time, or the like, are considered; as, first, second, third, fourth, and so on.

Output File. A file that is opened in either the output mode or extend mode.

Output Mode. The state of a file after execution of an OPEN statement, with the OUTPUT or EXTEND phrase specified, for that file and before the execution of a CLOSE statement for that file.

Output Procedure. A set of statements to which control is given during execution of a SORT statement after the sort function is completed, or during execution of a MERGE statement after the merge function reaches a point at which it can select the next record in merged order when requested.

Padding Character. An alphanumeric character used to fill the unused character positions in a physical record.

Paragraph. In the Procedure Division, a paragraph-name followed by a separator period and by zero, one, or more sentences. In the Identification and Environment Divisions, a paragraph header followed by zero, one, or more entries.

Paragraph Header. A reserved word, followed by the separator period, that indicates the beginning of a paragraph in the Identification and Environment Divisions. The permissible paragraph headers in the Identification Division are:

PROGRAM-ID.  
AUTHOR.  
INSTALLATION.  
DATE-WRITTEN.  
DATE-COMPILED.  
SECURITY.

The permissible paragraph headers in the Environment Division are:

SOURCE-COMPUTER.  
OBJECT-COMPUTER.  
SPECIAL-NAMES.  
FILE-CONTROL.  
I-O-CONTROL.

Paragraph-Name. A user-defined word that identifies and begins a paragraph in the Procedure Division.

Pathname. A file-name that represents the unique path through the file system to a specific file.

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Phrase. A phrase is an ordered set of one or more consecutive COBOL character-strings that form a portion of a COBOL procedural statement or of a COBOL clause.

Physical Record. The term is synonymous with block.

Primary Record Key. A key whose contents uniquely identify a record within an indexed file.

Procedure. A paragraph or group of logically successive paragraphs, or a section or group of logically successive sections, within the Procedure Division.

Procedure Branching Statement. A statement that causes the explicit transfer of control to a statement other than the next executable statement in the sequence in which the statements are written in the source program. The procedure branching statements are: CALL, EXIT, EXIT PROGRAM, GO TO, MERGE (with the OUTPUT PROCEDURE phrase), PERFORM and SORT (with the INPUT PROCEDURE or OUTPUT PROCEDURE phrase).

Procedure-Name. A user-defined word which is used to name a paragraph or section in the Procedure Division. It consists of a paragraph-name (which may be qualified), or a section-name.

Program Identification Entry. An entry in the PROGRAM-ID paragraph of the Identification Division which contains clauses that specify the program-name and assign selected program attributes to the program.

Program-Name. In the Identification Division, a user-defined word that identifies a COBOL source program.

Pseudo-Text. A sequence of text words, comment lines, or the separator space in a source program or COBOL library bounded by, but not including, pseudo-text delimiters.

Pseudo-Text delimiter. Two contiguous equal sign (=) characters used to delimit pseudo-text.

Punctuation Character. A character that belongs to the following set:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
,	comma
;	semicolon
:	colon
.	period (full stop)
"	quotation mark
(	left parenthesis
)	right parenthesis
	space
=	equal sign

Qualified Data-Name. An identifier that is composed of a data-name followed by one or more sets of either of the connectives OF and IN followed by a data-name qualifier.

Qualifier.

- (1) A data-name or a name associated with a level indicator which is used in a reference either together with another data-name which is the name of an item that is subordinate to the qualifier or together with a condition-name.
- (2) A section-name which is used in a reference together with a paragraph-name specified in that section.

Random Access. An access mode in which the program-specified value of a key data item identifies the logical record that is obtained from, deleted from, or placed into a relative or indexed file.

Record. The most inclusive data item. The level-number for a record is 01. A record may be either an elementary item or a group item. The term is synonymous with logical record.

Record Area. A storage area allocated for the purpose of processing the record described in a record description entry in the File Section of the Data Division. In the File Section, the current number of character positions in the record area is determined by the explicit or implicit RECORD clause.

Record Description. The total set of data description entries associated with a particular record. The term is synonymous with record description entry.

Record Description Entry. The total set of data description entries associated with a particular record. The term is synonymous with record description.

Record Key. A key whose contents identify a record within an indexed file. Within an indexed file, a record key is either the primary record key or an alternate record key.

Record-Name. A user-defined word that names a record described in a record description entry in the Data Division of a COBOL program.

Record Number. The ordinal number of a record in the file whose organization is sequential.

Reference Format. A format that provides a standard method for describing COBOL source programs.

Reference Modifier. The left-most-character-position and length used to establish and reference a data item.

Relation. The term is synonymous with relational operator.

Relation Character. A character that belongs to the following set:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
>	greater than
<	less than
=	equal to

Relation Condition. The proposition, for which a truth value can be determined, that the value of an arithmetic expression, data item, nonnumeric literal, or index-name has a specific relationship to the value of another arithmetic expression, data item, nonnumeric literal, or index-name.

Relational Operator. A reserved word, a relation character, a group of consecutive reserved words, or a group of consecutive reserved words and relation characters used in the construction of a relation condition. The permissible operators and their meanings are:

Relational Operator	Meaning
IS [NOT] GREATER THAN	Greater than OR
IS [NOT] >	not greater than
IS [NOT] LESS THAN	Less than OR
IS [NOT] <	not less than
IS [NOT] EQUAL TO	Equal to OR
IS [NOT] =	not equal to
IS [NOT] GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO	Greater than or equal to OR
IS [NOT] >=	not greater than or equal to
IS [NOT] LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO	Less than or equal to OR
IS [NOT] <=	not less than or equal to

Relative File. A file with relative organization.

Relative Key. A key whose contents identify a logical record in a relative file.

Relative Organization. The permanent logical file structure in which each record is uniquely identified by an integer value greater than zero, which specifies the record's logical ordinal position in the file.

Relative Record Number. The ordinal number of a record in a file whose organization is relative. This number is treated as a numeric literal which is an integer.

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**Reserved Word.** A COBOL word specified in the list of words which may be used in a COBOL source program, but which must not appear in the program as user-defined words or system-names.

**Resource.** A facility or service, controlled by the operating system, that may be used by an executing program.

**Resultant Identifier.** A user-defined data item that is to contain the result of an arithmetic operation.

**Routine-Name.** A user-defined word that identifies a procedure written in a language other than COBOL.

**Run Unit.** One or more object programs which interact with one another and which function, at object time, as an entity to provide problem solutions.

**Screen-name.** A data name that identifies an item in the Screen Section of the Data Division.

**Screen Section.** The section of the Data Division where items to be used in screen ACCEPTs and DISPLAYs are defined.

**Section.** A set of zero, one, or more paragraphs or entries, called a section body, the first of which is preceded by a section header. Each section consists of the section header and the related section body.

**Section Header.** A combination of words followed by a separator period that indicates the beginning of a section in the Environment, Data, and Procedure Division. In the Environment and Data Divisions, a section header is composed of reserved words followed by a separator period. The permissible section headers in the Environment Division are:

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CONFIGURATION SECTION.  
INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
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The permissible section headers in the Data Division are:

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FILE SECTION.  
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.  
LINKAGE SECTION.  
SCREEN SECTION.
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In the Procedure Division, a section header is composed of a section-name, followed by the reserved word SECTION, followed by a segment-number (optional), followed by a separator period.

**Section-Name.** A user-defined word which names a section in the Procedure Division.

**Sentence.** A sequence of one or more statements, the last of which is terminated by a separator period.

**Separately Compiled Program.** A program which, together with its contained programs, is compiled separately from all other programs.

**Separator.** A character or two contiguous characters used to delimit character-strings.

**Sequential Access.** An access mode in which logical records are obtained from or placed into a file in a consecutive predecessor-to-successor logical record sequence determined by the order of records in the file.

**Sequential File.** A file with sequential organization.

**Sequential Organization.** The permanent logical file structure in which a record is identified by a predecessor-successor relationship established when the record is placed into the file

**Sign Condition.** The proposition, for which a truth value can be determined, that the algebraic value of a data item or an arithmetic expression is either less than, greater than, or equal to zero.

Significand. In floating-point representation, the fixed-point numeral that represents the significant digits of the number.

Simple Condition. Any single condition chosen from the set:

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relation condition
class condition
condition-name condition
switch-status condition
sign condition
(simple-condition)
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Sort File. A collection of records to be sorted by a SORT statement. The sort file is created and can be used by the sort function only.

Sort-Merge File Description Entry. An entry in the File Section of the Data Division that is composed of the level indicator SD, followed by a file-name, and then followed by a set of file clauses as required.

Source. The symbolic identification of the originator of a transmission to a queue.

SOURCE-COMPUTER. The name of an Environment Division paragraph in which the computer environment, within which the source program is compiled, is described.

Source Computer Entry. An entry in the SOURCE-COMPUTER paragraph of the Environment Division which contains clauses which describe the computer environment in which the source program is to be compiled.

Source Item. An identifier designated by a SOURCE clause that provides the value of a printable item.

Source Program. Although it is recognized that a source program may be represented by other forms and symbols, in this document it always refers to a syntactically correct set of COBOL statements. A COBOL source program commences with the Identification Division or a COPY statement. A COBOL source program is terminated by the absence of additional source program lines.

Special Character. A character that belongs to the following set:

<u>Character</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
+	plus sign
-	minus sign
*	asterisk
/	slant (solidus)
=	equal sign
\$	currency sign
,	comma (decimal point)
;	semicolon
.	period (decimal point, full stop)
"	quotation mark
(	left parenthesis
)	right parenthesis
>	greater than symbol
<	less than symbol
:	colon

Special Character Word. A reserved word which is an arithmetic operator or a relation character.

SPECIAL-NAMES. The name of an Environment Division paragraph in which **ICOBOL**-specific names (switch name) are related to user-specified mnemonic-names.

Special Names Entry. An entry in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division which provides means for specifying the currency sign; choosing the decimal point; specifying symbolic characters; relating switch-names to user-specified mnemonic-names; relating alphabet-names to character sets or collating sequences; and relating class-names to sets of characters.

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**Special Registers.** Certain compiler generated storage areas whose primary use is to store information produced in conjunction with the use of specific COBOL features.

**Standard Data Format.** The concept used in describing data in a COBOL Data Division under which the characteristics or properties of the data are expressed in a form oriented to the appearance of the data on a printed page of infinite length and breadth, rather than a form oriented to the manner in which the data is stored internally in the computer or on a particular medium.

**Statement.** A syntactically valid combination of words, literals, and separators, beginning with a verb, written in a COBOL source program.

**Sub-Queue.** A logical hierarchical division of a queue.

**Subject of Entry.** An operand or reserved word that appears immediately following the level indicator or the level-number in a Data Division entry.

**Subprogram.** A program which is the object of a CALL statement combined at object time with the calling program to produce a run unit. The term is synonymous with called program.

**Subscript.** An occurrence number represented by either an integer, a data-name optionally followed by an integer with the operator + or -, or an index-name optionally followed by an integer with the operator + or -, which identifies a particular element in a table.

**Subscripted Data-Name.** An identifier that is composed of a data-name followed by one or more subscripts enclosed in parentheses.

**Switch.** A switch to a COBOL program is a character string that can be appended to the program-name when a program is started and defined in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the Environment Division.

**Switch-Status Condition.** The proposition, for which a truth value can be determined, that a switch, capable of being set to an 'on' or 'off' status, has been set to a specific status.

**Symbolic-Character.** A user-defined word that specifies a user-defined figurative constant.

**System-Name.** A COBOL word which is used to communicate with the operating environment.

**Table.** A set of logically consecutive items of data that are defined in the Data Division of a COBOL program by means of the OCCURS clause.

**Table Element.** A data item that belongs to the set of repeated items comprising a table.

**Text-Name.** A user-defined word which identifies library text.

**Text Word.** A character or a sequence of contiguous characters between margin A and margin R in a COBOL library, source program, or in pseudo-text which is:

- (1) A separator, except for: space; a pseudo-text delimiter; and the opening and closing delimiters for nonnumeric literals. The right parenthesis and left parenthesis characters, regardless of context within the library, pseudo-text, are always considered text words.
- (2) A literal including, in the case of nonnumeric literals, the opening quotation mark and the closing quotation mark which bound the literal.
- (3) Any other sequence of contiguous COBOL characters except comment lines and the word 'COPY', bounded by separators, which is neither a separator nor a literal.

**Truth Value.** The representation of the result of the evaluation of a condition in terms of one of two values: true, false.

Unary Operator. A plus (+) or a minus (-) sign, which precedes a variable or a left parenthesis in an arithmetic expression and which has the effect of multiplying the expression by +1 or -1 respectively.

Unit. A discrete portion of a storage medium, the dimensions of which are determined by each the particular operating environment, that contains part of a file, all of a file, or any number of files. The term is synonymous with reel and volume.

Unsuccessful Execution. The attempted execution of a statement that does not result in the execution of all the operations specified by that statement. The unsuccessful execution of a statement does not affect any data referenced by that statement, but may affect status indicators.

User-Defined Word. A COBOL word that must be supplied by the user to satisfy the format of a clause or statement.

Variable. A data item whose value may be changed by execution of the object program. A variable used in an arithmetic-expression must be a numeric elementary item.

Variable Length Record. A record associated with a file whose file description or sort-merge description entry permits records to contain a varying number of character positions.

Variable Occurrence Data Item. A variable occurrence data item is a table element which is repeated a variable number of times. Such an item must contain an OCCURS DEPENDING ON clause in its data description entry, or be subordinate to such an item.

Variable origin (screen). The LINE phrase and COLUMN phrase in DISPLAY and ACCEPT statements allow the entire screen description referenced by screen-name to be moved to a different starting position on the user's display device than the starting position defined in the screen description. This capability is called variable origin.

Verb. A word that expresses an action to be taken by a COBOL compiler or object program.

Volume. A discrete portion of a storage medium, the dimensions of which are determined by each operating environment, that contains part of a file, all of a file, or any number of files. The term is synonymous with reel and unit.

Word. A character-string of not more than 30 characters which forms a user-defined word, a system-name, or a reserved word.

Working-Storage Section. The section of the Data Division that describes working storage data items, composed either of noncontiguous items or working storage records or of both.

77-Level-Description-Entry. A data description entry that describes a noncontiguous data item with the level-number 77.





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**APPENDIX A. IMPLEMENTATION LIMITS****Compiler and Runtime Implementation Limits**

1. The maximum length of user-defined words (data-names, condition-names, file-names, index-names, etc.) kept to determine uniqueness is 30 for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85** and 50 for **VXCOBOL**.
2. The maximum length of an elementary data item is 65535 characters.
3. The maximum number of subscripts for a table is 7.
4. The maximum number of occurrences for a table is 16,777,215; storage limitations will effectively cause a lower limit.
5. The maximum number of items in the USING phrase of a CALL statement or a Procedure Division header is 32.
6. The maximum length of literals is 256.
7. The maximum number of entries in a GO TO DEPENDING ON is 254.
8. The maximum number of corresponding items in a MOVE CORRESPONDING statement is 126, while the maximum number of corresponding items in an ADD or SUBTRACT CORRESPONDING statement is 63.
9. File I/O

For a sequential data-sensitive file the maximum record size is 2048 bytes, otherwise the maximum record size for sequential files is 32,768 bytes..

## ICISAM files

For a relative file, the maximum record size is 16,384 bytes (16KB) .

For a relative file, the maximum number of keys (relative key) is 4,294,967,296 ( $2^{32}$ ) (version 7). Version 8 supports 4GB (4 billion) of records.

For an indexed file, the maximum record size is 16,384 bytes (16KB).

For an indexed file, the maximum number of alternate keys is 16.

For an indexed file, the maximum size of a key is 255 bytes.

The maximum file size is 4GB for data and 4GB for index (Version 7) but is dependent on the operating system support on a particular platform.

The maximum file size is upto 4 billion records for data and 16TB for index (Version 8) but is dependent on the operating system support on a particular platform.

The maximum number of alternate keys is 16.

10. The maximum number of COPY files for a given multi-file compile in an IDE project is 6000.
11. The maximum number of lines per compile is 200,000. The default maximum is 60,000. The maximum for an individual source file is 65,535.
12. The maximum code size per program is 16,777,215 bytes.
13. The maximum data size per program is 16,777,215 bytes.
14. The maximum number of STRING/UNSTRING operands is 63.
15. The maximum number of level 88 values is 100.
16. The maximum number of KEY IS clauses on an OCCURS clause is 10.

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17. The maximum number of sort/merge keys is 20.
18. The maximum number of DISPLAY arguments is 63.
19. The maximum number of file description entries (FDs) allowed per compile is 255.
20. The maximum size of an EXTERNAL item is 1MB and there is a limit of 1023 EXTERNAL items per program.

### **Runtime Implementation Limits**

1. The maximum depth of a PERFORM is 31.
2. The maximum number for PERFORM x TIMES is 4,294,967,294 ( $2^{32} - 2$ ).

### **INFOS Implementation Limits (VXCOBOL dialect)**

The U/FOS™ product from Transoft®, can be used to provide INFOS functionality.

**NOTE:** U/FOS™ is no longer supported.

1. The maximum number of key volumes is 16.
2. The maximum number of data volumes is 16.
3. The maximum volume size is 1053MB with large pages and 526MB with small pages.
4. The maximum key size is 255 bytes.
5. The maximum total key path including nulls between keys is 255 bytes.
6. The maximum data length is 4074 bytes for large pages and 2026 bytes for small pages.
7. The maximum number of levels is 8.

## APPENDIX B. ESCAPE KEY TABLE

This is the default ESCAPE KEY table for a Data General D2xx compatible terminal which had 15 function keys (F1 - F15) with four states (alone, SHIFT, CTRL, and CTRL-SHIFT), 4 function keys (C1 - C4) with two states, along with the arrow keys with two states and two special keys.

Key	Key alone	Key + SHIFT	Key + CTRL	Key + SHIFT+CTRL
CR	00	00	00	00
NEWLINE	00	00	00	00
ESC	01	01	01	01
F1	02	10	18	26
F2	03	11	19	27
F3	04	12	20	28
F4	05	13	21	29
F5	06	14	22	30
F6	07	15	23	31
F7	08	16	24	32
F8	09	17	25	33
F9	34	41	48	55
F10	35	42	49	56
F11	36	43	50	57
F12	37	44	51	58
F13	38	45	52	59
F14	39	46	53	60
F15	40	47	54	61
C1	62	66	62	66
C2	63	67	63	67
C3	64	68	64	68
C4	65	69	65	69
Down-arrow	* <sup>d</sup>	77	* <sup>d</sup>	77
Up-arrow	* <sup>u</sup>	70	* <sup>u</sup>	70
Right-arrow	n/a	71	n/a	71
Left-arrow	n/a	72	n/a	72
CMD-Print	73	74	73	74
Home	n/a	75	n/a	75

\*<sup>d</sup> In a multi-field screen ACCEPT, goes to the next field (down-arrow), unless on the last field. On the last field (or only field) a 00 is returned. (See Next Field definition under Terminal Description).

\*<sup>u</sup> In a multi-field screen ACCEPT, goes to the previous field (up-arrow), unless on the first field. On the first field (or only field) a beep is sounded. (See Previous Field definition under Terminal Description).

In all operating environments, **ICOBOL** supports terminal types other than Data General terminals with a different number of function keys. For more on those terminals supported and their supported function key values see the Installing and Configuring Interactive COBOL Manual for your operating environment.

If using pc's, either native or with a terminal emulator, the standard PC keyboard has twelve function keys (F1 - F12). With the pcwindow terminal type, four states are available with F1 - F12.



## APPENDIX C. ANSI 74 FILE STATUS CODES

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
00	Successful I/O operation.
02	Successful I/O operation but a duplicated key was detected.
04	Successful read but length of record does not conform to that specified for file.
10	AT END condition.
11	During a READ NEXT or READ PREVIOUS of an ISAM or relative file, another program added a record to the file. Use the START statement to reposition the record pointer.
21	RECORD KEY error. For an ISAM or relative file in sequential access mode, a WRITE statement used a RECORD KEY value that was not greater than the value used in the previous WRITE.
22	INVALID KEY error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An attempt has been made to write or rewrite a record that would create a duplicate primary key.</li> <li>(2) An attempt has been made to UNDELETE a record that was not deleted.</li> </ul>
23	No record exists with the specified RECORD KEY value.
24	Index structure is full. Writing a new record would create a new index level beyond the allowable levels.
30	Hardware error or other undefined error like a print device was aborted by the user.
34	Out of disk space to write a new record.
91	OPEN error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent, already open, or had an illegal name.</li> <li>(2) A CLOSE statement referred to a file that had not been opened.</li> <li>(3) On OPEN, the filename already existed.</li> <li>(4) On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.</li> <li>(5) On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.</li> <li>(6) On OPEN, no more files could be opened by the operating system.</li> <li>(7) On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.</li> <li>(8) On a data-sensitive READ, the line is too long for the record.</li> </ul>
92	Access mode error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File not opened.</li> <li>(2) WRITE or DELETE attempted to file opened for input.</li> <li>(3) READ attempted for file opened for output.</li> <li>(4) OPEN attempted for file closed with lock.</li> <li>(5) DELETE or REWRITE statement not preceded by a READ statement for a file in sequential access mode.</li> <li>(6) OPEN attempted on a file with insufficient access rights for OPEN mode.</li> </ul>
94	In Use Error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File cannot be accessed because it is in use.</li> <li>(2) Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.</li> <li>(3) DELETE FILE attempted for an opened file.</li> </ul>
96	A directory named by the program does not exist.
97	Maximum number of open files exceeded.
98	Attempt to write more than 65,535 records to a relative file.
99	Printer control file is full.
9A	File description inconsistency. Record length, key length, or key positions specified in program does not agree with the data file. Invalid ICISAM version.
9B	Corruption error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) After a successful OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Closing the file sets the ICISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.</li> <li>(2) Data (.XD) portion of an ICISAM or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.</li> <li>(3) On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, <b>ICOBOL</b> has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.</li> </ul>
9C	Index (.NX) portion of an ICISAM or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
9E	Record lock limit has been exceeded.
9F	Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
9T	Device Timeout.





**APPENDIX D. ANSI 85 FILE STATUS CODES**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
00	Successful I/O operation.
02	Successful I/O operation but a duplicated key was detected.
04	Successful READ operation but the length of the record does not conform to that specified for the file.
05	Successful OPEN operation but the referenced optional file was not present, it was created if an OPEN I-O or EXTEND.
10	AT END condition.
11	During a READ NEXT or READ PREVIOUS of an ISAM or relative file, another program added a record to the file. Use the START statement to reposition the record pointer.
21	RECORD KEY error. For an ISAM or relative file in sequential access mode, a WRITE statement used a RECORD KEY value that was not greater than the value used in the previous WRITE.
22	INVALID KEY error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An attempt has been made to write/rewrite a record that would create a duplicate key on a key that does not support duplicates.</li> <li>(2) An attempt has been made to UNDELETE a record that was not deleted.</li> </ul>
23	No record exists with the specified RECORD KEY value.
24	Index structure is full. Writing a new record would necessitate creating a new index level beyond the allowable levels for an indexed file.
30	Hardware error or other undefined error.
34	Boundary error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Out of space to write a new record (Out of disk space).</li> <li>(2) Out of space to READ a record (record area is too small).</li> </ul>
35	File not found. On OPEN with INPUT, I-O, or EXTEND a non optional file was not present.
37	Access error. On OPEN the specified file does not support the open mode specified.
38	On OPEN the specified file was previously closed with lock.
39	On OPEN a File description inconsistency was detected. Record length, key length, or key positions specified in program does not agree with the data file.
41	An OPEN was attempted for a file that was already open.
42	A CLOSE was attempted for a file that was not open.
43	DELETE or REWRITE statement not preceded by a READ statement for a file in sequential access mode.
44	On a WRITE or REWRITE a record that is larger or smaller than what the file allows was attempted or on a REWRITE the record is not the same size.
46	On a sequential READ no valid next record is available.
47	A READ or START was attempted for file not opened for input or I-O.
48	A WRITE was attempted on a file not open in I-O, output, or extend mode.
49	A DELETE, REWRITE, or UNDELETE was attempted for a file not opened in I-O mode.
91	OPEN error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent or had an illegal name.</li> <li>(2) On OPEN, the filename already existed.</li> <li>(3) On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.</li> <li>(4) On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.</li> <li>(5) On OPEN, no more files could be opened from the operating system.</li> <li>(6) On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.</li> </ul>
92	Access mode error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File not opened.</li> </ul>
94	In Use Error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File cannot be accessed because it is in use.</li> <li>(2) Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.</li> <li>(3) DELETE FILE attempted for an opened file.</li> </ul>
96	A directory named by the program does not exist.
97	Maximum number of open files exceeded.
99	Printer control file is full.

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- 9A Invalid ICISAM file version.
- 9B Corruption error.
- (1) After a successful OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Closing the file sets the ICISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.
  - (2) Data (.XD) portion of an ICISAM or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.
  - (3) On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, **ICOBOL** has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.
- 9C Index (.NX) portion of an ICISAM or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
- 9E Record lock limit has been exceeded.
- 9F Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
- 9T Device Timeout.

## APPENDIX E. VXCIBOL FILE STATUS CODES

<u>Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
00	Successful I/O operation.
02	Successful I/O operation but a duplicated key was detected.
10	AT END condition. (end-of-file or end of subindex)
11	During a READ NEXT or READ PREVIOUS of an ICISAM indexed or relative file, another program added a record to the file. Use the START statement to reposition the record pointer.
21	RECORD KEY error. For an ICISAM indexed or relative file in sequential access mode, a WRITE statement used a RECORD KEY value that was not greater than the value used in the previous WRITE.
22	INVALID KEY error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An attempt has been made to write or rewrite a record that would create a duplicate primary key.</li> <li>(2) An attempt has been made to UNDELETE a record that was not deleted.</li> </ul>
23	No record exists with the specified RECORD KEY value.
24	Index structure is full. Writing a new record would necessitate creating a new index level beyond the allowable levels. (ICISAM only)
30	Hardware error or other undefined error like a print device was aborted by the user.
34	Out of disk space to write a new record.
91	OPEN error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) An OPEN statement referred to a file that was nonexistent, already open, or had an illegal name.</li> <li>(2) A CLOSE statement referred to a file that had not been opened.</li> <li>(3) On OPEN, the filename already existed.</li> <li>(4) On OPEN, a nondirectory argument was in the pathname.</li> <li>(5) On OPEN, a zero-length filename was specified.</li> <li>(6) On OPEN, no more files could be opened by the operating system.</li> <li>(7) On OPEN, for devices the hardware is not present.</li> <li>(8) On a data-sensitive READ, the line is too long for the record.</li> </ul>
92	Access mode error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File not opened.</li> <li>(2) WRITE or DELETE attempted to file opened for input.</li> <li>(3) READ attempted for file opened for output.</li> <li>(4) OPEN attempted for file closed with lock.</li> <li>(5) DELETE or REWRITE statement not preceded by a READ statement for a file in sequential access mode.</li> <li>(6) OPEN attempted on a file with insufficient access rights for OPEN mode.</li> </ul>
93	Write Verification error.
94	In Use Error. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) File cannot be accessed because it is in use.</li> <li>(2) Record cannot be accessed because it is locked.</li> <li>(3) DELETE FILE or EXPUNGE attempted for an opened file.</li> </ul>
96	A directory named by the program does not exist or with INFOS the record the program is trying to access has been previously marked as logically deleted, either locally or globally.
97	Maximum number of open files exceeded or with INFOS a REWRITE or DELETE was attempted without executing a previous READ statement for an indexed file with sequential access.
98	Attempt to write more than 65,535 records to a relative file or with INFOS while attempting to delete a primary key, the program was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) unable to access an alternate key associated with that primary key and/or</li> <li>(2) was unable to restore the file to the condition it was in before the program deleted the primary key and/or</li> <li>(3) was unable to restore the file position.pointer to its location prior to the delete if RETAIN POSITION was specified; the prior position may be locked.</li> </ul>
99	A U/FOS error has occurred for which there is no corresponding File Status code. The U/FOS error code is in the INFOS Status item, if specified in the file's SELECT clause.
9A	File description inconsistency. Record length, key length, or key positions specified in program does not agree with the data file. Invalid ICISAM version.

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- 9B Corruption error.
- (1) After a successful OPEN of an ICISAM file, the runtime system has detected possible corruption in the file. Closing the file sets the ICISAM reliability flags and prevents further access to the file.
  - (2) Data (.XD) portion of an ICISAM indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are set.
  - (3) On an attempted OPEN of an ICISAM file, *VXCOBOL* has detected that the file is possibly corrupt although the ICISAM reliability flags are clear. The appropriate reliability flag(s) are set and the file is not opened.
- 9C Index (.NX) portion of an ICISAM indexed or relative file is full. The ICISAM reliability flags are not set.
- 9E Record lock limit has been exceeded.
- 9F Possible corruption of an ICISAM file has been detected on an attempted OPEN of the file; i.e., one or both of the ICISAM reliability flags had previously been set.
- 9T Device Timeout.

## APPENDIX F. EXCEPTION STATUS AND FILE STATUS CODES

Following is a list of System Exception Status codes along with the File Status and INFOS Status that will be set, if appropriate. File Status values that are blank under *ANSI 85* or *VXCOBOL* are the same as for *ANSI 74*. If no value appears under *ANSI 74* it is an exception status that arises outside of the i/o subsystem and a file status of 30 is returned. For the entries under INFOS Status that are blank, the value returned has X as the leftmost character, followed by the exception status value as a decimal number.

On Windows, errors 1 - 31 map directly to Exception Status 1 - 31, while errors 32 - 92 map to Exception Status 288 - 347, i.e., add 256 to Microsoft errors greater than 31.

On Linux, errno maps to an Exception Status as documented in APPENDIX G.

Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
1	30			001	Invalid operation
2	91	35	91	025	File not found
3	96	96	91	023	Path not found
4	91			035	No more handles available
5	92	37	91	0102	Access denied
6	92			0147	Invalid handle
7	30				Memory control blocks bad
8	30			005	Insufficient memory
9	30				Invalid memory control block address
10	30				Invalid environment
11	30				Invalid format
12	30				Invalid access code
13	30			0221207	Invalid data
14	30				Insufficient memory to complete this operation
15	96	96	30		Invalid drive specifier
16	92	92	91	031	Attempt to remove current directory
17	91			0221222	Not the same device
18	91			0221227	No more files
19	30	37	30	0122	Write protected disk
20	30				Unknown hardware unit
21	30			0121	Drive is not ready
22	30				Unknown hardware command
23	30			070	CRC error in data
24	30				Hardware drive request is bad
25	30			0155	Disk seek error
26	30			0104	Unknown disk media type
27	30				Sector not found
28	30				Printer out of paper
29	30			0121	Write fault
30	30			075	Read fault
31	30				General failure
32	94	94	91	026	The file already exists
33	94			0204	The file is exclusively opened
34	34			0146	The file size is too big
35	94	41	94	063	Attempt to exclusively open an open file
36	91			024	The filename is not valid
37	10			030	End of file
38	98	24	23	015101	Invalid relative key
39	34			021	Out of (disk) space
40	91	34	99	067	Readline argument is too long
41	91	41	92	03	Attempt to open an open file
42	91	42	92	065	Attempt to close a closed file
43	92	38	92		Attempt to open a locked file
44	99	99	30		Printer control file is full
45	92			077	Invalid operation for open mode
46	92			02	Handle is not open
47	94			0356	Attempt to delete an open file
48	92	34	99	015022	Record area size too small for record

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Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
49	92	44	97		Record size mismatch on rewrite
50	9A	39	9A		Record too long
51	9A	39	9A		Too many keys requested
52	9A	39	9A		Invalid key packet length
53	9A	39	9A		Key is too long
54	9A	39	9A		Invalid key definition (not in record)
55	9A	39	9A		Record size mismatch on open
56	9A	39	9A		Number of keys mismatch on open
57	9A	39	9A		Key size mismatch on open
58	9A	39	9A		Key offset mismatch on open
59	9A				.NX file version is not valid
60	9A				.XD file version is not valid
61	9E			07034	Out of record locks
62	94			07015	Record is locked
63	23	46	23		Invalid current record pointer
64	23		96	015017	Record is deleted
65	22	22	23	07030	Record is not deleted
66	21				Not rewriting the current record
67	23				Key not found
68	22			07013	Attempt to write a duplicate key
69	24				.NX file B-tree is full (node depth or full node)
70	21				Not writing in ascending order
71	9B				The .NX file is corrupt
72	9B				The .XD file is corrupt
73	9F				Reliability flag indicates .NX file is corrupt
74	9F				Reliability flag indicates .XD file is corrupt
75	94				Attempt to rename an open file
76	9T			076	Device timeout
77	30			070	Device I/O error
78	30				Printer is offline
79	30				Printer is out of paper
80	30			0221205	I/O operation aborted by console interrupt
81	91			0221026	Device is not available or does not exist
82	9B				The file format is not valid
83	9B				The file does not have the correct revision
84	9B				Record size is zero
85	9B				Record position is too small
86	9B				Record position is not aligned
87	9B				Record position is too big
88	9B				Record position is past EOF
89	9B				Node block number is not zero
90	9B				Node block number is zero
91	9B				Node block number is too big
92	9B				Duplicates are permitted
93	9B				Duplicates are not permitted
94	9B				Key size is zero
95	9B				Node block number is past EOF
96	9B				.XD file size is too small
97	9B				.NX file size is too small
98	9B				Key entry is deleted
99	9B				Record position does not match
100	9B				File version does not match
101	9B				Node block number is inconsistent
102	9B				Node entry count is zero
103	9B				Node entry count is too big
104	9B				Node entry count is the maximum
105	9B				Node level is inconsistent
106	9B				Node key number is inconsistent
107	9B				Node leaf indicator is inconsistent
108	9B				Position is not aligned on a node boundary
109	9B				Relative key value is inconsistent
110	9B				key value is inconsistent
111	00			0	Reliability flag(s) have been cleared
112	9B				Internal error - invalid use of buffer manager
113	9B				Attempt to release buffer not in use

**APPENDIX F - ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 Exception Status Codes**

Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
114	9B				No buffers were available
115	9B				Attempt to destroy buffer still in use
116	9B				The object definition is in use (internal error)
117	97		91		No more files may be OPENed
118	97		91		No more OPEN resources are available
119	97		91		No more SEQUENTIAL files may be OPENed
120	97		91		No more RELATIVE files may be OPENed
121	97		91		No more INDEXED files may be OPENed
122	30				Data Carrier Detect (DCD) has been lost
123	30				The requested object definition is not registered (internal error)
124	30				The path does not specify a directory
125	30				I/O aborted by WATCH interrupt
126	30				This terminal has too few lines to watch the selected terminal
127	30				The object does not match the expected object type (internal error)
128	30				Console interrupts are disabled
129	30				Aborted by DUMP interrupt
130	97				Object handle or index entry is NULL (internal error)
131	9B				No data is available
132	9A				Named item is the wrong type to perform this operation
133	91				The parameter string is not valid for this object
134	91				Invalid configuration parameter
135	97		91		Not enough resources to complete request
136	30				Internal system error
137	30				Invalid argument to system call
138	92				A remote computer can not be specified for this operation
139	02			0	A duplicate key value has been written
140	02			0	A duplicate key value has been read
141	30	9B	30		File standard header is not valid
142	30	9B	30		File standard header checksum is bad
143	30	9B	30		File type does not match required type
144	30	9B	30		File header length, offset, or checksum is bad
145	30	9B	30		File has wrong byte order
146	9A	39	9A		Key with duplicates specification does not match
147	9A	39	9A		ICISAM file format does not match
148	9A	39	9A		ICISAM file version does not match
149	92	39	91		The .NX and .XD files are not properly paired
150	9A	39	9A		Purge deleted records mismatch on open
151	9A	39	9A		Key null value suppression specification does not match
152	9A	39	9A		Key uppercase conversion specification does not match
153	00	05	00	0	File was created
154	00	05	00	0	The optional file was not available
155	92	47	92		Invalid operation for file without input access
156	92	48	92		Invalid operation for file without output access
157	92	49	92		Invalid operation for file without I-O access
158	92	43	97	015020	DELETE or REWRITE not preceded by a successful READ
159	9B				The header information from the .XD and .NX file is not consistent
160	30				A Sort or Merge operation is already active
161	92	10	10	030	Optional file was unavailable for sequential READ
162	92	23	23		Optional file was unavailable for random READ or START
163	30	14	30		The relative key value exceeds the size of the relative key on READ
164	30	24	30		The relative key value exceeds the size of the relative key on WRITE
165	9B				Position is not aligned on a shared page boundary
166	22				Attempt to modify an unmodifiable key
167	94				Attempt to rewrite a record which has been modified since it was read
168	94				Attempt to perform an operation which would lead to a deadlock situation
169	9B			061	Invalid record length value in record header
170	9A	39	9A		Too many key occurs requested
171	9A	39	9A		Too many key suffixes requested
172	9A	39	9A		Too many key also requested
173	9A	39	9A		Key occurs/also specification does not match
174	9A	39	9A		Key occurs/also count does not match
175	9A	39	9A		Key occurs span specification does not match
176	9A	39	9A		Key suffix count specification does not match

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177	9A	39	9A		Key reverse order specification does not match
178	30				The .XL and .XD files are not properly paired
179	30				Begin/end transition is not in sequence
180	30				Invalid combination of open options
181	30				An invalid or corrupted network packet was received
182	30				Data value is not a valid data-type-value
183	30				Data does not fit in the data area provided
184	9A	39	9A		4GB maximum file specification does not match
185	92	44	92		Record size specified exceeds the maximum or is less than the minimum for the file
186					*ERROR:
187					Conversion error (index register overflow)
188					An index is out of range
189					The perform count is too large
190					The perform stack has overflowed
191	30				Fatal I/O error
192	04				Length of record does not conform to that specified for the file
193					The program was terminated by a console interrupt
194					**stop run**
195					Fatal Runtime System Error
196					Fatal Runtime System Error: invalid operation code
197					The system is ready. Press Newline to begin LOGON
198					The system is currently unavailable
199					The program was terminated by another console
200					The program is too big
201					
202					The program file is not valid
203					The program was not found
204					
205					
206					
207					The program is already active
208					Attempt to call too many programs
209					Parameter mismatch in call
210					
211					
212					No more programs are available
213					The program file could not be loaded
214					
215					The program had been disabled
216					
217					
218					
219					Invalid task number
220					There are no more entries in the table
221					This operation is not permitted
222					The item is currently in use
223					The item was removed
224					The requested page is not in the file
225					The operation was cancelled by the user
226					
227					
228					The terminal is not logged on
229					The terminal is not configured into the system
230					The configuration file is not valid
231					Unsupported feature for the current terminal type
232					
233					The user has not been granted the requested logon type at this computer
234					The abort request was sent to terminal
235					The message was sent to terminal
236					The maximum number of users are already running
237					The option is not a valid option
238					Shared Library load error (no more information available)
239					Process initialization error
240					The option requires an argument



**APPENDIX F - ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 Exception Status Codes**

Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
241					The argument is too long to process
242					There are no more options to process
243					Out of processes, system resources, or no data available
244					Shared memory initialization error
245					Shared area revision does not match
246					The shared area is not ready for use
247					The file size is greater 32-bits and requires 64-bit i/o interfaces
248					No more processes can be run
249					
250					The Shared Resource Executive Agent (icexec) is required
251					Process termination (Quit/Logoff)
252					Program not authorized
253					Process termination (Modem Hangup)
254					The process was terminated by a global timeout
255					Process Termination (Shutdown)
256					Super user privilege is required
257					Detaching from login session
258					Detached from login session
259					icexec was abnormally terminated
260					The (.ini) file section or value was not found
261					Unable to initialize standard input file
262					Unable to initialize standard output file
263					Unable to initialize standard error file
264					Invalid type for stdio
265					Locking Open/close semaphore
266					Unknown terminal type from terminfo
267					Terminal Description keyboard table
268					Unsupported terminal type
269					Screen Control Area
270					Too many directories in path list
271					Insufficient memory for pathlist names
272					Too many libraries have been requested
273					The environment argument is not valid
274					The following environment argument was not present (default value used)
275					Using default
276					The PDF writing facility is not available
277					The requested PDF format descriptor is not configured or not enabled
278					The required network packet format revision is not supported
279					The required network command revision level is not supported
280					The required form for PDF writing had errors
281					The background form uses features that are not implemented yet
282					The background form reader encountered unexpected errors with the file format
283					The background form has attribute values that are not supported
284					
285					The PDF writing facility cannot specify a remote filename
286					The path list only allows directories
287					The path list only allows directories and non-empty libraries
288	92				Sharing violation
289	94				Lock violation
290	30				(Unused) Invalid disk change
291	30				(Unused) FCB unavailable
292	30				(Unused) Sharing buffer overflow
293					
294	30				(Unused) Out of Input
295	34				Insufficient disk space
296-305					
306	30				Network request not supported
307	30				Remote computer is not available
308	30				Duplicate name on network
309	30				Network path not found
310	30				Network busy

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311	30				Network device no longer exists
312	30				(Unused) Net BIOS command limit exceeded
313	30				Network adapter hardware error
314	30				The specified server cannot perform the requested operation
315	30				Unexpected network error
316	30				(Unused) Incompatible remote adapter
317	30				(Unused) Print queue full
318	30				(Unused) Not enough space for print file
319	30				(Unused) Print file was deleted
320	30				The specified network name is no longer available
321	92	37	91	0102	Network access denied
322	30				(Unused) Network resource type incorrect
323	30				(Unused) Network name not found
324	30				(Unused) Network name limit exceeded
325	30				Net BIOS session limit exceeded
326	30				(Unused) Temporarily paused
327	30				No more connections can be made to this remote computer at this time
328	30				(Unused) Print or disk redirection is paused
329-333	30				
334	30				Not logged in or Network name not valid
335	30				
336	94				File exists
337	30				
338	30				(Unused) Cannot make directory entry
339	30				(Unused) Fail on INT 24
340	30				Too many redirections
341	30				(Unused) Duplicate redirection
342	30				(Unused) Invalid password
343	30				Invalid parameter
344	30				Network data fault
345	30				(Unused) The system cannot start another process at this time
346	30				Required system component not installed
347-364	30				
365					Connection broken
366-377					
378					The data area passed to a system call is too small.
379-415					
416					Record Manager initialization failed
417					The Record Manager or Requester is inactive
418					The Record Manager or Requester interface is invalid
419					Record Manager does not implement the required capability
420					Record Manager returned a reserved status code
421					Record Manager returned a generic status code
422					Record Manager returned an undefined status code
423					The reconnection key does not match an connection
424					The attempt to reconnect has failed while processing in icnetd
425					The attempt to reconnect has failed to resynchronize
426					The connection was broken. Attempting to reconnect...
427					The network heartbeat has failed to respond
428					The attempt to reconnect has failed; the surrogate process has terminated
429					The attempt to reconnect failed or was canceled by the user
430					The receive operation was cancelled
431					The server response indicates that the request failed
432					The terminal is already being WATCH'ed
433					Cannot watch a pushed terminal
434					Cannot watch a watching terminal
435					A watched terminal cannot watch another
436					Cannot interrupt the terminal to watch
437					Watched terminal has logged off
438					Watched terminal has pushed to CLI. Press Interrupt to discontinue watching.
439					Invalid operation for your own terminal
440					Watched terminal terminated itself with an error
441					Watched terminal terminated by interrupt
442					The process is defunct

**APPENDIX F - ANSI 74 and ANSI 85 Exception Status Codes**

Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
443					The watched terminals program process has terminated
444					Cannot watch an SP2 or CGI server process
445					Client/Server protocol packet or parameter mismatch
446					The Logging feature is no longer supported
448					Operation would block
449					Operation now in progress
450					Operation already in progress
451					Socket operation on non-socket
452					Destination address required
453					Message too long
454					Protocol wrong type for socket
455					Protocol not available
456					Protocol not supported
457					Socket type not supported
458					Operation not supported on socket
459					Protocol family not supported
460					Address family not supported
461					Address already in use
462					Cannot assign requested address
463					Network is down
464					Network is unreachable
465					Network dropped connection on reset
466					Software caused connection abort
467					Connection reset by peer
468					Out of stream resources
469					Socket is already connected
470					Socket not connected
471					Cannot send after socket shutdown
472					Too many connection, cannot splice
473					Connection timed out
474					Connection refused
475					Too many symbolic links in path
476					Filename too long
477					Host is down
478					No route to host
479					Host not found
480					
481					No more streams resources available
482					The user account already exists
483					The password is too short or fails some other restriction
484					This beta release expired
485					This beta release will run until
486					Open/close semaphore could not be created
487					Open/close semaphore setup has failed
488					Buffer manager semaphore could not be created
489					Buffer manager semaphore setup failed
490					Record lock semaphore could not be created
491					Record lock semaphore setup has failed
492					Logon/Logoff semaphore could not be created
493					Logon/Logoff semaphore setup has failed
494					Open/close semaphore could not be removed
495					Buffer manager semaphore could not be removed
496					Record lock semaphore could not be removed
497					Logon/Logoff semaphore could not be removed
498					
499					
500					ExitCode 0: Processing completed successfully
501					ExitCode 1: Processing occurred, but had errors
502					ExitCode 2: Processing occurred, but was interrupted or aborted
503					ExitCode 3: Processing occurred, but was halted by a fatal internal error
504					ExitCode 4: Processing failed because of command-line errors
505					ExitCode 5: Processing failed because of an authorization failure

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Exception Status	ANSI 74	ANSI 85	VX	INFOS Status	Message
506					ExitCode 6: Processing failed because of program initialization errors
507					ExitCode 7: Processing did not occur because command-line help was requested instead
508					ExitCode 8: Processing did not occur because a command-line status request ran instead
509					ExitCode 9: reserved
510					Unimplemented operating system function
511					Unexpected operating system error

## APPENDIX G. Linux Errno

The following is a mapping of Linux errors (errno) to Exception Status codes.

Any errno not listed generates a 511

E2BIG	241	ENOBUFS	468
EACCES	5	ENODATA	131
EADDRINUSE	461	ENODEV	81
EADDRNOTAVAIL	462	ENOENT	2
EADV	315	ENOEXEC	137
EAFNOSUPPORT	460	ENOLCK	61
EAGAIN	243	ENOLINK	311
EALREADY	315	ENOMEM	8
EBADF	6	ENOMSG	131
EBADFD	6	ENONET	307
EBADMSG	344	ENOPKG	346
EBUSY	33	ENOPROTOPT	455
ECHILD	1	ENOSPC	39
ECHRNG	6	ENOSR	481
ECOMM	313	ENOSTR	5
ECONNABORTED	466	ENOSYS	511
ECONNREFUSED	474	ENOTBLK	11
ECONNRESET	467	ENOTCONN	470
EDEADLK	168	ENOTDIR	3
EDEADLOCK	168	ENOTSOCK	451
EDESTADDRREQ	452	ENOTTY	5
EDOM	137	ENOTUNIQ	308
EDOTDOT	315	ENXIO	81
EDQUOT	295	EOPNOTSUPP	458
EEXIST	32	EOVERFLOW	34
EFAULT	9	EPERM	5
EFBIG	34	EPFNOSUPPORT	459
EHOSTDOWN	477	EPIPE	365
EHOSTUNREACH	478	EPROTO	314
EIDRM	223	EPROTONOSUPPORT	456
EINPROGRESS	315	EPROTOTYPE	454
EINTR	80	ERANGE	136
EINVAL	137	EREMCHG	320
EIO	77	EREMOTE	138
EISCONN	469	EROFS	29
EISDIR	5	ESHUTDOWN	471
ELBIN	315	ESOCKTNOSUPPORT	457
ELOOP	475	ESPIPE	25
EMFILE	4	ESRCH	219
EMLINK	340	ESRMNT	315
EMSGSIZE	453	ETIME	76
EMULTIHOP	340	ETIMEDOUT	473
ENAMETOOLONG	476	ETOOMANYREFS	472
ENETDOWN	463	ETXTBSY	5
ENETRESET	465	EWouldBlock	448
ENETUNREACH	464	EXDEV	17
ENFILE	18		



**APPENDIX H. RUNTIME ERRORS**

The following are Runtime error codes with their messages. These can all be retrieved with IC\_MSG\_TEXT..

Exception	Message
2048	System-defined builtin call table initialization
2049	User-defined builtin call table initialization
2050	Screen Handler call table initialization
2051	Invalid DATE data value
2052	Invalid TIME data value
2053	Invalid TIMESTAMP data value
2054	Invalid INTERVAL data value
2055	The required shared library symbol was not found
2056	Terminal is already in use
2057	(trying to reassign)
2058	There are no more unassigned consoles available
2059	The specified terminal is not configured to run ICRUN
2060	The character must be alphabetic
2061	The character must be alphanumeric
2062	The character must be numeric
2063	The sign must be the rightmost character
2064	Too many signs have been entered
2065	The sign must be the leftmost character
2066	The field does not permit a decimal point
2067	Too many decimal points have been entered
2068	No digits were entered
2069	Data entry is required
2070	A full field is required
2071	The field does not permit a sign
2072	Too many integer digits were entered
2073	Too many decimal digits were entered
2074	There are illegal imbedded blanks
2075	String/Unstring Overflow
2076	External item in called program does not match existing item
2077	The code file checksum is bad; possible corrupt file
2078	The structure of the code file does not match what the loader expects
2079	SMTP Authorization successful
2080	The process termination request was sent to terminal:
2081	A mail recipient must be specified (mail To: field)
2082	A mail sender must be specified (mail From: field)
2083	A message subject must be specified (mail Subject: field)
2084	No mail server was specified (ICSMTPSERVER environment variable)
2085	The mail server port was not valid (ICSMTTPORT environment variable)
2086	SMTP System or Help message
2087	The SMTP service is ready
2088	The SMTP service is closing
2089	The SMTP action completed OK
2090	The recipient is nonlocal, message is being forwarded
2091	The recipient was not verified but message was accepted
2092	Start message input and end with <CRLF>.<CRLF>
2093	The SMTP service is not available - closing connection
2094	The command failed because the user's mailbox was unavailable
2095	The command failed because of a server error
2096	The command failed because of insufficient server storage
2097	Record manager brand selected is not available

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2098	The SMTP command failed with a 500 level error
2099	The SMTP command failed because mailbox was unavailable
2100	A STOP RUN or builtin function set the exit code to
2101	An incompatible version of ICBLTN.DLL has been found
2102	Press any key to continue...
2103	<NL> to select
2104	The filename association is incomplete or invalid
2105	The DDE transaction could not be completed because other DDE transactions were being processed
2106	An error occurred in sending the command to the application
2107	The DDE transaction could not be completed because the request timed out
2108	The specified dynamic-link library was not found
2109	No application is associated with the specified file for this operation
2110	Reference modification position out of range
2111	Reference modification length out of range
2112	SMTP Authorization in progress
2113	SMTP Authorization required
2114	SMTP Authorization failed
2115	No pop3 server was specified (ICPOP3SERVER environment variable)
2116	The pop3 server port was not valid (ICPOP3PORT environment variable)
2117	A new pop3 session cannot begin while the previous session is still active
2118	There is no pop3 session active; this call is not allowed
2119	An improperly formatted response was received from the POP3 server
2120	The POP3 server returned an ERR response
2121	Authentication of the specified user and password returned an error
2122	The username or password argument is too long or empty
2123	There is no active POP3 session
2124	The POP3 session is in the wrong state for the requested operation
2125	The POP3 LIST command did not supply the correct number of list entries
2126	The specified message number was not found
2127	The secure mail server port was not valid (ICSMTPSSLPORT environment variable)
2128	The STARTTLS command failed because TSL was temporarily unavailable
2129	The smtp/pop3 server connection could not be secured with SLL or TLS
2130	SMTP Authorization doesn't support the available methods
2131	The allocated storage for USAGE POINTER is too small: recompile with -R 7 or up
2132	The mail server timeout was not valid (ICSMTPTIMEOUT environment variable)
2133	The authorization mechanism is too weak
2134	The SMTP command failed with a 400 level error
2135	The SMTP command had a 300 level status
2136	The SMTP command had a 200 level status
2137	The SMTP command had an unknown error
2304	28001: Authorization failure: ICSQL License could not be opened
2305	IC001: General error: SQL is not loaded
2306	IC002: Unable to load ODBC
2307	IC003: Unable to load ODBC symbols
2308	IC004: The ISQL subsystem is not properly initialized
2309	IC005: Get Diagnostics exception number is out of range
2310	IC006: Unable to allocate ODBC environment
2311	IC007: Memory allocation error
2312	08002: Connection name in use
2313	08003: Connection does not exist
2314	IC008: Internal error
2315	IC009: Unexpected Error from ODBC
2316	IC010: Invalid Handle error from ODBC
2317	HY010: Function sequence error
2318	01503: The number of result columns is larger than the number of INTO items
2319	22002: Indicator variable required but not supplied
2320	HY090: Invalid string or buffer length



2321	22018: Invalid character value for cast specification
2322	22003: Numeric value out of range
2323	22007: Invalid datetime format
2324	22015: Interval field overflow
2325	07006: Restricted data type attribute violation
2326	26501: The statement identifier does not exist
2327	07004: The USING clause is required for dynamic parameters
2328	07001: The number of USING items is not the same as the number of parameter markers
2329	07500: Numeric parameter conversion error
2330	07501: Date parameter conversion error
2331	07502: Time parameter conversion error
2332	07503: Timestamp parameter conversion error
2333	07504: Interval parameter conversion error
2334	02000: No data was affected by the operation
2335	07001: More data is needed
2336	HY004: Invalid SQL type
2337	24000: Invalid cursor state
2338	01000: General Warning: The statement identifier does not exist
2400	No Program
2401	Global USE Procedures:
2402	none
2403	<beginning of code>
2404	<end of code>
2405	End of line expected
2406	'name' or Any expected
2407	number must be > 0
2408	Invalid command
2409	No active program
2410	Not a valid PC
2411	No more breakpoints are available
2412	Error not set
2413	No such breakpoint
2414	No previous command
2415	Not a valid &address
2416	length expected
2417	Not a valid length
2418	Not a valid @refnum
2419	count must be <= 18
2420	count must be <= 19
2421	count must be <= 8
2422	count must be <= 10
2423	count must be 2
2424	Not at a Call
2425	Not at Perform
2426	'String' expected
2427	Expect &address or @refnum
2428	SIZE ERROR on store
2429	Argument expected
2430	Reset expected
2431	Bad command input
2432	Invalid type
2433	No files are open
2434	Inactive Programs:
2435	Active programs:
2436	There are no active performs
2437	A digit is expected here
2438	Unrecognized command line element

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2439	Literal is too long
2440	Literal not closed before end of line
2441	Item is too long
2442	Invalid numeric specifier in literal
2443	Expect 'name' or Any
2444	Invalid command argument
2445	LAST or line number expected
2446	Next item or data area is not a valid data location
2447	Parse stack overflow, simplify expressions
2448	Internal parser error - endrule reached
2449	Internal parser error - parse stack underflow
2450	Internal parser error - invalid parse op
2451	Breakpoint
2452	has been added
2453	Invalid breakpoint number
2454	Breakpoint is already selected
2455	Breakpoint already exists
2456	has been changed
2457	The audit file is not open
2458	The audit file is already open
2459	A command file is already active
2460	Internal Error: Screen optimization not enabled for icdeb
2461	Error opening debugger temp files
2462	Press any key to continue
2463	The symbol file does not match the code file
2464	There are no more symbol-file handles available
2465	The source file/line table is not available
2466	Unable to open symbol file for
2467	The specified line is not executable. Line changed to
2468	The run unit is finished
2469	Console Interrupt
2470	The initial program is loaded
2471	The program is not part of the run unit
2472	The symbol table is not available
2473	The source file is newer than the one compiled
2474	The source file is older than the one compiled
2475	Source viewing is not available for this program
2476	locking or reading symbol file
2477	locking or reading source file
2478	Press ESC to exit, cursor up/down, F2 (page up) or F3 (page down)
2479	No search path is set
2480	This data item is not allocated
2481	Symbol unavailable - error on symbol file
2482	Internal error - bad arithmetic expression
2483	Internal error - operator stack underflow
2484	Internal error - operand stack underflow
2485	Internal error - invalid expression operator
2486	Internal error - bad numeric level 88 expression
2487	Internal error - bad alphanumeric level 88 expression
2488	Size Error occurred while evaluating this operation
2489	Invalid type of argument for dump
2490	TRUE
2491	FALSE
2492	The paragraph/section was never used as the end of a perform range
2493	No more test breakpoints are available
2394	No more space left for test breakpoints
2495	Invalid argument for Test
2496	Old data value (alphanumeric format):

2497	New data value:
2498	There is no find string to use
2499	There is no find position to start from for Find Next/Previous
2500	The string was not found
2501	A (qualified) symbol name is expected here
2502	Unable to build reference info or address for this data item
2503	This command is disabled when stopped for the current reason
2504	Console Interrupt within a screen read
2505	count must be 4
2506	Expected a reference of the form @refnum
2507	Not a valid file organization
2508	The previous Dump command was for a file name or file reference
2509	Internal error - invalid or unexpected reference type
2510	Internal error - symbol unavailable
2511	The following element was expected here
2512	A numeric identifier or literal is required
2513	The operand is the wrong class or type for the operation
2514	The item is not USAGE DISPLAY
2515	A condition is expected here
2516	A numeric expression is not allowed here
2517	This item must refer to an elementary integer data item
2518	This item is not a data-item
2519	The level 88, arithmetic, or conditional expression is too complex
2520	The symbol is not defined
2521	The symbol (as qualified) was not found
2522	Symbol is not uniquely qualified
2523	The item is not a paragraph or section name
2524	This item is not a data item or literal
2525	Illegal combination of data items in MOVE
2526	Too many levels of qualification have been specified
2527	This item may not be subscripted
2528	The element 'data-name' is expected here
2529	The element 'integer' is expected here
2530	Figurative constant or nonnumeric literal is expected here
2531	The element 'identifier' or 'id' is expected here
2532	The element 'id-lit' is expected here
2533	Subscript specifier expected here
2534	A section or paragraph is expected here
2535	An arithmetic expression is expected here
2536	A Unary + or -, 'id-lit', or '(' is expected here
2537	The element 'id-lit' or '(' is expected here
2538	A relation, class test, or sign test is expected here
2539	A condition or conditional expression is expected here
2540	A NOT or simple condition is expected here
2541	A simple condition or '(' is expected here
2542	Not enough subscripts were specified; supplying 1's
2543	This item must be subscripted
2544	The item must be a numeric integer, USAGE INDEX, or an index-name
2545	Too many subscripts have been specified for this item
2546	Unbalanced parentheses; right parenthesis is being ignored
2547	The start or end of an interval is expected here
2548	This is not a valid DATE, TIME, or TIMESTAMP literal
2549	This is not a valid INTERVAL literal
2560	-0001 Positioned above main index
2561	-0002 'ufos_verify' found errors
2562	-0003 Invalid current position
2563	-0074 Indicates alternate index

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2564	-0075 Function not implemented
2565	-0076 Software has expired
2566	-0077 User interrupt
2567	-0100 Start of fatal messages (request is aborted)
2568	-0101 Not a U/FOS database
2569	-0102 Unable to access the key volume(s)
2570	-0103 Unable to access the data volume(s)
2571	-0104 Unable to access the logging file
2572	-0105 Unable to access the shadow volume
2573	-0106 Unable to access the database directory
2574	-0107 Exceeded maximum volume size
2575	-0110 Database is exclusively open, cannot open
2576	-0111 Database is open, cannot exclusively open
2577	-0112 Database is invalid, must be fixed first
2578	-0113 Database left open, must run 'ufos_verify' with -c or -f option first
2579	-0114 Index full, cannot add a new level
2580	-0115 Access to index volume denied
2581	-0116 Access to data volume denied
2582	-0117 Access to logging file denied
2583	-0120 U/FOS data volumes are full
2584	-0121 Illegal channel number
2585	-0122 Do not have a U/FOS database open
2586	-0123 No database is open on this channel
2587	-0124 No space for main key volume
2588	-0125 No space for main data volume
2589	-0126 Database is read-only
2590	-0127 Already opened for read/write; cannot open for sequential
2591	-0130 No valid primary index file
2592	-0131 Cannot find the primary index file
2593	-0132 Already opened for sequential, cannot open for write
2594	-0133 On-line backup is already in progress
2595	-0134 Problem opening/creating shadow volume
2596	-0135 Cannot use 'big-endian' (not byteswapped) database here
2597	-0136 Cannot use 'little-endian' (byteswapped) database here
2598	-0137 Database is not in on-line backup mode
2599	-0140 Unknown processing packet function
2600	-0141 Invalid packet type (_PPKT)
2601	-0142 Invalid keyed motion word (_KMOTN)
2602	-0143 Invalid keyed position word (_KLOCN)
2603	-0144 Invalid key address
2604	-0147 Invalid data record (_DREC) value
2605	-0150 Invalid number of volumes
2606	-0151 Invalid split point
2607	-0152 Invalid number of subindex levels
2608	-0153 Invalid maximum volume size
2609	-0154 Invalid volume element size
2610	-0155 Invalid database page size
2611	-0156 Invalid number of concurrent locks; INFOS II lock/unlock error
2612	-0157 __GEN or __APP not allowed on __WRITE
2613	-0160 Occurrence number is zero for __DUP read
2614	-0161 Filename address pointer is invalid
2615	-0162 A key address is invalid
2616	-0200 Record length less than 1
2617	-0201 Record length too large for page
2618	-0202 Subindices are not allowed in this subindex

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2619	-0203 Exceeded maximum number of subindexes
2620	-0204 Data record 2 (partial record) not allowed in this subindex
2621	-0205 Key not found
2622	-0206 No key path has been defined
2623	-0207 Key already exists
2624	-0210 Data record 1 must exist
2625	-0211 Data record 2 must exist
2626	-0212 No data record 1
2627	-0213 No data record 2
2628	-0215 Data record 1 already exists
2629	-0216 Data record 2 already exists
2630	-0217 Tree too deep for unlink in group
2631	-0220 Invalid feedback value
2632	-0225 Positioned above main index
2633	-0226 Invalid current position
2634	-0227 Subindex already defined
2635	-0230 Subindex key does not exist
2636	-0231 Subindex is not defined
2637	-0232 End of subindex
2638	-0233 Key does not have subindex
2639	-0234 Current position has been deleted
2640	-0235 Maximum number of locks exceeded
2641	-0236 Cannot erase key, subindex defined
2642	-0237 Data record is not locked by user
2643	-0240 Data record (data record 1) is locked by another user
2644	-0241 Partial record (data record 2) is locked by another user
2645	-0242 Key too long for this subindex
2646	-0243 Zero length key
2647	-0244 Duplicate keys not allowed in this subindex
2648	-0245 Cannot remove subindex with indices defined
2649	-0246 No transaction group defined
2650	-0247 Invalid transaction group count
2651	-0250 Total key path length too long
2652	-0251 A single null byte '\\0' is not a valid key
2653	-0300 No reads allowed below this index
2654	-0301 No writes allowed below this index
2655	-0302 No modifications allowed below this index
2656	-0303 No deletes allowed below this index
2657	-0304 User not privileged to access this file
2658	-0305 User not privileged to modify this file
2659	-0340 Cannot find primary index for alternate index
2660	-0341 Alternate index points to another alternate index
2661	-0342 Alternate key indexes pointer out of bounds
2662	-0500 Cannot find the server
2663	-0501 Cannot create/open pipe to server
2664	-0502 No setup acknowledgement from server
2665	-0503 Error in writing to the server
2666	-0504 Error in reading from the server
2667	-0510 Allowed number of system users exceeded
2668	-0511 Allowed number of system databases exceeded
2669	-0512 Allowed number of databases for this user exceeded
2670	-0550 Log file truncated
2671	-0551 Incorrect log file revision

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2672	-0600 Attempt to access negative page number
2673	-0601 Page is after end of volume
2674	-0602 Page types do not match
2675	-0603 Page number mismatch
2676	-0604 'KEY_NXT' value is 0
2677	-0605 Invalid page type
2678	-0606 Data record address is zero
2679	-0607 Data record item number is invalid
2680	-0610 Data item pointer is out of range
2681	-0611 Data item is marked as deleted
2682	-0612 Indirect address is zero
2683	-0613 Page descriptor is zero
2684	-0614 Insert invalid first key
2685	-0615 Invalid subindex xref item
2686	-0617 Invalid key volume number
2687	-0620 Invalid data volume number
2688	-0621 Attempt to delete subindex null key
2689	-0622 Expanded record is not the correct length
2690	-0623 Key page overflows allowed size
2691	-0624 Data page is on the wrong space chain
2692	-0625 File mode in header is wrong
2693	-0626 Header page descriptor invalid
2694	-0660 Error from database lseek request
2695	-0661 Error from database read request
2696	-0662 Error from database write request
2697	-0700 Invalid page type request
2698	-0701 Bad volume number in page request
2699	-0702 Bad page number in page request
2700	-0703 Bad page number in page request
2701	-0704 Attempt to read part of header
2702	-0705 Reserved
2703	-0706 Reserved
2704	-0707 Attempt to write page with invalid address
2705	-0710 Attempt to flush and page address mismatch
2706	-0711 Unable to find allocated VM page for user/db
2707	-0712 Error when attempting to read shadow file
2708	-0775 Exceeded maximum number of user/database opens
2709	Unexpected error from U/FOS or INFOS II
2710	Invalid AOS INFOS II subindex definition packet
2711	Data record is marked as logically deleted
2712	Partial record is marked as logically deleted
2713	Data record read exceeds specified maximum length
2714	Partial record read exceeds specified maximum length
2715	Invalid partial record length
2716	Request requires read-only access
2717	Invalid index node size
2718	Index filename already exists
2719	Invalid merit factor
2746	-0252 Transaction group already in progress
2747	-0253 No transaction group in progress
2748	-0254 Transaction group not initiated by this user
2749	-0255 Invalid key length
2750	-0310 Cannot find banner file name
2751	-0311 No banner file present for this product

2752	-0312 Banner server not found
2753	-0313 Cannot attach to the banner server
2754	-0314 AIM tools not allowed
2755	-0315 Cannot get maximum number of users
2756	-0316 Cannot allocate maximum number of users
2757	-0317 Data has been corrupted in message queues
2758	-0320 No message available on interprocess queue
2759	-0321 Could not generate a valid session
2760	-0322 Bad session ID
2761	-0323 System access to server failed
2762	-0324 Request denied by banner server
2763	-0325 Corrupt or inaccessible banner name
2764	-0326 Banner file name entry missing from configuration file
2765	-0343 Error in target database
2766	-0344 Error reading target database
2767	-0345 Cannot link alternate index to another alternate index database
2768	-0346 No more linked indices allowed for this database
2769	-0347 Error positioning target database
2770	-0350 Unable to rewrite database header
2771	-0351 Unable to create alternate index symbolic link
2772	-0352 Unable to create alternate index
2773	-0353 Unable to write to alternate index
2778	-0327 Unable to place message on message queue
2779	-0330 Message send timed out
2780	-0331 Message receive timed out
2781	-0360 No space in shared memory table of kernel processes
2782	-0361 No space in shared memory table of databases opened
2783	-0362 Database request queue full
2784	-0363 Timed out waiting on request queue
2785	-0364 Failed to start monitor process
2786	-0365 Shared memory tables invalid
2787	-0552 Failed to write to log file
2788	-0663 Error attaching to shared memory
2789	-0664 Error accessing shared memory semaphore
2790	-0665 Error accessing file of process locks
2791	-0666 Error getting file status
2792	-0667 Error removing the semaphore set
2793	-0670 Error removing the shared memory set
2794	-0671 Error accessing database semaphore set
2795	-0673 Error reading page from multi-request diff file
2796	-0674 Error from database volume unlink request
2797	-0675 Error from database volume truncate request
2798	-0256 Invalid subindex root node size
2799	-0257 Database in checkpointing mode, cannot start transaction
2800	-0260 Cannot checkpoint, as not in checkpointing mode
2801	-0261 Can only perform a checkpoint with database closed
2802	-0262 Cannot checkpoint, as not in explicit checkpointing mode
2803	-0335 Cannot open database lock table volume
2804	-0336 Failed to write to database lock table volume
2805	-0337 Failed to read from database lock table volume
2806	-0367 Failed to start the 'ufos_connect' process
2807	-0560 Failed to open the network path (.unp) file
2808	-0561 U/FOS kernel not yet implemented on this platform
2809	-0562 Error in the network path (.unp) file
2810	-0563 Unable to access the ipc type used by the kernel
2811	-0564 Invalid host name specified

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2812 -0513 Error reading the kernel configuration file  
2813 -0514 Exceeded number of user database combinations  
2814 -0530 Error setting effective user ID  
2815 -0531 Error setting effective group ID  
2816 -0532 Error setting supplementary group access list  
2817 -0553 Log in use by kernel not supporting 'ufos\_new\_log'  
2818 -0554 Failed to rename old log file  
2819 -0555 Failed to create a new log file  
2820 -0627 Subindex root-node page item table corrupt  
2821 -0630 Subindex root-node item number invalid  
2822 -0631 Database volumes contain an incomplete checkpoint  
2823 -0713 Error processing the multiple request differential file  
2824 -0714 Error processing subindex root node  
2825 -0715 Error expanding subindex root node  
2826 -0716 Error processing opening checkpoint

### AOS/VS system errors

3072 No error  
3073 Illegal system command  
3074 Channel not open  
3075 Channel already open  
3076 Shared I/O request not map slot aligned  
3077 Insufficient memory available  
3078 Illegal starting address  
3079 Illegal overlay number  
3080 Illegal set time argument  
3081 No task control block available  
3082 ?XMT to address already in use  
3083 Error in user task queue table  
3084 Task ID error  
3085 Data channel map is full  
3086 System call parameter address error  
3087 Task not found for abort  
3088 Insufficient room in buffer  
3089 File space exhausted  
3090 User stack fault  
3091 Directory does not exist  
3092 Illegal filename character  
3093 File does not exist  
3094 Filename already exists  
3095 Non-directory argument in pathname  
3096 End of file  
3097 Directory delete error  
3098 Write access denied  
3099 Read access denied  
3100 Append and/or write access denied  
3101 No free channels  
3102 Release of non-active shared slot  
3103 Illegal process priority  
3104 Illegal maximum process size  
3105 Illegal process type  
3106 Console device specification error  
3107 Out of swap file room  
3108 Device already in system  
3109 Illegal device code  
3110 Error on shared partition set  
3111 Error on remap call  
3112 Illegal agent gate call



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3113	No PID available for this process
3114	IPC message longer than buffer
3115	Invalid port number
3116	No matching send
3117	No outstanding receive
3118	Illegal origin port
3119	Illegal destination port
3120	Invalid shared library reference
3121	Illegal record length specified
3122	Attempt to release console device
3123	Device already in use
3124	Attempt to release unassigned device
3125	Attempt to close unopen channel or device
3126	I/O terminated by CLOSE
3127	Line too long
3128	Parity error
3129	Resident process tried to create son and block
3130	Not a directory
3131	Shared I/O request not to shared area
3132	Too many subordinate processes
3133	File read error
3134	Device timeout
3135	Wrong I/O type for OPEN type
3136	Filename too long
3137	Positioning before beginning of file
3138	Caller not privileged for this action
3139	Simultaneous requests on same channel
3140	Illegal file type
3141	Insufficient room in directory
3142	Illegal OPEN
3143	Attempt to access process not in hierarchy
3144	Attempt to block unblockable process
3145	Invalid system call parameter
3146	Attempt to start multiple agents
3147	Channel in use
3148	Not enough contiguous disk blocks
3149	Stack overflow
3150	Inconsistent bitmap data
3151	Illegal block size for device
3152	Attempt to ?XMT illegal message
3153	Physical unit failure
3154	Physical write lock
3155	Physical unit off-line
3156	Illegal OPEN option for file type
3157	Too many or too few device names
3158	Disk and file system revision numbers don't match
3159	Inconsistent device information block (DIB) data
3160	Inconsistent logical disk unit (LDU)
3161	Incomplete logical disk unit (LDU)
3162	Illegal device name type
3163	Illogical process address space definition
3164	LDU in use, cannot release
3165	Too many directories in search list
3166	Cannot get IPC data from father
3167	Illegal library number given
3168	Illegal record format
3169	Too many or too few arguments to PMGR
3170	Illegal ?GTMES parameters

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3171	Illegal CLI message
3172	Message receive disabled by CHARACTERISTICS/NRM
3173	Not a console device
3174	Attempt to exceed maximum index level
3175	Illegal channel
3176	No receiver waiting
3177	Short receive request
3178	Transmitter inoperative
3179	Illegal username
3180	Illegal link number
3181	Disk positioning error
3182	Message text longer than specified
3183	Short transmission
3184	Illogical histogram call
3185	Illegal retry value
3186	ASSIGN error - already your device
3187	Mag tape request past logical end of tape
3188	Packet specifies stack too small
3189	Packet would create too many tasks
3190	Spooler open retry count exceeded
3191	Illegal ACL
3192	?STMAP buffer contains invalid or write-protected page
3193	Partner process has not opened IPC file
3194	FPU hardware not installed
3195	Illegal process name
3196	Process name already in use
3197	Disconnect error
3198	Process must block to pass generic files
3199	System not installed
3200	Maximum directory tree depth exceeded
3201	Releasing out-of-use overlay
3202	Resource deadlock
3203	File is open, cannot exclusively open
3204	File is exclusively opened, cannot open
3205	Initialization privilege denied
3206	Multiple ?
3207	Illegal link
3208	Illegal DUMP format
3209	EXEC not available
3210	EXEC request function unknown
3211	EXEC's process subtree only
3212	Request refused by system operator
3213	Cannot dismount, was not mounted
3214	Switch or argument value greater than 65535
3215	Input file does not exist
3216	Output file does not exist
3217	LIST file does not exist
3218	DATA file does not exist
3219	Recursive generic file OPEN failure
3220	No message waiting
3221	User data area (UDA) does not exist
3222	Illegal device type from VSGEN
3223	AOS/VS restart of system call
3224	Fatal user runtime error
3225	User commercial stack fault
3226	User floating point stack fault
3227	User data area (UDA) already exists
3228	Illegal screencedit request (PMGR)

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3229	?SEND destination device held by ^S (CTRL-S)
3230	Data overrun error
3231	Control point directory max size exceeded
3232	System or bootstrap disk not part of master logical disk (LDU)
3233	Universal system, you can't do that
3234	Execute access denied
3235	Cannot initialize LDU; run FIXUP on it
3236	File access denied
3237	Directory access denied
3238	Attempt to define more than one INFOS II process
3239	INFOS II process not running
3240	Attempt to issue MCA request while direct I/O in progress
3241	Attempt to issue MCA direct I/O with request outstanding
3242	Last task was killed
3243	Resource load or release failure
3244	Zero length filename specified
3245	Buffer overflow
3246	Transmission failure (too many NAKS)
3247	Transmission failure (timeouts)
3248	Disconnect occurred on sync line
3249	EOT character received
3250	Possible lost data on HASP line
3251	Sync DCU inoperative (I/O aborted)
3252	Conversational reply received
3253	End of polling list reached without a response
3254	Illegal relative terminal number
3255	Reverse interrupt response received
3256	Illegal line number specified
3257	Not enough space for polling list
3258	Contention situation while bidding
3259	Out-of-sequence gen entry during SINIT
3260	Request to a non-synchronous line
3261	Not enough memory for communications buffer
3262	Line already enabled when ?SEBL call issued
3263	Line already disabled when ?SDBL call issued
3264	I/O request on a disabled line
3265	Line in session on initial I/O request
3266	Line not in session on continue I/O request
3267	Buffer byte count larger than system buffer
3268	Bid error (too many NAKS)
3269	Wait-A-Bit received (HASP line only)
3270	User buffer byte pointer invalid
3271	Retry count exceeded
3272	ETX code received
3273	Input status format error
3274	Failure to connect error
3275	Uninterpretable response received
3276	ENQ received
3277	Block check error
3278	Initialization parameter error
3279	Transmitter failure error
3280	Line not multidrop
3281	Not a control station
3282	Polling list not defined
3283	Inconsistent tab format
3284	Cannot delete permanent file
3285	System call abort
3286	Extended context already defined

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3287	Unreadable tape or diskette label
3288	Incorrect labeled volume mounted
3289	Incorrect labeled tape fileset
3290	Incorrect file section number
3291	Incorrect labeled tape file generation number
3292	Incorrect labeled tape file version number
3293	No operator available
3294	Unknown tape label format
3295	Extended context already initialized
3296	Extended context not initialized
3297	Extended context not defined
3298	Memory release error
3299	Illegal translation parameter
3300	Missing or invalid argument
3301	Not in CLI format
3302	Illegal bias factor
3303	CPU time limit exceeded
3304	Error in setting max CPU limit
3305	File element size not multiple of 4
3306	WACK response received
3307	Process is not a server
3308	Connection does not exist
3309	Connection table full
3310	Directory in use - cannot delete
3311	Attempt to grow a shared file
3312	Illegal directory name specification
3313	Network not available
3314	Host already exist
3315	Illegal host specification
3316	Host does not exist
3317	Cannot rename host entries
3318	Empty mailbox on ?RECNW
3319	Unable to access network in this manner
3320	Attempt to create multiple local host
3321	Not awaiting ?IWKUP
3322	Illegal remote ?PROC parameter(s)
3323	Illegal host name
3324	Not proper for a virtual circuit
3325	HDLC - invalid window size
3326	Invalid frame size
3327	SEND active
3348	Unknown Error
3352	AOS/VS COBOL Runtime Error Messages
3353	Abnormal termination of a SORT/MERGE operation
3354	Error during OPEN of a file for ACCEPT
3355	Error during OPEN of a file for DISPLAY
3356	Successful completion, duplicate key entry written
3357	END OF FILE condition
3358	INVALID KEY condition, duplicate key not permitted
3359	INVALID KEY condition, selected record does not exist
3360	INVALID KEY condition, relative key value is too large
3361	I/O error (such as data check, parity error, transmission error)
3362	Disk overflow or physical end of file (end of a tape reel)
3363	File does not exist (OPEN error)
3364	On access: file not open in correct mode. On OPEN: file locked or open
3365	On access: record locked. on OPEN: exclusive open conflict

3366	OPEN labeled tape error
3367	Record accessed has been marked as logically deleted
3368	REWRITE or DELETE attempted without executing previous READ
3369	INFOS error has occurred for which there is no corresponding FILE STATUS
3370	Record (from READ) is longer than maximum record length specified
3371	DELETE ... RECORD may not be used with this RELATIVE file
3372	Data General C runtime error messages.
3373	Illegal argument.
3374	Failed to open standard error file.
3375	Illegal open type for file type.
3376	No open channel.
3377	Error on input occurred.
3379	Assertion failed.
3380	Illegal argument value passed.
3381	Invalid mode passed to fseek or ftell.
3382	Attempt to use a character pointer as a word pointer.
3383	Attempt to use a word pointer as a character pointer.
3384	Use of an illegal pointer.
3385	End of Infos-II record.
3386	Attempt to convert an odd character pointer to a word pointer.
3436	Illegal SIGNAL number
3437	Failure while initializing C environment.
3438	Attempt to perform an illegal I/O operation.
3439	File is not open.
3440	File was not found.
3441	Invalid file descriptor.
3442	Unimplemented feature.
3443	User ID is not in /etc/passwd.
3444	Only the owner of the file can do that.
3445	Access error.
3446	Attempt to open more than 64 files simultaneously.
3447	Illegal open mode.
3448	'lseek' was applied to a pipe
3449	'lseek' is illegal on this channel
3501	Error EPERM(1) -- Not owner of file.
3502	Error ENOENT(2) -- No such file or directory.
3503	Error ESRCH(3) -- No such process.
3505	Error EIO(5) -- Error in input/output.
3506	Error ENXIO(6) -- Unknown device failure.
3507	Error E2BIG(7) -- Argument list too long.
3508	Error ENOEXEC(8) -- Exec format error.
3509	Error EBADF(9) -- Bad file number.
3510	Error ECHILD(10) -- No children.
3511	Error EAGAIN(11) -- No more processes allowed.
3512	Error ENOMEM(12) -- Not enough memory.
3513	Error EACCES(13) -- Permission denied.
3514	Error EFAULT(14) -- Bad address.
3517	Error EEXIST(17) -- File already exists.
3520	Error ENOTDIR(20) -- File is not a directory.
3522	Error EINVAL(22) -- Invalid argument.

- 3524 Error EMFILE(24) -- Too many open files.
  
- 3527 Error EFBIG(27) -- File too large.
- 3528 Error ENOSPC(28) -- No space left on device.
- 3529 Error ESPIPE(29) -- Seek on a pipe.
  
- 3532 Error EPIPE(32) -- Broken pipe.
- 3533 Error EDOM(33) -- Math argument out of domain of function.
- 3534 Error ERANGE(34) -- Math routine produces result too large.
  
- 3565 Signal SIGHUP (hangup) aborted program.
- 3566 Signal SIGINT (interrupt) aborted program.
- 3567 Signal SIGQUIT (quit) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3568 Signal SIGILL (bad instruction) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3569 Signal SIGTRAP (trace trap) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3570 Signal SIGIOT (abort routine) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3571 Signal SIGEMT aborted program with memory dump.
- 3572 Signal SIGFPE (floating exception) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3573 Signal SIGKILL aborted program.
- 3574 Signal SIGBUS aborted program.
- 3575 Signal SIGSEGV (address trap) aborted program with memory dump.
- 3576 Signal SIGSYS aborted program with memory dump.
- 3577 Signal SIGPIPE aborted program.
- 3578 Signal SIGALRM (alarm clock) aborted program.
- 3579 Signal SIGTERM (software termination) aborted program.
- 3580 Signal SIGUSR1 (user defined #1) aborted program.
- 3581 Signal SIGUSR2 (user defined #2) aborted program.
- 3582 Signal SIGCHLD aborted program.
- 3583 Signal SIGPWR aborted program.
  
- 3584 (IOUER) Illegal command
- 3585 (IONMD) All volumes at maximum size
- 3586 (IOCON) Continuing execution
- 3587 (IOINI) Revision 5.01 of AOS/VS INFOS II error codes
- 3588 (IOSPE) Illegal relative motion
- 3589 (IOICE) Invalid current entry
- 3590 (IOTLV) Warning - positioned above main index (top level)
- 3591 (IOSNA) Subindexes not allowed
- 3592 (IOSNP) Subindex not defined
- 3593 (IOESI) End of subindex
- 3594 (IODPE) A requestor on another channel is positioned on the key to delete
- 3595 (IOKAE) Key already exists
- 3596 (IONDR) Warning - data base record not present
- 3597 (IODRL) Data record locked
- 3598 (IOSAE) Already linked to subindex
- 3599 (IOSTL) File consistency error
- 3600 (IOSLO) Define subindex command would exceed max. index levels for file
- 3601 (IOSST) Entry has subindex -- delete error
- 3602 (IODWK) Attempt to delete entry without keyed access
- 3603 (IOIRI) Index entry already points to a different record
- 3604 (IOWWK) Command requires keyed access
- 3605 (IOENL) Partial record locked
- 3606 (IOLVR) Too many index levels
- 3607
- 3608 (IOKPE) Keyed positioning error
- 3609 (IOIEN) Invalid entry number in index
- 3610 (IOINA) Invalid node address

- 3611 (IODIP) Delete index error -- another user is positioned in that subindex
- 3612 (IOTML) Lock request exceeds maximum number of locks
- 3613 (IOSYS) Unexpected system call error return
- 3614 (IODNS) Duplicate key not allowed in subindex
- 3615 (IOIDE) File consistency error
- 3616 (IOMAP) Space management map consistency error
- 3617 (IOOCC) Occurred at location
- 3618 (IOACE) Channel opened read-only, or read-only ACL; cannot modify file
- 3619 (IONMT) Subindex not empty
- 3620 (IORTL) Key file record wrong length
- 3621 (IONIO) Key not in order
- 3622 (IOLPR) Illegal partial record length -- use 1 to max allowed in subindex
- 3623 (IOPIU) Communication file page in use -- access denied
- 3624 (IOINF) Invalid in-use flag in single message request
- 3625 (IOTMU) Maximum number of users exceeded
- 3626 (IOISF) Invalid single message request format
- 3627 (IOMTE) Maximum number of user tasks exceeded
- 3628 (IOFER) File error -- please close
- 3629 (IOFE2) File error -- cannot open at this time
- 3630 RESERVED ERROR CODE
- 3631 (IOPOW) File opened for exclusive write, you cannot open it for write access
- 3632 (IOCOI) Cannot issue inverted create on file in logging mode
- 3633 (IOPCH) Invalid channel number specified
- 3634 (IOPDA) ?PDAT{.D} Data record or retrieve high key byte pointer invalid
- 3635 (IOPKP) ?PKPN{.B} Illegal # of keys -- use 1 to # of subindex levels in the index
- 3636 (IOPLE) ?PLEN{.W} Data record bytelength exceeds database pagesize-8, or is zero
- 3637 (IOPLN) Data record link words invalid for inversion
- 3638 (IOIPS) ?PCCW{.D} Neither keyed nor relative processing specified
- 3639 (IOPSI) ?PSID{.D} Subindex definition packet address invalid
- 3640 (IOPPP) ?PPRA{.D} Partial record byte pointer invalid
- 3641 (IOLKX) Lock/unlock error -- either both lock and unlock specified, or neither partial nor data record selected
- 3642 (IOPNZ) Initial packet contained nonzero reserved entries
- 3643 (IORSE) Maximum request size exceeded
- 3644 (IOUEE) Unexpected error -- error code exceeds 16 bits
- 3645 (IOREV) Incompatible INFOS\_LS.PR and INFOS\_GS.PR revisions
- 3646 (IOROS) File is already opened for read/write access, you cannot open it for sequential access
- 3647 (IOLSS) File is already opened with locks specified, you cannot open it for sequential access
- 3648 (IOSSL) File is opened for sequential access, you cannot specify any locks
- 3649 (IOSWA) File is opened for sequential access, you cannot open for write access
- 3650 (IORRA) Request requires read-only access
- 3651 (IOKTY) ?KTYP{.D} Inconsistent key type flags
- 3652 (IOKYL) ?KYLN{.B} Illegal key bytelength -- use 1 to maximum allowed in subindex
- 3653 (IOKKY) ?KKYP{.D} Invalid key byte pointer
- 3654 (IOKDK) Key not found in subindex
- 3655 (IOKNZ) Key packet contained nonzero reserved entries
- 3656 (IOKDO) Key descriptor level overflow
- 3657 (IOKPR) Too many key descriptor packets for link subindex destination key path
- 3658 (IOAKI) Alternate key field is invalid
  
- 3664 (IONTS) ?FRNS{.W} Subindex definition root node size won't hold 3 key entries
- 3665 (IONTL) ?FRNS{.W} Subindex definition root node size too large for page size
- 3666 (IOMKL) ?FMKL{.B} Subindex definition maximum keylength exceeds ?MXKL{VS} bytes
- 3667 (IOPRL) ?FPRL{.B} Subindex definition partial record length exceeds ?MXPR{VS} bytes
- 3668 (IOSNZ) Subindex definition packet contained nonzero reserved entries
  
- 3677 (IOVER) File version conflict
- 3678 (IOPVR) Parameter version error -- reassemble with new user parameter files

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3679	(IORVR) Runtime version error -- relink with new INFOS II ICALL runtime
3680	(IODDM) Index and database must be in same parent directory
3681	(IONIV) Not an INFOS II volume file
3682	(IOTMO) You attempted to open more than ?MXCHN{VS} INFOS II channels
3683	(IODNC) Directory name doesn't begin with colon -- probable runtime error
3684	(IONLR) ?FNLR{.B} Specified maximum number of simultaneous locks exceeds ?MXLK{VS}
3685	RESERVED ERROR CODE
3686	(IODBF) ?FDBP{.D} Database file definition packet address invalid
3687	(IOAMD) ?FAM1{.S} ?FAM2{.S} Access method illegal in ?FFLG{.D}
3688	(IONIL) ?FNIL{.B} Maximum index levels illegal -- use 1 to ?MXIL{VS}
3689	
3690	(IOIOO) Illegal or conflicting options requested
3691	(IOPNR) INFOS II disabled; user not recognized
3692	(IODNM) Database must be simple filename with no special characters
3693	(IOFDP) INFOS II index file definition packet pointer invalid
3694	(IOIVP) IVERIFY in progress
3695	(IOLOP) Log file open request exceeds maximum number allowed
3696	(IONCL) COMLOG process not running
3697	(IOOVE) Runtime version error -- incompatible with current rev of system
3698	(IOINR) Remote INFOS II communications process not running on local host
3699	(IOINN) Runtime version error -- ICALL doesn't support INFOS II networking
3700	(IOPNQ) Local file pathname must not be networking qualified
3701	(IORFR) Access to remote INFOS II files restricted to VTA
3702	(IOSMF) Runtime version error -- incompatible single message format
3703	(IOCSM) Spurious COMLOG acknowledgement message
3704	(IOSMR) Spurious message received
3705	(IOFNI) Not an INFOS II index file
3706	(IODNI) Not an INFOS II database file
3707	(IOFNA) ?FNAM{.D} Index filename byte pointer invalid
3708	(IODNA) ?FNAM{.D} Database filename byte pointer invalid
3709	(IOFPA) ?FPAG{.W} Index pagesize illegal -- use 2048 or 4096 bytes
3710	(IODPA) ?FPAG{.W} Database pagesize illegal -- use 2048 or 4096 bytes
3711	(IOFFL) ?FFLG{.D} Reserved bits set in index FDP flag word
3712	(IODFL) ?FFLG{.D} Reserved bits set in database FDP flag word
3713	(IOFNV) ?FNVD{.B} Index volume count illegal -- use 1 to ?MXVOL{VS}
3714	(IODNV) ?FNVD{.B} Database volume count illegal -- use 1 to ?MXVOL{VS}
3715	(IOFNZ) Packet contained nonzero reserved entries
3716	(IODNZ) Database packet contained nonzero reserved entries
3717	(IOVVN) ?VVNP{.D} Index volume name byte pointer invalid
3718	(IODVN) ?VVNP{.D} Database volume name byte pointer invalid
3719	(IOVVS) ?VVSZ{.D} Index maximum volume size exceeds 1,048,576 blocks
3720	(IODVS) ?VVSZ{.D} Database maximum volume size exceeds 1,048,576 blocks
3721	(IOFDE) Index file does not exist
3722	(IODDE) Database file does not exist
3723	(IOFAE) Index filename already exists
3724	(IODAE) Database filename already exists
3725	(IOFAD) Index file access denied
3726	(IODAD) Database file access denied
3727	(IOF01) Someone has the index open, you can't open it exclusively
3728	(IOD01) Someone has the database open, you can't open it exclusively
3729	(IOF02) Someone has the index exclusively opened, you can't open it
3730	(IOD02) Someone has the database exclusively opened, you can't open it
3731	(IOVNZ) Index file definition packet contained nonzero reserved entries
3732	(IODZN) Database file definition packet contained nonzero reserved entries
3733	(IOFTL) Index pathname longer than ?MXPL bytes including terminator
3734	(IODTL) Database pathname longer than ?MXPL bytes including terminator
3735	(IOFNR) Index filename required
3736	(IODNR) Database filename required for inversion



3737	(IOFDC) File open during system or INFOS II crash -- run IVERIFY
3738	(IODDC) Database file open during system or INFOS II crash -- run IVERIFY
3739	RESERVED ERROR CODE
3740	RESERVED ERROR CODE
3741	(IOVDE) An index volume does not exist
3742	(IODVE) A database volume does not exist
3743	(IOVMF) Index volume merit factor out of order
3744	(IODVM) Database volume merit factor out of order
3745	(IOIVA) Index volume file access denied
3746	(IODVA) Database volume file access denied
3765	(IOITC) Regenerate with at least 3 tasks
3766	(IONSU) Created without superuser privileges
3767	(IONIP) Created without IPC privileges
3768	(IOVIF) Created without special process privilege ?PVIF
3769	(IOILL) Internal logic error
3770	(IOTER) Terminating -- terminate users and restart INFOS II
3771	(IOREA) Request entry @INFOS already exists
3772	(IOPER) Initial directory must be :PER
3773	(IOTMI) Another INFOS II running
3776	(IOIDS) Invalid system time date.
3777	(IOVMS) VM file space exhausted
3778	(IOUGH) INFOS II global server forcibly terminated
3841	(IOCPC) Differential file crashed during checkpoint -- run CHECKPOINT utility
3842	(IOCNC) Crashed file was not checkpointing -- run IRECOVER
3843	(IOCPT) ?TYPE{.W} Is not checkpoint packet type
3844	(IOCND) Database file is not in differential mode
3845	(IOCDB) Checkpoint file must be a database file
3846	(IOCNO) File is not currently open to INFOS II
3847	(IODV) ?FNVD{.B} differential file volume count illegal -- use 1 to 16
3848	RESERVED ERROR CODE
3849	RESERVED ERROR CODE
3850	(IOTP3) Database file is opened exclusively; you may not checkpoint
3851	(IOOPU) File currently open to a utility or INFOS II
3852	(IORCV) Log mode file open during system or INFOS II crash -- run IRECOVER
3853	(IOROC) File open with read-only access during system or INFOS II crash
3854	(IOUCR) File open to utility during system or INFOS II crash
3855	(IOOPI) File currently open to INFOS II
3856	(IOCDF) Differential file open during system or INFOS II crash -- run IRECOVER/DELETE
3857	(IOCIP) Checkpoint already in progress
3858	(IODVI) Differential volume inconsistencies; cannot restart checkpoint
3859	(IOFNS) Database file not in standard file mode
3860	(IOEAR) Exclusive database access required for this request
3861	(IOCDC) Differential file crashed during checkpoint -- run IRECOVER/RESTART
3862	(IOION) Invalid occurrence number specified
3863	(IORLD) INFOS II request logging disabled
3864	(IOBYE) INFOS II process shutdown
3865	(IOINV) Invalid control message
3866	(IOACT) INFOS II users active, termination refused
3867	ERROR CODE RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
3868	ERROR CODE RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
3869	(IONEC) File is not in explicit checkpoint mode
3870	(IOCCC) Cannot checkpoint until file in CC mode is closed
3871	(IOFBD) File is being DDUMP'ed
3877	(IODCS) Duplicate channel numbers specified

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- 3878 (IOTIP) TPMS transaction in progress
- 3879 (IOICC) Invalid channel count
- 3880 (IOITI) Invalid TPMS transaction ID
- 3881 (IONOT) File(s) not open for TPMS transactions
- 3882 (IOLRQ) Logging required for TPMS transactions
- 3883 (IOODC) Other opens depend on this channel
- 3884 (IOTTE) Maximum number of outstanding TPMS transactions exceeded
  
- 3888 (IONPG) Caller not privileged to issue grants on this file
- 3889 (IOGPN) Grantee PID is not recognized by INFOS II
- 3890 (IONMG) Caller not privileged to make this grant
  
- 3896 (IOANS) Remote access to AOS INFOS II not supported by this revision
- 3897 (IOIIR) Incompatible revisions of INFOS\_LS.PR with Remote server PR
- 3898 (IOTNR) No response from target node
- 3899 (IOIRC) Illegal remote command
- 3900 (IOCRD) Cannot return data -- illegal address
- 3901 (IOMRH) Reached limit of remote hosts
- 3902 (IOMRC) Reached limit of channels on remote host
- 3903 (IODRS) Remote surrogate terminated
- 3904 (IORNR) Remote INFOS II communications process not running on remote host
- 3905 (IOPNF) Remote user profile not found
- 3906 (IORNA) Remote server not accepting network requests
- 3907 (IOI03) Invalid INFOS II interface array
- 3908 (IOI04) First element of an argument-pair is not an interface variable
- 3909 (IOI05) Second element of an argument-pair is too large
- 3910 (IOI06) Second element of an argument-pair not allowed to set those bits
- 3911 (IOI07) IOPEN call specifies invalid number of levels
- 3912 (IOI10) First element of an argument-pair not applicable to this subroutine
- 3913 (IOI11) Interface calls must have at least 2 arguments (ARRAY, ERROR)
- 3914 (IOI12) INFOS II interface internal consistency error
- 3915 (IOI13) F77 interface call must have 'ENDLIST' to mark end of argument list
- 3916 (IOI14) INFOS II interface version error -- must use latest interface
  
- 3936 (IONSC) No service class assigned to Client
- 3937 (IORSN) Remote server terminated
- 3938 (IONSA) No remote Servers available
- 3939 (IORCM) Remote connections are at maximum
- 3940 (IOSCN) Service class not enabled for Clients and/or Servers
- 3941 (IOCAS) Client or Server could not access statistics file
  
- 3968 (IORLC) Resource lock calls are valid only within the setup section of a request group
- 3969 (IOSRL) Subindex resource locked
- 3970 (IOKRL) Key resource locked
- 3971 (IONPR) You cannot set position on a reserve key resource lock request
- 3972 (IOCOA) A channel outside your request group is positioned on the key to resource lock
- 3973 (IOCDR) You cannot access the data record without an established resource lock
- 3974 (IOCPR) You cannot access the partial record without an established resource lock
- 3975 (IOCKR) You cannot issue that request without an established key resource lock
- 3976 (IOCSR) You cannot issue that request without an established subindex resource lock
- 3977 (IOKEW) A key resource lock exists within the subindex to resource lock
- 3978 (IODEW) A data record resource lock exists within the subindex to resource lock
- 3979 (IOPEW) A partial record resource lock exists within the subindex to resource lock
- 3980 (IOCPW) A channel outside your request group is positioned within the subindex to resource lock
- 3981 (IOGIP) Request group in progress
- 3982 (IOGTI) Invalid request group ID
- 3983 (IONOG) File(s) not open in request group mode
- 3984 (IOMAR) You cannot issue a modify request prior to the modify section of a request group

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3985	(IONSF) All files must be within the same file set
3986	(IOCIG) One of the channels specified is currently active within another request group
3987	(IOMGE) Maximum number of outstanding request groups exceeded
3988	(IONRL) You cannot release locks in the modify section of a request group
3989	(IOCEM) Channel count exceeds maximum allowed
3990	(IONFM) File is not a file set member
3991	(IOFNM) File is not a member of this file set
3992	(IOIFL) Specified file set does not match enabled file set
3993	(IOFNC) File(s) need to be checkpointed
3994	(IOSFM) Files must be in same mode(s)
3995	(IOIFM) Invalid file mode
3996	(IODPL) Key to position on after delete is resource locked
3997	(IOAIM) Request group is already in modify section
4032	(IOTID) Task ID cannot be zero
4033	(IOIPR) Incompatible packet and runtime versions
4034	(IOIPT) Invalid packet type
4035	(IOBRD) Bad runtime data (probably ICALL internal data is incorrect)
4036	(IOIPP) Illegal packet position
4037	(IOIRN) Runtime error -- invalid ICALL ring number
4038	(IOCLI) Cannot load lower ring INFOS II PR file
4039	(IOCFI) Cannot find path to lower ring INFOS II PR file
4040	(IOWNP) User runtime error -- wrong number of parameters passed to ICALL32
4041	(IONET) Not enough tasks -- allow one additional task for lower ring INFOS II
4042	(IOUSN) ?FUSN{.D} Username byte pointer invalid
4095	(IONIE) Not implemented error



APPENDIX I. ASCII CODES

Dec	Oct	Hex	DG Function	Ctrl-code	PC Function/Character
0	000	00	Null	Ctrl @	NUL space
1	001	01	Print Screen Form	Ctrl A	SOH ☉
2	002	02	Reverse off	Ctrl B	STX Ⓢ
3	003	03		Ctrl C	ETX Ⓣ
4	004	04		Ctrl D	EOT Ⓣ
5	005	05	Read cursor address	Ctrl E	ENQ Ⓝ
6	006	06		Ctrl F	Ack Ⓜ
7	007	07	Bell	Ctrl G	Bell ●
8	010	08	Cursor Home	Ctrl H	Backspace ▣
9	011	09		Ctrl I	HTab ○
10	012	0A	Newline	Ctrl J	Linefeed ◼
11	013	0B	Erase EOL	Ctrl K	VTab ♂
12	014	0C	Erase Screen	Ctrl L	Form-feed ♀
13	015	0D	Carriage Return	Ctrl M	Carriage Return ♪
14	016	0E	Blink ON	Ctrl N	SO 🎵
15	017	0F	Blink off	Ctrl O	SI ⚙
16	020	10	Write cursor addr(c,r)	Ctrl P	DLE ▶
17	021	11	Print Screen	Ctrl Q	DC1 (XON) ◀
18	022	12	Roll Enable	Ctrl R	DC2 ↑
19	023	13	Roll Disable	Ctrl S	DC3 (XOFF) !!
20	024	14	Underscore ON	Ctrl T	DC4 ¶
21	025	15	Underscore OFF	Ctrl U	NAK \$
22	026	16	Reverse On	Ctrl V	SYN ■
23	027	17	Cursor Up	Ctrl W	ETB †
24	030	18	Cursor Right	Ctrl X	CAN †
25	031	19	Cursor Left	Ctrl Y	EM †
26	032	1A	Cursor Down	Ctrl Z	SUB →
27	033	1B	Escape	Ctrl [	ESC -
28	034	1C	Dim ON	Ctrl \	FS L
29	035	1D	Dim OFF	Ctrl ]	GS ..
30	036	1E	Command Header	Ctrl ^	RS ▲
31	037	1F		Ctrl _	US ▼

Dec	Oct	Hex	DG	PC	Dec	Oct	Hex	DG	PC	Dec	Oct	Hex	DG	PC
32	040	20	space	space	64	100	40	@	@	96	140	60	,	,
33	041	21	!	!	65	101	41	A	A	97	141	61	a	a
34	042	22	"	"	66	102	42	B	B	98	142	62	b	b
35	043	23	#	#	67	103	43	C	C	99	143	63	c	c
36	044	24	\$	\$	68	104	44	D	D	100	144	64	d	d
37	045	25	%	%	69	105	45	E	E	101	145	65	e	e
38	046	26	&	&	70	106	46	F	F	102	146	66	f	f
39	047	27	'	'	71	107	47	G	G	103	147	67	g	g
40	050	28	(	(	72	110	48	H	H	104	150	68	h	h
41	051	29	)	)	73	111	49	I	I	105	151	69	i	i
42	052	2A	*	*	74	112	4A	J	J	106	152	6A	j	j
43	053	2B	+	+	75	113	4B	K	K	107	153	6B	k	k
44	054	2C	,	(comma),	76	114	4C	L	L	108	154	6C	l	l
45	055	2D	-	-	77	115	4D	M	M	109	155	6D	m	m
46	056	2E	.	.	78	116	4E	N	N	110	156	6E	n	n
47	057	2F	/	/	79	117	4F	O	O	111	157	6F	o	o
48	060	30	0	0	80	120	50	P	P	112	160	70	p	p
49	061	31	1	1	81	121	51	Q	Q	113	161	71	q	q
50	062	32	2	2	82	122	52	R	R	114	162	72	r	r
51	063	33	3	3	83	123	53	S	S	115	163	73	s	s
52	064	34	4	4	84	124	54	T	T	116	164	74	t	t
53	065	35	5	5	85	125	55	U	U	117	165	75	u	u
54	066	36	6	6	86	126	56	V	V	118	166	76	v	v
55	067	37	7	7	87	127	57	W	W	119	167	77	w	w
56	070	38	8	8	88	130	58	X	X	120	170	78	x	x
57	071	39	9	9	89	131	59	Y	Y	121	171	79	y	y
58	072	3A	:	:	90	132	5A	Z	Z	122	172	7A	z	z
59	073	3B	;	;	91	133	5B	[	[	123	173	7B	{	{
60	074	3C	<	<	92	134	5C	\	\	124	174	7C		
61	075	3D	=	=	93	135	5D	]	]	125	175	7D	}	}
62	076	3E	>	>	94	136	5E	^	^	126	176	7E	~	~
63	077	3F	?	?	95	137	5F	_	_	127	177	7F	DEL	␣

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Dec	Oct	Hex	DGI	PC	Dec	Oct	Hex	DGI	PC
128	200	80		Ç	192	300	C0	À	└
129	201	81		ü	193	301	C1	Ã	┘
130	202	82		é	194	302	C2	Ä	┐
131	203	83		â	195	303	C3	Å	┑
132	204	84		ä	196	304	C4	Ã	┒
133	205	85		à	197	305	C5	Ä	┓
134	206	86		å	198	306	C6	Æ	└┐
135	207	87		ç	199	307	C7	Ç	└┘
136	210	88		ê	200	310	C8	É	└┘┐
137	211	89		è	201	311	C9	È	└┘┑
138	212	8A		ë	202	312	CA	Ê	└┘┓
139	213	8B		ï	203	313	CB	Ë	└┘┑┐
140	214	8C		î	204	314	CC	Í	└┘┓┐
141	215	8D		ì	205	315	CD	Ì	└┘┑┓
142	216	8E		Ä	206	316	CE	Î	└┘┓┑
143	217	8F		Å	207	317	CF	Ï	└┘┑┓┐
144	220	90		É	208	320	D0	Ñ	└┘┑┓┑
145	221	91		æ	209	321	D1	Ó	└┘┑┓┑┐
146	222	92		Æ	210	322	D2	Ò	└┘┑┓┑┑
147	223	93		ô	211	323	D3	Û	└┘┑┓┑┑┐
148	224	94		ö	212	324	D4	Ö	└┘┑┓┑┑┑
149	225	95		ò	213	325	D5	Õ	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┐
150	226	96		û	214	326	D6	Ø	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑
151	227	97		ù	215	327	D7	Œ	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┐
152	230	98		ÿ	216	330	D8	Ú	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑
153	231	99		Û	217	331	D9	Û	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┐
154	232	9A		Ü	218	332	DA	Û	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑
155	233	9B		ç	219	333	DB	Ü	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑┐
156	234	9C		£	220	334	DC	space	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑┑
157	235	9D		¥	221	335	DD	ÿ	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑┑┐
158	236	9E		Ps	222	336	DE	space	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑┑┑
159	237	9F		f	223	337	DF	space	└┘┑┓┑┑┑┑┑┑┑┑┐

160	240	A0	space	á	224	340	E0	á	α
161	241	A1	→	í	225	341	E1	à	β
162	242	A2	½	ó	226	342	E2	â	Γ
163	243	A3	μ	ú	227	343	E3	ä	π
164	244	A4	²	ñ	228	344	E4	ã	Σ
165	245	A5	³	Ñ	229	345	E5	å	σ
166	246	A6	π	ª	230	346	E6	æ	μ
167	247	A7	ç	º	231	347	E7	ç	τ
168	250	A8	£	¿	232	350	E8	é	Φ
169	251	A9	ª	┐	233	351	E9	è	θ
170	252	AA	º	┑	234	352	EA	ê	Ω
171	253	AB	ı	½	235	353	EB	ë	δ
172	254	AC	¿	¼	236	354	EC	í	∞
173	255	AD	©	ı	237	355	ED	ì	φ
174	256	AE	®	«	238	356	EE	ï	ε
175	257	AF	†	»	239	357	EF	ï	∩
176	260	B0	»	⋮	240	360	F0	ñ	≡
177	261	B1	«	⋮	241	361	F1	ó	±
178	262	B2	¶	⋮	242	362	F2	ò	≥
179	263	B3	™		243	363	F3	ô	≤
180	264	B4	f	┐	244	364	F4	ö	∫
181	265	B5	¥	┘	245	365	F5	õ	∫
182	266	B6	±	┘┐	246	366	F6	ø	÷
183	267	B7	≤	┘┑	247	367	F7	œ	≈
184	270	B8	≥	┘┓	248	370	F8	ú	°
185	271	B9	·	┘┑┐	249	371	F9	ù	·
186	272	BA	· (grave)	┘┑┑	250	372	FA	û	·
187	273	BB	§	┘┑┑┐	251	373	FB	ü	√
188	274	BC	° (degree)	┘┑┑┑	252	374	FC	β	n
189	275	BD	¨ (umlaut)	┘┑┑┑┐	253	375	FD	ÿ	²
190	276	BE	´ (acute)	┘┑┑┑┑	254	376	FE	space	■
191	277	BF	†	┘┑┑┑┑┐	255	377	FF	space	space

### ► Notes:

1. Decimal codes 128 - 159 for DGI are the same as their 7-bit counterparts by default.
2. DGI is as defined by a D216E+/D217/D413/D463 terminal.

APPENDIX J. EBCDIC CODES

Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char
0	000	00	NUL	32	040	20	DS	64	100	40	space	96	140	60	-
1	001	01	SOH	33	041	21	SOS	65	101	41		97	141	61	/
2	002	02	STX	34	042	22	FS	66	102	42		98	142	62	
3	003	03	ETX	35	043	23		67	103	43		99	143	63	
4	004	04	PF	36	044	24	BYP	68	104	44		100	144	64	
5	005	05	HT	37	045	25	LF	69	105	45		101	145	65	
6	006	06	LC	38	046	26	ETB	70	106	46		102	146	66	
7	007	07	DEL	39	047	27	ESC	71	107	47		103	147	67	
8	010	08		40	050	28		72	110	48		104	150	68	
9	011	09		41	051	29		73	111	49		105	151	69	
10	012	0A	SMM	42	052	2A	SM	74	112	4A		106	152	6A	
11	013	0B	VT	43	053	2B	CU2	75	113	4B	.	107	153	6B	,
12	014	0C	FF	44	054	2C	DC4	76	114	4C	<	108	154	6C	%
13	015	0D	CR	45	055	2D	ENQ	77	115	4D	(	109	155	6D	
14	016	0E	SO	46	056	2E	ACK	78	116	4E	+	110	156	6E	>
15	017	0F	SI	47	057	2F	BEL	79	117	4F		111	157	6F	?
16	020	10	DLE	48	060	30		80	120	50	&	112	160	70	
17	021	11	DC1 (XON)	49	061	31		81	121	51		113	161	71	
18	022	12	DC2	50	062	32	SYN	82	122	52		114	162	72	
19	023	13	DC3 (XOFF)	51	063	33		83	123	53		115	163	73	
20	024	14	RES	52	064	34	PN	84	124	54		116	164	74	
21	025	15	NL	53	065	35	RS	85	125	55		117	165	75	
22	026	16	BS	54	066	36	UC	86	126	56		118	166	76	
23	027	17	IL	55	067	37	EOT	87	127	57		119	167	77	
24	030	18	CAN	56	070	38		88	130	58		120	170	78	
25	031	19	EM	57	071	39		89	131	59		121	171	79	`
26	032	1A	CC	58	072	3A		90	132	5A	!	122	172	7A	:
27	033	1B	CU1	59	073	3B	CU3	91	133	5B	\$	123	173	7B	#
28	034	1C	FS	60	074	3C		92	134	5C	*	124	174	7C	@
29	035	1D	GS	61	075	3D	NAK	93	135	5D	)	125	175	7D	'
30	036	1E	RS	62	076	3E		94	136	5E	;	126	176	7E	=
31	037	1F	US	63	077	3F	SUB	95	137	5F	~	127	177	7F	"

Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char	Dec	Oct	Hex	Char
128	200	80		160	240	A0		192	300	C0	{	224	340	E0	\
129	201	81	a	161	241	A1	~	193	301	C1	A	225	341	E1	
130	202	82	b	162	242	A2	s	194	302	C2	B	226	342	E2	S
131	203	83	c	163	243	A3	t	195	303	C3	C	227	343	E3	T
132	204	84	d	164	244	A4	u	196	304	C4	D	228	344	E4	U
133	205	85	e	165	245	A5	v	197	305	C5	E	229	345	E5	V
134	206	86	f	166	246	A6	w	198	306	C6	F	230	346	E6	W
135	207	87	g	167	247	A7	x	199	307	C7	G	231	347	E7	X
136	210	88	h	168	250	A8	y	200	310	C8	H	232	350	E8	Y
137	211	89	i	169	251	A9	z	201	311	C9	I	233	351	E9	Z
138	212	8A		170	252	AA		202	312	CA		234	352	EA	
139	213	8B		171	253	AB		203	313	CB		235	353	EB	
140	214	8C		172	254	AC		204	314	CC		236	354	EC	
141	215	8D		173	255	AD	[	205	315	CD		237	355	ED	
142	216	8E		174	256	AE		206	316	CE		238	356	EE	
143	217	8F		175	257	AF		207	317	CF		239	357	EF	
144	220	90		176	260	B0		208	320	D0	}	240	360	F0	0
145	221	91	j	177	261	B1		209	321	D1	J	241	361	F1	1
146	222	92	k	178	262	B2		210	322	D2	K	242	362	F2	2
147	223	93	l	179	263	B3		211	323	D3	L	243	363	F3	3
148	224	94	m	180	264	B4		212	324	D4	M	244	364	F4	4
149	225	95	n	181	265	B5		213	325	D5	N	245	365	F5	5
150	226	96	o	182	266	B6		214	326	D6	O	246	366	F6	6
151	227	97	p	183	267	B7		215	327	D7	P	247	367	F7	7
152	230	98	q	184	270	B8		216	330	D8	Q	248	370	F8	8
153	231	99	r	185	271	B9		217	331	D9	R	249	371	F9	9
154	232	9A	^	186	272	BA		218	332	DA		250	372	FA	
155	233	9B		187	273	BB		219	333	DB		251	373	FB	
156	234	9C		188	274	BC		220	334	DC		252	374	FC	
157	235	9D		189	275	BD	]	221	335	DD		253	375	FD	
158	236	9E		190	276	BE		222	336	DE		254	376	FE	
159	237	9F		191	277	BF		223	337	DF		255	377	FF	

► Note:





## APPENDIX K. COBOL RESERVED WORDS

**BOLD** words are ANSI 85 reserved words. Trailing letter(s) after the word indicate the following:

- i indicates an additional non-ANSI reserved word for **ANSI 74** and **ANSI 85**.
- q indicates an additional non-ANSI reserved word for the **ISQL** feature-set.
- v- indicates an ANSI reserved word that is NOT reserved for **VXCOBOL**.
- v indicates an additional non-ANSI reserved word for **VXCOBOL**.

Words without a trailing “i”, “v-”, “v”, or “q” are reserved words for all **ICOBOL** dialects.

ABSOLUTE q	BIT v, q	<b>COMPUTE</b>	DEFINE v
<b>ACCEPT</b>	BLACK i	CONCURRENT v	<b>DELETE</b>
<b>ACCESS</b>	<b>BLANK</b>	<b>CONFIGURATION</b>	<b>DELIMITED</b>
ACCESSIBILITY v	BLINK	CONNECT v, q	<b>DELIMITER</b>
ACTION q	<b>BLOCK</b>	CONNECTED v	<b>DEPENDING</b>
<b>ADD</b>	BLUE i	CONNECTION q	DESC
ADDRESS i	<b>BOLD</b> i	<b>CONTAINS</b>	<b>DESCENDING</b>
<b>ADVANCING</b>	<b>BOTTOM</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>
<b>AFTER</b>	BRIGHT i	CONTIGUOUS v	<b>DETAIL</b>
<b>ALL</b>	BROWN i	<b>CONTINUE</b>	DIAGNOSTICS q
ALLOCATE q	<b>BY</b>	<b>CONTROL</b>	DICTIONARY v
ALLOW v	<b>CALL</b>	<b>CONTROLS</b>	DIM i
ALLOWS v	<b>CANCEL</b>	CONVERT i, q	<b>DISABLE</b>
<b>ALPHABET</b> v-	CATALOG q	<b>CONVERTING</b> v-	DISCONNECT v, q
<b>ALPHABETIC</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>COPY</b>	DISK i, v
<b>ALPHABETIC-LOWER</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>CORR</b>	<b>DISPLAY</b>
v-	<b>CH</b>	<b>CORRESPONDING</b>	DISTINCT q
<b>ALPHABETIC-UPPER</b>	CHANNEL v	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>DIVIDE</b>
v-	CHAR q	CR v	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>ALPHANUMERIC</b> v-	<b>CHARACTER</b>	CREATE v, q	DOUBLE q
<b>ALPHANUMERIC-EDITED</b>	<b>CHARACTERS</b>	<b>CURRENCY</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
v-	CHECK v, q	CURRENT v, q	DROP q
<b>ALSO</b>	CHECKPOINT v	CURRENT-DATE q	DUPLICATE v
<b>ALTER</b>	<b>CLASS</b> v-	CURRENT-TIME q	<b>DUPLICATES</b>
<b>ALTERNATE</b>	<b>CLOCK-UNITS</b>	CURRENT-TIMESTAMP	<b>DYNAMIC</b>
<b>AND</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>	q	
<b>ANY</b> v-	<b>COBOL</b>	CURSOR i, v	EBCDIC i, v
APPROXIMATE v	<b>CODE</b>	CYAN i	ECHO i
<b>ARE</b>	<b>CODE-SET</b>		<b>EGI</b>
<b>AREA</b>	COL	<b>DATA</b>	<b>ELSE</b>
<b>AREAS</b>	<b>COLLATING</b>	DATA-SENSITIVE i,	<b>EMI</b>
AS q	COLS q	v	EMPTY v
ASC	<b>COLUMN</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ENABLE</b>
<b>ASCENDING</b>	COLUMNS q	<b>DATE-COMPILED</b>	<b>END</b>
ASCII i, v	<b>COMMA</b>	<b>DATE-WRITTEN</b>	END-ACCEPT i, v
<b>ASSIGN</b>	COMMAND q	<b>DAY</b>	<b>END-ADD</b>
<b>AT</b>	COMMIT v, q	<b>DAY-OF-WEEK</b>	<b>END-CALL</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>COMMON</b> v-	DBMS v	END-CHECKPOINT v
AUTO i, v	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	DB-EXCEPTION v	END-COMMIT q
AUTOMATIC v	<b>COMP</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>END-COMPUTE</b>
AVG q	COMP-1 v	DEALLOCATE q	END-CONNECT q
	COMP-2 v	<b>DEBUG-CONTENTS</b>	END-CREATE q
BACKGROUND i	COMP-3 i, v	<b>DEBUG-ITEM</b>	END-DEALLOCATE q
BACKGROUND-COLOR i	COMP-5 i	<b>DEBUG-LINE</b>	END-DEFINE v
BACKWARD i, v	COMPRESSION v	<b>DEBUG-NAME</b>	<b>END-DELETE</b>
BECOMES v	<b>COMPUTATIONAL</b>	<b>DEBUG-SUB-1</b>	END-DISCONNECT q
BEEP i	COMPUTATIONAL-1 v	<b>DEBUG-SUB-2</b>	END-DISPLAY i
<b>BEFORE</b>	COMPUTATIONAL-2 v	<b>DEBUG-SUB-3</b>	<b>END-DIVIDE</b>
BELL i, v	COMPUTATIONAL-3 i,	<b>DEBUGGING</b>	END-DROP q
BETWEEN q	v	<b>DECIMAL-POINT</b>	<b>END-EVALUATE</b> v-
BIGINT q	COMPUTATIONAL-5 i	<b>DECLARATIVES</b>	END-EXEC q
<b>BINARY</b> v-		DEFAULT i	END-EXECUTE q

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END-EXPUNGE v	FILES v	INT q	<b>MULTIPLY</b>
END-FETCH q	FILESET v	INTEGER q	NAME i, v
END-FINISH-REQUEST-GROUP v	<b>FILLER</b>	INTERVAL q	NATIONAL q
END-GET q	<b>FINAL</b>	<b>INTO</b>	<b>NATIVE</b>
<b>END-IF</b>	FIND v	<b>INVALID</b>	<b>NEGATIVE</b>
END-INSERT q	FINISH v	INVALIDATE v	<b>NEXT</b>
END-LINK v	<b>FIRST</b>	INVERTED v	<b>NO</b>
END-LOCK-RESOURCE v	FIX v	<b>IS</b>	NODE v
END-MODIFY-REQUEST-GROUP v	FIXED i, v	<b>JUST</b>	NONE v, q
<b>END-MULTIPLY</b>	FLOAT q	<b>JUSTIFIED</b>	<b>NOT</b>
<b>END-OF-PAGE</b>	<b>FOOTING</b>	<b>KEY</b>	NULL i, v
<b>END-PERFORM</b>	<b>FOR</b>	KEYBOARD i, v	NULLS i
END-PREPARE q	FOREGROUND i	KEYS v	<b>NUMBER</b>
<b>END-READ</b>	FOREGROUND-COLOR i	<b>LABEL</b>	<b>NUMERIC</b>
<b>END-RECEIVE</b> v-	FORWARD i, v	LABELS v	<b>NUMERIC-EDITED</b> v-
END-RETRIEVE v	FOUND q	<b>LAST</b>	<b>OBJECT-COMPUTER</b>
<b>END-RETURN</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>LEADING</b>	OBTAIN v
<b>END-REWRITE</b>	FULL i, v	<b>LEFT</b>	OCCURRENCE v
END-ROLLBACK q	FUNCTION i, v	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>OCCURS</b>
<b>END-SEARCH</b>	<b>GENERATE</b>	<b>LESS</b>	ODD v
END-SELECT q	GENERATION v	LEVELS v	<b>OF</b>
END-SET q	GENERIC v	LIKE q	<b>OFF</b>
<b>END-START</b>	GET q	LIKE q	OFFSET v
END-START-REQUEST-GROUP v	<b>GIVING</b>	<b>LIMIT</b>	<b>OMITTED</b>
<b>END-STRING</b>	<b>GLOBAL</b>	<b>LIMITS</b>	<b>ON</b>
<b>END-SUBTRACT</b>	<b>GO</b>	<b>LINAGE</b>	ONLY v, q
END-UNDELETE i, v	GOBACK i, v	<b>LINAGE-COUNTER</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
END-UPDATE q	<b>GREATER</b>	<b>LINE</b>	<b>OPTIONAL</b>
<b>END-UNSTRING</b>	GREEN i	<b>LINE-COUNTER</b>	<b>OR</b>
<b>END-WRITE</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>LINES</b>	<b>ORDER</b>
<b>ENTER</b>	HAVING q	LINK v	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	HEADER i, v	<b>LINKAGE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
EOL i	HEADING	LOCAL v	OUT v
<b>EOP</b>	HIERARCHICAL v	<b>LOCK</b>	<b>OUTPUT</b>
EOS i	HIGH i, v	LOCK-RESOURCE v	<b>OVERFLOW</b>
<b>EQUAL</b>	<b>HIGH-VALUE</b>	LOGICAL i, v	OWNER v
ERASE i, v	<b>HIGH-VALUES</b>	LOW i	<b>PACKED-DECIMAL</b> v-
<b>ERROR</b>	HIGHLIGHT i	<b>LOW-VALUE</b>	PAD v, q
ESCAPE i, v	HOUR q	<b>LOW-VALUES</b>	<b>PADDING</b>
<b>ESI</b>	<b>I-O</b>	LOWLIGHT i	<b>PAGE</b>
<b>EVALUATE</b> v-	<b>I-O-CONTROL</b>	LRU v	<b>PAGE-COUNTER</b>
EVEN v	ID v	MAGENTA i	PARITY v
<b>EVERY</b>	<b>IDENTIFICATION</b>	MANAGEMENT v	PARTIAL v, q
<b>EXCEPTION</b>	<b>IF</b>	MANDATORY v	<b>PERFORM</b>
EXCLUDE v	IGNORE i	MAX q	<b>PF</b>
EXCLUSIVE i, v	IMMEDIATE i, v	MAXIMUM v	<b>PH</b>
EXEC q	<b>IN</b>	MEMBER v	PHYSICAL i, v
EXECUTE q	<b>INDEX</b>	<b>MEMORY</b>	<b>PIC</b>
EXISTS q	<b>INDEXED</b>	<b>MERGE</b>	<b>PICTURE</b>
<b>EXIT</b>	<b>INDICATE</b>	MERIT v	<b>PLUS</b>
EXPIRATION v	INDICATOR q	<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>POINTER</b>
EXPUNGE v	INFOS v	MIN q	<b>POSITION</b>
<b>EXTEND</b>	<b>INITIAL</b>	MINUS i	<b>POSITIVE</b>
<b>EXTERNAL</b>	INITIALIZATION v	MINUTE q	PRECISION q
<b>FALSE</b> v-	<b>INITIALIZE</b> v-	<b>MODE</b>	PREPARE q
<b>FD</b>	<b>INITIATE</b>	MODIFY v	PREVIOUS i
FEEDBACK v	<b>INPUT</b>	<b>MODULES</b>	PRINTER i, v
FETCH q	<b>INPUT-OUTPUT</b>	MONTH q	PRINTER-1 i, v
FIELD i, v	<b>INSPECT</b>	<b>MOVE</b>	<b>PRINTING</b>
FIELDS i, v	<b>INSTALLATION</b>	<b>MULTIPLE</b>	PRIOR v, q
<b>FILE</b>			
<b>FILE-CONTROL</b>			

**APPENDIX K - COBOL RESERVED Words**

<b>PROCEDURE</b>	<b>RF</b>	<b>STOP</b>	<b>UNTIL</b>
<b>PROCEDURES</b>	<b>RH</b>	STORE v	<b>UP</b>
<b>PROCEED</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	<b>STRING</b>	UPDATE i, q
<b>PROGRAM</b>		SUB-INDEX v	<b>UPON</b>
<b>PROGRAM-ID</b>	ROLLBACK v, q	<b>SUB-QUEUE-1</b>	<b>USAGE</b>
PROMPT i	ROOT v	<b>SUB-QUEUE-2</b>	<b>USE</b>
<b>PURGE</b> v-	<b>ROUNDED</b>	<b>SUB-QUEUE-3</b>	USER i, v, q
	ROW q	SUBSCHEMA v	<b>USING</b>
<b>QUEUE</b>	<b>RUN</b>	<b>SUBTRACT</b>	
<b>QUOTE</b>		<b>SUM</b>	VALID q
<b>QUOTES</b>	<b>SAME</b>	<b>SUPPRESS</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
	SAVE v	SWITCH i, v	<b>VALUES</b>
<b>RANDOM</b>	SCHEMA q	<b>SYMBOLIC</b>	VARCHAR q
<b>RD</b>	SCREEN i, v	<b>SYNC</b>	VARIABLE i, v
<b>READ</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>SYNCHRONIZED</b>	<b>VARYING</b>
READY v	<b>SEARCH</b>	SYSTEM v	VERIFY v
REAL q	SECOND q		VIRTUAL v
<b>RECEIVE</b>	SECONDS v	TAB i	VIRTUAL-STORAGE v
RECONNECT v	<b>SECTION</b>	<b>TABLE</b>	VOLUME v
<b>RECORD</b>	SECURE i, v	TABLES q	
RECORDING i, v	<b>SECURITY</b>	<b>TALLYING</b>	WAIT v
<b>RECORDS</b>	SEEK v	<b>TAPE</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
RED i	<b>SEGMENT</b>	TEMPORARY v, q	WHENEVER q
<b>REDEFINES</b>	<b>SEGMENT-LIMIT</b>	<b>TERMINAL</b>	WHERE q
<b>REEL</b>	<b>SELECT</b>	<b>TERMINATE</b>	WHITE i
<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>SEND</b>	<b>TEST</b> v-	<b>WITH</b>
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<b>SENTENCE</b>	<b>TEXT</b>	WITHIN v
<b>RELATIVE</b>	<b>SEPARATE</b>	<b>THEN</b>	<b>WORDS</b>
<b>RELEASE</b>	<b>SEQUENCE</b>	<b>THAN</b>	WORK q
<b>REMAINDER</b>	<b>SEQUENTIAL</b>	<b>THROUGH</b>	<b>WORKING-STORAGE</b>
<b>REMOVAL</b>	<b>SET</b>	<b>THRU</b>	<b>WRITE</b>
<b>RENAMES</b>	<b>SIGN</b>	<b>TIME</b>	
<b>REPLACE</b> v-	<b>SIZE</b>	TIME-OUT i, v	YEAR q
<b>REPLACING</b>	<b>SORT</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	YYYYDDD i, v
<b>REPORT</b>	<b>SORT-MERGE</b>	TIMESTAMP q	YYYYMMDD i, v
<b>REPORTING</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>TO</b>	
<b>REPORTS</b>	<b>SOURCE-COMPUTER</b>	<b>TOP</b>	<b>ZERO</b>
REQUEST-GROUP v	<b>SPACE</b>	TRAILER v	<b>ZEROES</b>
REQUIRED i, v	<b>SPACES</b>	<b>TRAILING</b>	<b>ZEROS</b>
<b>RERUN</b>	<b>SPECIAL-NAMES</b>	TRANSACTION	ZONE q
<b>RESERVE</b>	SQL q	<b>TRUE</b> v-	
RESERVE-KEY v	SQLCA q	TRUNCATE v	+
<b>RESET</b>	SQLCODE q	<b>TYPE</b>	-
RETAIN v	SQLERROR q		*
RETRIEVAL v	SQLSTATE q	UNDEFINED v	/
RETRIEVE v	SQLWARNING q	UNDELETE i, q	**
<b>RETURN</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>	UNDERLINE i	<
REVERSE i	<b>STANDARD-1</b>	UNDERLINED i	<>
REVERSE-VIDEO i	<b>STANDARD-2</b>	UNION q	<=
<b>REVERSED</b>	STANDARD-3 v	<b>UNIT</b>	=
<b>REWIND</b>	<b>START</b>	UNLOCK	>
<b>REWRITE</b>	STATIC v	<b>UNSTRING</b>	>=
	<b>STATUS</b>		

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The following words are not currently reserved words in **ICOBOL** but may be used in the future or are reserved words in another manufacturer's COBOL product.

ABSENT	CARD-READER	MANUAL	SOURCES
ACTIVE-CLASS	CASSETTE	METHOD	SWITCH-1
AUTOTERMINATE	CLASS-ID	METHOD-ID	SWITCH-2
	COMP-4		SWITCH-3
B-AND	COMP-6	NATIONAL-EDITED	SWITCH-4
B-NOT	COMPUTATIONAL-4	NESTED	SWITCH-5
B-OR	COMPUTATIONAL-6		SWITCH-6
B-XOR	CONSOLE	OBJECT	SWITCH-7
BASED	CONSTANT	OPTIONS	SWITCH-8
BINARY-CHAR	CONVERSION	OVERRIDE	SYSIN
BINARY-DOUBLE	CRT		SYSOUT
BINARY-LONG		PRINT	SYSTEM-DEFAULT
BINARY-SHORT	DISC	PRINTER-2	
BINARY-SEQUENTIAL		PRINTER-3	TYPEDEF
BLINKING	EXCEPTION-OBJECT	PROGRAM-POINTER	
BOOLEAN		PROPERTY	UNIVERSAL
	FACTORY	PROTOTYPE	UPSI-0
C01	FILE-ID		UPSI-1
C02	FLOAT-EXTENDED	RAISE	UPSI-2
C03	FLOAT-LONG	RAISING	UPSI-3
C04	FLOAT-SHORT	REMARKS	UPSI-4
C05	FREE	REPOSITORY	UPSI-5
C06	FUNCTION-ID	RESUME	UPSI-6
C07		RETRY	UPSI-7
C08	INHERITS	RETURN-CODE	USER-DEFAULT
C09	INTERFACE-ID	RETURNING	
C10	INVOKE		VALIDATE
C11		SHARING	
C12	LISTING	SORT-WORK	
CARD-PUNCH			

## APPENDIX L. SYSTEM CALLS

## 1. Overview

**ICOBOL** uses the CALL PROGRAM statement to access a set of system-defined routines. These are called system calls and are listed in the table below. Following the table is a description of each of the calls. If the system call provides user interaction through a menu, that interface is documented in the appropriate chapter in the Utilities Manual.

**\*\*\* NOTE: New applications should avoid using these system calls and instead use the preferred IC\_xx builtins described in this document. Each system call (except for #D) has a corresponding builtin, as indicated in the table.**

System Call	Function	Comparable Builtin Function
#A	Abort a program	IC_ABORT_TERM
#D	Treated as a normal CALL PROGRAM	n.a.
#H	Log off a terminal	IC_HANGUP
#L	Chain to LOGON	IC_LOGON
#M	Send a message	IC_SEND_MSG
#N	Rename a file	IC_RENAME
#O	Detach a COBOL job	IC_DETATCH_PROGRAM
#P	View and change the current status of the print spooling system, including the files in the system	IC_PRINT_STAT
#S	Shutdown the runtime system	IC_SHUTDOWN
#T	Terminal Status	IC_TERM_STATUS
#W	Pause for a period of time	IC_DELAY
##C	Compute a check block	IC_CHECK_DATA
##D	Get total and free disk space	IC_GET_DISK_SPACE
##E	Get an environment variable	IC_GET_ENV
##F	Resolve a filename or do a directory listing	IC_DIR_LIST
##G	Return a system message	IC_MSG_TEXT
##I	Show internal status information	IC_SYS_INFO
##M	Move file data	IC_MOVE_FILE_DATA
##P	Like #P but returns to program	IC_PRINT_STAT
##S	Return a serial number	IC_SERIAL_NUMBER
##T	Sets timeout value for ACCEPTs	IC_SET_TIMEOUT
##U	Shutdown the runtime system	IC_SHUTDOWN

For *VXCOBOL*, #D, #H, #L, #S, and #W are supported. #A, #M, #P, and #T will chain to logon. All other system calls will return exception 203, "Program not found".

### 2. #A Abort a Program

The #A system call allows active terminals to be aborted either to facilitate a system shutdown or for other reasons. Upon invocation, a terminal status window of all logged-on terminals will be displayed. You are then prompted as to which terminal you wish to abort. Once that terminal is aborted you will see the confirmation in the status window. Aborting a terminal will not remove it from the terminal status window but will mark the terminal as 'Stopped' in the terminal status window.

The #A system call is enabled with the Abort terminal privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found".

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#A"
```

On exit from #A, a CALL PROGRAM "#L" is performed.

On Linux, Abort communicates with ICEXEC to interrupt the appropriate process. ICEXEC uses the Linux Signal mechanism with SIGUSR1 to shutdown the named process. An abort is just like a *kill -16* from the shell to that process.

For more on #A see the Abort utility in the Utilities Manual.

### 3. #H Hang Up the Terminal

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#H"
```

#H terminates **ICOBOL** like #S does.

### 4. #L Call LOGON

The #L system call runs the standard LOGON program and makes the terminal line Inactive in the terminal status window. #L does not remove the terminal from the Terminal Status window. No ICISAM files should be open in the LOGON program since the system can and will abort users executing LOGON when entered via #L or after the initial sign-on.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#L"
```

**NOTE:** A CALL PROGRAM "LOGON" is not the same as #L, since it will not mark the terminal as being Inactive.

### 5. #M Message Broadcast

The #M system call allows the user to send a message to one, several, or all logged-on **ICOBOL** users, either active or inactive on the same machine. The message will not appear on the user's console until the next opcode is executed by that process. Thus if a user is waiting in an ACCEPT the message will not appear until that ACCEPT has been terminated.

The #M system call is enabled with the Message sending privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found".

Two message modes are available.

### Mode 1 (Interactive Mode)

For mode 1, the syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#M"
```

Upon invocation, a terminal status window of all logged on terminals is displayed. You are then prompted for the message that you wish to send. You are then prompted for the terminal number to send the message to. If none, the message is sent to all logged-on users.

On exit from a Mode 1 #M, a CALL PROGRAM "#L" is performed.

For more on #M in Mode 1 see the Message Broadcast utility in the Utilities Manual.

### Mode 2 (Program Mode)

For mode 2, the syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#M n message"    or
CALL PROGRAM "#M * message"
```

Where

*n*  
Specifies the terminal number to send the message to.

\*

Implies all logged on terminals.

*message*  
Is the message to be sent.

If *n* is an invalid terminal number or is not currently active, an Exception Status 228 "The terminal is not logged on" is returned. If *n* is a terminal which is not enabled, Exception Status 229 "The terminal is not configured into the system" is returned.

When a Mode 2 #M is finished, execution continues with the next statement in the COBOL program.

## 6. #N Rename a File

The #N system call allows a file to be renamed.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#N old-filename new-filename"
```

Where

*old-filename*  
Is the old filename to be renamed.

*new-filename*  
Is the new filename.

Pathnames can be used. Separate the filenames by at least one (1) space. To rename an ICISAM file you must rename each individual portion explicitly supplying the .XD and .NX extensions with two system calls.

Execution continues at the next statement.

The #N filenames do not go through the ICLINK link file facility.

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Old-filename and new-filename are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#), except a full pathname is not made if a simple name is given.

### 7. #O Detach a COBOL program

The #O system call enables a user to start a COBOL program on another logical console (called a detached program).

The #O system call is enabled with the Detach/Host programs privilege in the Program Environment of the configuration file (.cfl). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found".

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#O program-name [ filename ]" [ USING term-id ].
```

Where

*program-name*

Is a valid COBOL program name including program switches, although no spaces can separate the switches from the program.

*filename*

Specifies a disk filename for the output file.

*term-id*

Is at least a PIC 9(5) DISPLAY field. If set to 65535, it instructs **ICOBOL** to start the detached program on the next available detachable console and return that console number in term-id. If set to anything other than 65535, **ICOBOL** tries to detach the COBOL program attached to that specific detached console if it is available, otherwise an error is given. If no term-id is given, then the next available detachable console is used.

An available detachable console is defined to be a logical console that is:

- 1) enabled,
- 2) whose device is set to NUL ([on Windows](#)) or null ([on Linux](#)), and
- 3) is currently not running a detached program.

If a detached program is started with no optional output file, then all output from the program will go to the null device (bit-bucket). That is, the program output will be discarded.

All detached programs will generate an end-of-file (EOF) error on any ACCEPT or READ from the console, as the input device will always be set to the null device.

A detached program can only execute non-screen DISPLAY statements. A screen DISPLAY will generate an error and the program will terminate.

Possible errors for #O include:

- |     |                                                                                                                       |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Invalid operation                                                                                                     |
| 36  | Filename is not valid (for an invalid program name)                                                                   |
| 209 | Parameter mismatch (for no program name specified or if term-id is invalid, i.e., greater than 65535 or not a number) |
| 212 | No more programs are available (if no available consoles can be found to detach this program to)                      |
| 219 | Invalid task number (if the console specified by term-id is not available or is in use).                              |

The detached program will inherit the starting program's username. Its privileges are those specified for the console on which it is running. Detached programs cannot execute any system calls or builtins that perform screen I/O.

If a detached program terminates abnormally, any error will be written to the standard output file or to the starting program's standard error file [on Linux](#).



On Linux, the program performing the #O must have icrun in the working directory or in a directory on its PATH variable.

**NOTE:** A standard CALL PROGRAM error like Program Not Found, Program Too Big, etc. is not returned by a #O because it occurs after the "detached program" has been detached from the current program.

## 8. #P and ##P Printer Control Utility

The #P and ##P system calls enable the user to view and change the current status of the print spooling system including the files in the system, the files currently queued to a print queue or printing, and the files that have been printed.

The #P and ##P system calls are enabled with the Printer control privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found."

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#P"
or
CALL PROGRAM "##P"
```

For more on #P, ##P, and the printer spooling system, see the Printer Control utility in the Utilities Manual.

On exit from #P, a CALL PROGRAM "#L" is performed.

On exit from ##P control is returned to the program that called it.

## 9. #S Stop Runtime System Execution

The #S and ##U system calls allow the program to terminate the runtime system.

The #S and ##U system calls are enabled with the System Shutdown privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found."

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#S"
```

The #S system call terminates the currently running **ICOBOL** process and returns control to the process that invoked **ICOBOL**. If that process was login, then the terminal is logged off the system. #H and ##U behave exactly the same as #S. When **ICOBOL** has been started in Program mode (i.e., *icrun program*) then a STOP RUN or Fatal Error will behave the same as #S.

### 10. #T Terminal Status

The #T (Terminal Status) system call allows the user to view the status of all **ICOBOL** users on the machine as well as current system information.

The #T system call is enabled with the Terminal status privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfl). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found."

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#T"
```

For more on #T see the Terminal Status utility in the Utilities Manual.

### 11. #W Wait for a Specified Time

The #W system call suspends program execution for a time expressed in tenths of a second. The default integer is 30, which is a three-second pause. The maximum integer is 65,535, producing a pause of 109 minutes and 13.5 seconds. No CPU time is used during the pause.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "#W[ { space }... ]integer".
```

**NOTE:** If any value but spaces or digits are found after the #W, a conversion error is detected and the default value of 30 is used.

### 12. ##C Compute Check Block

The ##C extended system call is supported to allow programmers to easily calculate a CRC, LRC (XOR), or checksum on a block of data.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##C" USING option, polynomial, length, buffer, result
```

Where

*option*

Is a 1-byte binary, PIC 99 COMP, that holds the calculation option. Current options are:

- 0 for a normal CRC using the supplied polynomial,
- 1 for a reverse CRC using the supplied polynomial,
- 2 for a LRC (XOR) 8-bit calculation, and
- 3 for a checksum calculation.

Adding 64 to one of the above calculation options says to use the passed in *result* as the base to start the calculation, otherwise zero is used.

*polynomial*

Is a 2-byte binary, PIC 9(4) COMP, that holds the binary value for the CRC generator polynomial.

*length*

Is a 2-byte, PIC 9(4) DISPLAY, which holds the length of data in the buffer on which to perform the calculation. This cannot be larger than buffer.

*buffer*

Is a PIC X(n) that holds the data on which the check is to be calculated.

*result*

Is a 2-byte binary, PIC 9(4) COMP, that holds the calculated value as a binary number.

Some common crc polynomials are:

CRC-CCITT	1021h or 4129 (base 10)
CRC-16	8005h or 32773
reverse CRC-CCITT	8408h or 33800
reverse CRC-16	A001h or 40961

The CRC-CCITT polynomial is used for XMODEM-CRC protocol.

For example, calculation option 64 would be used to calculate a CRC on a block (or file) that is larger than the buffer by making repeated calls.

### 13. ##D Get Disk Space Information

The ##D extended system call is supported to allow system developers to access the total disk space allowed and the current amount free in bytes for a disk drive (on Windows) or for a mounted file system (on Linux).

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##D" USING location, space
```

Where

*location*

An alphanumeric item of at least the length to hold the two-character drive name (on Windows), the mounted filesystem name (on Linux) (*/, /usr, etc.*), or spaces for the current drive name or filesystem you wish to check.

*space*

A structure composed of two PIC 9(10) items into which **ICOBOL** returns the total amount of storage (in bytes) for the given filesystem and the number of bytes currently free. The structure could look like:

```
01 DISK-SPACE.
   02 TOTAL-BYTES    PIC 9(10).
   02 FREE-BYTES    PIC 9(10).
```

If you wish to determine the default filesystem, the ##F call should be used.

*Location* is processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

### 14. ##E Get Environment Variable

The ##E extended system call is supported to allow programmers to read the value of an environment parameter that was set before **ICOBOL** started.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##E" USING name-argument, return-argument
```

Where

*name-argument*

Is a PIC X(n) that holds the name of the environment variable to be read

*return-argument*

Is a PIC X(n) to which **ICOBOL** moves the value of the environment variable according to the rules for MOVE.

If the environment variable named by *name-argument* cannot be found either in the environment or as configured in the environment strings section of the configuration file (.cfi), an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

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If the return-argument for the environment variable is too small to hold the full value, the value is moved and truncated and an error is generated and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if present, is executed.

### 15. ##F Filename Resolution or Directory Lookup

The ##F extended system call is supported to allow system developers to:

- 1) resolve a simple or relative filename into a full pathname and check to see if the filename exists or
- 2) do a directory lookup on a given template to get the number of matches along with an optional list in a sequential file for each file entry along with its file information (filename, filesize, attributes, last-modified).

#### Option 1    Filename Resolution

For option 1, the syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##F" USING argument-1
```

Where

*argument-1*

Is an alphanumeric item of at least 64 characters. *Argument-1* should be set to the filename or template you wish to resolve or check for existence before making the ##F call. If the filename does not exist, or the file is a symbolic link for which the resolution does not exist, or no files match the template the Exception Status will be set to 2 (File not found) and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if given, is executed.

*Argument-1* is returned as a fully resolved filename or template including all directory specifiers that can be up to 64 characters.

To get the default directory, *argument-1* should be set to spaces; and the fully resolved pathname is returned.

On Windows, to get the default directory for any disk drive, set *argument-1* to just the disk drive itself; i.e., 'C:', 'D:', etc.; and the fully resolved pathname will be returned. When running in network mode, network files will be resolved to their fully qualified network name. For example if drive D is redirected to the server \\386MAINSERVER's E drive, the file 'D:\PROGRAMS\FILE' would resolve to the fully qualified name of '\\386MAINSERVER\E\PROGRAMS\FILE'.

When no template is given, *argument-1* is processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

#### Option 2    Directory Lookup

For option 2, the syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##F" USING argument-1, argument-2 [, argument-3 ]
```

Where

*argument-1*

Is the same as for option 1 but normally will contain a template.

*argument-2*

Is a numeric item of at least PIC 9(5) that returns the number of file entries found by the template specified in *argument-2*. If this number is zero, no files were found that matched the template provided by *argument-1*. In addition, the Exception Status is set and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if given, is executed.

*argument-3*

Is optional and specifies the filename of the file to which each of the file entries that match the template given by *argument-1* are written. *Argument-3* should be an alphanumeric item at least large enough to hold the filename to be given.

*Argument-1*, when not a template, and *argument-3* are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

The file entries are written to the file as printer-records, with each entry terminated with a line-terminator. If the count returned is greater than zero, the filename given by argument-3 is created if there is no file by that name already, and is deleted and re-created if it already exists. If the count returned in argument-2 is zero, the file given in argument-3 is not touched.

To read the file created above you should have an ASSIGN TO KEYBOARD in your COBOL program and read with at least 64-byte records to get each file entry. Each filename entry will be a single line of characters terminated by a line-terminator. Each entry can be defined as such:

```

01 FILE-ENTRY .
  02 MODIFIED-INFO .
    03 DATE-MODIFIED          PIC 9(6) .
    03 TIME-MODIFIED          PIC 9(8) .
  02 ACCESSED-INFO .
    03 DATE-ACCESSED          PIC 9(6) .
    03 TIME-ACCESSED          PIC 9(8) .
  02 FILESIZE-BYTES          PIC 9(10) .
  02 F-ATTRIBUTES            PIC X(8) .
  02 F-ATTRIBUTE-RED REDEFINES F-ATTRIBUTES .
    03 READABLE-ON            PIC X(1) .
    03 WRITABLE-ON            PIC X(1) .
    03 PROTECTABLE-ON         PIC X(1) .
    03 ARCHIVE-IT              PIC X(1) .
    03 DIRECTORY-TYPE         PIC X(1) .
    03 SYSTEM-TYPE            PIC X(1) .
    03 EXECUTABLE-TYPE        PIC X(1) .
    03 FILLER                  PIC X(1) .
  02 FILENAME                 PIC X(64) .

```

The date and time fields are exactly like ACCEPT FROM DATE (YYMMDD) and TIME (HHMMSShh) respectively.

### On Windows

The Accessed Info (ACCESSED-INFO) field is not available and will always be set to zeros(0).

The file attributes (F-ATTRIBUTES) will have an 'R' in position 1 if the file can be read, a 'W' in position 2 if the file can be written to, a 'P' in position 3 if it cannot be deleted, and an 'A' in position 4 if it has been modified since it was archived. Position 5 will be set to 'D' if the file entry is a directory. Position 6 will be set to 'S' if the file is a system file. Otherwise the positions will be set to space.

The Read-only attribute will force position 2 (WRITABLE-ON) to be set to space and position 3 (PROTECTABLE-ON) to be set to P. The archive, directory, and system attributes match the os attributes. The executable-type (X) will be set for directories, .EXE, .COM, and .BAT files. The filename argument will never be more than 12 characters.

### On Linux

Positions 1, 2, 3, and 7 of the file attributes are based on how the current user within his group can access each particular file. For files that are symbolic links, the file attributes returned are for the resolution file, not the symbolic link itself.

The file attributes (F-ATTRIBUTES) will have an 'R' in position 1 if the file can be read by the current user, a 'W' in position 2 if the file can be written by the current user, and a 'P' in position 3 if the file cannot be deleted by the current user (i.e., the current user does not have Write access to the directory). Position 4 will always return a space. Position 5 will be set to 'D' if the file entry is a directory. Position 6 will be set to 'S' if the file is a special character device, block device, or other special files. Position 7 will be set to 'X' if the file is executable. Otherwise the positions will be set to space.

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If a simple filename is ever to exceed 64 characters then this structure should be increased to match the largest size a simple name could be. **ICOBOL** will only write as much as needed to the temporary file.

### 16. ##G Return a System Message

The ##G extended system call is supported to allow system developers to pick up any of the system messages from the message file (system.ms). These messages map one-to-one to the Exception Status received in ACCEPT FROM EXCEPTION STATUS.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##G" USING exc-code, return-argument
```

Where

*exc-code*

Specifies the numeric code (PIC 9(3)) of the message to be given between 0 and the maximum Exception Status value.

*return-argument*

Specifies a character string of at least 60 characters. The system call will return with *return-argument* holding the corresponding message for the numeric code in *exc-code*.

You can actually get back any message from the message file, not just those that map to Exception Status value, provided you know the correct value.

### 17. ##I Internal Status Information

The ##I extended system call is supported in **ICOBOL** to allow internal status information for the entire **ICOBOL** system to be viewed.

The ##I extended system call is enabled with the System Information privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi). If not enabled, the call will fail with an Exception Status 203 "Program not found".

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##I"
```

For Internal Status, **ICOBOL** provides a screen of statistical information about various **ICOBOL** parameters. For the named resource, three numbers are displayed. These are:

```
In Use          is the number currently in use
MaxUsed         is the most this has ever been, for this invocation
Max             is the maximum number configured
```

The MaxUsed values can be used to either raise or lower individual System Parameters in the configuration file (.cfi), the CONFIG.SYS file ([on Windows](#)), or in the Linux Kernel ([on Linux](#)) to provide a better tuned system.

On exit from ##I, control is returned to the program that called it.

### 18. ##M Move File data

The ##M extended system call is supported in **ICOBOL** to allow files to be copied from one place to another with various options.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##M" USING option, source-name, destination-name [, count
    [, start-src-pos [, start-dst-pos ]]]
```

Where

*option*

Specifies a 1-byte binary, PIC 99 COMP, composed of the following bits.

Option-bit	Meaning
1	Don't erase destination if it exists
2	Write at eof (ignore start-dst-pos)
4	The destination file must exist
8	The destination file must NOT exist

Below are the useful combinations of the above option-bits.

Option	Destination file		Destination Position
	Does NOT exist	Exists	
0	create	erase	as specified
1	create	don't erase	as specified
3	create	don't erase	at eof
4	ERROR	erase	as specified
5	ERROR	don't erase	as specified
7	ERROR	don't erase	at eof
8	create	ERROR	as specified

*source-name*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and holds the source filename to be copied.

*destination-name*

Specifies a PIC X(n) and holds the destination filename to be copied. It cannot be a directory.

*count*

Specifies a PIC 9(n) DISPLAY, and holds an optional count for how many bytes to copy from source or until EOF. If given, the number of bytes actually copied is returned.

*start-src-pos*

Specifies a PIC 9(n) DISPLAY, and holds an optional byte offset in the source file from which to start copying. I.E., a start-src-pos of 0 is the beginning of file.

*start-dst-pos*

Specifies a PIC 9(n) DISPLAY, and holds an optional byte offset in the destination file to which copying should start. If not given, the beginning of file is used.

The source file must exist and be able to be opened for binary input.

Unless you use the appropriate option, this call will allow a file to be copied upon itself with possible unintended results.

Source-name and destination-name are processed as an External Filename as described on page [791](#).

## 19. ##P Print Spooling

The ##P extended call is the same as the #P system call with the exception that upon exiting from the Printer Control Utility it returns to the calling program, just like a CALL. See #P for more information.

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### 20. ##S Return the System Serial Number

The ##S extended system call is supported to allow system developers to check for a unique serial number. This call will return the unique runtime license serial number as provided by the license manager (ICPERMIT) from the license description file.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##S" USING argument
```

Where

*argument*

Should be declared as PIC 9(10).

### 21. ##T Set Timeout Value

The ##T extended system call allows the system developer to enable and disable timeouts for ACCEPT statements and STOP literal statements.

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##T" [ USING timeout ]
```

Where

*timeout*

Specifies a numeric value (PIC 9(5)). The values 0 through 63000 set a timeout in tenths of seconds, a 65535 is interpreted to wait forever, a 65534 says to default to the value specified as the global timeout (ICTIMEOUT), while a number between 63000 and 65534 will set the value to 63000. This value represents the time allowed between keystrokes before the system will timeout and terminate the operation. Setting a 0 essentially only reads the input buffer.

If no argument is specified, wait forever is set. The timeout value remains in effect whenever this program is active. I.E., if a CALL statement is made, while in the new program the timeout is reset to that specified by the global timeout (ICTIMEOUT) for the new program. Upon returning to the calling program, the timeout is restored to be the value that was set before the CALL.

When an ACCEPT statement times out, ESCAPE KEY is set to 99 and no data is moved to the particular item (just as when an ESC key is pressed).

If an invalid argument string is given, an Exception Status 209 is returned and the timeout value is not changed.

Where possible, the TIME-OUT AFTER clause on the ACCEPT statement should be used rather than the ##T system call.

### 22. ##U Unconditional Shutdown

The #S and ##U system calls are enabled with the System Shutdown privilege in the Program Environment configuration of the configuration file (.cfi).

The syntax is:

```
CALL PROGRAM "##U".
```

The ##U extended system call acts just like #S and terminates the **ICOBOL** process.



23. System Call Errors

For those system calls that are "NOT SUPPORTED" under **ICOBOL** for whatever reason, the runtime system will give an Exception Status 203 "Program not found", and the ON EXCEPTION clause, if any, is executed. This is also true if the console issuing the system call is not privileged to do so.



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