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## Structured design approach to program messages

One of the simplest but most often overlooked aspects of program design is the use of messages, both for informational purposes and when error conditions occur. As a program designer, you have two sets of design criteria that you would like to address. The first set of criteria comes from the end user of the program or utility. They need messages that provide meaningful information concerning the progress of the program as well as meaningful information that can help them address any errors that may occur during the course of its execution. From the program developer's perspective, we need a way to easily create and maintain the messages that the program will produce. With these criteria in mind, we have attempted to create a control section structure that can address both sets of requirements. Our belief is that if we can make the programming aspect easier to implement, the programmer is more likely to increase the number of messages issued, as well as the quality of the messages.

We first turned our attention to an individual message and asked ourselves, what are the requirements for an individual message? We made a couple of base assumptions concerning a message. The first is that the message will be output to a file that can ultimately be printed. Based on that assumption, each message will contain a carriage control byte at the beginning. The second assumption is that all of the messages will be the same maximum length. This is not a technical requirement, but more of a stylistic requirement to facilitate a structured design. The last requirement for a message is that it supports static fields as well as dynamic fields that can be populated during the program execution.

From these simple requirements, we set out to design a macro that could be used to create a message structure. The results of our efforts are shown below in the \$EDFMDFN macro. If you look at the coding in the macro, you will see that it produces a standard structure for each message that it is invoked for. Three fields are always provided for each message. Each of these fields is

defined as a Y-style address constant. The three fields are the length of the message, the displacement to the actual beginning of the message, and the number of dynamic fields that are in the message. If dynamic fields are present in the message, the displacement to each of these fields will be defined next as consecutive Y-style address constants. Following the displacements will be the actual fields that comprise the message.

Let's take a closer look at the macro and the invoking parameters so that we understand what we need to specify. The \$EDTMDFN macro uses a combination of keywords as well as a freeform style of parameter specification. The keywords that are defined in the macro prototype are ID, MAXL, and TRACE. ID can be used to help structure the messages into a sequence of sorts. You can use it based on whatever your program design requirements dictate. We will demonstrate how we used it a little later in this article. The MAXL parameter is used to specify the maximum length of the message. This value will usually be related to the size of the buffer specified for a print or listing file. The TRACE parameter can be used if you want additional information placed into the Assembler listing so that you can see what the various values are within the macro. The actual message or message pieces are specified in a freeform style. They are freeform in the sense that you simply enclose them within quotes. The information within the quotes must begin with specific pieces of information because the macro logic is checking for specific patterns of information. The macro checks to see whether the freeform fields begin with the literals TXT= or DYN=. These two literals represent text and dynamic fields respectively. Please note that when we refer to a field as dynamic, what we really mean is that we want to create a placeholder within the message that we will potentially populate with information at a later time.

A couple of simple examples will help illustrate how to use the macro. Our first example will be a simple message with no dynamic fields. In this example we will let the maximum length default to 133 characters:

```
$EDTMDFN ID=1,
```

-

```
'TXT=PROGMSG-Ø1(I) ', -
'TXT=The audit has been opened'
```

Here is a slightly more extensive invocation, again using the default length of 133 characters:

```
$EDTMDFN ID=2, -
'TXT=PROGMSG-Ø2(W) ', -
'TXT=The number of records written to the file = ', -
'DYN=123,456'
```

In this example, we have provided for a dynamic field that we can place the appropriate information into during the program execution.

Now that we have the macro \$EDTMDFN for message definition, how can we use it to make our programming task easier? We have opted to use the macro to further facilitate a structure to any programs or utilities that we may develop. We have made a design decision that all our program messages will be defined in a separate control section. This keeps all of the messages compartmentalized in a single structure, and also allows us to easily adapt a message module over and over again. To maintain consistency, we have decided that the messages control section will always be named ME\$\$AGE\$. Let's take a look at a simple example of what a ME\$\$AGE\$ module might look like:

```
ME$$AGE$ CSECT                                CSECT NAME
ME$$AGE$ AMODE 31                             SPECIFY AN ADDRESSING MODE
ME$$AGE$ RMODE ANY                           SPECIFY THE RESIDENCY
SPACE 1
DC AL4(A_NEXT-A_FIRST)                       SIZE OF AN ENTRY
DC AL4((A_END-A_FIRST)/(A_NEXT-A_FIRST))     NUMBER OF ENTRIES
SPACE 1
*-----*
* EACH ENTRY IN THE TABLE CONSISTS OF THE MESSAGE NUMBER, AND THE *
* ADDRESS OF THE MESSAGE IN THE CSECT. THE TABLE STRUCTURE CAN *
* ACCOMMODATE 255 MESSAGES. *
*-----*
SPACE 1
A_FIRST DC AL1(Ø1), AL4(MSG_1_B)
A_NEXT  DC AL1(Ø2), AL4(MSG_2_B)
        DC AL1(Ø3), AL4(MSG_3_B)
A_END   EQU *
SPACE 1
$EDTMDFN ID=1, -
'TXT=BCDSINVT-Ø1I ', -
```

```

        ' TXT=THE SYSIN DATASET HAS BEEN OPENED'
$EDTMDFN ID=2,
        ' TXT=BCDSINVT-02I ' ,
        ' TXT=PROCESSING INPUT FROM THE SYSIN DATASET'
$EDTMDFN ID=3,
        ' TXT=BCDSINVT-03E ' ,
        ' TXT=ERROR ENCOUNTERED PROCESSING THE UTILS DATASET. ' ,
        ' TXT=RC = ' ,
        ' DYN=XXXX'
END    ME$AGE$

```

Notice that we have coded the RMODE of the module as ANY. We have done this so that it assumes the residency mode of the program it is included in at linkage edit time. We have also used the Assembler to create a simple table structure that comprises the message number or id. The header of the table has two entries that provide us with the address of the first entry and the total number of entries in the table respectively. We have done this so that we can utilize a simple table look-up to find a message based on the message id. As can be seen in the example, we simply start with a message id of one and then just increment the id for each successive message. In a future article, we will discuss the simple routine that we use to locate a message in the ME\$AGE\$ table. We hope that this discussion of program messages and potential ways to program for them in a structured manner has provided some useful insight and some coding techniques potentially of general use.

## \$EDTMDFN MACRO

```

MACRO
$EDTMDFN &ID=,
        &MAXL=133,
        &TRACE=NO
. *****
. *      $EDTMDFN IS A SIMPLE MACRO THAT CAN BE USED TO CREATE MES- *
. *      SAGES IN A STANDARD LAYOUT STRUCTURE. IT WILL SUPPORT A *
. *      COMBINATION OF STATIC AND DYNAMIC FIELDS. THE MINIMUM RE- *
. *      QUIREMENTS FOR INVOKING THE MACRO ARE THE SPECIFICATION OF *
. *      THE MESSAGE ID, AND AT LEAST ONE FIELD. *
. *
. *      THE GENERATED STRUCTURE WILL ALWAYS CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: *
. *
. *      DC    Y(LENGTH OF THE MESSAGE) *

```

```

.*      DC   Y(DISPLACEMENT TOT HE START OF THE MESSAGE)      *
.*      DC   Y(NUMBER OF DYNAMIC FIELDS)                       *
.*
.*      IF THE NUMBER OF DYNAMIC FIELDS IS NON-ZERO, THEN ADDITIONAL *
.*      Y-TYPE CONSTANTS WILL BE GENERATED WHICH REPRESENT THE DIS- *
.*      PLACEMENT TO EACH DYNAMIC FIELD.                         *
.*
.*      DC   Y(DISPLACEMENT TO DYNAMIC FIELD 1)                *
.*      ..                                               *
.*      ..                                               *
.*      ..                                               *
.*      DC   Y(DISPLACEMENT TO DYNAMIC FIELD N)                *
.*
.*      MESSAGE FIELD(S) WILL BE DEFINED NEXT                  *
.*
.* *****
.* * DEFINE THE LOCAL SYMBOLS WE WILL NEED                      *
.* *****
.*      LCLA  &DYN_CNT      NUMBER OF TEXT/DYNAMIC FIELDS
.*      LCLA  &EL           USED FOR LENGTH CALCULATIONS
.*      LCLA  &NE           NUMBER OF ENTRIES
.*      LCLA  &NI           INDEX VARIABLE
.*      LCLA  &TLEN        USED TO TEST TOTAL LENGTH
.*      LCLC  &DYN(10)     USED TO SAVE TEXT/DYN ELEMENTS
.*      LCLC  &DSP(10)     DISPLACEMENT INDICATOR
.*      LCLC  &LBL_B       LABEL
.*      LCLC  &LBL_E       LABEL
.*      LCLC  &LBL_M       LABEL
.* *****
.* * INITIALIZE SOME OF OUR VARIABLES                            *
.* *****
&DYN_CNT SETA 0
&TLEN   SETA 0
.* *****
.* * CHECK TO SEE WHETHER WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE ENTRY DEFINED *
.* *****
&NE     SETA  N' &SYSLIST
        AIF   (&NE GT 0).OKTST1
        MNOTE 12,' *** ERROR $EDTMDFN MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE TEXT ENTRY-
                DEFINED ***'
        AGO   .MEND
.* OKTST1 ANOP
.* *****
.* * PROCESS THE PARMS AND DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE TXT OR DYN ENTRIES *
.* *****
&NI     SETA  1
.* LOOP1 ANOP
        AIF   (' &SYSLIST(&NI) ' (2, 4) EQ 'TXT=' ).PARMG
        AIF   (' &SYSLIST(&NI) ' (2, 4) EQ 'DYN=' ).EQDYN
        MNOTE 12,' *** ERROR ENTRY MUST BEGIN WITH TXT= OR DYN= ***'

```

```

        AGO      .MEND
.EQDYN  ANOP
&DYN_CNT SETA  &DYN_CNT+1
&DSP(&NI) SETC  'MSG' . '_' . '&ID' . '_' . '&NI'
.PARMG  ANOP
&EL     SETA   K' &SYSLIST(&NI)-6
&TLEN   SETA   &TLEN+&EL
&DYN(&NI) SETC  '&SYSLIST(&NI)' (6, &EL)
&NI     SETA   &NI+1
        AIF    (&NI LE &NE). LOOP1
.
*****
* TEST THE TOTAL LENGTH OF OUR MESSAGE. DO NOT WANT TO EXCEED MAX      *
*****
        AIF    (&TLEN LE &MAXL-1). GOTRAC
        MNOTE  12, ' *** SPECIFIED LENGTH OF &TLEN PLUS CARRIAGE CONTROL -
                BYTE EXCEEDS THE MAX LENGTH OF &MAXL ***'
        AGO      .MEND
.GOTRAC ANOP
.
*****
* TRACE LOOP TO DISPLAY INFORMATION IN THE ASSEMBLER LISTING          *
*****
        AIF    ('&TRACE' EQ 'NO'). NOTRAC
&NI     SETA   1
.TRACE  ANOP
        MNOTE  *, 'DYN(&NI) --> &DYN(&NI) '
&NI     SETA   &NI+1
        AIF    (&NI LE &NE). TRACE
.NOTRAC ANOP
&LBL_B  SETC  'MSG' . '_' . '&ID' . '_B'
&LBL_E  SETC  'MSG' . '_' . '&ID' . '_E'
&LBL_M  SETC  'MSG' . '_' . '&ID'
&LBL_B  DS    0H
        DC    Y(&LBL_E-&LBL_B)          COMPUTE LENGTH OF THE MESSAGE
        DC    Y(&LBL_M-&LBL_B)          COMPUTE DISP. TO START OF MSG.
        DC    Y(&DYN_CNT)              SPECIFY NUMBER OF DYNAMIC FLDS.
        AIF    (&DYN_CNT EQ 0). ELOOP2
.
*****
* LOOP TO GENERATE THE NEEDED ADDRESS CONSTANTS                        *
*****
&NI     SETA   1
.LOOP2  ANOP
        AIF    ('&DSP(&NI)' EQ ''). NODSP
        DC    Y(&DSP(&NI)-&LBL_B)      DEFINE DISPLACEMENT
.NODSP  ANOP
&NI     SETA   &NI+1
        AIF    (&NI LE &NE). LOOP2
.ELOOP2 ANOP
.
*****
* LOOP TO GENERATE CONSTANTS                                          *
*****

```



```

&NI      SETA  1
.LOOP3   ANOP
        AIF   (&NI NE 1).NOT1
&LBL_M  DS    0X
        DC   C' '
        CARRIAGE CONTROL
.LOOP3   ANOP
        AIF   (' &DSP(&NI)' EQ ' ').NODSP1
&DSP(&NI) DS  0X
.LOOP3   ANOP
        DC   C' &DYN(&NI)'
&NI      SETA  &NI +1
        AIF   (&NI LE &NE).LOOP3
&LBL_E  EQU   *
.LOOP3   ANOP
        MEND

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## Using high-level Assembler (HLASM) SYSADATA for SORT SYMNames processing

I frequently use the SORT utility to process data by means of its INCLUDE/OMIT facilities. In particular, I find myself dealing with SMF data quite regularly. For years, I have been using INCLUDE/OMIT to extract data from SMF, for fields which the IBM-supplied SMF dump/extract utility (IFASMFDP) did not provide extraction keywords. This works well for SMF records where the fields in question are not part of variable sections, and has sometimes been usable even in certain SMF record variable sections.

A short time ago, I found a feature of SORT (both DF/Sort and Syncsort for z/OS) that allows the creation of a symbol file. This symbol file, referred to with the DDname of SYMNames, is used to define record layouts so that the user can refer to fields and constants by their symbolically-defined names, rather than by their offset, length, and data types. I also came across a program on one of my favourite Web sites, [www.planetmvs.com](http://www.planetmvs.com), that was written as an example of processing HLASM SYSADATA files. Between the two discoveries came the idea of using HLASM

SYSADATA files, generated by assembling SMF record mapping macros, to build SORT SYMNAMEs files.

The JCL shown below assembles a group of SMF mapping macros for the sole purpose of generating a SYSADATA file. This file is used as input to a REXX EXEC, called SCNADATA, shown following the JCL. SCNADATA makes use of two SYSADATA records types, called Symbol records and DC/DS records. This was required because I found that, after beginning to code what I thought was going to be a very easy REXX EXEC using only the symbol records, I found a snag that necessitated the use of the DC/DS records. Symbol records are generated only for fields that have symbols, as their name implies. Looking initially at the types of symbol record, I thought that unlabelled DC/DS statements would wind up with one of the 15 defined symbol types. This was an error of judgement. I found that unlabelled DC/DS statements would generate only DC/DS records, and that I would have to match up the records by their statement numbers in order to account for unlabelled fields.

The symbol names generated by SCNADATA will be the label names from the macros that get assembled, with some caveats. While Assembler labels can be up to 63 bytes in length, SORT SYMNAMEs labels can only be up to 50 bytes. Therefore SCNADATA will truncate any label longer than 50 bytes to be only 50 bytes in length, and write comment statements in its output indicating the label truncation. Be aware that this can cause duplicate labels to be generated. Additionally, when processing DC/DS records, there are no associated labels for their fields. For these records, SCNADATA will generate its own label names in the form of \$OFFnnnnn, where nnnnn is a 5-digit decimal number that corresponds to the offset of the DC/DS field within the assembled program.

The sample JCL can be used to create a single SYSADATA file corresponding to a single SMF mapping macro, or every defined IBM and user SMF record can be defined in a single assembly. I elected to store the SYSADATA files as PDS members, in some cases with one SMF mapping macro for one PDS member, in

other cases multiple related SMF mapping macros to a single PDS member (such as SMF types 70 to 79, which are all the RMF records). Either way, whenever there might be changes to any SMF record mapping, either the individual SMF mapping macro can be reassembled and processed by SCNADATA, or all 256 possible macros can be reassembled and processed in one invocation. Of course, some offset/length/datatype coding would still be required for tasks such as extracting data for jobnames that begin with certain characters, such as 'TSO'. This is because the SMF mapping macros define the jobname fields as eight characters. However, you can get around this, and still use symbol names, if you add Assembler EQU statements for the necessary fields and lengths prior to running the complete jobstream. For example, to be able to extract SMF type 14 data for jobs that begin with the characters 'TSO', you would need to add only the following code within the Assembler input, preferably after the IFASMFR 14 statement in the Assembler deck:

```
SMF14JBN1_3 EQU SMF14JBN, 3, C' C'
TSOPFX      DC  CL3' TSO'
TYPE14X     EQU X' 0E' , 1, C' X'      alternative 1 (no storage needed)
TYPE14A     DC  AL1(14)                alternative 2 (decimal numbers)
```

This would define the field SMF14JBN1\_3 as a 3-byte field, with a data type of character, and the field TSOPFX as a 3-byte field with a value of 'TSO'. The TYPE14 fields can be coded in either format, depending on the comfort, readability, and maintainability of using decimal or hexadecimal values. The above statements could also be hand-coded as SYMNames statements and concatenated with any prior generated SCNADATA output. The results either way would be the same, and fields could then be referenced as follows:

```
I INCLUDE COND=(SMF14RTY, EQ, TYPE14A, AND,
                SMF14JBN1_3, EQ, TSOPFX)
```

While this process works fine for SMF records that do not have variable sections, those that do pose some problems. However, I have found myself able to 'cheat' at handling such records. This stems from the fact that, although the sequence of sections cannot be guaranteed, they do tend to come out in somewhat

repeatable order. The order tends to be the same as that listed for the SMF records in the appropriate level of the IBM SMF manual. This works for the first variable section that follows a fixed section, as well as when there is only one repetition of a variable section, rather than multiple occurrences. By printing raw SMF records in dump format, you can begin to see the patterns that some SMF records take. Such printing can be performed using the IDCAMS utility PRINT statement, or DASD utilities such as DF/DSS or FDR/DSF. This information can then be used to gauge the effectiveness of the SYMNames record layouts being generated.

Please be aware that I have not tested the use of every possible type of SMF record being properly handled by SCNADATA, nor has it been used against other types of record mapping macros. Neither has it been coded for all possible permutations of data, because I wanted to keep the REXX code fairly simple. For instance, it is possible to code the following, which would not be correctly handled:

```
FIELD1  DC F' 1, 2, 3, 4'
FIELD2  DC 2F' 1, 2, 3, 4' , 2H' 5, 6, 7, 8'
```

This is because the SYSADATA DC/DS records get more complex when multiple operands and/or values are coded. SCNADATA will detect the presence of both multiple operands and/or multiple values. If any such fields are found, the program will issue a warning message and terminate. However, for most of the SMF records I have come across, this has not presented a problem.

Sample JCL to assemble a program and process SYSADATA output follows:

```
//ADATA      PROC M=
//HLASM      EXEC PGM=ASMA90, PARM=' ADATA, NOOBJECT'
//SYSLIB     DD DISP=SHR, DSN=SYS1. MACLIB
//           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=SYS1. MODGEN
//           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=SYS2. MACLIB
//SYSUT1     DD DSN=&&SYSUT1, SPACE=(4096, (120, 120), , , ROUND), UNIT=VIO
//SYSPRINT   DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSADATA   DD DISP=SHR, DSN=userid. SYSADATA(&M)
//SYSIN      DD DISP=SHR, DSN=userid. ASM(&M)
```

```

//IKJEFT01 EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01, DYNAMNBR=99,
//          PARM='%SCNADATA  ' 'useri d. SYSADATA(&M)' ' '
//SYSPROC  DD DISP=SHR, DSN=useri d. EXEC
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN  DD DUMMY
//          PEND
//ADATA1   EXEC ADATA, M=SMFSAMP
//HLASM. SYSIN DD *
$SMF000 DSECT
          IFASMFR 0
$SMF002 DSECT
          IFASMFR 2
$SMF003 DSECT
          IFASMFR 3
$SMF004 DSECT
          IFASMFR 4
$SMF005 DSECT
          IFASMFR 5
$SMF006 DSECT
          IFASMFR 6
$SMF007 DSECT
          IFASMFR 7
$SMF008 DSECT
          IFASMFR 8
$SMF009 DSECT
          IFASMFR 9
$SMF010 DSECT
          IFASMFR 10
$SMF011 DSECT
          IFASMFR 11
$SMF014 DSECT
          IFASMFR 14
$SMF017 DSECT
          IFASMFR 17
$SMF018 DSECT
          IFASMFR 18
$SMF019 DSECT
          IFASMFR 19
          END
/*
//SORT     EXEC PGM=SORT
//SYSOUT   DD SYSOUT=*
//SORTOUT  DD DISP=(NEW, PASS), UNIT=3390, SPACE=(CYL, (5, 1)), DSN=&&TT
//SORTIN   DD DISP=SHR, DSN=useri d. SMFDATA
//SYMNOUTS DD SYSOUT=*
//SYMNAMES DD DISP=SHR, DSN=useri d. SYSADATA(&M)
//SYSIN    DD *
          OPTION VLSHRT
          SORT FIELDS=(SMF14DTE, A, SMF14TME, A, SMF14SID, A), FIELDSZ=E20000
          RECORD TYPE=V, LENGTH=(32756, 32756, 32756)

```

```

INCLUDE COND=(SMF14RTY,EQ,X'0E',AND,
              SMF14JBN,EQ,C'useridX ')
/*

SCNADATA REXX EXEC follows:

/*              rexx comment *** start standard header
SCNADATA Scan HLASM adata file to build SYMNames statements for SORT
              rexx comment *** end   standard header
*/

parse upper arg dsn
a = sysdsn(dsn)
if a ^= "OK" then do
  say "Dataset" dsn "checking failed ("a")"
  exit 8
end /* if a */

"ALLOC DD(SYSADATA) DA("dsn") SHR REUSE"
alloc_rc = rc
if alloc_rc ^= 0 then do
  say "Dataset" dsn "allocation failed, rc="alloc_rc
  exit alloc_rc
end /* if alloc_rc */

"EXECIO * DISKR SYSADATA (STEM RECIN. FINIS"
execio_rc = rc
if execio_rc ^= 0 then do
  say "Dataset" dsn "read failed, rc="execio_rc
  exit alloc_rc
end /* if alloc_rc */

"FREE DD(SYSADATA)"
/* process the SYSADATA file for Symbol and DC/DS records */
symrec   = '0042'x          /* Symbol record indicator */
dcdsrec  = '0034'x          /* DC/DS record indicator  */
ordinary = '0D'x           /* symbol type value for Ordinary */
equate   = '0C'x           /* symbol type value for EQU   */
sym42.   = ""              /* Symbol record array       */
sym34.   = ""              /* DC/DS record array        */
reco.    = ""              /* SYMNames record array     */
sym42cnt = 0               /* Symbol record counter     */
sym34cnt = 0               /* DC/DS record counter      */
reccnt   = 0               /* SYMNames record counter   */

do i = 1 to recin.0
  rectyp = substr(recin.i,2,2)
  if rectyp = symrec | rectyp = dcdsrec then nop
  else iterate
  if rectyp = symrec then do /* process Symbol records */
    symtype = substr(recin.i,21,1)
    /* only use symbol types Ordinary and EQU */
    if symtype = ordinary | symtype = equate then nop
    else iterate
    stmtnum = substr(recin.i,17,4)
  end
end

```

```

    stmtnumd = c2d(stmtnum)
    sym42cnt = sym42cnt + 1
    sym42cnt = max(stmtnumd, sym42cnt)
    sym42.stmtnumd = reci.n.i
    iterate
end /* if rectyp */
else do /* process DC/DS records */
    stmtnum = substr(reci.n.i, 25, 4)
    stmtnumd = c2d(stmtnum)
    sym34cnt = sym34cnt + 1
    sym34cnt = max(stmtnumd, sym34cnt)
    sym34.stmtnumd = reci.n.i
    iterate
end /* else */
end /* do i */
sym42.Ø = sym42cnt
sym34.Ø = sym34cnt
/* process both the resulting Symbol and DC/DS record arrays */
maxrecs = max(sym34.Ø, sym42.Ø)
do i = 1 to maxrecs
    symlen = length(sym42.i)
    dcdslen = length(sym34.i)
    select /* decide which record to use to build SYMNames statements */
        when symlen = Ø & ,
            dcdslen = Ø then iterate /* format no record */
        when dcdslen = Ø | ,
            (dcdslen > Ø & symlen > Ø) then do /* format Symbol record */
                call proc_sym
                iterate
            end /* when dcdslen */
        when symlen = Ø then do /* format DC/DS record */
            call proc_dcds
            iterate
        end /* when symlen */
    end /* select when symlen/dcdslen */
end /* do i */
"EXECIO * DISKW SYMNames (STEM RECO. FINIS"
exit

proc_sym:
symtype = substr(sym42.i, 21, 1)
fldfmt = substr(sym42.i, 22, 1)
flddupx = substr(sym42.i, 23, 4)
fldlenx = substr(sym42.i, 27, 2)
length = max(x2d(c2x(flddupx)), 1) * x2d(c2x(fldlenx))
offsetx = substr(sym42.i, 33, 4)
select
    when symtype = ordinary then ,
        offset = x2d(c2x(offsetx)) + 1

```

```

when symtype = equate then do
  symflg = substr(sym42.i, 37, 1)
  if symflg = '80'x then do
    offset = x2d(c2x(offsetx)) + 1
    offlen = ((length(offset) + 1) % 2) * 2
    end /* if symflg */
  else do /* make it an even # of digits */
    offset = strip(c2x(offsetx), "L", "0")
    offlen = ((length(offset) + 1) % 2) * 2
    offset = "X" || right(offset, offlen, "0") || ""
    end /* else do */
  end /* when symtype = equate */
otherwise nop
end /* select when symtype */
lablen = x2d(c2x(substr(sym42.i, 45, 2)))
labtrunc1 = ""
labtrunc2 = ""
if lablen > 50 then do
  laborig = substr(sym42.i, 47, lablen)
  labtrunc1 = "*** Above label was truncated in length" ,
    "from" lablen "to 50 (original label below)"
  labtrunc2 = "*** " laborig
  lablen = 50
end /* if lablen */
label = substr(sym42.i, 47, lablen)
select /* set sort field format (default = BI) */
  when fldfmt = "C" then format = "CH"
  when fldfmt = "P" then format = "PD"
  when fldfmt = "Z" then format = "ZD"
  otherwise format = "BI" /* default to binary data type */
end /* select when fldfmt */
/* format the data line to be displayed */
select
  when symtype = ordinary then do /* Symbol ordinary label */
    reccnt = reccnt + 1
    reco.reccnt = label, "offset", "length", "format"
  end /*when symtype = ordinary */
  when symtype = equate then do /* Symbol EQU name */
    reccnt = reccnt + 1
    if symflg ^= '80'x then /* Symbol absolute EQU */
      reco.reccnt = " ||label", "offset"
    else reco.reccnt = label, "offset", "length", "format"
  end /* when symtype = equate */
  otherwise do
    reccnt = reccnt + 1
    reco.reccnt = label, "offset" "***OTHER-UNKNOWN***"
  end /* otherwise */
end /* select when symtype */
if labtrunc1 ^= "" then do

```



```

    reccnt = reccnt + 1
    reco.reccnt = labtrunc1
    reccnt = reccnt + 1
    reco.reccnt = labtrunc2
end /* if labtrunc */
return 0

proc_dcads:
numops = substr(sym34.i, 17, 2)
numvals = substr(sym34.i, 39, 2)
if numops > 1 | numvals > 1 then do
    say "*** Multiple operands/values were detected on a DC/DS record"
    say "*** SCNADATA is not able to handle this occurrence, aborting"
    exit 20
end /* if numops */
offsetx = substr(sym34.i, 29, 4)
offset = x2d(c2x(offsetx)) + 1
fl ddupx = substr(sym34.i, 33, 4)
fl dfmt = substr(sym34.i, 38, 1)
numvals = x2d(c2x(substr(sym34.i, 39, 2)))
fl dl enx = substr(sym34.i, 49, 2)
maxdup = max(x2d(c2x(fl ddupx)), 1)
length = maxdup * x2d(c2x(fl dl enx)) * numvals
offl abl = right(offset, 5, "0")
select /* set sort field format (default = BI) */
    when fl dfmt = "C" then format = "CH"
    when fl dfmt = "P" then format = "PD"
    when fl dfmt = "Z" then format = "ZD"
    otherwise format = "BI" /* default to binary data type */
end /* select when fl dfmt */
reccnt = reccnt + 1
reco.reccnt = "$OFF"offl abl ", "offset", "length", "format /* dummy label */
return 0

```

## Query allocated datasets

The following program was created to act as a subroutine for other Assembler programs in order to get allocation information for a particular dataset or DDname. For example, you are running a program and you need to know the datasetname for a given DDname, or you know the dsname but need the DDname.

The program issues an SVC99 (dynalloc) with function number 7 – get information allocation. It has only two parameters: the first is always the DDname, and the second is the dsname. If you know the DDname and want to know the dsname, supply the DDname and leave the dsname filled with spaces or low-values. Upon return, the dsname will contain the desired information. Or – the other way around – if you know the dsname and need the DDname, supply a blank DDname and fill in the dsname.

If you supply both parameters filled or both blank, the program returns 1 in register 15 (and 0 in register 0). If there is some other error, for example the dataset is not allocated, both R0 and R15 will contain the codes as set by SVC99. For details on error codes, refer to the dynalloc macro in the *Application Development Guide: Authorized Assembler Language Programs*, GC28-1645.

#### DYNALOC7 SOURCE CODE

```
*=====*
```

```
*
* DYNALOC7 - DYNALOC FUNCTION 7 - Retrieve allocation information
* Returns datasetname for a DDname or vice versa.
*
* PARM1: DDNAME(8) One parm is given, the other is returned. The
* PARM2: DSNAME(44) parm to be returned must be spaces or low val
* ues upon entry. The return codes set are:
* R0=0 , R15=0. Function completed.
* R0=0 , R15=1. No parm or both parms supplied.
* Others: as set by Dynaloc call.
*=====*
```

```
*
&PROGRAM SETC 'DYNALOC7'
&PROGRAM CSECT
&PROGRAM AMODE 31
&PROGRAM RMODE 24
SAVE (14,12)
LR R12,R15
USING &PROGRAM,R12
ST R13,SAVEA+4
LA R11,SAVEA
ST R11,8(R13)
LR R13,R11
B MOVEPARM
DC CL16' &PROGRAM 1.1'
```

```

*
DC      CL8' &SYSDATE'
*
MOVEPARM DS      ØH
LR      R2, R1
L       R3, Ø(Ø, R2)      R3: PARM1 address
MVC     DDNAME, Ø(R3)     move DDname to dynal loc area
L       R4, 4(Ø, R2)      R4: PARM2 address
MVC     DSNNAME, Ø(R4)    move Dsname to dynal loc area
MVI     FLAG, X' ØØ'      Initialize flag and
MVC     DYDDLENG, =X' ØØØ8' default lengths
MVC     DYDSLENG, =X' ØØ2C'
*
TESTDD  EQU      *
CLC     DDNAME, =CL8' '   DDname spaces or low-values?
BE      TESTDSN          Yes, jump
CLC     DDNAME, =XL8' ØØ'
BE      TESTDSN
OI      FLAG, C' 1'      Set flag DD speci fi ed
*
TESTDSN EQU      *
CLC     DSNNAME, =CL44' ' DSname spaces or low-values?
BE      TESTBOTH         No, jump
CLC     DSNNAME, =XL44' ØØ'
BE      TESTBOTH
OI      FLAG, C' 2'      Set flag DSN speci fi ed
*
TESTBOTH EQU      *
CLI     FLAG, C' 1'
BE      EXECDYN1
CLI     FLAG, C' 2'
BE      EXECDYN2
L       R15, =F' 1'      Error: no param or both parms
XR      RØ, RØ
B       EXITØ           Return
*
EXECDYN1 EQU      *
MVC     DYDDNAME, =X' ØØØ1' DDname given
MVC     DYDSNAME, =X' ØØØ5' Ask for Dsname
LA      R5, DDNAME       String address
XR      R9, R9           Clear character counter
LH      R6, =H' 8'       Max length
BAL     R1Ø, FINDSPC     Find DDname length
STH     R9, DYDDLENG     and store it for dynal oc
BAL     R1Ø, EXECDYN     Call dynal oc subroutine
LA      R5, DSNNAME      Load answer address
LH      R6, =H' 44'      and length
BAL     R1Ø, CLEARLOW    turn low-values to spaces
MVC     Ø(44, R4), DSNNAME Move answer to parameter
B       EXITØ
*

```

```

EXECDDYN2 EQU *
MVC DYDDNAME, =X' 0004' Ask for DDname
MVC DYDSNAME, =X' 0002' Dsname given
LA R5, DSNAME String address
XR R9, R9 Clear character counter
LH R6, =H' 44' Max length
BAL R10, FINDSPC Find dsname length
STH R9, DYDSLENG and store it for dynalloc
BAL R10, EXECDDYN Call dynalloc subroutine
LA R5, DDNAME Load answer address
LH R6, =H' 8' and length
BAL R10, CLEARLOW turn low-values to spaces
MVC 0(8, R3), DDNAME Move answer to parameter
*
EXIT0 EQU * Exit. R15 (Return code) and
L R13, SAVEA+4 R0 (reason code) are kept as
L R14, 12(R13) set by dynalloc.
LM R1, R12, 24(R13) If everything ok, R15 is zero.
BR R14
*
*=====*
* Subroutines *
*=====*
*
FINDSPC EQU * This routine returns in R9
CLI 0(R5), X' 40' the number of characters in a
BE FINDSPCF string, up to the first space
CLI 0(R5), X' 00' or low-value.
BE FINDSPCF The string is addressed by R5.
LA R5, 1(0, R5) R6 is the string length.
LA R9, 1(0, R9)
BCT R6, FINDSPC
FINDSPCF EQU *
BR R10 Return
*
CLEARLOW EQU * This routine replaces
CLI 0(R5), X' 00' low-values by spaces.
BNE CLEARL02 The string is addressed by R5
MVI 0(R5), X' 40' R6 is the string length.
CLEARL02 EQU *
LA R5, 1(0, R5)
BCT R6, CLEARLOW
BR R10 Return
*
EXECDDYN EQU * Dynalloc subroutine
LA R1, DYNADDR Address parameters
DYNALLOC Call SVC99
BR R10 Return
*
*=====*

```

```

*           Work areas           *
*=====*
*
FLAG      DC      X' 00'
SAVEA    DS      18F           Save registers
DYNADDR  DS      0F           Dynaloc parameters
         DC      X' 80'       High bit on for...
         DC      AL3(DYNBLOCK) request block address
DYNBLOCK DS      0CL20       Request block
DYNLENGT DC      X' 14'       Block length (20 bytes)
DYNVERB  DC      X' 07'       Verb code 07 - info
DYNFLAGS DC      H' 0'
DYNERRCD DC      H' 0'       Error reason code
DYNERRIN DC      H' 0'       Informational reason code
DYNLISAP DC      A(DYNTXTPT)  Text pointer address
DYNRBEXT DC      F' 0'       No request block extension
DYNFLAG2 DC      4X' 00'     Flags for authorized functions
*
DYNTXTPT EQU      *           Text pointers
         DC      A(DYDDNAME)  DDname pointer
         DC      X' 80'       Last pointer has high-bit on
         DC      AL3(DYDSNAME) DSname pointer
*
DYDDNAME DS      CL2           1: given      4: returned
         DC      X' 0001'
DYDDLENG DS      CL2           DDname area length
DDNAME   DS      CL8           DDname area
*
DYDSNAME DS      CL2           5: returned  2: given
         DC      X' 0001'
DYDSLENG DS      CL2           dsname area length
DSNAME   DS      CL44          dsname area
*
          YREGS
          END

```

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## Using PF keys – a shortcut to running CLISTs

The use of PF keys allows you to achieve results directly with a single key (PFK) press. To avoid a series of repetitive commands, you can set up a PFK with the name of a TSO CLIST, which can be executed immediately.



```

e F10 . . LEFT LONG Left e
e F11 . . RIGHT LONG Right e
e F12 . . CANCEL SHORT Cancel e
DssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssM

```

I need to browse the SYSLOG quite often and control my jobs' output too. Rather than continuously press *Enter* and PF2/PF3/PF9, until arriving at the SDSF menu, I want to set up two small commands, which will save me time.

- 2 Entering PF8, we go to the second set of keys (PF 13-24); we enter the command **tso %sflog** in place of the pre-defined F13 key, and **tso %sfst** on the F16 line, as in the following screen:

```

Essssssssssssssssssssssss Keylist Utility sssssssssssssssssssssssssN
e File e
e sssssssssssssssssssssssss e
e PRIVATE ISR Keylist ISRxxxx Change Row 13 to 24 of 24 e
e Command ==> Scroll ==> PAGE e
e e
e Make changes and then select File action bar. e
e e
e Keylist Help Panel Name . . . ISRSxxxx e
e e
e Key Definition Format Label e
e F13 . . ;tso %sflog SHORT Help e
e F14 . . SPLIT LONG Split e
e F15 . . END SHORT End e
e F16 . . ;tso %sfst SHORT Return e
e F17 . . RFIN D SHORT Rfi nd e
e F18 . . RCHANGE SHORT Rchange e
e F19 . . UP LONG Up e
e F20 . . DOWN LONG Down e
e F21 . . SWAP LONG Swap e
e F22 . . LEFT SHORT Left e
e F23 . . RIGHT SHORT Ri ght e
e F24 . . CRETRIEV SHORT Cretri ev e
DssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssssM

```

- 3 Exit from this screen by pressing PF3. On the top right of the screen will be displayed **Keylist saved**.
- 4 The **SFLOG** and **SFST** commands correspond to the two CLISTs, which are two members of a partitioned library concatenated to //SYSPROC DD in the logon procedure.

Clist SFLOG will contains the following line:

```
ISPEXEC SELECT PGM(ISFISP) PARM(LOG) NOCHECK NEWAPPL(ISF)
```

The result will be the display of the SYSLOG, as follows:

```
SDSF SYSLOG 5138.105 SINB SINB 07/26/2002 0W 4,041 COLUMNS 1 80
COMMAND INPUT ==> SCROLL ==> PAGE
137 00000081 IST1051I EVENT CODE = 02
137 00000081 IST1062I EVENT ID = 0000
137 00000081 IST314I END
01000000 SINB 02207 15:20:10.60 STC05008 00000081 IST663I CDINIT
REQUEST F
***** BOTTOM OF DATA *****
```

Clist SFST will contain the following line:

```
ISPEXEC SELECT PGM(ISFISP) PARM(ST &SYSUID.*) NOCHECK NEWAPPL(ISF)
```

The result will be the display of my user-prefixed job status.  
For example, if my TSO SYSUID is L041105, I'll see:

```
SDSF STATUS DISPLAY ALL CLASSES LINE 1-7 (7)
COMMAND INPUT ==> SCROLL ==> PAGE
NP JOBNAME JobID Owner Prty Queue C Pos SAff ASys Status
L0411052 JOB02082 L041105 1 PRINT B 53
L0411053 JOB02088 L041105 1 PRINT B 54
L041105P JOB02089 DB2UT 1 PRINT B 55
L041105C JOB02090 L041105 1 PRINT B 56
L041105C JOB02103 L041105 1 PRINT B 64
L0411056 JOB02104 L041105 1 PRINT B 65
L041105P JOB02105 DB2UT 1 PRINT B 66
```

5 To obtain the results above, press F13 (shift + F1) and F16 (shift + F4). This is now sufficient to enter SDSF panels.

So, think of the many possibilities there are in associating your personal command utilities with one key. Enjoy!

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## Exploring IPCS exit services for customization

Have you ever used IPCS (Interactive Problem Control System) to assist in diagnosing a problem on OS/390 or an associated OS/390 subsystem and marvelled at what IPCS can provide? Maybe you've even grudgingly used IPCS, fumbled through its ISPF interface, and wrestled with its cryptic commands, eventually getting what you wanted, but never being sure why or how. Perhaps you've simply made use of IPCS as a tool without regard to what was happening in the background – you were just happy that it made you look like a hero again to your manager. Rest assured, if any of these describes you, you are not alone.

Out of the box, IPCS provides an extremely powerful diagnostic interface for OS/390 (any reference to OS/390 throughout the article implies z/OS as well). What's particularly amazing is that virtually all of the components that make up the 'out of the box' IPCS offering are also available for use by the creative IPCS user. This starts right from the ability to create simple control block models, extends through to function-specific exits such as those that would be used for the ASCB exit or the CBSTAT exit, and culminates with a general purpose VERBEXIT exit that offers a very high degree of flexibility.

IPCS customization as it relates to exits comes in three basic flavours:

- Function-specific exits
- Stand-alone service routines
- Exit services router functions.

### FUNCTION-SPECIFIC EXITS

IPCS provides a number of different function-specific exits that can be used to augment the standard IPCS offering. Function-specific exits fall into three broad categories:

- Exits that are invoked in a sequential manner based on the issuance of a specific IPCS subcommand. An example would be the ANALYZE exits that are executed when the **ANALYZE IPCS** subcommand is invoked.
- Subcommand-specific exits that are invoked through a subcommand request. Examples of exits that would fall into this category would be exits invoked through the ASCBEXIT or TCBEXIT subcommands.
- Exits that are invoked through the use of a subcommand operand. Examples of these exits include exits specified for FORMAT, CBSTAT, FIND, or SCAN subcommand operands.

The BLSCECT or BLSCUSER members from the SYS1.PARMLIB concatenation can contain definitions that cause some of the exits to be automatically invoked based on usage. *Writing IPCS Exit Routines*, chapter 8 of the *OS/390 MVS IPCS Customization* manual, provides a more detailed discussion on the creation and use of function-specific exits.

#### STAND-ALONE SERVICE ROUTINES

IPCS also provides a number of stand-alone service routines. These routines are typically invoked using the LINK macro or a LOAD/CALL sequence. Some of the services that fall into this category include:

- BLSUSTOP – this service provides the ability to quiesce an IPCS transaction.
- BLSUXTID – this service provides the ability to convert an 8-byte TOD clock value into a 26-character timestamp value (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss:ffff).
- BLSUMTOD – this service provides the ability to convert a 17-character timestamp value (mm/dd/yy hh:mm:ss) into its corresponding 8-byte TOD clock value.
- BLSUXTOD – this service provides the ability to convert a 26-character timestamp value (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss:ffffff) into its corresponding 8-byte TOD clock value.

Although these services would be used primarily from within IPCS exit applications, services like BLSUXTID, BLSUMTOD, and BLSUXTOD can be used externally as well. *IPCS Exit Services*, chapter 10 of the *OS/390 MVS IPCS Customization* manual, provides a detailed discussion on the use of these service routines.

#### EXIT SERVICES ROUTER FUNCTIONS

The IPCS exit services router provides a number of internal IPCS functions that really allow for exploiting the capabilities of IPCS. Some of the services provided by the exit services router include:

- Add symptom service
- Control block formatter service
- Control block status service
- Equate symbol service
- Expanded print service
- Format model processor service
- Get symbol service
- Storage access service
- Symbol service
- Table of contents service

Chapter 10, *IPCS Exit Services* in the *OS/390 MVS IPCS Customization* manual, provides a complete list of exit services router functions.

The anchor control block for using IPCS exit services invoked through the IPCS exit services router is the ABDPL (ABDUMP Parameter List). It is mapped by the BLSABDPL macro and, depending on which IPCS exit services you will be making use of, the BLSABDPL macro invocation can be used to expose various DSECTs as required. The address of the ABDPL is passed as a parameter to the VERBEXIT invoked program and

it can be referenced as necessary. IPCS exit services are invoked by passing the ABDPL address, an access service code, and an access service specific parameter list (as required) to the IPCS exit service router. The exit services router will perform the specified request and will return a return code to the caller, indicating the status of the request.

#### IPCS CUSTOMIZATION EXAMPLE

The rest of this article focuses on exit services router functions. A simple but practical IPCS VERBEXIT exit routine, SSCVTCHK, shows example usage for the following exit services router functions:

- Equate symbol service
- Expanded print service
- Format model processor service
- Storage access service
- Table of contents service.

Once these services have been demonstrated it shouldn't be difficult to create custom exits for your own purposes to use within IPCS.

The SSCVTCHK exit example supplied with this article provides the ability to examine an OS/390 SSCVT (SubSystem Communication Vector Table) chain and it displays information about the subsystems that have been defined. In the absence of an exit parameter, the exit will list all defined SSCVTs and the status of the subsystem (whether it is inactive or active and, if it is active, the function codes that are supported, along with the addresses of the function routines). Expect to see output similar to that shown below when you issue the following IPCS subcommand from IPCS option 6.

Example VERBEXIT invocation:

```
----- IPCS Subcommand Entry -----  
Enter a free-form IPCS subcommand or a CLIST or REXX exec invocation
```

below:

====> verbx sscvtchk

## Sample SSCVTCHK output:

```
IPCS OUTPUT STREAM ----- Line 0 Col s 1 78
Command ==>                               SCROLL ==> CSR
***** TOP OF DATA *****
```

SSCVT1001 - SSCVT for SubSystem JES2

SSCVT: 00C53988

+0000	ID.....	SSCT	SCTA.....	00C53940	SNAM.....	JES2
+000C	FLG1.....	A0	SSID.....	02	RSV1.....	00
+0010	SSVT.....	00C35138	SUSE.....	00C35D18	SYN.....	00000000
+001C	SUS2.....	00C35688	RSV3.....	00000000		

SSCVT1021 - Active SubSystem JES2 supports 028 function(s) with 028 routine(s)

SSCVT1031 - Supported function codes and routine addresses follow:

Func code:	001	Rtn addr:	87632C60
Func code:	002	Rtn addr:	8762BE00
Func code:	003	Rtn addr:	8762C0A0
Func code:	004	Rtn addr:	87644470
Func code:	005	Rtn addr:	87646AA0
Func code:	006	Rtn addr:	876535B0
Func code:	007	Rtn addr:	876577B0
Func code:	008	Rtn addr:	87645178
Func code:	009	Rtn addr:	876319D8
Func code:	010	Rtn addr:	87630CF8
Func code:	011	Rtn addr:	87633788
Func code:	012	Rtn addr:	87649610
Func code:	013	Rtn addr:	87649420
Func code:	016	Rtn addr:	87650540
Func code:	017	Rtn addr:	87651BE8
Func code:	018	Rtn addr:	87652C08
Func code:	019	Rtn addr:	87652430
Func code:	020	Rtn addr:	87648DA8
Func code:	021	Rtn addr:	876491F0
Func code:	053	Rtn addr:	87635938
Func code:	054	Rtn addr:	87636C10
Func code:	064	Rtn addr:	87630480
Func code:	070	Rtn addr:	87627F38
Func code:	071	Rtn addr:	87635E70
Func code:	075	Rtn addr:	87636080
Func code:	077	Rtn addr:	87659A80
Func code:	079	Rtn addr:	87638758
Func code:	080	Rtn addr:	8762C528

SSCVT1001 - SSCVT for SubSystem MSTR

SSCVT: 00C53940

+0000	ID.....	SSCT	SCTA.....	00C53964	SNAM.....	MSTR
+000C	FLG1.....	00	SSID.....	00	RSV1.....	00
+0010	SSVT.....	00C53790	SUSE.....	00000000	SYN.....	00C53A60
+001C	SUS2.....	00000000	RSV3.....	00000000		

SSCVT1021 - Active SubSystem MSTR supports 020 function(s) with 006 routine(s)

SSCVT1031 - Supported function codes and routine addresses follow:

Func code:	004	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	005	Rtn addr:	00E34000
Func code:	006	Rtn addr:	83E0FB40
Func code:	008	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	009	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	010	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	012	Rtn addr:	00CA1000
Func code:	014	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	015	Rtn addr:	80CA7000
Func code:	032	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	033	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	048	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	050	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	054	Rtn addr:	85B06EC0
Func code:	063	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	068	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	072	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	073	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	078	Rtn addr:	83ECC000
Func code:	080	Rtn addr:	83ECC000

SSCVT1001 - SSCVT for SubSystem SMS

SSCVT: 00C53964

+0000	ID.....	SSCT	SCTA.....	00C539D0	SNAM.....	SMS
+000C	FLG1.....	00	SSID.....	00	RSV1.....	00
+0010	SSVT.....	00C53028	SUSE.....	00000000	SYN.....	00000000
+001C	SUS2.....	00000000	RSV3.....	00000000		

SSCVT1021 - Active SubSystem SMS supports 005 function(s) with 003 routine(s)

SSCVT1031 - Supported function codes and routine addresses follow:

Func code:	008	Rtn addr:	84386D40
Func code:	015	Rtn addr:	84386D40
Func code:	016	Rtn addr:	844FCF28
Func code:	017	Rtn addr:	844FB300
Func code:	055	Rtn addr:	84386D40

```
SSCVT199I - SSCVT chain complete
***** END OF DATA *****
```

The output presented above is an excerpted list. Expect several more subsystems to be displayed in your environment.

You can limit the display to a specific subsystem by passing a parameter to the SSCVTCHK exit. Examples include:

```
VERBX SSCVTCHK 'SUBSYS=JES2'
VERBX SSCVTCHK 'SUBSYS=X' 'E2D4E2' ''
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The latter example demonstrates that the subsystem name can be supplied in hex format for those subsystems that have a subsystem name that is not EBCDIC-readable. The paired single quotes preceding and following the subsystem name are required to indicate that quotes are part of the parameter value and that they do not represent delimiters for the parameter value itself.

Once you have used the SSCVTCHK exit, issue an IPCS LISTSYM subcommand. This subcommand will display the list of active symbols for the current default source data. You should see symbols listed for the subsystems that were located. The symbol names will start with SSCVT and end with the subsystem name. For example, a symbol name of SSCVTJES2 should exist if JES2 is a defined subsystem. If you restrict your display to a specific hex byte subsystem name, SSCVTCHK will create a symbol name that starts with SSCVTX and ends with the hex bytes for the subsystem name. For example, if you specify VERBX SSCVTCHK 'SUBSYS=X"E2D4E2"', SSCVTCHK will create a symbol with a name of SSCVTXE2D4E2 if that subsystem has been defined.

#### ACTIVATING THE SSCVTCHK VERBEXIT EXIT

In order to make the SSCVTCHK VERBEXIT exit available to your IPCS session, linkedit SSCVTCHK into a load library that resides somewhere in the search order for your active session – the link list or STEPLIB are two options.

The source dump data for using SSCVTCHK should include

CSA, SQA, and NUC, as the data areas that are perused by the exit can reside in those areas of virtual storage. Set the default source to ACTIVE in your IPCS session if you want to look at the SSCVT chain on your running system.

## CONCLUSION

The customization interfaces for IPCS can provide a very useful tool set for determining system status and diagnosing system and application problems. There may be a standard list of system control blocks that you examine for every dump you investigate regardless of the error or anomaly. Creating a customization exit that formats that information in a standard presentation could be helpful to your diagnostic effort. I hope this article has provided you with insight for your own IPCS customization exercises.

## SSCVTCHK ASM

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SSCVTCHK CSECT
SSCVTCHK AMODE 31
SSCVTCHK RMODE ANY
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* -----*
* SSCVTCHK is designed to be used as an IPCS VERBX exit routine *
* that can be used to display the information regarding the *
* MVS subsystems that were defined at the time the dump data *
* that is currently being processed was created. *
* *
* To that end, this VERBX exit routine will produce the best *
* results for dumps that contain CSA, SQA, and NUC SDATA. The *
* data for the SSCVT chain may terminate prematurely if these *
* data areas are not present in the dump dataset. *
* *
* SSCVTCHK can be used to dump all existing SSCVTs and the *
* corresponding supported function codes and function routine *
* addresses or a parm can be passed to SSCVTCHK to display this *
* same information for only a specified subsystem. For example, *
* some valid invocations would include: *
* *
* VERBX SSCVTCHK *
* VERBX SSCVTCHK 'SUBSYS=SMS' *
* VERBX SSCVTCHK 'SUBSYS=X' 'D1C5E2F2'' (JES2 in hex format) *
* *
* The first example would list all defined subsystems. The *
* displayed information would include a formatted SSCVT, an *
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*   indication whether or not the subsystem is active, and for
*   active subsystems the supported function codes and their
*   corresponding function routine addresses will be presented.
*
*   The second example would list information only about the
*   subsystem named 'SMS' .
*
*   The third example would list information only about the
*   subsystem named 'JES2'. This is useful because subsystem names
*   do not need to contain readable hex characters.
*
*   As much as possible, the SSCVTCHK VERBX exit will accommodate for
*   hex subsystem names. For example, if you request
*   'SUBSYS=X'D1C5E2F2'', an internal symbol of SSCVTXD1C5E2F2
*   will be created instead of symbol SSCVTJES2. This occurs only
*   for subsystem specific requests. If the entire SSCVT chain is
*   presented, all internal actions are attempted using EBCDIC
*   readable characters only.
*
*   The following IPCS exit services are demonstrated in this
*   program:
*
*       Storage Access          (IPCS service code ADPLSACC)
*       Format Model Processor  (IPCS service code ADPLSFMT)
*       Expanded Print         (IPCS service code ADPLSPR2)
*       Equate Symbol          (IPCS service code ADPLSEQS)
*       Table of Contents      (IPCS service code ADPLSNDX)
*
*   Chapter 10 in the OS/390 MVS IPCS Customization manual discusses
*   the various IPCS exit services in detail. This exit example
*   offers usage demonstration for only a handful of the available
*   services.
*
*   In order to use the SSCVTCHK VERBX exit ensure that it is
*   linked into somewhere into the load module search order for your
*   active IPCS session. Link it JCL similar to the following can
*   be used:
*
*       //IEWL      EXEC  PGM=HEWLH096, PARM=' XREF, LIST, MAP, RENT'
*       //SYSPRINT DD   SYSOUT=*
*       //SYSUT1   DD   UNIT=SYSDA, SPACE=(CYL, (2, 1))
*       //OBJECT   DD   DSN=object.code.pds, DISP=SHR
*       //SYSLMOD  DD   DSN=load.library, DISP=SHR
*       //SYSLIN   DD   *
*           INCLUDE OBJECT(SSCVTCHK)
*           ENTRY  SSCVTCHK
*           NAME   SSCVTCHK(R)
*
* -----
*       STM      R14, R12, 12(R13)      Save incoming registers
*       LR       R12, R15                Copy module address
*       LA       R11, 4095(R12)         Set up second ...
*       LA       R11, 1(R11)            base register

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USING SSCVTCHK, R12, R11	Set module addressability
LR R2, R1	Copy parameter address
LR R3, R13	Copy savearea address
STORAGE OBTAIN, LENGTH=WORKLEN, LOC=ANY	
LR R0, R1	Copy working storage address
LR R14, R1	Again
LR R13, R1	Again
L R1, =A(WORKLEN)	Get length
XR R15, R15	Set fill byte
MVCL R0, R14	Clear the storage
USING WORKAREA, R13	Set addressability
ST R3, SAVEAREA+4	Save incoming savearea address
LA R9, WORKPACC	Get ADPLPACC address
USING ADPLPACC, R9	Set addressability
LR R8, R2	Get ABDPL address
USING ABDPL, R8	Set addressability
MVC ASID(2), ADPLASID	Save the ASID
MVC CVTADDR(4), ADPLCVT	Save the CVT address

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* -----*
* The ADPTEXT contains the address of the extension pointer.  If *
* you want to process any input parameters passed to the VERBX *
* program they can be captured at this point and processed. *
* *
* +0 from the ADPTEXT address contains the parameter address. *
* +4 from the ADPTEXT address contains the CPPL address. *
* *
* See comments earlier for the format of valid parameters. *
* -----*

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MVC SSNMPARM(4), =4C' '	Clear the area
MVC SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Set default
L R7, ADPTEXT	Get extension address
LTR R7, R7	An extension?
BZ NOPARM	No - unusual, but nothing to do
USING ADPTEXTN, R7	Set addressability
L R15, ADPLOPTR	Get parm buffer address
LTR R15, R15	A parameter?
BZ NOPARM	No - nothing to do
S R15, =F' 4'	Point to length
CLC 0(2, R15), =AL2(8)	Enough data?
BL BADPARM	No - issue message
OC 4(6, R15), =6C' '	Set parm keyword to uppercase
CLC 4(7, R15), =C' SUBSYS='	Proper keyword?
BNE BADPARM	No - issue message

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* -----*
* A SUBSYS= parm has been supplied.  Check to see whether the *
* subsystem name has been supplied in character or hex format.  If *
* the first two characters following the SUBSYS= are X' this *
* indicates a hex format subsystem name. *
* -----*

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CLC 11(2, R15), =C' X' ''	Hex indicator?
BE HEXSS	Yes - process as hex characters



	OC	DBL2+8(1), DBL2+9	OR the two length values	
	IC	R5, DBL2+8	Get lengths for EX	
	EX	R5, SSHXPACK	PACK to valid hex data	
	BCTR	R6, Ø	Reduce length by one for EX	
	EX	R6, SSNMMVC	Copy the subsystem name	
	ST	R4, SNAMHXLN	Save the length	
	BCTR	R4, Ø	Reduce length by one for EX	
	EX	R4, SSNMMVC2	Copy the subsystem name	
	B	NOPARM	We should be done	
*-----*				
BADPARM	DS	ØH		
	LA	RØ, PRMMMSG1L	Get message length	
	LA	R1, PARMMSG1	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line	
	LA	RØ, 1	Set message length	
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line	
	DROP	R7		
NOPARM	DS	ØH		
*-----*				
			Obtain the CVT.	
*-----*				
	MVC	ADPLPAAD(4), CVTADDR	Set address to the CVT	
	MVC	ADPLDLEN(2), =AL2(CVTOSLVF+1-CVT)	Set get length	
	OI	ADPLPRDP, ADPLVIRT+ADPLSAMK	Indicate virtual 24-bit addr	
	L	R15, ADPLSERV	Get service routine address	
	CALL	(15),		X
		((R8),		X
		CODEACC,		X
		(R9)), MF=(E, CALLLST)		
	LTR	R15, R15	Were things ok?	
	BNZ	NOSTORE1	No - issue storage not found msg	
*-----*				
			Obtain the JESCT.	
*-----*				
	L	R1, ADPLPART	Get buffer location address	
	USING	CVT, R1		
	MVC	ADPLPAAD(4), CVTJESCT	Get JESCT address	
	MVC	ADPLDLEN(2), =AL2(128)	Set get length	
	DROP	R1		
	L	R15, ADPLSERV	Get service routine address	
	CALL	(15),		X
		((R8),		X
		CODEACC,		X
		(R9)), MF=(E, CALLLST)		
	LTR	R15, R15	Were things ok?	
	BNZ	NOSTORE2	No - issue storage not found msg	
*-----*				
			Obtain the first SSCT.	
*-----*				
	L	R1, ADPLPART	Get buffer location address	

	USING	JESCT, R1		
GETSSCVT	MVC	ADPLPAAD(4), JESSCT	Get SSCT address	
	DS	ØH		
	MVC	ADPLDLEN(2), =AL2(32)	Set get length	
	NI	ADPLPRDP, 255-ADPLSAMK	Indicate virtual 31-bit addr	
	DROP	R1		
	L	R15, ADPLSERV	Get service routine address	
	CALL	(15), ((R8), CODEACC, (R9)), MF=(E, CALLLST)		X X X
	LTR	R15, R15	Were things ok?	
	BNZ	NOSTORE3	No - issue storage not found msg	
*-----*				
	L	R1, ADPLPART	Get buffer location address	
	USING	SSCT, R1		
	MVC	SNAMSAVE(8), =8C' '	Clear the area	
	MVC	SNAMSAVE(4), SSCTSNAM	Save the subsystem name	
	MVC	SSCTNEXT(4), SSCTSCTA	Save the address of the	
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), =4C' '	Display all SSCVTs?	
	BE	NOTJUST1	Yes - format this SSCVT	
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), SNAMSAVE	A match?	
	BNE	NEXTSSCT	No - bypass	
NOTJUST1	DS	ØH		
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' MSG1), MSG1	Copy the message	
	MVC	LINEBUF+32(4), SNAMSAVE	Copy the subsystem name	
	LA	RØ, L' MSG1	Get message length	
	CLC	SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Hex name specified?	
	BE	NOHEX1	No - bypass hex specific stuff	
	MVC	LINEBUF+32(2), =C' x' ''	Move in prefix	
	MVC	LINEBUF+34(8), SNAMHXS	Copy the name	
	L	R14, SNAMHXLN	Get length of name	
	LA	R14, LINEBUF+34(R14)	Point to end of name	
	MVI	Ø(R14), C' ''	Set end quote	
	LA	RØ, 1(, R14)	Set ending address	
	LA	R14, LINEBUF	get starting address	
	SR	RØ, R14	Set message length	
NOHEX1	DS	ØH		
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line	
	LA	RØ, 1	Set message length	
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line	
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' TOCSSCVT), TOCSSCVT	Copy the TOC message	
	MVC	LINELEN(4), =A(L' TOCSSCVT)	Get the TOC message length	
	MVC	LINEBUF+3Ø(4), SNAMSAVE	Copy the subsystem name	
	CLC	SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Hex name specified?	
	BE	NOHEX2	No - bypass hex specific stuff	
	MVC	LINEBUF+3Ø(2), =C' x' ''	Move in prefix	
	MVC	LINEBUF+32(8), SNAMHXS	Copy the name	
	L	R14, SNAMHXLN	Get length of name	

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LA      R14, LINEBUF+32(R14)    Point to end of name
MVI     Ø(R14), C' '' '        Set end quote
LA      RØ, 1(, R14)           Set ending address
LA      R14, LINEBUF            get starting address
SR      RØ, R14                 Set message length
ST      RØ, LINELEN            Save the length
NOHEX2  DS      ØH
BAL     R14, TOCENTRY          Add a TOC entry
*-----*
*   Format and print the SSCVT.   *
*-----*
LA      R7, WORKPFMT            Get ADPLPFMT address
USING  ADPLPFMT, R7            Set addressability
MVC     ADPLPCTR(4), =A(SSCTMODL) Get control block model addr
MVI     ADPLPVC1, X' Ø3'        Set viewing control1 to x'Ø3'
MVC     ADPLDLEN(2), =AL2(SSCTSIZE) Get control block length
MVC     ADPLPBL(2), =AL2(SSCTSIZE) Get control block length
MVC     ADPLPBAV(4), ADPLPAAD   Dumped address to access
MVC     ADPLPCHA(8), =8C' '     Clear model name
OI      ADPLPOPT, ADPLPOAC      Set acronym check flag
MVC     ADPLPBAS(4), ADPLPART   Address of buffer
L       R15, ADPLSERV           Get service routine address
CALL    (15),
        ((R8),
        CODEFMT,
        (R7)), MF=(E, CALLLST)
LTR     R15, R15                Were things ok?
BNZ     NOFRMAT1                No - just leave for now
DROP    R7
*-----*
*   Create an IPCS symbol for this SSCVT.  The symbol name will
*   have the format of SSCVTssname where 'ssname' is the name of
*   the subsystem providing the request is for all subsystems or
*   a specific readable EBCDIC subsystem name.  If the request was
*   for a specific hex subsystem name, the symbol name will have the
*   format of SSCVTXssnamehex where 'ssnamehex' is character
*   representation of the hex value bytes.
*-----*
SYM1    NI      FLAG1, 255-SYMTRY  Reset the SYMTRY flag
        DS      ØH
        LA      R7, WORKESSY      Get ESSY area address
        MVC     ESSYSYM-ESSY(32, R7), =CL32' SSCVT' Create required ...
        MVC     ESSYSYM-ESSY+5(4, R7), SNAMSAVE      symbol name
        CLC     SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040' Hex name specified?
        BE      NOHEX3            No - bypass hex specific stuff
        MVC     ESSYSYM-ESSY+5(4, R7), =C' X ' Set up for hex symbol
        L       R14, SNAMHXLN     Get length of name
        BCTR    R14, Ø            Reduce by one for EX
        EX     R14, SSNMMVC3      Move in the subsystem name
NOHEX3  DS      ØH
        MVC     ESSYAST-ESSY(2, R7), =C' CV' Move in address space type

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MVC  ESSYLAD-ESSY(4, R7), ADPLPAAD Move in SSCVT address
MVC  ESSYDLE-ESSY(4, R7), =A(SSCTSIZE) Move in SSCVT length
*   MVC  ESSYDTY-ESSY(1, R7), =C' M' Indicate type as STRUCTURE
MVC  ESSYDTY-ESSY(1, R7), =C' U' Indicate type as AREA
MVC  ESSYDTD-ESSY(32, R7), ESSYSYM-ESSY(R7) Move in data name
MVC  ESSYRL-ESSY(2, R7), =AL2(31) Move in remark length
MVC  ESSYRT-ESSY(31, R7), =C' SSCVT for subsystem xxxx
MVC  ESSYRT-ESSY+20(4, R7), SNAMSAVE Remark
CLC  SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040' Hex name specified?
BE   NOHEX4 No - bypass hex specific stuff
MVC  ESSYRT-ESSY+20(2, R7), =C' x'' Set up for hex remark
L    R14, SNAMHXLN Get length of name
BCTR R14, 0 Reduce by one for EX
EX   R14, SSNMMVC4 Move in the subsystem name
LA   R14, 1+2+ESSYRT-ESSY+20(R14, R7) Point past subsys name
MVI  0(R14), C'''' Put in ending quote
NOHEX4 DS  0H
*-----*
*   SSCVT is in common storage so set ASID=1
*-----*
MVC  ESSYAS2-ESSY+2(2, R7), =AL2(1) Move in the ASID
OI   ESSYFC-ESSY(R7), ESSYFCD Set NODROP attribute on symbol
L    R15, ADPLSERV Load addr of exit services router
CALL (15), X
      ((R8), X
      CODEEQS, X
      (R7)), MF=(E, CALLLST)
C    R15, =F' 12' Symbol equate ok?
BL   SYM1E Yes - go on
TM   FLAG1, SYMTRY Is this the second try?
BO   NOSYM1 Yes - issue message
OI   FLAG1, SYMTRY Set flag
B    SYM1 Try a second time
SYM1E DS  0H
*-----*
*   Check to see whether this is an active subsystem entry and if
*   it is, locate the SSVT.
*-----*
L    R1, ADPLPART Get buffer location address
CLC  SSCTSSVT(4), =F' 0' An active subsystem?
BE   INACTIVE No - get the next SSCVT
MVC  ADPLPAAD(4), SSCTSSVT Get SSVT address
MVC  ADPLDLEN(2), =AL2(264) Set get length
MVC  SSVTADDR(4), SSCTSSVT Save the SSVT address
L    R15, ADPLSERV Get service routine address
CALL (15), X
      ((R8), X
      CODEACC, X
      (R9)), MF=(E, CALLLST)
LTR  R15, R15 Were things ok?
BNZ  NOSTORE4 No - issue storage not found msg

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NOHEX5	SR	R0, R14	Set message length	
	DS	0H		
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line	
	LA	R0, MSG4L	Get message length	
	LA	R1, MSG4	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line	
*-----*				
FCODLP2	MVC	ADPLPAAD(4), SSVTADDR	Get SSVT address	
	L	R15, FNUMSAVE	Get number of function routines	
	SLL	R15, 2	Multiply by 4	
	LA	R15, 264(, R15)	Set proper size	
	STCM	R15, B'0011', ADPLDLEN	Save the length	
	L	R15, ADPLSERV	Get service routine address	
	CALL	(15), (R8), CODEACC, (R9), MF=(E, CALLST)		X X X
	LTR	R15, R15	Were things ok?	
	BNZ	NOSTORE4	No - issue storage not found msg	
	L	R1, ADPLPART	Get buffer location address	
	LA	R3, 256	Set loop count	
	LA	R4, SSVTFCOD	Get addr of function code matrix	
	LA	R5, SSVTFRTN	Get addr of function rtn addr	
	XR	R6, R6	Clear counter	
	DS	0H		
	CLI	0(R4), X'00'	Active function code?	
	BE	FCODNXT2	No - go check next one	
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' MSG5), MSG5	Copy the message	
	LA	R15, 1(, R6)	Get real function code #	
	CVD	R15, DBL2	Convert function code # to decimal	
	UNPK	DBL1(8), DBL2(8)	Unpack it	
	OI	DBL1+7, X'F0'	Clear sign	
	MVC	LINEBUF+12(3), DBL1+5	Copy function code number	
	XR	R14, R14	Clear R14	
	IC	R14, 0(, R4)	Get function rtn index value	
	BCTR	R14, 0	Reduce by one	
	SLL	R14, 2	Multiply by 4	
	L	R15, 0(R14, R5)	Get function rtn addr	
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make it readable	
	MVC	LINEBUF+27(8), DBL1	Copy to output line	
	LA	R0, L' MSG5	Get message length	
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address	
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line	
FCODNXT2	DS	0H		
	LA	R4, 1(, R4)	Point to next indicator	
	LA	R6, 1(, R6)	Add one to function code counter	
	BCT	R3, FCODLP2	If more, go check it out	
*-----*				
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length	
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address	

	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	DROP	R1	
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), SNAMSAVE	A subsystem name match?
	BNE	NEXTSSCT	No - do next subsystem
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' MSG7), MSG7	Copy message model
	MVC	LINEBUF+49(4), SSNMPARM	Copy subsystem name into message
	LA	R0, L' MSG7	Get message length
	CLC	SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Hex name specified?
	BE	NOHEX6	No - bypass hex specific stuff
	MVC	LINEBUF+49(2), =C' x' ''	Move in prefix
	MVC	LINEBUF+51(8), SNAMHXS	Copy the name
	L	R14, SNAMHXLN	Get length of name
	LA	R14, LINEBUF+51(R14)	Point to end of name
	MVI	0(R14), C' ''	Set end quote
	LA	R0, 1(, R14)	Set ending address
	LA	R14, LINEBUF	get starting address
	SR	R0, R14	Set message length
NOHEX6	DS	0H	
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
	*-----*		
NEXTSSCT	DS	0H	
	CLC	SSCTNEXT(4), =F' 0'	Another SSCVT?
	BE	SSCTDONE	No - issue end of chain msg
	MVC	ADPLPAAD(4), SSCTNEXT	Get SSCT address
	B	GETSSCVT	Get the SSCVT storage
	*-----*		
INACTIVE	DS	0H	
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' MSG2), MSG2	Copy the message
	MVC	LINEBUF+22(4), SNAMSAVE	Copy the subsystem name
	LA	R0, L' MSG2	Get message length
	CLC	SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Hex name specified?
	BE	NOHEX7	No - bypass hex specific stuff
	MVC	LINEBUF+22(2), =C' x' ''	Move in prefix
	MVC	LINEBUF+24(8), SNAMHXS	Copy the name
	L	R14, SNAMHXLN	Get length of name
	LA	R14, LINEBUF+24(R14)	Point to end of name
	MVC	0(13, R14), =C' '' is inactive'	Set end of message
	LA	R0, 13(, R14)	Set ending address
	LA	R14, LINEBUF	get starting address
	SR	R0, R14	Set message length
NOHEX7	DS	0H	
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line

	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), SNAMSAVE	A subsystem name match?
	BNE	NEXTSSCT	No - do next subsystem
	B	RETURN	We're done
*-----*			
SSCTDONE	DS	0H	
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), =4C' '	Specific subsystem requested?
	BE	SSCTDON2	No - we're done
	CLC	SSNMPARM(4), SNAMSAVE	A subsystem name match?
	BE	SSCTDON2	Yes - we're done
	MVC	LINEBUF(L' NOSSMSG1), NOSSMSG1	Copy message model
	MVC	LINEBUF+22(4), SSNMPARM	Copy subsystem name into message
	LA	R0, L' NOSSMSG1	Get message length
	CLC	SNAMHXS(8), =C' 40404040'	Hex name specified?
	BE	NOHEX8	No - bypass hex specific stuff
	MVC	LINEBUF+22(2), =C' x' ''	Move in prefix
	MVC	LINEBUF+24(8), SNAMHXS	Copy the name
	L	R14, SNAMHXLN	Get length of name
	LA	R14, LINEBUF+24(R14)	Point to end of name
	MVC	0(13, R14), =C' '' not located'	Set end of message
	LA	R0, 13(, R14)	Set ending address
	LA	R14, LINEBUF	get starting address
	SR	R0, R14	Set message length
NOHEX8	DS	0H	
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	B	RETURN	We're done
SSCTDON2	DS	0H	
	LA	R0, L' MSG6	Get message length
	LA	R1, MSG6	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
*-----*			
RETURN	DS	0H	
	L	R3, SAVEAREA+4	Load incoming savearea address
	LR	R1, R13	Get working storage address
		STORAGE RELEASE, LENGTH=WORKLEN, ADDR=(R1)	
	LR	R13, R3	Restore incoming savearea address
	LM	R14, R12, 12(R13)	Restore incoming registers
	XR	R15, R15	Set return code
	BR	R14	Return
NOSTORE1	DS	0H	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(STMSG1L), STORMSG1	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable

	MVC	LINEBUF+50(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
	ICM	R15, B' 1111' , ADPLPAAD	Get CVT address
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make it readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+36(8), DBL1	Copy CVT address into message
	LA	R0, STMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	R0, TRMMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, TERMMSG1	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
NOSTORE2	DS	0H	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(STMSG2L), STORMSG2	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+52(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
	ICM	R15, B' 1111' , ADPLPAAD	Get JESCT address
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make it readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+38(8), DBL1	Copy JESCT address into message
	LA	R0, STMSG2L	Get message length
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	R0, TRMMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, TERMMSG1	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
NOSTORE3	DS	0H	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(STMSG3L), STORMSG3	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+52(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
	ICM	R15, B' 1111' , ADPLPAAD	Get SSCVT address
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make it readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+38(8), DBL1	Copy SSCVT address into message
	LA	R0, STMSG3L	Get message length
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	R0, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	R0, TRMMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, TERMMSG1	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line

	B	RETURN	We're done
NOSTORE4	DS	ØH	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(STMSG4L), STORMSG4	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+51(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
	ICM	R15, B' 1111' , ADPLPAAD	Get SSVT address
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make it readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+37(8), DBL1	Copy SSVT address into message
	LA	RØ, STMSG4L	Get message length
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	RØ, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	RØ, TRMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, TERMMSG1	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
NOFRMAT1	DS	ØH	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(FMTMSG1L), FRMTMSG1	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+49(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
	LA	RØ, FMTMSG1L	Get message length
	C	R15, =F' 4'	Additional error information?
	BNE	NOPRET1	No - bypass
	XR	R15, R15	Clear R15
	ICM	R15, B' ØØ11' , ADPLPRET-ADPLPFMT(R7)	Get error flag info
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the flags readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+FMTMSG1L(15), =C' ADPLPRET(xxxx)'	
	MVC	LINEBUF+FMTMSG1L+1Ø(4), DBL1+4	Copy error flag info
	LA	RØ, FMTMSG1L+15	Get message length
NOPRET1	DS	ØH	
	LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	LA	RØ, 1	Set message length
	LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
	LA	RØ, TRMSG1L	Get message length
	LA	R1, TERMMSG1	Get message address
	BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
	B	RETURN	We're done
NOSYM1	DS	ØH	
	MVI	LINEBUF, C' '	Set fill byte
	MVC	LINEBUF+1(131), LINEBUF	Clear the area
	MVC	LINEBUF(SYDMSG1L), SYDMSG1	Copy the message
	BAL	R14, HEXCNVT	Make the rc readable
	MVC	LINEBUF+48(4), SNAMSAVE	Copy subsystem name into message

MVC	LINEBUF+58(2), DBL1+6	Copy rc into message
LA	R0, SYDMSG1L	Get message length
LA	R1, LINEBUF	Get message address
BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print the line
LA	R0, 1	Set message length
LA	R1, =C' '	Get message address
BAL	R14, PRINTLN	Go print a blank line
B	SYM1E	Go back for more

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\* Subroutines \*

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PRINTLN DS 0H

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\* The PRINTLN subroutine generates a line of output using the \*  
 \* IPCS print service. \*  
 \* On entry: R0 - contains the length of the output line \*  
 \* R1 - contains the address of the output line \*  
 \* R8 - contains the address of the ABDPL \*  
 \* On exit: R15 - contains the return code from the IPCS print \*  
 \* service \*  
 \*-----\*

STM	R0, R15, REGSAVE	Save the registers
LA	R7, WORKPPR2	Get BLSUPPR2 address
MVC	0(PPR2999-PPR2000, R7), PPR2	Copy the PPR2 model
MVC	PPR2BUF-PPR2(4, R7), ADPLBUF	Copy print buffer address
ST	R0, PPR2BUFL-PPR2(, R7)	Save the message length
L	R3, PPR2BUFL-PPR2(, R7)	Copy the message length
L	R15, ADPLBUF	Get message buffer address
MVI	0(R15), C' '	Set fill byte
MVC	1(131, R15), 0(R15)	Clear message buffer area
L	R15, ADPLBUF	Get message buffer address
BCTR	R3, 0	Reduce length by one for EX
EX	R3, MSGMVC	Copy the message
MVI	PPR2PFL1-PPR2(R7), PPR2MSG	Indicate buffer contains a msg
L	R15, ADPLSERV	Get service routine address
CALL	(15),	X
	((R8),	X
	CODEPR2,	X
	(R7)), MF=(E, CALLLST)	

PRINTLNE DS 0H

LM	R0, R14, REGSAVE	Restore required registers
BR	R14	Return

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HEXCNVT DS 0H

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\* The HEXCNVT subroutine converts the hex contents of R15 to \*  
 \* a human readable format in variable DBL1. \*  
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ST	R15, DBL2	Save the value
UNPK	DBL1(9), DBL2(5)	Unpack it
NC	DBL1(8), =8X' 0F'	Turn off high nibble

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TR      DBL1(8),=C'0123456789ABCDEF' Make it readable
BR      R14                               Return
*-----*
TOCENTRY DS    0H
*-----*
* The TOCENTRY subroutine adds an entry to the IPCS table of
* contents.
*
* On entry, LINELEN contains the length of the TOC message
* (greater than 0, less than 41). LINEBUF contains the value
* of the TOC message
*-----*
STM     R0, R15, REGSAVE      Save the registers
L       R15, ADPLBUF          Get message buffer address
L       R3, LINELEN           Get TOC message length
LA      R3, 4(, R3)           Add in length of length word
BCTR   R3, 0                  Reduce by one for EX
EX      R3, TOCMVC            Copy the TOC message
L       R15, ADPLSERV         Get service routine address
CALL   (15),
        ((R8),
        CODENDX),
        MF=(E, CALLLST)
LM      R0, R14, REGSAVE      Restore required registers
BR      R14                   Return
*-----*
* Executed instructions
*-----*
MSGMVC  MVC     0(*-*, R15), 0(R1)      Copy the message
TOCMVC  MVC     0(*-*, R15), LINELEN    Copy the TOC message
SSHXMVC MVC     DBL1(*-*), 13(R15)      Copy the hex subsystem name
SSHXPACK PACK   DBL2(*-*), DBL1(*-*)    Pack the hex characters
SSNMMVC MVC     SSNMPARM(*-*), DBL2     Copy the subsys name (hex format)
SSNMMVC2 MVC    SNAMHXS(*-*), 13(R15)   Copy the subsys name (hex format)
SSNMMVC3 MVC    ESSYSYM-ESSY+6(*-*, R7), SNAMHXS Copy subsys name to sym
SSNMMVC4 MVC    ESSYRT-ESSY+22(*-*, R7), SNAMHXS Copy subsys name to rem
*-----*
* Constants
*-----*
CODEACC DC      A(ADPLSACC)
CODEFMT DC      A(ADPLSFMT)
CODEPR2 DC      A(ADPLSPR2)
CODEEQS DC      A(ADPLSEQS)
CODENDX DC      A(ADPLSNDX)
*-----*
ESSY    BLSRESSY DSECT=NO              IPCS ES record buffer
*-----*
PPR2    BLSUPPR2 DSECT=NO              IPCS expanded print parm list
*-----*
MSG1    DC      C' SSCVT100I - SSCVT for SubSystem xxxx '
MSG2    DC      C' SSCVT101I - SubSystem xxxx is inactive'

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MSG3      DC      C' SSCVT102I - Active SubSystem xxxx supports xxx '
          DC      C' function(s) with xxx routine(s)'
MSG3L     EQU     *-MSG3
MSG4      DC      C' SSCVT103I - Supported function codes and routine '
          DC      C' addresses follow: '
MSG4L     EQU     *-MSG4
MSG5      DC      C' Func code: xxx Rtn addr: xxxxxxxxx'
MSG6      DC      C' SSCVT199I - SSCVT chain complete'
MSG7      DC      C' SSCVT198I - SSCVT display complete for Subsystem xxxx'
PARMMMSG1 DC      C' SSCVT110I - Invalid parm detected. Entire SSCVT '
          DC      C' chain will be presented. '
PRMMMSG1L EQU     *-PARMMMSG1
STORMSG1  DC      C' SSCVT111I - Unable to locate CVT at XXXXXXXX - RC(xx)'
STMSG1L   EQU     *-STORMSG1
STORMSG2  DC      C' SSCVT112I - Unable to locate JESCT at xxxxxxxx - '
          DC      C' RC(xx)'
STMSG2L   EQU     *-STORMSG2
STORMSG3  DC      C' SSCVT113I - Unable to locate SSCVT at xxxxxxxx - '
          DC      C' RC(xx)'
STMSG3L   EQU     *-STORMSG3
STORMSG4  DC      C' SSCVT114I - Unable to locate SSVT at xxxxxxxx - '
          DC      C' RC(xx)'
STMSG4L   EQU     *-STORMSG4
TERMMMSG1 DC      C' SSCVT189I - Format has terminated prematurely'
TRMMMSG1L EQU     *-TERMMMSG1
FRMTMSG1  DC      C' SSCVT121I - Error detected formatting SSCVT - '
          DC      C' RC(xx)'
FMTMSG1L  EQU     *-FRMTMSG1
SYDMSG1   DC      C' SSCVT131I - Error detected defining symbol SSCVTxxxx '
          DC      C' - RC(xx)'
SYDMSG1L  EQU     *-SYDMSG1
NOSSMSG1  DC      C' SSCVT141I - Subsystem xxxx not located'
TOCSSCVT  DC      C' Formatted SSCVT for SubSystem xxxx '

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TRTABLE  DC      256X' 80'
          ORG     TRTABLE+0
          DC      C' 0123456789ABCDEF'
          ORG     TRTABLE+193
          DC      X' 0A0B0C0D0E0F'
          ORG     TRTABLE+240
          DC      X' 00010203040506070809'
          ORG     ,

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LTORG ,

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\* Define the SSCVT as an IPCS model. \*

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SSCTMODL BLSQMDEF BASELBL=SSCT,          X
          CBLLEN=SSCTSIZE,              X
          PREFIX=4,                      # of chars to remove from lbl nm X
          ACRONYM=SSCT,                  X

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ACROLBL=SSCTID,
HEADER=SSCVT
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTID, DTYPE=EBCDIC
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSCTA, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSNAM, DTYPE=EBCDIC
*
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSNAM, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTFLG1, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSSID, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTRSV1, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSSVT, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSUSE, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSYN, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTSUS2, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD NAME=SSCTRSV3, DTYPE=HEX
BLSQMFLD SHDR=BLNKLINE, NEWLINE
BLSQMDEF END
BLNKLINE BLSQSHDR ' '

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*-----*
WORKAREA DSECT
SAVEAREA DS 18F
CALLLST CALL (,,,,,,), MF=L
REGSAVE DS 16F
ASID DS XL2
FLAG1 DS XL1
SYMTRY EQU X'80'
CVTADDR DS F
SSCTNEXT DS F
SSVTADDR DS F
FNUMSAVE DS F
WORKPACC DS 0D, CL(ADPLLACC)
WORKPFMT DS 0D, CL(ADPLLFMT)
WORKESSY DS 0D, CL(ESSYHRL)
WORKPPR2 DS 0D, CL(PPR2999-PPR2000)
LINELEN DS F
LINEBUF DS CL(132)
SNAMSAVE DS CL(8)
SNAMHXSVD DS CL(8)
SNAMHXLN DS F
SSNMPARM DS CL(4)
DBL1 DS 2D
DBL2 DS 2D
WORKLEN EQU *-WORKAREA
R0 EQU 0
R1 EQU 1
R2 EQU 2
R3 EQU 3
R4 EQU 4
R5 EQU 5
R6 EQU 6
R7 EQU 7

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R8      EQU    8
R9      EQU    9
R10     EQU    10
R11     EQU    11
R12     EQU    12
R13     EQU    13
R14     EQU    14
R15     EQU    15

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*-----*
      BLSABDPL DSECT=YES,           X
          AMDEXIT=YES,             X
          AMDOSEL=NO,              X
          AMDPACC=YES,             X
          AMDPFMT=YES,             X
          AMDPECT=NO,              X
          AMDPSEL=NO
      PRINT NOGEN
      CVT DSECT=YES
      IEFJESCT
      IEFJSCVT
      IEFJSSVT
      END

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## Parsing strings in Assembler programs

One of the great strengths of REXX is the ability to parse strings to extract substrings, words, and delimited arguments. The following macro and Assembler routines attempt to re-create some of the more common string handling functions for use in Assembler programs.

In order to take advantage of the parse functions, this article provides the following:

- RDSPARID – Assembler routine to provide INDEX functions.
- RDSPARPT – Assembler routine to provide PATTERN matching.
- RDSPARST – Assembler routine to provide STRIP functions.

- RDSPARVR – Assembler routine to provide PARSE VAR functions.
- RDSPARWI – Assembler routine to provide WORDINDEX functions.
- RDSPARWS – Assembler routine to provide WORDS functions.
- RDSPARWD – Assembler routine to provide WORD functions.
- RDSPARSE – Assembler program to provide linkage to the above Assembler routines.
- PARSE Assembler programming interface to the RDSPARSE program.

#### USING THE PARSE MACRO

The PARSE macro allows the Assembler programmer to easily invoke the RDSPARSE program for the string handling function desired.

#### **Standard and execute form syntax**

The standard and execute forms of the PARSE macro are written as follows:

- name – name: symbol. Begin name in column 1.
- PARSE – one or more blanks must precede PARSE. One or more blanks must follow PARSE.

Valid parameters (required parameters are underlined.)

- INDEX– STRING, SUBSTR, RESULT
- PATTERN – STRING, MASK, RESULT
- STRIP – STRING, SUBSTR, OPTION, RESULT
- WORD – STRING, WORDNUM, RESULT
- WORDS – STRING, RESULT

- WORDINDEX – STRING, WORDNUM, RESULT
- VAR – STRING, FIELDS
- ,STRING=source\_data – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,SUBSTR=substring – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,OPTION=LEADING – default OPTION=BOTH  
 ,OPTION=TRAILING  
 ,OPTION=BOTH
- ,MASK=mask\_data – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,WORDNUM=word\_number – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,FIELDS=(field1, – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)  
           field2, – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)  
           ...,  
           fieldn) – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,RESULT=result\_data – RX-type address or register (2) – (12)
- ,MF=S – standard form  
   ,MF=(E,label) – execute form

## STANDARD AND EXECUTE FORM PARAMETERS

The parameters are as follows.

### INDEX

This function call emulates the REXX 'INDEX' function to return the position of 'substring' within 'source\_data'. If 'substring' is not found PARSE INDEX returns 0 in 'result\_data'. If 'substring' is found 'result\_data' contains the offset relative to 1 in hex format of the first character of 'substring' within 'source\_data'.

### PATTERN

This function call provides a generic mask-matching function.

The contents of 'source\_data' are compared with a mask value in 'mask\_data'. If 'source\_data' matches 'mask\_data' the function returns a 1 in 'result\_data', otherwise 0 is returned. Wildcards of '\*' and '%' can be used to specify multiple or single characters respectively.

## **STRIP**

This function call emulates the REXX 'STRIP' function to remove the leading and/or trailing characters from 'source\_data'. The default character to be stripped is a blank (X'40') but this can be overridden by 'substring'. The value of the OPTION keyword specifies whether leading and/or trailing characters are removed; the default is 'BOTH'.

## **WORD**

This function call emulates the REXX 'WORD' function to return a specific word from 'source\_data'. The words within 'source\_data' must be separated from each other by blanks. The word that is returned is specified a 4-byte hex number in 'word\_number'. If successful the word is returned in 'result\_data'.

## **WORDS**

This function call emulates the REXX 'WORDS' function to return the number of words in 'source\_data' into 'result\_data'. The number of words returned is a 4-byte hex number.

## **WORDINDEX**

This function call emulates the REXX 'WORDINDEX' function to return the position within 'source\_data' of the first character of a specific word specified by 'word\_number'. If the word is not found, PARSE WORDINDEX returns 0 in 'result\_data'. If the word is found, 'result\_data' contains the offset relative to 1 in hex format of the first character of 'word\_number' within 'source\_data'.

## **VAR**

This function call emulates the REXX 'PARSE VAR' function to

split the characters in 'source\_data' into sub-strings, depending on the contents of 'field1' to 'fieldn'. Individual 'fieldn' parameters can be either a separator field to specify the characters used to divide 'source\_data' into component substrings, or a result field to hold the contents of the component substrings.

**,STRING='source\_data'**

Specifies the address of the source string to be parsed. The data must be constructed of a 1-byte length field followed immediately by the actual string data.

**,SUBSTR='substring'**

Specifies the address of a sub-string to be passed to the relevant PARSE function. It must be constructed of a 1-byte length field followed immediately by the actual sub-string data. When using PARSE STRIP, the length field must be set to 1 and followed by a single character.

**,OPTION=LEADING,OPTION=TRAILING,OPTION=BOTH**

Specifies the option to be used during PARSE STRIP:

- **OPTION=LEADING** – the leading characters only are removed from 'source-data'.
- **OPTION=TRAILING** – the trailing characters only are removed from 'source-data'.
- **OPTION=BOTH** – both the leading and trailing characters are removed from 'source-data'. This is the default.

**,MASK='mask\_data'**

Specifies the address of a generic mask pattern to be compared against 'source\_data' during a PARSE PATTERN function call. It must be constructed of a 1-byte length field followed immediately by the mask characters.

A wildcard character of '\*' can be used to signify one or more

characters. A wildcard character of '%' can be used to signify just one character.

**,WORDNUM='word\_number'**

Specifies the address of the word number to be used in the PARSE WORD and WORDINDEX functions. It must be constructed of a 1-byte length field followed immediately by the 4-byte hex format number.

**,FIELDS=(field1,field2,,...fieldn)**

Specifies the list of fields to be used during the PARSE VAR function call. Each field must be the address comprising a 1-byte length field followed immediately by the field data. The fields can be one of two forms:

- Separator field – the field data specifies the characters used to divide the input string 'source\_data' into its component sub-strings. The default separator is blanks. The 1-byte length field *must* be non-zero as this declares the field as a separator field to the PARSE VAR function.
- Result field – this field receives the component sub-strings that have been separated from 'source\_data'. The 1-byte length field must be set to X'00' as this identifies the field as a result field to the PARSE VAR function.

On return from the PARSE VAR function, any applicable sub-string will be copied to the result field data and its length copied into the 1-byte length field. If the 1-byte length field is X'00' then there is no applicable sub-string data for this field.

A special field value of '<.>' can be used to indicate that any result data can be thrown away for this field.

**,RESULT='result\_data'**

Specifies the address of the result data area for all PARSE functions except for PARSE VAR. It must be constructed of a 1-byte length field followed immediately by enough storage to

contain the result data. On return from the PARSE function, the 1-byte length field will contain the length of the data returned (if any).

**,MF=S**

Specifies the standard form of PARSE. The standard form places the parameters into an in-line parameter list.

**,MF=(E,label)**

Specifies the execute form of PARSE. The execute form generates code to put the parameters into the storage pointed to by 'label'.

#### LIST FORM SYNTAX

The list forms of the PARSE macro are written as follows:

- name – name: symbol. Begin name in column 1.
- PARSE – one or more blanks must precede PARSE. One or more blanks must follow PARSE.

Valid parameters are:

- INDEX
- PATTERN
- STRIP
- WORD
- WORDS
- WORDINDEX
- VAR FIELDS
- ,FIELDS=(field1, RX-type address or register (2) - (12)  
                  field2, RX-type address or register (2) - (12)  
                  , ...  
                  fieldn) RX-type address or register (2) - (12)
- ,MF=(L,label) List form



## LIST FORM PARAMETERS

The parameters are explained as follows:

- INDEX – generate parameter list storage for a PARSE INDEX function call.
- PATTERN – generate parameter list storage for a PARSE PATTERN function call.
- STRIP–generate parameter list storage for a PARSE STRIP function call.
- WORD – generate parameter list storage for a PARSE WORD function call.
- WORDINDEX–generate parameter list storage for a PARSE WORDINDEX function call.
- WORDS – generate parameter list storage for a PARSE WORDS function call.
- VAR – generate parameter list storage for a PARSE VAR function call.
- ,FIELDS=(field1,field2,,,...fieldn) – required only for the list form of the PARSE VAR function call. The number of fields must match the number of fields in the corresponding execute form to enable enough storage to be reserved for the parameter list.
- ,MF=(L,label) – specifies the list form of PARSE. The list form generates code to reserve enough storage to contain the parameter list and assigns 'label' as the reference name.

## EXAMPLES OF USING THE PARSE MACRO

### 1 Strip leading zeros from '000025.00':

```
LA R4,INPUT * Point to the input string
PARSE STRIP, * Use PARSE STRIP X
OPTION=LEADING, * Only remove leading chars X
STRING=(R4), * This input text X
SUBSTR=ZERO, * Strip char = '0' X
RESULT=OUTPUT * and place output here
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...
...
ZERO DC AL1(1),C'Ø' * Separator field for C'Ø'
INPUT DC AL1(1Ø) * Input text length
DC C'ØØØØØ25.ØØ' * Input text
OUTPUT DS ØC * Result field
OUTLEN DS AL1 * Result field length
OUTDATA DS CL8 * Result field data

```

On return from PARSE, OUTLEN would contain X'05' and OUTDATA would contain '25.00'.

The Assembler code above equates to the following REXX to perform the same task:

```

INPUT = 'ØØØØØ25.ØØ'
OUTDATA = STRIP(INPUT,L,Ø)
OUTLEN = LENGTH(OUTDATA)

```

- 2 Scan the following SYSIN text to retrieve the setting of NAME. Once retrieved, ensure that any blanks around the dataset name are removed.

```

' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(339Ø) VOL(TSØØØ1))'

LA R8,NAME * Point to result field
PARSE VAR, * Use PARSE VAR X
STRING=SYSIN, * On this input string X
FIELDS=(<.>,NAMESEP,(R8),BRACKET,<.>)
PARSE STRIP, * Use PARSE STRIP X
STRING=NAME, * Input is NAME X
RESULT=NAME * Replace original with stripped
...
...
SYSIN DC AL1(72)
DC CL72' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(339Ø) VOL(TSØØØ1))'
NAMESEP DC AL1(5),C'NAME(' * Separator for NAME(
BRACKET DC AL1(1),C')' * Separator for close bracket
NAME DS ØC * Result field
NAMELEN DS AL1 * Result field length
NAMEDATA DS CL44 * Result field data

```

On return from PARSE, NAMELEN would contain X'03' and NAMEDATA would contain 'A.B'.

The Assembler code above equates to the following REXX to perform the same task:

```

NAMESEP = 'NAME('

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```

BRACKET = ')'
SYSIN = ' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(3390) VOL(TS0001)) '
PARSE VAR SYSIN . (NAMESEP) NAMEDATA (BRACKET) .
NAMEDATA = STRIP(NAMEDATA)
NAMELEN = LENGTH(NAMEDATA)

```

- 3 Scan the following SYSIN text to retrieve the setting of VOL and check that it is of the form 'TS%0\*'. Assume the code would reside in a re-entrant program.

```

' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(3390) VOL(TS0001))'

LA R7,VOLSEP * Point to the VOL separator
PARSE VAR, * Use PARSE VAR X
STRING=SYSIN, * On the SYSIN text X
FIELDS=(<.>, * Throw beginning away X
(R7),VOLSER,BRACKET, * Place result in VOLSER X
<.>), * Throw remainder away X
MF=(E, PARSEV1) * Use the PARSEV1 parm list
CLI VOLLEN,X'00' * Did we get a value for VOL ?
BE ERROR * No - exit with error
PARSE PATTERN, * Use PARSE PATTERN X
STRING=VOLSER, * On the VOLSER text X
MASK=VOLMASK, * Use the VOLSER mask field X
RESULT=RESULT, * Place Result here X
MF=(E, PARSEP1) * Use the PARSEP1 parm list
ICM R15,B'1111',RESDATA * Load up result
BZ NOMATCH * Zero = nomatch
MATCH EQU *
...
...
SYSIN DC AL1(72)
DC CL72' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(3390) VOL(TS0001))'
VOLSEP DC AL1(4),C'VOL(' * Separator field
VOLMASK DC AL1(5),C'TS%0*' * Pattern mask
BRACKET DC AL1(1),C')' * Separator field
...
WORKAREA DSECT
RESULT DS 0C * Result field for PARSE PATTERN
RESLEN DS AL1 * Result field length
RESDATA DS XL4 * Result field data
VOLSER DS 0C * Result field to hold VOLSER
VOLLEN DS AL1 * Result field length
VOLDATA DS CL6 * Result field data
PARSE VAR, FIELDS=(, , , ), MF=(L, PARSEV1)
PARSE PATTERN, MF=(L, PARSEP1)
WORKLEN EQU *-WORKAREA

```

The Assembler code above equates to the following REXX

to perform the same task:

```
VOLSEP = 'VOL('
BRACKET = ')'
SYSIN = ' DEF NVSAM(NAME(A.B ) DEVT(3390) VOL(TS0001)) '
PARSE VAR SYSIN . (VOLSEP) VOLDATA (BRACKET) .
IF SUBSTR(VOLDATA,1,2) <> 'TS' THEN EXIT 4
IF SUBSTR(VOLDATA,4,1) <> 'Ø' THEN EXIT 4
VOLLEN = LENGTH(VOLDATA)
```

#### 4 Retrieve the last word from the following text:

```
' THE BOY RAN AWAY CLUTCHING HIS ICE-CREAMS'
```

```
PARSE WORDS, * Get number of words X
STRING=TEXT, * From this text X
RESULT=NUMWORDS * and place result in WORDNUM
PARSE WORD, * Get word X
STRING=TEXT, * From this text X
WORDNUM=NUMWORDS, * This word number = last X
RESULT=LASTWORD * and place result in LASTWORD
...
...
TEXT DC AL1(72)
DC CL72' THE BOY RAN AWAY CLUTCHING HIS ICE-CREAMS'
NUMWORDS DS ØC * Result field for PARSE WORDS
NUMLEN DS AL1 * Result field length
NUMDATA DS XL4 * Result field data
LASTWORD DS ØC * Result field for PARSE WORD
LASTLEN DS AL1 * Result field length
LASTDATA DS CL16 * Result field data
```

On return from PARSE WORD, LASTLEN would contain X'0A' and LASTDATA would contain 'ICE-CREAMS'.

The Assembler code above equates to the following REXX to perform the same task:

```
TEXT = 'THE BOY RAN AWAY CLUTCHING HIS ICE-CREAMS'
NUMWORDS = WORDS(TEXT)
LASTDATA = WORD(TEXT, NUMWORDS)
LASTLEN = LENGTH(LASTDATA)
```

#### SOURCE CODE FOR THE PARSE MACRO

```
MACRO
. * -----
. * MACRO NAME : PARSE
. *
. * FUNCTION : THE PARSE MACRO PROVIDES REXX TYPE PARSE FUNCTIONS
```

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.*      : TO ASSEMBLER PROGRAMS. IT CREATES A PARAMETER LIST
.*      : AND CALLS THE 'RDSPARSE' PROGRAM.
.*
.* SYNTAX : PARSE parse_type,
.*          STRING=source_data,
.*          OPTION=option_data,
.*          SUBSTR=substring,
.*          MASK=mask_data,
.*          WORDNUM=word_number,
.*          FIELDS=(field1, field2... fieldn),
.*          RESULT=result_data,
.*          MF=S
.*          MF=(L, label)
.*          MF=(E, label)
.*
.* KEYWORDS : parse_type
.*            is the type of parse function required.
.*
.* INDEX
.* specifies that the offset into 'source_data',
.* relative to one, of the first character of the
.* string specified by 'substring' is to be returned
.* in 'result_data'.
.*
.* PATTERN
.* specifies that the 'source_data' is to be
.* compared to the generic pattern specified in
.* 'mask_data'.
.* If there is a match, 'result_data' is set
.* to 1, otherwise it is set to 0.
.*
.* STRIP
.* specifies that the 'source_data' is to have its
.* leading and/or trailing characters removed and
.* the result placed in 'result_data'.
.* The character to be stripped is specified in
.* 'substring' (Default is a space x'40').
.* The setting of 'option_data' specifies if the
.* leading and/or trailing characters are to be
.* removed.
.*
.* WORD
.* specifies that the word whose number is specified
.* in 'word_number' is to be copied from 'source_data'
.* into 'result_data'.
.*
.* WORDINDEX
.* specifies that the offset into 'source_data',
.* relative to one, of the first character of the
.* word number specified in 'word_number' is to be
.* returned in 'result_data'.

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.*
.*
.*      WORDS
.*      specifies that the number of words in 'source_data'
.*      is to be returned in 'result_data'.
.*
.*
.*      VAR
.*      specifies that 'source_data' is to be parsed
.*      according to the result and data fields specified
.*      in the FIELDS list.
.*
.*      : STRING=source_data
.*      is the name (RX-Type) or address in register
.*      (2)-(12) of the source data. The source data
.*      must be constructed of a 1 byte length field
.*      followed by the source data to be parsed.
.*
.*      : OPTION=option_data
.*      is the option passed to the PARSE function.
.*
.*      For STRIP
.*      LEADING = Strip leading characters ONLY
.*      TRAILING = Strip trailing characters ONLY
.*      BOTH    = Strip both leading and trailing
.*              characters.
.*
.*
.*      : MASK=mask_data
.*      is the generic pattern to be used in the PARSE
.*      PATTERN function and must be RX-Type format or
.*      address in register (2)- (12).
.*      The mask-data is constructed of a 1 byte length
.*      field followed by the mask data.
.*      A wild card of '*' can be used to match one or
.*      more characters.
.*      A placeholder of '%' can be used to match just
.*      one character.
.*
.*
.*      : WORDNUM=word_number
.*      is the word number to be used in the PARSE WORD and
.*      WORDINDEX functions and must be RX-Type format or
.*      address in register (2)- (12).
.*      The word_number is constructed of a 1-byte length
.*      field which must be 4, followed by a four byte hex
.*      word number.
.*
.*
.*      : SUBSTR=substring
.*      is the substring data to be passed to the PARSE
.*      function and must be RX-Type format or address
.*      in register (2)- (12).
.*      The substring is constructed of a 1 byte length
.*      field followed by the substring data.
.*
.*

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.*
.*      For INDEX
.*      'substring' specifies the search string data.
.*
.*
.*      For STRIP
.*      'substring' specifies the strip character.
.*
.*
.*      : FIELDS=(field1, field2... fieldn)
.*      is the list of field names to be used with
.*      'source_data' during a PARSE VAR operation.
.*      Each field must be constructed of a 1 byte length
.*      field followed by the field data.
.*      Each field name must be RX-Type format or address
.*      in register (2)- (12).
.*
.*      Each field can take one of two forms:
.*
.*      (1) A Separator Field
.*          This is defined by a field whose field data
.*          length is set to the length greater than
.*          zero.
.*
.*      (2) A Result Field
.*          This is defined by a field whose field data
.*          length is set to zero. The field data area
.*          will be populated by the PARSE program.
.*          To indicate that a successful parse has
.*          taken place, the field data length will
.*          be set to the length of the data returned.
.*          A length of zero in the field data length
.*          on return from the PARSE program indicates
.*          no data has been returned in the result field.
.*
.*
.*      Special Case :
.*          Specifying a field of <.> can be used to emulate
.*          the placeholder function in REXX. If specified, the
.*          result data that would enter this field is thrown
.*          away.
.*
.*
.*      : RESULT=result_data
.*      is the name (RX-Type) or address in register
.*      (2)-(12) of the result data. The result data
.*      must be constructed of a 1 byte length field
.*      followed by enough bytes to contain the result
.*      returned from the PARSE function. This field is
.*      required for all function types except VAR.
.*
.*
.*      : MF=S
.*      specifies the standard form of the macro. The "S"
.*      form generates code to put the parameters into an
.*      in-line parameter list and invoke the desired
.*      service
.*
.*

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. *           : MF=(L,Label)
. *           specifies the list form of the macro. The "L" form
. *           defines an area to be used for the parameter list.
. *           All keywords applicable to the PARSE function
. *           specified must be coded in order for the macro to
. *           calculate the space required for the parameter list.
. *
. *           : MF=(E,Label)
. *           specifies the execute form of the macro. The "E" form
. *           generates code to put the parameters into the storage
. *           pointed to by 'Label'.
. *
-----
&LABEL      PARSE &TYPE,
              &STRING=,
              &OPTION=,
              &SUBSTR=,
              &MASK=,
              &WORDNUM=,
              &FIELDS=,
              &RESULT=,
              &MF=S
-----
. *
. * Ensure that we have all required parms
. *
-----
&NUMFLDS   SETA  N' &FIELDS
&NUMMF     SETA  N' &MF
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ ''). ERROR0
              AIF  (' &TYPE' NE 'VAR'). CHKRES
              AIF  (' &MF(1)' EQ 'L'). CHKMF
              AGO  .CHKSTR
. CHKRES    ANOP
              AIF  (' &RESULT' EQ '' AND '&MF(1)' NE 'L'). ERROR1
. CHKSTR    ANOP
              AIF  (' &STRING' EQ '' AND '&MF(1)' NE 'L'). ERROR2
. CHKMF     ANOP
              AIF  (&NUMMF EQ 1). CHKTYPE
              AIF  (&NUMMF NE 2). ERROR5
&MFLABEL   SETC  '&MF(2)'
. CHKTYPE   ANOP
. *
-----
. * Now check which PARSE function is required
. *
-----
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'INDEX'). TYPINDEX
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'PATTERN'). TYPPAT
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'STRIP'). TYPSTRIP
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORD'). TYPWORD
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORDINDEX'). TYPWIDX
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORDS'). TYPWORDS
              AIF  (' &TYPE' EQ 'VAR'). TYPVAR
              AGO  .ERROR3
. *

```



```

.TYPSTRIP ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the STRIP function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '40'
&PARSETYP SETC '40'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPINDEX ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the INDEX function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '36'
&PARSETYP SETC '10'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPPAT ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the PATTERN function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '36'
&PARSETYP SETC '20'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPWINDX ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the WORDINDEX function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '36'
&PARSETYP SETC '08'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPWORD ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the WORD function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '36'
&PARSETYP SETC '04'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPWORDS ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the WORDS function call
.*-----
&WORKSZC SETC '32'
&PARSETYP SETC '02'
          AGO .GETMF
.TYPVAR ANOP
.*-----
.* Set up constants for the VAR function call
.*-----
          AIF ('&FIELDS' EQ '').ERROR7
&WORKSZ SETA (4*&NUMFLDS)+28
&WORKSZC SETC '&WORKSZ'
&PARSETYP SETC '01'
          AGO .GETMF

```

```

.*
.GETMF      ANOP
.*-----
.* Examine the MF setting and decide what to do
.*-----
          AIF      (' &MF(1)' NE 'S').MFNOTS
&LABEL     CNOP    0,4                Align Fullword
          B        *+&WORKSZC+4      Branch round parameter list
          DS        XL&WORKSZC        Parameter list
          LA        1,*-&WORKSZC      Point to parameter list
          AGO       .GETTYPE
.MFNOTS     ANOP
          AIF      (' &MF(1)' NE 'L').MFNOTL
          AIF      (' &LABEL' NE '').ERROR12
          AIF      (' &MFLABEL' (1,1) EQ '(').ERROR11
          DS        0F                Align Fullword
&MFLABEL   DS        XL&WORKSZC      Parameter list
          AGO       .END
.MFNOTL     ANOP
          AIF      (' &MF(1)' NE 'E').ERROR6
          AIF      (' &MFLABEL' (1,1) EQ '(').MFREG
          LA        1,&MFLABEL        Point to parameter list
          AGO       .GETTYPE
.MFREG      ANOP
®          SETC    '&MFLABEL' (2,K' &MFLABEL-2)
          LR        1,®                Point to parameter list
.GETTYPE    ANOP
          MVI      0(1),X' &PARSETYP'  Indicate TYPE
          MVC      4(4,1),=X' 01FF0000' Move in default settings
          MVC      8(4,1),=X' 0140004B' Move in default settings
          LR        15,1                Point to flag
          ST        15,12(1)           Store in parameter list
          AGO       .STRING
.STRING     ANOP
.*-----
.* Process the STRING keyword
.*-----
          AIF      (' &STRING' (1,1) EQ '(').STRREG
.*-----
.* STRING=variable specified
.*-----
          LA        15,&STRING          Point to the source string
          AGO       .STORESTR
.STRREG     ANOP
.*-----
.* STRING=(Rx) specified
.*-----
®          SETC    '&STRING' (2,K' &STRING-2)
          LR        15,®                Point to the source string
.STORESTR   ANOP
          ST        15,16(1)           Store in parameter list

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        LA      15, 24(1)           Point to other keywords
        ST      15, 20(1)         Store in parameter list
.RESTPARM ANOP
.*-----
.* Process the other keywords depending on the TYPE setting
.*-----
&RESOFF  SETA  24
&RESOFFC SETC  '&RESOFF'
        AIF   (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORDS'). RESULT
        AIF   (' &TYPE' EQ 'PATTERN'). MASK
        AIF   (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORD'). WORDNUM
        AIF   (' &TYPE' EQ 'WORDINDEX'). WORDNUM
        AIF   (' &TYPE' EQ 'VAR'). GETFLDS
        AGO   .SUBSTR
.GETFLDS ANOP
.*-----
.* Process the FIELDS keyword
.*-----
&I      SETA  1
.FLDLOOP ANOP
.*-----
.* Loop through all the FIELDS variables and store their addresses
.* in the parameter list.
.*-----
&OFF    SETA  &I -1
&FLDOFF SETA  &OFF*4+24
&FLDNAME SETC  '&FIELDS(&I)'
&FLDOFFN SETC  '&FLDOFF'
        AIF   (' &FLDNAME' NE '<.>'). FLDNORM
        LA    15, 10(1)
        AGO   .STORFLD
.FLDNORM ANOP
        AIF   (' &FLDNAME' (1, 1) EQ '('). FLDREG
        LA    15, &FLDNAME           Get address of field entry
        AGO   .STORFLD
.FLDREG  ANOP
&FREG   SETC  '&FLDNAME' (2, K' &FLDNAME-2)
        LR    15, &FREG             Get address of field entry
.STORFLD ST  15, &FLDOFFN. (1)     Store in parameter list
&I      SETA  &I +1
        AIF   (&I GT &NUMFLDS). FLDLOOPE
        AGO   .FLDLOOP
.FLDLOOPE ANOP
&NULLOFF SETA  &FLDOFF+4
&NULLOFFC SETC  '&NULLOFF'
        AGO   .LINKPGM
.*-----
.* Process the SUBSTR keyword
.*-----

```

```

        AIF (' &SUBSTR' NE ''). SUBTEST
        AIF (' &TYPE' NE 'STRIP'). ERROR4
        LA 15,8(1) Point to default character
        AGO .STORESUB
.SUBTEST AIF (' &SUBSTR' (1,1) EQ '('). SUBREG
*-----
* SUBSTR=variable specified
*-----
        LA 15,&SUBSTR Point to the substring
        AGO .STORESUB
.SUBREG ANOP
*-----
* SUBSTR=(Rx) specified
*-----
® SETC '&SUBSTR' (2,K' &SUBSTR-2)
        LR 15,® Point to the substring
.STORESUB ANOP
        ST 15,24(1) Store in parameter list
&RESOFF SETA 28
&RESOFFC SETC '&RESOFF'
        AIF (' &TYPE' EQ 'STRIP'). OPTION
        AGO .RESULT
.MASK ANOP
        AIF (' &MASK' EQ ''). ERROR9
*-----
* Process the MASK keyword
*-----
        AIF (' &MASK' (1,1) EQ '('). MASKREG
*-----
* MASK=variable specified
*-----
        LA 15,&MASK Point to the mask
        AGO .STOREMAS
.MASKREG ANOP
*-----
* MASK=(Rx) specified
*-----
® SETC '&MASK' (2,K' &MASK-2)
        LR 15,® Point to the mask
.STOREMAS ANOP
        ST 15,24(1) Store in parameter list
&RESOFF SETA 28
&RESOFFC SETC '&RESOFF'
        AGO .RESULT
.WORDNUM ANOP
        AIF (' &WORDNUM' EQ ''). ERROR10
*-----
* Process the WORDNUM Keyword
*-----
        AIF (' &WORDNUM' (1,1) EQ '('). WRDNKREG
*-----

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```

* WORDNUM=variable specified
* -----
        LA    15,&WORDNUM          Point to the word number
        AGO    .STOREWDN
.WRDNREG ANOP
* -----
* WORDNUM=(Rx) specified
* -----
®      SETC  '&WORDNUM' (2, K' &WORDNUM-2)
        LR    15,®                Point to the word number
.STOREWDN ANOP
        ST    15,24(1)            Store in parameter list
&RESOFF  SETA  28
&RESOFFC SETC  '&RESOFF'
        AGO    .RESULT
.OPTION  ANOP
* -----
* Process the OPTION keyword
* -----
        AIF  ('&OPTION' EQ '').OPTDONE
.OPTLEAD AIF  ('&OPTION' NE 'LEADING').OPTTRAIL
        MVI  5(1),X'F0'          Indicate strip leading chars
        AGO    .OPTDONE
.OPTTRAIL AIF  ('&OPTION' NE 'TRAILING').OPTBOTH
        MVI  5(1),X'0F'          Indicate strip trailing chars
        AGO    .OPTDONE
.OPTBOTH AIF  ('&OPTION' NE 'BOTH').ERROR8
.OPTDONE ANOP
        LA    15,4(1)            Point to option bytes
        ST    15,28(1)           Store in parameter list
&RESOFF  SETA  32
&RESOFFC SETC  '&RESOFF'
        AGO    .RESULT
.RESULT  ANOP
* -----
* Process the RESULT keyword
* -----
        AIF  ('&RESULT' (1,1) EQ '(').RESREG
* -----
* RESULT=variable specified
* -----
        LA    15,&RESULT          Point to the result field
        AGO    .STORERES
.RESREG  ANOP
* -----
* RESULT=(Rx) specified
* -----
®      SETC  '&RESULT' (2, K' &RESULT-2)
        LR    15,®                Point to the result field
.STORERES ANOP

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        ST      15,&RESOFFC.(1)      Store in parameter list
&NULLOFF  SETA  &RESOFF+4
&NULLOFFC SETC  '&NULLOFF'
        AGO    .LINKPGM
. *
.LINKPGM  ANOP
        XR      15,15                Create null entry
        ST      15,&NULLOFFC.(1)     Store in parameter list
        LA      1,12(1)              Point to parameter list
        LINK    EP=RDSPARSE          Link to RDSPARSE
        AGO    .END
. *
. * -----
. * Error messages
. * -----
.ERROR0   MNOTE 12,'PARSE type was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR1   MNOTE 12,'Required keyword RESULT was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR2   MNOTE 12,'Required keyword STRING was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR3   MNOTE 12,'Invalid value speci fi ed for PARSE type'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR4   MNOTE 12,'Required keyword SUBSTR was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR5   MNOTE 12,'Too many parameters in the MF keyword'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR6   MNOTE 12,'Invalid MF value speci fi ed - use L,E or S'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR7   MNOTE 12,'Required keyword FIELDS was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR8   MNOTE 12,'Invalid value for OPTION'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR9   MNOTE 12,'Required keyword MASK was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR10  MNOTE 12,'Required keyword WORDNUM was not speci fi ed'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR11  MNOTE 12,'Invalid use of register as label when MF=L'
        AGO    .END
.ERROR12  MNOTE 12,'Invalid use of Assembler label when MF=L'
        AGO    .END
.END      MEND

```

## SOURCE CODE FOR THE RDSPARSE PROGRAM

```

RDSPARSE TITLE 'ASSEMBLER ROUTINE TO PARSE STRINGS'
. * ----- *
. * Nname           : RDSPARSE
. * Function        : This program acts as a 'stub' to pass control to
. *                 the required RDSPARxx program. The type of PARSE

```



	LR	R12, R15	copy entry address to base	
	USING	RDSPARSE, R12	address it	
	MODID			
	LR	R2, R1	protect parms	
	STORAGE	OBTAIN,	grab some storage	X
		LENGTH=WORKL,	this much	X
		ADDR=(R13)	put address in r13	
	MVC	4(4, R13), =C' F1SA'	set acronym in save area	
GETPARMS	EQU	*		
	LR	R1, R2	restore parms	
	LA	R7, 4(R1)	r7 -> parms that are passed on	
	LM	R2, R4, Ø(R1)	copy parms passed	
*			r2 -> options	
*			r3 -> source data	
*			r4 -> template list	
	TM	Ø(R2), WANT_RDSPARVR	do we want parse var ?	
	BNO	CHKWORDS	no - check next option	
	L	R15, RDSPARVR_PGM	get address of RDSparvr pgm	
	LR	R1, R7	copy parm list	
	BALR	R14, R15	branch to program	
	B	RETURNØØ	leave	
CHKWORDS	EQU	*		
	TM	Ø(R2), WANT_WORDS	do we want words ?	
	BNO	CHKWORD	no - check next option	
	L	R15, WORDS_PGM	get address of words pgm	
	LR	R1, R7	copy parm list	
	BALR	R14, R15	branch to program	
	B	RETURNØØ	leave	
CHKWORD	EQU	*		
	TM	Ø(R2), WANT_WORD	do we want word ?	
	BNO	CHKWORDI	no - check next option	
	L	R15, WORD_PGM	get address of word pgm	
	LR	R1, R7	copy parm list	
	BALR	R14, R15	branch to program	
	B	RETURNØØ	leave	
CHKWORDI	EQU	*		
	TM	Ø(R2), WANT_WORDI NDX	do we want wordindex ?	
	BNO	CHKI NDEX	no - check next option	
	L	R15, WORDI NDX_PGM	get address of wordindex pgm	
	LR	R1, R7	copy parm list	
	BALR	R14, R15	branch to program	
	B	RETURNØØ	leave	
CHKI NDEX	EQU	*		
	TM	Ø(R2), WANT_I NDEX	do we want index ?	
	BNO	CHKPATTN	no - check next option	
	L	R15, I NDEX_PGM	get address of index pgm	
	LR	R1, R7	copy parm list	
	BALR	R14, R15	branch to program	
	B	RETURNØØ	leave	
CHKPATTN	EQU	*		



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        TM      Ø(R2), WANT_PATTERN      do we want pattern ?
        BNO     CHKSTRIP                  no - check next option
        L       R15, PATTERN_PGM         get address of pattern pgm
        LR      R1, R7                   copy parm list
        BALR    R14, R15                 branch to program
        B       RETURNØØ                 leave
CHKSTRIP EQU *
        TM      Ø(R2), WANT_STRIP        do we want strip ?
        BNO     RETURNØØ                 no - check next option
        L       R15, STRIP_PGM          get address of strip pgm
        LR      R1, R7                   copy parm list
        BALR    R14, R15                 branch to program
        B       RETURNØØ                 leave
RETURNØØ EQU *
        STORAGE RELEASE,                free some storage
        LENGTH=WORKL,                    this much
        ADDR=(R13)                       put address in r13
        XR      R15, R15                 set rc to zero
        PR                                     return
*-----*
* CONSTANTS VARIABLES AND DSECTS
*-----*
RDSPARVR_PGM DC V(RDSPARVR)            address of parse routines
WORDS_PGM    DC V(RDSPARWS)
WORD_PGM     DC V(RDSPARWD)
WORDINDX_PGM DC V(RDSPARWI)
INDEX_PGM    DC V(RDSPARID)
PATTERN_PGM  DC V(RDSPARPT)
STRIP_PGM    DC V(RDSPARST)
WANT_RDSPARVR EQU X' Ø1'              function request types
WANT_WORDS   EQU X' Ø2'
WANT_WORD    EQU X' Ø4'
WANT_WORDINDX EQU X' Ø8'
WANT_INDEX   EQU X' 1Ø'
WANT_PATTERN EQU X' 2Ø'
WANT_STRIP   EQU X' 4Ø'
WORKAREA     DSECT
SAVEAREA     DS 18D
WORKL        EQU *-WORKAREA
YREGS
END

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*Editor's note: the code will be concluded in the next issue.*

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Serena Software is partnering with Relativity Technologies to sell a combined package that's supposed to streamline the process of modernizing and maintaining legacy applications.

Specifically, Serena is leveraging its ChangeMan ZDD, which promotes desktop development on z/OS and OS/390 platforms, to work with Relativity's RescueWare legacy modernization product. The combination is said to make it possible for sites to quickly retrieve data locked in legacy systems, and then update and maintain that information directly from desktop systems without having to use other tools like FTP and NDM.

RescueWare allows companies to leverage and reuse existing legacy application source code rather than having to manually reprogram the applications from scratch or lose them all together. ChangeMan ZDD allows access to legacy components while streamlining and improving the entire data conversion process. The combination apparently means RescueWare is more intuitive to operate and customers can achieve significant gains in overall productivity, development efficiency, and software quality.

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IBM has announced DB2 UDB Version 8, a new re-engineered database for z/OS. New in this version are 64-bit virtual addressing,

'extensive' enhancements to SQL, and usability and portability enhancements through major catalogue changes.

There are major improvements in long object names, Unicode for worldwide support and improved SQL compatibility, DB2 family compatibility for portability of transaction applications from Unix and Windows environments, and enhanced data availability through on-line schema evolution.

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ASG has announced that its ASG-TMON family of availability and performance monitoring tools provide support for z/OS V1R4.

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Embarcadero Technologies and Rocket Software have announced a joint venture whereby the former's DBArtisan database administration product will be enhanced for DB2 for OS/390.

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