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REVISED SPR USER LETTER

Submitted by Sheila Hatchell, 8/11 SPR Administration

The Dispatch SPR User Letter has been revised to reflect the new SPR form which is now available. These forms can be obtained from your local Digital Office or SPR Center, or by requesting them from SPR Administration.

How to Make the Best Use of the SPR Form

What We Can Do For You:

- Blank SPR forms are available upon request in the desired quantities Through the SPR Administration (P.O. Box F) and your local office/ SPR Center.
- 2. Copies of the SPR acknowledgement and answer are sent to the appropriate DIGITAL Office/SPR Center for their information.
- STATUS FOR SUBMITTED SPRS IS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.
- 4. SPRs marked PROBLEM/Error will have a response for supported Category A and B products. These SPRs should refer to suspected deficiencies in the software.
- 5. SPRs marked SUGGESTION are forwarded to the pertinent software group for information purposes, and are responded to at their descretion.

What You can Do For Us:

- 1. Fill out the form completely either by typing or printing clearly.
- 2. Limit only one problem per SPR form. Several problems on an SPR can greatly lengthen the turnaround time.
- 3. WHENEVER POSSIBLE, SUBMIT AN SPR WITH ATTACHMENTS, SUCH AS MACHINE READABLE DATA DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REPRODUCE THE PROBLEM, PROGRRAM AND/OR DATA FILES, LISTINGS, AND CONSOLE LOG.
- 4. It would be most helpful to all concerned if problems with patches are reported as soon as possible.
- 5. For security SPRs, it is imperative that the DO NOT PUBLISH box be marked.
- 6. It would be helpful if tapes submitted with SPRs are labeled (track and density), and have a directory attached.
- 7. Complete the questionnaire that is supplied with each SPR answer. Your feedback is very essential in monitoring the quality of our responses.
- 8. SPRs should not be used for problems concerning software policy, software distribution, or hardware. The local office should be contacted in these cases.

NEW SPR FORM

A new SPR form is being distributed (see following). The Key areas of change are:

- 1. Reversal of order of priorities, 1 through 5 instead of 5 through 1.
- 2. Capsulized definitions of the priorities on the form.
- 3. Typewriter compatibility to include boxes to be Xed.
- 4. SPR Centers updated.
- Use of Customer Number as part of customer's address.
 Customers will be informed of their number.
- 6. Administrative fields (shaded area) used in processing SPRs have been added.

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DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING SPR FORM

The SPR form must be filled out completely and MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN in order to ensure proper processing. The shaded areas on the form should be left blank, they will be used by DIGITAL in processing the SPR.

The following is a brief summary of the information required:

OPERATING SYSTEM/MONITOR (SOFTWARE PRODUCT)

Monitor (software product) the system program runs under and its version number (e.g. RSX-11M V3, TOPS-10 V6.03). Document Title such as OS/8 Handbook.

SYSTEM PROGRAM & VERSION (OR DOCUMENT PART NUMBER)

The program in which the problem resides, e.g. FORTRAN V5A, BASIC V1B. If a monitor, write MONITOR (module). If a documentation error is being reported, the DEC order number of the manual should be entered here (e.g. DEC-11-ORSUB-A-D).

DATE

Date of submittal using a three character abbreviation for month (e.g. 4-APR-79)

NAME AND ADDRESS:

Fill out the name of your installation's responsible software contact and complete mailing address. The information in this block will be used to return the acknowledgment copy.

CUST. NO .:

A permanent reference number which is assigned by DIGITAL. Customers will be informed of their number. SUBMITTED BY AND PHONE:

Enter name and phone number of the author of the SPR.

DEC OFFICE:

Enter local DEC office (or SPR Center if European or Australian).

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Check appropriate boxes.

REPORT TYPE/PRIORITY

Check appropriate box for Report Type and Priority.

Priority Definitions are as follows:

- Most production work cannot be run, e.g. functions/jobs which are not usable are a major use of system, e.g. system won't boot, necessary peripherals cannot be used as intended.
- 2. Some production work cannot be run, e.g. certain jobs/functions are not usable, performance degradation, installation has insufficient excess capacity.
- 3. All production work can be run with some impact on user, e.g. significant manual intervention required, extra procedures, performance degradation but installation has excess capacity.
- 4. All production work can be run with no significant impact on user, e.g., problem can be easily patched, simple bypass procedure exists.
- 5. No system modifications needed to return to normal production, e.g., suggestion, consultation, documentation error.

ATTACHMENTS:

If attachments are included with SPR, describe materials sent and insure that the number from the top of this form appears on them. Printed examples must be dark. If magtape, include track and density.

CPU TYPE:

Enter model number of the processor (e.g. 1080, 8/A, 11/70, 2040).

SERIAL #:

Enter serial # of central processor. If there are two processors, enter serial number of first.

SYSTEM DEVICE:

The device on which the monitor resides (e.g. DOS/BATCH on RK05 where RK05 is system device).

DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM:

Indicate the medium on which you receive software (e.g. 9TR Magtape, DEC Tape, RX02, RK05).

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION:

A concise description of the problem in the form of PROBLEM:, DIAGNOSIS:, CURE: (if known), with references to circumstances surrounding its occurrence should be included. Only one problem should be stated per SPR form. Attempt to reduce the problem to a simple test case. If you cannot, include all programs and data in machine readable form. If a patch or interim solution exists, include it.

DO NOT PUBLISH

Check this box if you do not want your SPR published in its original form. This does not guarantee that the solution will not be published if of universal value.

SPR SUBMISSION:

Upon completion of the SPR form remove last copy and send remainder to the nearest SPR center. Refer to the reverse side of this instruction sheet for a listing of SPR centers.

SOFTWARE PROBLEMS OR ENHANCEMENTS

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SPR No.	Product
Name	Company
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— Answer solved problem but was too late to be of use.	Answer did not address problem
Answer solved problem but caused other problems	Tone of answer was not courteous
Answer was unclear	Other (please explain)

Please include any information which you have that would help us to look at your problem. Document via SPR if necessary and attach to form.

General Information

OS/8 DOCUMENTATION SET

The OS/8 Handbook and its update document have been completely superseded by the following manuals:

OS/8 System Reference Manual; Order No. AA-H607A-TA

OS/8 Language Reference Manual; Order No. AA-H609A-TA

OS/8 TECO Reference Manual; Order No. AA-H608A-TA

OS/8 Error Messages; Order No. AA-H610A-TA

OS/8 System Generation Notes; Order No. AA-H606A-TA

These manuals are all printed as 8 1/2 x 11 documents, suitable for 3-ring loose-leaf binders. To order one or more of these manuals, contact your local Digital representative.

PDP-8 OBSOLETE PRODUCTS (DK)

The following kits have been obsoleted and removed from the Master Price List.

OS/8 TSAR V1

QF070-CB,CC

QK070-CA

LAB-8/E PT V1

QF060-CB,FZ

OS/8 LAB-8/E V1

QF009-CB,CC,CY,EC,EY

Please take note that,

OS/8 FORTRAN IV Plotter V3C (QF014)

has been dropped to Category C except for the LincTape distribution. The LincTape distribution for this product has been made obsolete (QF014-AA).

COS-31Ø V8 (PATCH 4)

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INCORRECT PARSING OF MENU COMMAND FILE (CW)

PROBLEM: When executing MENU with a DISPLAY section smaller than 256 characters,

error messages may be displayed.

SOLUTION: The following patch to MENU corrects this problem.

- Create a PATCH command file (PTØ4) using the following editor commands:

 - .LN
 - .Ø1ØØ MENU
 - .ø11ø 1
 - .Ø12Ø 255
 - .Ø13Ø 73Ø1
 - .Ø14Ø END
 - .Ø15Ø 6261
 - .Ø16Ø END
 - .ø17ø /x
 - .Ø18Ø <ctrl/z>
 - .WR PTØ4
- Check the PTØ4 command file by running PATCH without the /C option. PATCH simulates the patching operation but does not change the file on the system device. When run without the /C option, PATCH displays CHECKSUM CORRECT--USE OPTION C TO UPDATE rather than NEW BLOCK PATCHED OK. To check the command file enter the following:
 - .R PATCH, PTØ4

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor. If PATCH does not return to the Monitor, check the PTØ4 command file to insure that it was entered correctly.

- Install the patch by entering the following command:
 - .R PATCH, PTØ4/C

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor.

OOS-31Ø V8 (PATCH 5)

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MENU BUFFER PROBLEM (CW)

PROBLEM:

When more than three Monitor or Editor commands are specified for the first MENU command, MENU sleeps for several seconds when that command code is issued, then aborts and returns to the Monitor without issuing an error message.

SOLUTION:

The following patch to MENU corrects this problem,

```
COS-31Ø V8 (PATCH 5)
```

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1. Create a PATCH command file (PT05) using the following editor commands:

```
.ER
.LN
.0100 MENU
.0110 2
.0120 61
.0130 1372
.0140 70
.0150 6201
.0160 71
.0170 3411
.0180 72
.0190 2323
.0200 73
.0210 1323
.0220 74
.0230 3411
.0240 75
.0250 5324
.0260 77
.0270 6211
.0280 103
.0290 6201
.0300 104
.0310 3411
.0320 107
.0330 4200
.0340 110
.0350 1600
.0360 124
.0370 6211
.0380 125
.0390 1410
.0400 126
.0410 6201
.0420 127
.0430 3411
.0440 130
.0450 2060
.0460 131
.0470 5324
.0480 132
.0490 5277
.0500 172
.0510 1577
.0520 END
.0530 7460
.0540 END
.0550 /X
.0560 <ctrl/z>
.WR PT05
```

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2. Check the PTO5 command file by running PATCH without the /C option. PATCH simulates the patching operation but does not change the file on the system device. When run without the /C option, PATCH displays CHECKSUM CORRECT--USE OPTION C TO UPDATE rather than NEW BLCCK PATCHED CK. To check the command file enter the following:

.R PATCH, PT05

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor. If PATCH does not return to the Monitor, check the PTO5 command file to insure that it was entered correctly.

3. Install the patch by entering the following command:

.R PATCH, PTO5/C

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor.

COS-310 V8.00 (PATCH 6)

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ACCESSING RX01 DRIVES 2 AND 3 (CW)

PROBLEM:

Some RX01 drives may have slightly different operating characteristics from the majority of RX01 drives that have been shipped. This variation in the hardware prohibits accessing drives 2 and 3 with a standard RX01 handler.

SOLUTION:

The following patch to SYSGEN corrects this problem. It also changes the version number of SYSGEN to V8.00C. SYSGEN/C must be run after the patch has been made to install the modified RX handler in the monitor.

```
COS-310 V8.00 (PATCH 6)
```

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1. Create a PATCH command file (PT06) using the following editor commands:

- .ER
- .LN
- .0100 SYSGEN
- .0110 2
- .0120 361
- .0130 0346
- .0140 375
- .0150 3743
- .0160 END
- .0170 0001
- .0180 3
- .0190 6
- .0200 6745
- .0210 27
- .0220 6747
- .0230 40
- .0240 1350
- .0250 47
- .0260 5342
- .0270 53
- .0280 7346
- .0290 54
- .0300 3316
- .0310 55
- .0320 1337
- .0330 56
- .0340 7010
- .0350 57
- .0360 6750
- .0370 60
- .0380 6755
- .0390 61
- .0400 7600
- .0410 62
- .0420 6754
- .0430 63
- .0440 0050
- .0450 107
- .0460 5351
- .0470 112

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- .0480 5746
- .0490 END
- .0500 0025
- .0510 20
- .0520 314
- .0530 2144
- .0540 END
- .0550 0001
- .0560 END
- .0570 /X
- .0580 <ctrl/z>
- .WR PTO6

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2. Check the PT06 command file by running PATCH without the /C option. PATCH simulates the patching operation but does not change the file on the system device. When run without the /C option, PATCH displays CHECKSUM CORRECT--USE OPTION C TO UPDATE rather than NEW BLOCK PATCHED OK. To check the command file enter the following:

.R PATCH, PT06

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor. If PATCH does not return to the Monitor, check the PTO6 command file to insure that it was entered correctly.

3. Install the patch by entering the following command:

.R PATCH, PT06/C

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor.

COS-310 V8.Ø1A (PATCH 1)

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MENU BUFFER PROBLEM (CW)

PROBLEM: When more than three Monitor or Editor commands are specified for

the first MENU command, MENU sleeps for several seconds when that command code is issued, then aborts and returns to the Monitor without

issuing an error message.

SOLUTION: The following patch to MENU corrects this problem.

```
COS-31Ø V8.Ø1A (PATCH 1)
```

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```
1. Create a PATCH command file (PTO1) using the following editor commands:
```

```
.ER
.LN
.0100 MENU
.0110 2
.0120 61
.0130 1372
.0140 70
.0150 6201
.0160 71
.0170 3411
.0180 72
.0190 2323
.0200 73
.0210 1323
.0220 74
.0230 3411
.0240 75
.0250 5324
.0260 77
.0270 6211
.0280 103
.0290 6201
.0300 104
.0310 3411
.0320 107
.0330 4200
.0340 110
.0350 1600
.0360 124
.0370 6211
.0380 125
.0390 1410
.0400 126
.0410 6201
.0420 127
.0430 3411
.0440 130
.0450 2060
.0460 131
.0470 5324
.0480 132
.0490 5277
.0500 172
.0510 1577
.0520 END
.0530 7460
.0540 END
.0550 /X
.0560 <ctrl/z>
```

.WR PTO1

COS-31Ø V8.Ø1A (PATCH 1)

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2. Check the PTO1 command file by running PATCH without the /C option. PATCH simulates the patching operation but does not change the file on the system device. When run without the /C option, PATCH displays CHECKSUM CORRECT--USE OPTION C TO UPDATE rather than NEW BLOCK PATCHED OK. To check the command file enter the following:

.R PATCH, PTO1

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor. If PATCH does not return to the Monitor, check the PT01 command file to insure that it was entered correctly.

- 3. Install the patch by entering the following command:
 - .R PATCH, PTO1/C

PATCH will respond by displaying the PATCH dialogue and returning to the Monitor.

OS/8 V3D UTILITIES EDIT V12B 21.17.2 M

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EDIT Q COMMAND AFTER L COMMAND (RY)

Problem:

When a "Q" command is issued after an "L" command, the output is sent to the terminal instead of the file.

Diagnosis:

The "Q" command has bypassed the code that resets the variable 'OUTDEV' in its attempt to clear the variable

'TABIND'.

Solution:

Install the following patch, that upgrades EDIT to Version

12C.

.GET SYS:EDIT

. ODT

2372/0302 0303 2014/nnnn 2774

2774/nnnn

3112;5776;1301

CTRL/C

.SAVE SYS:EDIT

OS/8 V3D UTILITIES EDIT V12C Seq 21.17.3 M

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EDIT Q COMMAND PATCH (RY)

Problem:

The "Q" command does not output the first page of a file.

Solution:

Install the following patch and EDIT is upgraded to Version

12D.

.GET SYS:EDIT

.ODT

1360/5304 5301 2372/0303 0304

CTRL/C

.SAVE SYS:EDIT

OS/8 V3D UTILITIES FOTP V9B Seq 21.19.1 M

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Supersedes article dated Aug/Sept. 78

INCORRECT DIRECTORY VALIDATION (JR)

A previous DSN article was published in the Aug-Sept, 1978 issue of DSN (21.19.1) was incorrect.

Please replace the previous patch with the following.

.GET SYS:FOTP

.ODT

12375/7700 7671 14346/7700 7671 15036/7101 7102

If you did not put in the previous patch, just do the latter. If you did put in the old patch, notice that line 5 was added to alter the version number.

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DOCUMENTATION EXAMPLE FOR SET BLOCK (DK)

In the OS/8 System Reference Manual (AA-H607A-TA), page 25-13, and the OS/8 Handbook Update (DEC-S8-OSHBA-A-DN4), page 76, the description of the \overline{SET} BLOCK procedure is incomplete. The following is a more complete description of this function.

The format of the SET BLOCK function is:

.SET dev:BLOCK b, LOC n=m <CR>

OR

.SET dev:BLOCK b,LOC n <CR>
xxxx/m

where,

dev is any valid non-system device (i.e., anything but SYS:) that has a system head.

b is an octal number of the block within a non-resident device handler.

n is the octal location within that block that you specify; 0-177 for one-page handlers and 0-377 for two-page handlers.

m is the NEW octal value that you want in the location (0-7777).

xxxx are the current contents of location n.

Example:

If you wish to change a location in the LPT handler and you have an RK05 in drive 1, type,

.RES RKA1:/E (to find the block where the LPT handler is located)

.SET RKAl:BLOCK 16,LOC 42 <CR> (BLOCK 16 is where the LPT handler resides) 6214/6216 <CR> (6216 is your new value)

OR

.SET RKA1:BLOCK 16,LOC 42=6216

OS/8 V3D UTILITIES PIP1Ø V3A Seq 21.24.1 M

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Supersedes article dated Dec 78/Jan 79

DATE '78 PATCH TO PIP10 (RY)

Problem:

When PIP10 creates a new file on a PDP-10 DECtape, the file

gets the wrong date.

Diagnois:

PIP10 does not understand about the new OS/8 extended date

bits for today's date.

Cure:

Install the following patch which fixes this problem until

1984.

.GET SYS:PIP10

.ODT

2612/1023

4760;1116

2760/nnnn

1554

1555/nnnn

1765;0176;7112;7012;3116;1023;0156;5754;7777

4320/6301 6302

CTRL/C

.SAVE SYS:PIP10

This patch corrects the above problem and upgrades PIP10 to

V3B.

This article replaces and supercedes the same sequence number

published in the Dec 78-Jan 79 DSN.

OS/8 V3D EXTENSIONS FUTIL V8B

Seq 31.21.4 N

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FUTIL PATCH TO MACREL/LINK OVERLAYS (JB)

The following FUTIL patch will allow you to examine or patch MACREL/LINK overlays.

.GET SYS:FUTIL
.ODT
1515/nnn 5716;5761;4531
3321/nnn 7100;1360;7006;7006
5533/nnn 1077
5761/nnn 3023;1023;0113;5765;1517
12520/0200 0300
CTRL/C
.SAVE SYS:FUTIL

The internal version of FUTIL is upgraded to Version 8C.

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EXPUNGE DOCUMENTATION ERROR

In the MACREL/LINK User's Manual (AA-5664B-TA), page 5-31, there is an error that might cause some confusion when using the EXPUNGE option with the ENABLE directive. Table 5-5 should describe the action of the EXPUNGE option as

"Causes the EXPUNGE directive with <u>all</u> arguments to work on all assembly passes."

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MACREL VERSION NUMBERS

The title page of the MACREL/LINK User's Manual (AA05664B-TA), under software and version, states that MACREL is Version 2D. This is an error. Please change Version 2D to Version 2C. Two patches were added to the MACREL masters before the product shipped from the SDC. All customers that receive MACREL from the SDC will already have the two patches incorporated in their software.

Also, on the title page, LINK Version 2B should be changed to Version 2A and CREF should be KREF.

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EXPUNGE PATCH TO MACREL (DB)

Problem: MACREL does not properly handle the EXPUNGE directive with

arguments when the .ENABLE EXPUNGE directive is used.

Diagnosis: The bit used to designate whether the EXPUNGE option is

enabled or disabled (i.e., .ENABLE EXPUNGE or .DISABL EXPUNGE) is tested incorrectly in processing an EXPUNGE

directive with arguments.

Solution: Install the following patch.

.R EPIC

*SYS:MACREL.SV</1 <ALTMODE>

R,12 O,136 0103 /304 W R,66

0,203 7710 /7700

*CTRL/C

Underlined text is computer generated. This patch corrects the problem and upgrades MACREL to Version $2D_{\star}$

RTS-8 V3 SYSGEN

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RTS-8 V3 NUMERICAL COMPARE SKIP FUNCTIONS

RTS-8 V3 SYSGEN contains errors in its numerical compare skip functions. For those user's who are not modifying SYSGEN, the symptoms are minor (i.e., a question may be asked by SYSGEN; DOC NO. 331 or 327). It is not necessary to fix the problem. However, for user's that need the skip functions, the problem can be fixed.

To fix the problem, it is necessary to make source changes in BRANCH.MA, TNCON.MA, and SCRIPT.MA. Once the source changes have been made, reassemble and relink SYSGEN and SCRIPT.

SCRIPT.MA

M251, TEXT "TN HOW MANY TTY TASKS WILL BE IN THE"<215><212>
TEXT "TARGET SYSTEM? [D] (1):"

Change [D] to [O].

TNCON.MA

.EXTERNAL DIRLOC, TYPE, ERR1, IQUES, OCTD (1)

TN, 0
CLA
TAD (CIF CDF)
RDF
DCA TN20
CDF TABLE1

TAD (301

At 2 insert TAD QUES
DCA TQES
ISZ OFLAG

insert ,OFLAG, TQES, QUES

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BRANCH.MA E, JMS ANUM JMS NUMBER CDF TABLE 1 CIA TAD IARG SNA CLA JMP IFLG JMP BRN17 /ANSWER EQUAL TO ARG? G, **JMS** ANUM JMS NUMBER CDF TABLE 1 CIA TAD IARG SMA CLA JMP IFLG **JMP** BRN17 /ANSWER GREATER THAN ARG? JMS L, ANUM **JMS** NUMBER 3 CDF TABLE 1 CIA TAD IARG CIA SPA CLA IFLG. JMP JMP BRN17 /ANSWER LESS THAN ARG? N, **JMS** ANUM JMS NUMBER CDF TABLE 1 CIA IFLG, TAD Ν2 OCA CQUES ISZ **IFLAG** BRN17, ARG (7 DCA JMP BRN 20 Delete 4 Change to SPA CLA 6 insert CDF TABLE1 that IFLG, CDF TABLE1 TAD N 2 Change to BRN17, DCA

The RTS-8 SYSGEN Manual claims that there are alphanumeric compares. This is an error, there are none.

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BASIC
BLOAD.SV V6B

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SAVE FILE FOR LARGE BASIC PROGRAMS

There is a problem with creating a save file for large BASIC programs. This patch is an addition to the BLOAD.SV V6A patch that was published in the August-September 1978 issue of the <u>Digital Software News</u>, article 71.72.1 M, Large Core Image Save Program. The patch is as follows:

.GET SYS:BLOAD .ODT 2151/2653 0253 3035/6602 6603 CTRL/C .SAVE SYS:BLOAD

This patch upgrades the internal version number of BLOAD from V6B to V6C.

Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: OS/78, Version 3.0, DECstation Operating System

SPD 4.3.4

DESCRIPTION:

OS/78 is a comprehensive executive designed to support the DECstation 78 and DECstation 88 computer systems. OS/78 provides an extensive collection of application software development tools and an efficient run-time environment for the production use of these application programs. OS/78 is controlled through a Concise Command Language (CCL) that simplifies program development and execution (e.g., COPY, LOAD, HELP, etc.).

Programs stored on diskettes can be accessed for loading, modification, or execution by simple keyboard commands. OS/78 also allows program chaining, so that a complex program can be divided into a series of smaller modules.

The CCL (Concise Command Language) allows the user to operate the system through terminal commands. Three classes of functions are available through CCL: system functions, language functions, and utility functions.

System Functions:

Batch Processing

The SUBMIT instruction calls in a batch processor to execute a sequence of commands that have been stored in a file. This feature permits the user to execute a series of pre-determined operations using a single command. SUBMIT also provides an optional method for redirecting line printer output to diskette files when there is no line printer in the system.

I/O Handlers

The following handlers are provided with OS/78:

- RX01/RX02 System handler provided on RX01 or RX02 media
- RL01 System handler on RL01 media
- RX01/02 Non-system handler (not permanently resident in memory) for Drive 1 of RX subsystem
- RX01/02 Non-system handler (no permanently resident in memory) for Drive 2 & 3 of RX subsystems

(Supplied in two versions—one for RX28, one for RX78)

RL01 — Non-System handler (not permanently resident in memory) for RL01 disks
 One version for Drive 0 logical, regions A & B
 One version for Drive 1 logical, regions A & B

One version for section C on Drives 0 and 1

NOTE:

Each RL01 Drive is logically segmented into three independent file structured regions.

Section:

A is 4095 blocks B is 4095 blocks C is 2018 blocks

- TTY is a non-system, non-file structured handler for the console terminal
- LPT is a non-system, non-file structured handler for an LA78 or LA8/A line printer
- SLU2 is a non-system, non-file structured printer handler for a serial printer attached to the SLU2 port of a VT78. Supported printers are LA34, LA36, LA38, LA120, and LA180-S
- SLU3 is equivalent to SLU2 for the SLU3 port of the VT78
- VLU2 is a non-system, non-file structured handler for SLU2 port of the VT78. It allows bidirectional, half duplex transmission but does not provide XON-XOFF terminal synchronization and therefore, does not fully support the operation of the VT100, LA34, LA38, or LA120. It does support the requirement of the VT52 and LA36.
- VLU3 is similar to VLU2 for the SLU3 part of the VT78.
- LQP is a non-system, non-file structured handler for the LQP78 or LQP8/E parallel letter quality printers. It allows operation only as a standard line printer equivalent (the special features of the LQP printer are not accessible to the user).

Only 9 handlers are allowed to be simultaneously resident in the monitor system. Of these, 7 are selected by the user while 2 (SYS and TTY) are permanently installed. The user may specify their choice of these 7 handlers by use of the .SET HANDLER command.

System Configuration

The SET command enables the user to set TTY handler options. (Examples: print-line length, read-only device, etc.)

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Concurrent Processing (Symbiont)

A symbiont is a user-written, interrupt-driven assembly language program that uses the upper 4K words of memory. The symbiont is supported only on DEC-station 78 computers. The OS/78 symbiont facility allows such a symbiont task to run in parallel with OS/78 while OS/78 operates normally in 12K words of memory. The symbiont task may run communications, print, monitor real-time jobs, etc.

Simple keyboard commands can be used to start the symbiont or to return OS/78 to single-task operation with 16K words of memory (on 78/nn models only).

OS/78 includes an LA78 printer-spooler symbiont (on 78/nn models only).

File Management

The system provides standard routines for the creation, modification, renaming, and deletion of files. CCL commands invoke these routines.

Language Functions:

BASIC

OS/78 BASIC is implemented as a compiler language. It consists of an editor, compiler, and a runtime system, all three supporting BASIC's dual functions as an interactive program development tool and a system for both interactive and batch-mode program execution.

OS/78 BASIC includes features oriented to the commercial user:

- Multiple Data Formats The system supports three types of data format: floating point numeric, alphanumeric string, and commercial decimal (numeric string) data.
- Commercial Decimal Arithmetic to 15-digit precision, including data format conversion.
- PRINT USING statement for formatted printing of numeric strings; especially useful for columns and tables.
- Full upper/lower case capability.
- Cursor control function to facilitate data entry.
- Random-access record oriented I/O for rapid storing and retrieval of individual records.
- OS/78 BASIC programs may utilize up to 4 concurrent I/O handlers (one of which must be SYS) and up to 5 open I/O files.

Assembler

The PAL command calls a three-pass assembler. The optional third pass creates a side-by-side octal and symbolic listing and symbol table. This assembler accepts input generated by the EDIT function and generates output acceptable to the LOAD (absolute loader) and CREF (Cross Reference Utility) functions.

FORTRAN

OS/78 FORTRAN IV permits generalized array subscripting and 1- to 7-dimension arrays. Large amounts of data can be easily stored and accessed. FORTRAN IV also offers direct access I/O. With this feature, the user can directly reference any record in a data file.

OS/78 FORTRAN IV supports mixed-mode arithmetic, octal constants, logical IF statements, and general integer expressions in IF statements. In addition, OS/78 FORTRAN IV allows initial values in operators, including EQU and XOR.

Text manipulation is aided by Hollerith field specifications for text as well as literals and constants. DATA statements, BLOCK statements and BLOCK DATA statements are supported.

OS/78 FORTRAN IV has a library of mathematical functions for calculating logarithms, absolute values, and trigonometric functions. Other functions manipulate character strings.

Utility Functions:

The HELP utility can display on the screen instructions for use of OS/78 utilities and languages.

EDIT calls a symbolic editor which is used to create and modify ASCII source files so that these files can be used as input to BASIC, the PAL 8 assembler, or the FORTRAN IV compiler.

LOAD calls an absolute loader which reads a binary program into memory and creates a resident memory image suitable for addition to the system library or for immediate execution.

ODT (Octal Debugging Technique) allows the user to run programs under carefully controlled conditions, modify programs during execution, or monitor the state of main memory and processor registers.

CREF (Cross Reference Utility Program) aids the development programmer in writing, debugging, and maintaining assembly language programs by providing the ability to locate all references to a particular symbol. Input is supplied to CREF in the form of an ASCII listing file produced by the PAL assembler.

The MAP command runs a utility program that constructs a table showing the memory locations used by a particular binary file. This feature assists the programmer in allocating memory.

DIRECT produces a listing of the file directory for any OS/78 storage medium.

DUPLICATE allows the copying of an entire diskette with a single command.

The COPY command transfers one or more selected files between storage medium and I/O devices. The method of specifying files is flexible and allows users to move selected groups of files with simple commands.

The FORMAT command allows a user to initially structure an RL01 disk pack to be consistent with the operator of the OS/78 I/O handlers.

RXCOPY has been modified to include a single/dual density switch.

MINIMUM HARDWARE REQUIRED:

DECstation 78/40, 78/50, 78/60, 78/70 DECstation 88/50, 88/70, 88/80, 88/90, 88/92, 88/97 RX01 — Dual Drive (RX08 subsystem, RX78 subsystem) RX02 — Dual Drive (RX28 subsystem, RX78 subsystem)

RL8/A — Dual Drive or single drive plus RX02 dual drive

OPTIONAL HARDWARE:

LQP 78 Letter Quality Printer LA78-P Line Printer Additional RX78 Dual Floppy Disk Drive LA8/A, LA78, LQP8/E, parallel printers LA34, LA36, LA120, LA180/S serial printers

PREREQUISITE SOFTWARE:

If the user wishes to generate the OS/78 monitor from the OS/78 source kit, the user is required to use OS/8 Version 3D with the OS/8 Device Extension Kit. Also, MACREL/LINKER is required to generate some of the modules of OS/78 from the OS/78 source kit.

OPTIONAL SOFTWARE:

OS/8, Version 3D MACREL/LINKER, Version 2A OS/8 Extensions, Version 3D OS/8, Version 3D Device Extensions

TRAINING CREDITS:

None

SUPPORT CATEGORY:

B — Software Support will be provided as stated in the Software Support Categories Addendum to this SPD.

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Q = RL01 Disk cartridge

X = RX02 Double density diskette

Y = RX01 Floppy diskette

This software is available with a valid DECstation 78A or 88A configuration that includes support services, binaries and documentation.

QF022 -A— Single-use license, binaries, documentation, support services (media: Q, X, Y)

Users of one of the PDP-8E/M/F/A systems with 16K words of memory, OS/8 supported console and mass storage device (RX01, RX02, RK8E, RL01) may order without services:

QF022 -C— Single-use license, binaries, documentation, no support services (media: Q, X, Y)

QF022 -D— Single-use license only, no binaries, no documentation, no support services (media; Z)

Source/Listing Options:

QF022 -E— All sources (media: Q, Y)

Upgrade Options

The following option is available as an upgrade kit from OS/8, Version 3D, for use on the same single CPU on which OS/8, Version 3D, is licensed. The license previously granted for OS/8, Version 3D, shall be extended to cover this upgrade.

QF023 -C— OS/78 Version 2 single-use license, binaries, documentation, no support services (media: Q, X, Y)

Update Options

Users of OS/78, Version 2, whose specified Support Category warranty has expired may order under license the following software update at the then current charge for such update. The update is distributed in binary form on the appropriate medium and includes no installation or other services unless specifically stated.

QF022 -H— Binaries, documentation (media: Q, X, Y)

QF022 -H— Right to copy for single-use (under existing license), no binaries, no documentation, no support services (media: Z)

QF022 -N— Source update, no service (media: Q, Y)

Users of OS/78, Version 2, whose specified Support Category warranty has not expired may order under license the following software update for the then current media charge. The update is distributed in binary form on the appropriate medium and includes no installation or other services unless specifically stated.

QF022 -W— Binaries, documentation (media: Q, X, Y)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

None

digital Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: COS-310, Version 8.01, Commercial Operating System-310

SPD 5.98.8

DESCRIPTION:

COS-310 is one of Digital Equipment Corporation's DATASYSTEM 300 Series Commercial Operating Systems. It is an applications development tool for EDP users who wish to implement data management functions for small- to medium-size business applications. COS-310 is a self-contained single use, diskresident operating system. It provides an operation control monitor, an easy-to-learn high-level programming language (DIBOL), program preparation and debugging utilities, and production utilities.

COS-310 Monitor — COS-310 provides software operation control through the system monitor. For memory economy, the monitor resides in two segments: one memory-resident and the other on the system device. The monitor includes a comprehensive set of commands which control the editing and execution of programs, and the maintenance of file directories.

The monitor contains all the necessary I/O device handlers for the system. The direct implementation and changing of programs can be controlled and altered through conversational commands designed into the software. The COS-310 monitor device options include line printers and disk storage devices. The monitor size is 8K bytes (16K bytes if an RL01 disk drive and/or an LQP printer is used).

DIBOL Language — Digital Equipment Corporation's Business Oriented Language (DIBOL) is built around procedural statements that permit the programmer to arrange information for desired execution and output. These procedural statements (commands plus data) permit data manipulation, calculation of arithmetic expressions, subscripting, overlaying of records, clearing of memory or buffers, file initialization, branching, tracing, program chaining, and printing overlapped with processing.

The language syntax is divided into two sections: a data definition section and a procedure section. The data definition section stipulates the type and size of the data variables. The procedure section of the language consists of procedural statements, each with comprehensive arguments. These statements are: PROC, XMIT, READ, WRITE, GO TO, IF, CALL, RETURN, FORMS, STOP, CHAIN, ACCEPT, DISPLAY, TRAP, and INCR.

Editor — The system includes a line oriented text editor that is part of the monitor. It is interactive, with commands indicating line numbers followed by the information to be inserted, deleted, or changed. The COS-310 editor provides a means to reorder the file by resequencing line numbers with the use of simple commands. Input to the editor comes from the operator through the console keyboard. Output from the editor can be a listing of a file on the console display or the line printer.

COMP — This utility compiles a DIBOL program created by the system's editor into interpretive code. This program can be stored on disk, listed on the printer, or run immediately. No linking is required to run a program. Without a program listing, program compilation usually takes 10 to 30 seconds. This results in substantial time savings over other products that have much slower compilers and require program linking.

SYSGEN (SYStem GENeration) — SYSGEN is a conversational utility program that allows the user to change the current device handlers or to create a new system disk. This is done using simple English statements, prompted to the operator from the program. Changing the handlers provides the operator with the ability to specify the disk and line printer I/O handlers that will operate most effectively in the system. In addition to changing the selected handlers in the current system, SYSGEN can copy the system from an RX01/RX02 to an RK05 or to an RL01 and vice versa for installation start-up. RK05 and RL01 cannot be present on the same system.

DFU (Data File Utility) — DFU allows the user to designate and examine logical unit assignments. The use of logical unit assignments for data files provides data file device independence for the programs using COS-310. Logical unit assignments can be input to DFU from the operator's keyboard, from a command file stored on the system device, or from the edit buffer. The current logical unit assignments can be displayed or printed.

FLOW (FLOW chart generator) — FLOW is a utility program designed to assist in the program documentation process. FLOW will generate a printed flowchart from a set of easily understood commands. The FLOW commands can optionally be included in the DIBOL source program.

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PATCH -- PATCH is used to fix either a system program or the monitor on a COS-310 system. All input information for the PATCH operation is distributed as official patches from Digital Equipment Corporation. The PATCH information is a line-by-line dialogue. The PATCH program has the capability to perform automatic patching of the COS-310 system.

Debugging Aids — COS-310 includes several features that facilitate DIBOL program debugging.

- CREF Cross Reference provides an alphabetical listing of all symbols used in the DIBOL program, the line number where each symbol is defined, and all the line numbers where each symbol is used.
- DAFT The Dump and Fix Technique has the ability to search for, examine, list, change records, and make minor adjustments to a data file.
- TRACE/NO TRACE An integral DIBOL language feature. Each trace enables the DIBOL statement executed to print a line containing the source file line number.
- DDT The DİBOL Debugging Technique features breakpoint, variable examination, subroutine call traceback, and iteration.

SORT — COS-310 SORT is a multiphase sort which can reorder a data file containing fixed length records into a specified sequence. The user can specify up to eight fields (with sub-fields) of a fixed length record as a sort key. A file can be sorted in either the ascending or descending sequence of the contents of the fields in each record. The SORT also has merge file capability. This allows each volume of a multivolume file to be sorted independently and then merged with the other volumes within the file. Both sort and merge capabilities are parameterized by a sort control file.

PIP (Peripheral Interchange Program) — PIP is a utility program that transfers files from one device to another. It can replace an existing file with a new file and allow data files to be combined. It can accept input from disk and produce output on terminal, disk, or the line printer. PIP includes the capability to enter PIP commands from a predefined command file in addition to the keyboard. This eliminates the need for an operator response to PIP's prompts and, therefore, reduces the possibility of operator error.

PRINT — PRINT is a utility for the creation of report programs. Using a parameter file which describes the report, PRINT will generate a DIBOL program which will produce that report.

MENU — The MENU program allows the operator to select a function to be performed from a set of functions that is displayed on the screen. The function is a batch stream or a series of monitor commands. These are stored in a command file for operator use. The MENU program reduces operator errors in selecting programs to be run.

FILEX (File Conversion Program) — FILEX is a utility program that converts COS-310 formatted files stored on RK05 disks into OS/8 formatted files and vice versa. On r. 602 diskettes, FILEX permits conversion of data files on RX02 diskettes to be moved onto an

RX01 diskette loaded into the second RX02 disk drive. Conversion of RX01 disk files to RX02 files is also permitted.

In addition, FILEX can convert a COS-310 file stored on a flexible diskette, an RK05 or an RL01 onto an RX01 flexible diskette in a format directly readable by the IBM 3740 series data entry terminal. IBM files on flexible diskettes can be converted to COS-310 format provided they are single volume and there are no bad tracks on the diskette media.

BATCH — Commands to run DIBOL programs and system utilities may be stored in a BATCH file. These job streams may be run by operator command or by the MENU utility.

START-UP FILE — A start-up file may be optionally specified in SYSGEN which would, if present, automatically start a job after the operator bootstrapped the system and entered a valid date.

Format Programs — DKFMT formats RK05 disks. DLFMT formats RL01 disks. DYFMT converts an RX01 diskette into an RX02 diskette. Except for COS-310 software distributed on an RX02, any diskette used on an RX02 drive must be formatted before being used.

MINIMUM HARDWARE REQUIRED:

One of the following (with a minimum of 16K bytes of memory):

- DATASYSTEM 310
- DATASYSTEM 308
- DECstation 78/50, 78/70, 88/50

One of the following (with a minimum of 64K bytes of memory:

• DECstation 88/80, 88/90, 88/92, or 88/97

OPTIONAL HARDWARE:

D308 or DECstation-78

- Up to four RX01 floppy disk drives¹
- Up to four RX02 floppy disk drives
- One LA8, LQP8², or LA120 printer

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- Additional memory up to a system total of 64K bytes
- One VT52 or VT100 console terminal
- Up to four RX01 floppy disk drives
- Up to four RX02 floppy disk drives¹
- Up to four RK05 disk drives (RK05 F counts as 2) and controller
- One LA35, LQP8², LA8A, LA120, LA8, or LP05 printer

DECstation-88

- Up to four RX02 floppy disk drives
- Up to four RL01 disk drives³
- One LA35, LQP8, LA8A, LA120, LA8, or LP05 printer

¹RX01 and RX02 drives are not supported by the same system.

²LQP requires a minimum of 32K bytes of memory of which 8K bytes are used by the LQP handler.

³RK05 and RL01 drives are not supported by the same system

PREREQUISITE SOFTWARE:

None

OPTIONAL SOFTWARE:

COS-310 2780/3780 Communications Software.

TRAINING CREDITS:

TWO (2) — Applies only to options that include support services. Consult the latest Educational Services Catalog at your local office for the available courses, course requirements, and guidelines.

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E = RK05 Disk cartridge

Q = RL01 Disk cartridge

X = RX02 Double density diskette

Y = RX01 Floppy diskette

This software is available only for the systems listed in the minimum hardware section of this SPD, and is offered with support services (includes hardware, single-use license, binaries, documentation, and support services). Systems are also available which include a single-use license only (no binaries, no documentation, and no support services).

Update Options

Users of COS-310 whose specified Support Category warrant has expired may order the following software update at the then current charge for such update, for use under the existing license. Except where the medium is designated as Z, the update is distributed in binary form on the appropriate medium. A software update where the medium is designated as Z grants the user of COS-310 the right to copy the previously ordered QF310-H or QF310-W software update for use on an additional single CPU for which a COS-310 license has been obtained.

QF310 -H— Binaries, documentation (media: E, Q, X, Y)

QF310 -H— Right to copy for single use (under existing license), no binaries, no documentation, no support services (media: Z)

Users of COS-310 whose specified Support Category warranty has not expired may order under license the following software update for the then current media charge. The update is distributed in binary form on the appropriate medium and includes no installation or other services unless specifically stated.

QF310 -W— Binaries, documentation (media: E, Q, X, Y)

Miscellaneous Options:

QF310 -G— Documentation only kit (media: Z)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

None

8 DIGITAL SOFTWARE NEWS CUMULATIVE INDEX JUNE/JULY 1979

This is a complete listing of all articles for current products supported in the 8 Digital Software News. Missing sequence numbers may pertain to problems unique to other versions of the same product.

IMPORTANT!

Retracted articles are indicated: RETRACTION.

Flags are currently being installed for all articles. The flags and definitions are as follows.

- M = Mandatory patch. These patches correct errors in the software product. All users are required to apply these patches to maintain consistent "user level" unless the accompanying article specifies otherwise.
- F = Optional feature patch. These patches extend or configure functionality into the product. These functions will be treated as a supported part of the product for the duration of the current release and will be incorporated with any future release, unless otherwise stated.
- R = Restriction. These articles discuss areas that will not be patched in the current release because they require major modifications orr because of the product. Restrictions, except those described as permanent, are reviewed and modified when possible as part of the normal release cycle.
- N = Note. These articles provide explanatory information that supplements the manual set and provide more detailed information about a program or package. They also provide procedural information to make it easier to use a program or package.

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MENU BUFFER PROBLEM	01	M	Jun/Jul 79	
COS-310/2780 RCDP V6.05,				
LOST RECORDS, INCORRECT RECORDS, CRASHES INCORRECT SEGMENT LENGTHS SOURCE FILE SOURCE/DATA FILE OVERFLOW TEMPORARY FILE BLOCK FATAL ERROR MESSAGES POSSIBLE SYSTEM CRASH OR LOOP WHEN EXITING	02 03 04 05 06	M M M M 6 M 5 M	Feb 78 Feb 78 Feb 78 Feb 78 Feb 78 Feb 78 May 78	

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OS/8 FORTRAN IV PLOTTER V3C				
FORTRAN IV PLOTTER ROUTINE, PSCALE, HANGS IN ENDLESS LOOP PLOTTER OUTPUT PROBLEM	01 02	Apr 77 Aug 77		
RTS/8 V2/V2B				
EXECUTIVE CANNOT FREE PARTITION WITH WAITM RTS-EXEC NON RESIDENT TASK PROBLEM	01 02	Mar 76 Jun 77		
MCR SOME TIME-OF-DAY REQUESTS RUN 24 HOURS LATE DATE PROBLEM	01 02 M	Mar 76 Feb 78		
OS/8 SUPPORT TASK SOURCE CHANGE FOR EXECUTING BATCH USING OS/I SUPPORT COMMUNICATING BETWEEN OS/8 AND RTS-8 EMPTY KEYBOARD INPUT RING BUFFER	01 02 03 04 M	Feb 76 Mar 76 Mar 76 Feb 78		
PWRF RTS/8 POWER FAIL PROBLEM ON PDP8-A	01	Jun 77		
TTY TASK DEFICIENCY IN TTY TASK	01	M ar 76		
UDCICS UDCICS ERROR	01	Feb 78		
OS/8 V3D				
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DOCUMENTATION				
FAULTY DESCRIPTION FOR ERROR PERFORMANCE	01 N#	Oct 77		
HANDLER CTRL/Z AND NULL	01 0#	Oct 77		
NOTES/PROGRAMMING HINTS DATE ALGORITHM	01 N	Dec 77		
UTILITIES ADDING A NEW CCL COMMAND DEFAULT EXTENSIONS FOR TECO HOW TO COPY LARGE FILES	01 N# 02 O# 03 O#	Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77		
OS/8 EXTENSION KIT V3D				
BASIC RESTRICTION ON EXTENDED RANGE FOR-NEXT LOOPS	01 R	Oct 77		
BATCH CANNOT MOVE BATCH INPUT FILE RESTARTING BATCH RUNNING BATCH IN 32K	01 R 02 N 03 O	Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77		
MSBAT MARK SENSE BATCH FORTRAN II READS THROUGH DOLLAR SIGNS	01 0	Oct 77		
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OS/8 FORTRAN IV V3D		
FORLIB.RL V5A PLOT, ADC, AND REALTM MODULES	01 N	Oct 77
F4.SV V4A PASSING ARGUMENTS EQUIVALENCE STATEMENT COMPILER VERSION NUMBERS COMPILER GENERATES WRONG LENGTH QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARRAY SIZES	01 R 02 M 03 N 04 O 05	Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77
FRTS V5A USE OF EAE MODE A FORMATTED INPUT RECORDS LONGER THAN 132 CHARACTERS RUNNING FORTRAN IV UNDER BATCH IN 32K FPP-8A	01 R 02 O 03 O 04 O	Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77 Oct 77

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flags are currently being installed for all articles. The flags and definitions are as follows.

- M = Mandatory patch. These are critical patches which each customer is required to install.
- 0 = Optional patch. These articles are applicable only if the reported problems have occurred at the customer site or if they are unique to his operation.
- $R = \frac{Restriction}{Restriction}$. These problems are not patchable in released software. Restrictions are reviewed and corrected when possible as part of the normal release cycle.
- N = NOTE. This information may be helpful to the user.

Component	Sequence	Mon/Yr
OS/8 V3D		
MONITOR NOTES & DOCUMENTATION USING THE PDP-8/A PARALLEL PORT FOR A LINEPRINTER SOFTWARE REVIEW CORRECTION PROBLEM WHEN YOU DESTROY BATCH	21.1.1 N 21.1.2 N 21.1.3 N	Mar 78 May 78 Aug/Sep 78
CCL DEFAULT EXTENSIONS TO TECO	21.3.1 0	May 78
UTILITIES NOTES & DOCUMENTATION POCUMENTATION EXAMPLE FOR SET BLOCK	21.10.1 N	Jun/Jul 79
CREF SUG WITH FIXTAB	21.15.1 M	May 78
EDIT EDIT PROBLEM WITH NO FORMFEED AT END OF THE INPUT FILE EDIT Q COMMAND AFTER L COMMAND EDIT Q COMMAND PATCH	21.17.1 M 21.17.2 M 21.17.3 M	Mar 78 Jun/Jul 79 Jun/Jul 79
FOTP INCORRECT DIRECTORY VALIDATION	21.19.1 M	Jun/Jul 79
MCPIP DATE-78 PATCH FOR MCPIP	21.21.1 M	Mar 78
PAL8 INCORRECT CORE SIZE ROUTINE ERRONEOUS LINK GENERATION NOTED ON PAGE DIRECTIVE	21.22.1 M 21.22.2 M	Aug/Sep 78 Aug/Sep 78
PIP PIP /Y OPTION DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY WHEN TRANSFERRING A SYSTEM HEAD FROM A DEVICE WHICH IS NOT CO-RESIDENT WITH SYS.	21.23.1 M	Aug/Sep 78

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DID40		
PIP10 DATE '78 PATCH TO PIP10	04 00 4 14	
DATE 1/0 PATCH TO PIP IO	21.24.1 M	Jun/Jul 79
SET		
USING SET WITH TWO-PAGE SYSTEM HANDLERS	21.26.1 M	May 78
SCOPE RUBOUTS FAIL IN SET	21.26.2 M	May 78
PARSING OF = IN TTY WIDTH OPTION	21.26.3 M	Aug/Sep 78
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HANDLERS		
ASR33	04 110 4 11	
HOW TO WRITE TWO-PAGE SYSTEM HANDLERS	21.40.1 N	May 78
LPQ		
LDP01 HANDLER FAILS TO RECOGNIZE TABS	21.49.1 M	Mar 78
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OS/8 EXTENSION KIT V3C		
BASIC		
BRTS		
BASIC FAILS TO OUTPUT 132 CHARACTERS TO LA-36	30.11.1 0	Mar 78
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MSBAT		
DIM STATEMENT NOT WORKING IN MSBAT	30.22.1 M	Dec 78/Jan 79
OS/8 EXTENSION KIT V3D	•	
BASIC		
GOOD RANDOM NUMBERS FOR OS/8 BASIC	31.1.1 N	May 78
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BASIC.UF		
BASIC.UF INCOMPATIBLE FROM OS/8 V3C	31.5.1 M	Aug/Sep 78
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BRTS		
IOTABLE OVERFLOW	31.11.1 M	Mar 78
BASIC PNT FUNCTION	31.11.2 M	Jul 78
LINE SIZE ON OUTPUT OF BASIC	31.11.3 0	Jul 78
BASIC		
BASIC EDITOR HAS A FIELD BOUNDARY BUG	31.12.1 M	Aug/Sep 78
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TECO		
CHANGING THE DEFAULT EU VALUE	31.20.1 0	Mar 78
CHANGING THE DEFAULT EH VALUE	31.20.2 0	Mar 78
REMOVING YANK PROTECTION	31.20.3 0	Mar 78
SCOPE SUPPORT FOR VTO5 USERS	31.20.4 0	Mar 78
PROBLEM WITH AY COMMAND	31.20.5 M	Mar 78
CONDITIONALS INSIDE ITERATIONS ECHOING OF WARNING BELLS	31.20.6 M	Mar 78
CTRL/U SOMETIMES FAILS AFTER *	31.20.7 M 31.20.8 M	Mar 78 May 78
MULTIPLYING BY O IN TECO	31.20.10 M	May 78
Q-REGISTERS DON'T WORK IN 8K	31.20.11 M	MAY 78
CAN'T SKIP OVER A "W"	31.20.12 M	May 78
UNSPECIFIED ITERATIONS AFTER INSERTS	31.20.13 M	Jul 78
NEW FEATURES IN TECO V5	31.20.14 N	Aug/Sep 78
Calum VV		
FUTIL		
FUTIL PATCH	31.21.1 M	May 78
PATCH TO FIX 'SHOW CCB' AND MAPPING OF 'CD' MODULES -237 PATCH	31.21.2 M 31.21.3 O	Aug/Sep 78
FUTIL PATCH TO MACREL/LINK OVERLAYS	31.21.4 N	Aug/Sep 78 Jun/Jul 79
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MSBAT		
DIM STATEMENT NOT WORKING IN MSBAT	31.22.1 M	Dec 78/Jan 79
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BATCH MANUAL THEORY PROUTED EDUCATION IN		
MANUAL INTERVENTION REQUIRED ERRONEOUSLY	31.23.1 M	Aug/Sep 78
NOTES & I OCUMENTATION		
NOTES ON VERSION NUMBERS	35.1.1 N	Apr/May 79
NOTES ABOUT OS/8 V3D DEVICE EXTENSIONS	35.1.2 N	Apr/May 79
FRTS PATCH	35.1.3 M	Apr/May 79
BUILD DOCUMENTATION	35.1.4 N	Apr/May 79
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MONITOR V3S MONITOR V3S PATCH	35.2.1 M	Apr/May 79		
FUTIL V8A	33.2.1 H	api/naj j		
FUTIL UNDER BATCH PATCH	35.13.1 M	Apr/May 79		
ABSLDR V6A ABSLDR PATCH	35.18.1 M	Apr/May 79		
NOTES & DOCUMENTATION BASIC V5				
OS/8 DEVICE EXTENSIONS BASIC DOCUMENTATION	35.50.1 M	Apr/May 79		
OS/8 V3D MACREL/LINKER V1A				
USING FUTIL TO DEBUG OVERLAYS	40.0.1 N	May 78		
LINK PATCH V1D TO LINK	40.2.1 M	May 78		
PATCH V1E TO LINK LINK CORRECTIONS	40.2.2 M 40.2.3 M	May 78 May 78		
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PATCH V1D TO MACREL PATCH V1E TO MACREL	40.5.1 M 40.5.2 M	May 78 May 78		
OVRDR V		• • •		
PATCH V1B TO OVRDRV.MA	40.6.1 M	May 78		
OS/8 MACREL/LINKER V2A				
NOTES & DOCUMENTATION				
EXPUNGE DOCUMENTATION ERROR MACREL VERSION NUMBERS	40.1.1 N 40.1.2 N	Jun/Jul 79 Jun/Jul 79		
MACREL V2C EXPUNGE PATCH TO MACREL	41.4.1 F	Jun/Jul 79		
OS/8 FORTRAN IV V3C				
F4				
FORTRAN COMPILER FAILS TO RECOGNIZE " AS AN ERROR	50.3.1 M	Mar 78		
OS/8 FORTRAN IV V3D				
F4				
FORTRAN COMPILER FAILS TO RECOGNIZE " AS AN ERROR FORTRAN COMPILER NOT RECOGNIZING SYNTAX ERROR	51.3.1 M 51.3.2 M	Jul 78 Jul 78		
FORTRAN RUNTIME SYSTEM 2 PAGE HANDLER	51.3.3 0			
RTS/8 V2B				
PARAM				
INCORRECT CLOCK VALUE IN PARAM FILE	61.2.1 N	Aug/Sep 78		
OS/8 TASKS HANGS WITH TIME SHARE NOT ENABLED	61.3.2 0	Aug/Sep 78		
CLOCK PROBLEM WITH DOUBLE PRECISION CLOCK REQUESTS	61.16.1 M	Aug/Sep 78		
RTS-8 V3				
SYSGEN				
RTS-8 V3 NUMERICAL COMPARE SKIP FUNCTIONS	62.25.1 F	Jun/Jul 79		

Component	Sequence	Mon/Yr
OS/78 V1		
NOTES & DOCUMENTATION OS/78 V1 SUPPORT	70.1.1 N	Oct/Nov 78
HANDLERS LPQ LPQ01 HANDLER FAILS TO RECOGNIZE TABS	70.49.1 M	May 78
BASIC GOOD RANDOM NUMBERS FOR OS/8 BASIC	70.70.1 N	Aug/Sep 78
F4.SV FORTRAN COMPILER FAILS TO RECOGNIZE " AS AN ERROR	70.93.1 M	Aug/Sep 78
OS/78 V2		
NOTES & DOCUMENTATION WRITING A SYMBIONT FOR OS/78 V2	71.1.1 N	Feb/Mar 79
UTILITIES BITMAP FAILS WITH SPOOLER RUNNING	71.12.1 M	Aug/Sep 78
HANDLERS LQP.BN V3 LQP PROBLEM WHEN USED WITH BASIC	71 ho 4 W	0.4.00. =0
RX78B	71.49.1 M	Oct/Nov 78
USE OF SECOND FLOPPY DRIVE (RXA2 7 RXA3) SET BASIC	71.58.1 M	Oct/Nov 78
COMMERCIAL BASIC NOT CLEARING COMMAND DECODER SWITCHES	71.70.2 M	Oct/Nov 78
BCOMP STRING ARRAY CONCATENATION	71.71.1 N	Aug/Sep 78
BLOAD LARGE CORE IMAGE SAVE PROBLEM UNDEFINED LINE NUMBERS IN COMMERCIAL BASIC SAVE FILE FOR LARGE BASIC PROGRAMS	71.72.1 M 71.72.2 71.72.3 M	Aug/Sep 78 Oct/Nov 78 Jun/Jul 79
BRTS BASIC CCL COMMAND USE LARGE BUFFERS IN COMMERCIAL BASIC	71.73.1 N 71.73.2 M	Oct/Nov 78
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