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Introduction

About this document

This book is for PL/I programmers and system programmers. It helps you understand how to use Enterprise PL/I for z/OS in order to compile PL/I programs. It also describes the operating system features that you might need to optimize program performance or handle errors.

Important: Enterprise PL/I for z/OS is referred to as Enterprise PL/I throughout this book.

Runtime environment for Enterprise PL/I for z/OS

Enterprise PL/I uses Language Environment as its runtime environment. It conforms to the Language Environment architecture and can share the runtime environment with other Language Environment-conforming languages.

Language Environment provides a common set of runtime options and callable services. It also improves interlanguage communication (ILC) between high-level languages (HLL) and the assembler by eliminating language-specific initialization and termination on each ILC invocation.

Using your documentation

The publications provided with Enterprise PL/I are designed to help you program with PL/I. The publications provided with Language Environment are designed to help you manage your runtime environment for applications generated with Enterprise PL/I. Each publication helps you perform a different task.

The following tables show you how to use the publications you receive with Enterprise PL/I and Language Environment. You will want to know information about both your compiler and runtime environment. For the complete titles and order numbers of these and other related publications, see “Bibliography” on page 523.

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This book uses the conventions, diagramming techniques, and notation described in “Conventions used” and “How to read the notational symbols” on page xvii to illustrate PL/I and non-PL/I programming syntax.

Conventions used

Some of the programming syntax in this document uses type fonts to denote different elements:

- Items shown in UPPERCASE letters indicate key elements that must be typed exactly as shown.
- Items shown in lowercase letters indicate user-supplied variables for which you must substitute appropriate names or values. The variables begin with a letter and can include hyphens, numbers, or the underscore character (_).
- The term digit indicates that a digit (0 through 9) should be substituted.
- The term do-group indicates that a do-group should be substituted.
- Underlined items indicate default options.
- Examples are shown in monocase type.
• Unless otherwise indicated, separate repeatable items from each other by one or more blanks.

Note: Any symbols shown that are not purely notational, as described in “How to read the notational symbols” on page xvii, are part of the programming syntax itself.

For an example of programming syntax that follows these conventions, see “Example of notation” on page xvii.

How to read the syntax notation

The following rules apply to the syntax diagrams used in this document:

Arrow symbols
Read the syntax diagrams from left to right, from top to bottom, following the path of the line.

►► Indicates the beginning of a statement.

───► Indicates that the statement syntax is continued on the next line.

►─── Indicates that a statement is continued from the previous line.

───►◄ Indicates the end of a statement.

Diagrams of syntactical units other than complete statements start with the ►─── symbol and end with the ───► symbol.

Conventions

• Keywords, their allowable synonyms, and reserved parameters, appear in uppercase for MVS™ and OS/2 platforms, and lowercase for UNIX platforms. These items must be entered exactly as shown.

• Variables appear in lowercase italics (for example, column-name). They represent user-defined parameters or suboptions.

• When entering commands, separate parameters and keywords by at least one blank if there is no intervening punctuation.

• Enter punctuation marks (slashes, commas, periods, parentheses, quotation marks, equal signs) and numbers exactly as given.

• Footnotes are shown by a number in parentheses, for example, (1).

• A ▲ symbol indicates one blank position.

Required items
Required items appear on the horizontal line (the main path).

►►REQUIRED_ITEM───►

Optional Items
Optional items appear below the main path.

►►REQUIRED_ITEM[optional_item]───►

If an optional item appears above the main path, that item has no effect on the execution of the statement and is used only for readability.
Multiple required or optional items
If you can choose from two or more items, they appear vertically in a stack. If you must choose one of the items, one item of the stack appears on the main path.

If choosing one of the items is optional, the entire stack appears below the main path.

Repeatable items
An arrow returning to the left above the main line indicates that an item can be repeated.

If the repeat arrow contains a comma, you must separate repeated items with a comma.

A repeat arrow above a stack indicates that you can specify more than one of the choices in the stack.

Default keywords
IBM-supplied default keywords appear above the main path, and the remaining choices are shown below the main path. In the parameter list following the syntax diagram, the default choices are underlined.

Fragments
Sometimes a diagram must be split into fragments. The fragments are represented by a letter or fragment name, set off like this: | A |. The fragment follows the end of the main diagram. The following example shows the use of a fragment.
A:

Substitution-block
Sometimes a set of several parameters is represented by a substitution-block such as <A>. For example, in the imaginary /VERB command you could enter /VERB LINE 1, /VERB EITHER LINE 1, or /VERB OR LINE 1.

where <A> is:

Parameter endings
Parameters with number values end with the symbol '#', parameters that are names end with 'name', and parameters that can be generic end with '*'.

The MSNAME keyword in the example supports a name value and the SYSID keyword supports a number value.

How to read the notational symbols
Some of the programming syntax in this book is presented using notational symbols. This is to maintain consistency with descriptions of the same syntax in other IBM publications, or to allow the syntax to be shown on single lines within a table or heading.

- **Braces**, {}, indicate a choice of entry. Unless an item is underlined, indicating a default, or the items are enclosed in brackets, you must choose at least one of the entries.
- Items separated by a single **vertical bar**, |, are alternative items. You can select only one of the group of items separated by single vertical bars. (Double vertical bars, ||, specify a concatenation operation, not alternative items. See the PL/I Language Reference for more information on double vertical bars.)
- Anything enclosed in **brackets**, [], is optional. If the items are vertically stacked within the brackets, you can specify only one item.
- An **ellipsis**, ..., indicates that multiple entries of the type immediately preceding the ellipsis are allowed.

Example of notation
The following example of PL/I syntax illustrates the notational symbols described in "How to read the notational symbols"
DCL file-reference FILE STREAM
   {INPUT | OUTPUT [PRINT]}
   ENVIRONMENT(option ...);

Interpret this example as follows:

- You must spell and enter the first line as shown, except for file-reference, for
  which you must substitute the name of the file you are referencing.
- In the second line, you can specify INPUT or OUTPUT, but not both. If you
  specify OUTPUT, you can optionally specify PRINT as well. If you do not
  specify either alternative, INPUT takes effect by default.
- You must enter and spell the last line as shown (including the parentheses and
  semicolon), except for option ..., for which you must substitute one or more
  options separated from each other by one or more blanks.

Summary of changes

Enhancements in this release

This release provides the following functional enhancements that are described in
this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Changes in GI13-4536-00, August 2017

Compiler option enhancements:

The compiler option has these changes:
- The NOGOTO suboption now accepts a LOOSEFORWARD sub-suboption so
  that GOTO statements that branch forward are exempted from the NOGOTO
  flagging.
- The RULES option now accepts a NOMULTISEMI suboption that flags source
  line that contain more than one semicolon.
- The RULES option now accepts a NOLAXCONV suboption that flags arithmetic
  expressions where an operand does not have arithmetic type.

Changes in GI13-4536-00, April 2017

Enhancements in usability:
- The compiler now flags unreachable ASSERT UNREACHABLE statements with
  a different message than it flags other unreachable statements.
- The compiler now expands in the AGGREGATE listing typed structures that are
  member of other structures.
- The attributes listing now shows the contents of the VALUE attribute for
  CHARACTER and BIT constants of length 256 or less and also for numeric
  PICTURE constants.

Compiler option enhancements:
- The new compiler option controls whether ASSERT
  statements call a default library routine that will raise the ASSERTION condition
  or a routine provided by the user.
- The new compiler option controls whether some names will
  be shown in uppercase or in the same format as they appear in the source
  program.
• The CMPAT(LE) and CMPAT(V1) have been restored in the "CMPAT" on page 15 compiler option.

• The "RULES" on page 70 compiler option has these new suboptions:

  **LAXINTERFACE | NOLAXINTERFACE**
  You can use RULES(NOLAXINTERFACE) to flag code that does not contain a valid explicit declare for each of its external PROCEDUREs.

  **MULTIENTRY | NOMULTIENTRY**
  You can use RULES(NOMULTIENTRY) to flag code that contains ENTRY statements.

  **MULTIEXIT | NOMULTIEXIT**
  You can use RULES(NOMULTIEXIT) to flag code that contains multiple RETURN statements.

  **UNREFCTL | NOUNREFCTL**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFCTL) to flag unreferenced CTL variables.

  **UNREFDEFINED | NOUNREFDEFINED**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFDEFINED) to flag unreferenced DEFINED variables.

  **UNREFENTRY | NOUNREFENTRY**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFENTRY) to flag unreferenced ENTRY constants.

  **UNREFFILE | NOUNREFFILE**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFFILE) to flag unreferenced FILE constants.

  **UNREFSTATIC | NOUNREFSTATIC**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFSTATIC) to flag unreferenced STATIC variables.

  **YY | NOYY**
  You can use RULES(NOYY) to flag the use of 2-digit years.

• The NOELSEIF suboption of the "RULES" on page 70 compiler option now also flag ELSE statements immediately followed by an IF statement that is enclosed in a simple DO-END.

**CICS enhancements:**

• The CICS preprocessor output now includes a listing of all the CICS options in effect when the preprocessor run.

**Performance improvements**

• Enterprise PL/I now takes additional exploitation of the vector facility.

• Some fixed decimal divides with large precision are now done using the Decimal Floating-Point (DFP) facility. This might cause some ZERODIVIDE exceptions to be reported as INVALIDOP.

**Usability enhancements**

• Enterprise PL/I now provides support for compiling code for 64-bit applications. For more information, see Chapter 7, "Considerations for developing 64-bit applications," on page 191.

• The compiler now issues a warning message if the option strings in the IBMZIOP are the same as each other and if a user specifies an option that conflicts with one of those non-overridable options.
The compiler now also includes information about the compiler options that are used during compilation in the generated SYSADATA file. All the declarations for SYSADATA records are now provided in include files in the samples data set SIBMZSAM.

**Compiler option enhancements**

- The new “BRACKETS” on page 12 compiler option allows you to specify the symbols that the SQL preprocessor accepts as the left and right brackets in SQL array references. This option makes it easier to use such language.
- The new “DECOMP” on page 22 compiler option causes the compiler to produce a listing section that shows all intermediate expressions and their attributes for all expressions used in the source program.
- The “DECIMAL” on page 20 compiler option has a new suboption, TRUNCFLOAT, which provides you with finer control over how the compiler handles assignments of float to fixed decimal when truncation might occur.
- The new “EXPORTALL” on page 34 compiler option controls whether to export all externally defined procedures and variable so that a DLL application can use them.
- The new “HEADER” on page 39 compiler option lets you control what appears in the middle of each header line in the compiler listing.
- The “INSOURCE” on page 43 compiler option has two new suboptions, FIRST and ALL, which control how many source listings appear in the listing file.
- The new “LP” on page 49 compiler option allows you to specify whether the compiler generates 31-bit code or 64-bit code.
- The “MDECK” on page 54 compiler option has two new suboptions, AFTERALL and AFTERMACRO, which control when the MDECK is generated.
- The new “NULLDATE” on page 57 compiler option allows you to use the SQL null date as a valid date in your program.
- The new “OFFSETSIZE” on page 58 compiler option determines the size of OFFSET variables in 64-bit applications.
- The “RULES” on page 70 compiler option has these new suboptions:

  **LAXSTMT | NOLAXSTMT**
  You can use RULES(NOLAXSTMT) to flag any line that has more than one statement.

  **UNREFBASED | NOUNREFBASED**
  You can use RULES(NOUNREFBASED) to flag unreferenced BASED variables that are in BASED storage.

- The NOPROCENDONLY suboption of the “RULES” on page 70 compiler option has two new suboptions, ALL and SOURCE. They make it easier to stage enforcement of the rules that the END statement for every procedure must include the name of that procedure.
- The “XREF” on page 98 compiler option has two new suboptions, EXPLICIT and IMPLICIT, which allow you to determine whether implicit variable references are included in the XREF listing.

**Note:**

All the compiler option default settings for a release is listed in the member with the name IBMXO_vrm, where v is the version number, r is the release number and m is the modification number which is usually 0 (for example, IBMXO510 for V5R1 and IBMXO450 for V4R5), in the SIBMZSAM data set. The data set contains IBMXO_vrm members for all supported PL/1 releases. To see what has changed in
the default settings and what new options are added from one release to the next, you can compare the IBMXOvrm files for the two releases. You can also use the IBMXOvrm files as templates for creating your own options files with your preferred settings.

**SQL enhancements**

- The SQL preprocessor now parses the DEFINE ALIAS, DEFINE ORDINAL, and DEFINE STRUCTURE statements. If a DEFINE ALIAS statement defines a PL/I type that can be used in SQL statements, a variable declared with that type can also be used in SQL statements.
- If the "NULLDATE" on page 57 compiler option is specified, the SQL null date, with *year*, *month*, and *day* all equal to 1, is accepted as a valid date in some of the datetime handling built-in functions.
- The INDFOR attribute makes it easy to declare a structure of indicator variables to match another PL/I structure.
- To make it easier to change the severity of the DSNH030 SQL preprocessor message, it is now given its own preprocessor message IBM3317.

**Enhancements from V4R5**

This release provides the following functional enhancements that are described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

**Performance improvements**

- The code that is generated for the EXEC CICS® statement executes faster because one MVC is eliminated.
- Much faster code is generated for MOD and REM of FIXED DEC with precision greater than 15.
- The ARCH option now accepts 11 as its maximum value, and when ARCH(11) is specified, the compiler generates code that exploits the new hardware instructions on those z systems. This code especially improves the performance of some instances of the SEARCH, and VERIFY built-in functions.

**SQL enhancements**

- The validation of an EXEC SQL statement will not stop when the first invalid host variable is found, but will instead check all host variable references.
- The new SQL preprocessor option (NO)CODEPAGE determines how the compiler CODEPAGE option is honored by the SQL preprocessor.
- The new SQL preprocessor option (NO)WARNDECP allows you to reduce the amount of "noise" that is produced by the SQL preprocessor.
- A structure that is used as a host variable can now also have a structure as its indicator variable.
- A named constant, that is, a PL/I variable with the VALUE attribute can now be used as a host variable if SQL allows a constant in that setting.

**Usability enhancements**

- The new MAXBRANCH compiler option can help you find excessively complex code.
- The new FILEREF and NOFILEREF compiler options control whether the compiler produces a file reference table.
- The new JSON compiler option lets you choose the case of the names in the JSON text generated by the JSONPUT built-in functions and expected by the JSONGET built-in functions.
• The LIMITS compiler option now accepts STRING as a suboption with these values as the threshold for the length of a BIT, CHARACTER or WIDECHAR variable: 32K, 512K, 8M, and 128M.
• The XML compiler option now lets you choose whether XML attributes generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function are enclosed in apostrophes or quotation marks.
• The RULES(NOLAXRETURN) compiler option is enhanced so that ERROR will be raised if code falls through to the END statement in a PROCEDURE with the RETURNS attribute.
• The new ALL | SOURCE suboptions to the RULES(NOLAXNESTED) and RULES(NOPADDING) compiler options provide finer control over when the compiler flags questionable coding.
• The new FORCE(NOLAXQUAL) attribute and the new FORCE suboption of the RULES(NOLAXQUAL) option enable users to enforce the NOLAXQUAL rules in a structure-by-structure manner.
• The use of INITIAL on REFER objects will now be flagged with an E-level message.
• The MACRO preprocessor now supports DEPRECA and DEPRECATENEXT options that allow you to remove selected macro procedures over a course of planned stages.
• If a FIXED or FLOAT variable has the VALUE attribute, the compiler lists its value as a character string in the ATTRIBUTES listing.
• The aggregate listing is enhanced to mark arrays of VARYING that contain padding between array members (for example, when a structure contains an array of CHAR(31) VARYING ALIGNED).
• When SUBSCRIPTRANGE is enabled and an array assignment includes arrays with non-constant bounds, the compiler now generates code that raises the SUBSCRIPTRANGE condition if the bounds do not match. If the bounds are all constant, the compiler continues to check at compile-time that they match.
• If an event in any of the PLISAX event structures is set to null (via the NULLENTRY built-in function or the UNSPEC pseudovariable), the XML parser will not call that event. This allows you to limit your XML parsing code to only the events in which you are interested and to improve the performance of the overall parse at the same time.
• The compiler now flags an attempt to FETCH or RELEASE the procedure that it is currently compiling.

Enhancements from V4R4
This release provides the following functional enhancements that are described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Performance improvements
• The generation of the pseudo assembler listing is faster than the previous releases.
• The compiler is now compiled with ARCH(7).
• The compiler now flags declarations for variables that do not have the STATIC attribute but have more than 100 INITIAL items.

Usability enhancements
• The SQL preprocessor now issues more messages when programs contain incorrect syntax. These messages make it easier to identify the source statement that is in error.
• The new NOINCLUDE option can be used to prohibit the use of the
 %INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements outside the MACRO preprocessor.
• The included files are now bracketed in the source listing when the %INCLUDE
 statement is processed by the final compiler pass.
• The NULLSTRPTR suboption of the DEFAULT option has the new STRICT
 suboption that flags the assignments and comparisons of " " to POINTERS as
 invalid.
• When the STMT option is specified, the source and message listings will include
 both the logical statement numbers and the source file numbers.

Enhancements from V4R3

This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and
the other IBM PL/I books.

Performance improvements
• The ARCH(10) option provides exploitation of the IBM zEnterprise® EC12
 System instructions.
• The compiler now generates inline code for VERIFY and SEARCH when they
 have three arguments and the second argument is a single character.
• The compiler now generates inline code for more conversions from PICTURE to
 DFP.
• The compiler now generates inline code for more conversions from BIT to
 CHAR.
• The compiler now generates inline code for conversions of BIT to WIDECHAR.
• The code generated for TRIM of FIXED DEC is improved.

Usability enhancements
• The SQL preprocessor has the following improvements:
  – It supports the ONEPAS option.
  – It supports the use of some restricted expressions in the host variable
    declarations.
  – The listing of the EXEC SQL statement is displayed in a readable format that
    is similar to the original source.
  – It supports the use of host variables declared with the LIKE attribute.
  – It supports the new DEPRECATE option that causes the preprocessor to flag a
    list of statements that you want to deprecate.
• The ADATA file now records the use of the following attributes, built-in
  functions, and statement:
  – The INONLY, INOUT, and OUTONLY attributes
  – The XMLATTR and XMODULE attributes
  – The ALLCOMPARE, UTF8, UTF8TOCHAR, and UTF8TOWCHAR built-in
    functions
  – The ASSERT statement
• With the new CASERULES option, you can specify case rules for PL/I
  keywords. For example, you can specify the rule that all keywords must be in
  uppercase.
• The DEPRECATE option has a new STMT suboption that causes the compiler to
  flag a list of statements that you want to deprecate.
• The new DEPRECATENEXT option allows for staged deprecation of functions.
• The IGNORE option has a new ASSERT suboption that instructs the compiler to ignore all ASSERT statements.

• The new (NO)MSGSUMMARY option controls whether the compiler adds a summary of all messages that are issued during the compilation into the listing.

• The RTCHECK option has the new NULL370 suboption that checks whether a pointer that equals to the old NULL() value is dereferenced. Pointers that equal to the old NULL() value are these with the hexadecimal value of 'FF000000'.

• The RULES option now accepts (NO)CONTROLLED as a suboption that controls whether to flag the use of the CONTROLLED attribute.

• The RULES option now accepts (NO)LAXNESTED as a suboption that controls whether to flag programs where nested procedures exist between sections of executable code.

• The RULES option now accepts (NO)RECURSIVE as a suboption that determines whether to flag any use of the RECURSIVE attribute or any procedure that directly calls itself.

• The RULES(NOUNREF) option now accepts SOURCE | ALL as a suboption that determines whether to flag all unreferenced variables.

• RULES(NOLAXIF) now also causes the compiler to flag the assignments of the form \( x = y = z \).

• RULES(NOLAXSCALE) now also causes the compiler to flag \( \text{ROUND}(x, p) \) when \( p < 0 \).

Enhancements from V4R2

This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Performance improvements

• The ARCH(9) option provides further exploitation of the IBM zEnterprise 196 (z196) System instructions, including the high-word, floating-point extension, and population count facilities.

• The new UNROLL compiler option gives you control of loop unrolling.

• The compiler now generates inline code to resolve the ULENGTH and USUBSTR built-in functions for character strings.

• The compiler now generates inline code for \( \text{MEMINDEX}(p, n, x) \) where \( x \) is \( \text{WCHAR}(1) \).

• The compiler now generates inline code for \( \text{STG}(x) \) where \( x \) is \( \text{BASED} \) variable using REFER and meets both of the following conditions:
  – All NONVARYING BIT in \( x \) are specified with the ALIGNED attribute.
  – All other elements in \( x \) are specified with UNALIGNED.

Debugging improvements

• The compiler now supports typed structures in Debug Tool.

SQL support enhancements

• The SQL Preprocessor has the following significant changes:
  – It fully and correctly supports block scoping.
  – The preprocessor load module is more than eight times smaller.
  – The preprocessor runs faster.
  – It supports the use of the SQL TYPE attribute anywhere you can specify a PL/I data type.
It now supports the following compiler options when processing declarations of host variables. It applies the defaults correctly and rejects unsuitable host variables as appropriate.

- DEFAULT(ANS | IBM)
- DEFAULT(ASCII | EBCDIC)
- DEFAULT((NO)EVENDEC)
- DEFAULT((NON)NATIVE)
- DEFAULT(SHORT(HEX | IEEE))
- RULES((NO)LAXCTL)

It now correctly processes the PRECISION attribute.

- It now recognizes the UNSIGNED and COMPLEX attributes and rejects the use of these attributes in any host variable.

- It now ensures that DSNHMLTR is declared in the outermost procedure that contains codes that need DSNHMLTR.

- It now handles packages correctly.

- It now ensures that characters in the source code are printable when it generates code to set the SQLAVDAID.

- It no longer requires that indicator arrays have a lower bound of 1.

- It now generates an SQL parameter list structure that has fewer unions, fewer init clauses, and no additional declarations based on elements of the structure.

Usability enhancements

- The new PPLIST compiler option conditionally erases the part of the listing that is generated by any preprocessor phase that produces no messages.

- The compiler issues better messages when a comma is missing in a structure declaration.

- The compiler issues new messages when the source code contains invalid shift-in and shift-out bytes.

- The compiler applies the NONASSIGNABLE attribute to any parameter that is declared with the INONLY attribute; it flags any assignment to a parameter that is declared as INONLY.

- Under RULES(NOLAXENTRY), the compiler does not flag names that start with DSN.

- Under RULES(NOUNREF), the compiler does not flag names that start with DSN or SQL.

- Under the new NOSELFASSIGN suboption of the RULES compiler option, the compiler flags assignments of variables to themselves.

- Under the new NOLAXRETURN suboption of the RULES compiler option, the compiler generates codes to raise the ERROR condition when a RETURN statement is used in some invalid ways.

Enhancements from V4R1

This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Debugging improvements

- Under TEST(SEPARATE), the compiler optionally places the statement number table in the debug file and thus reduces the size of the generated object deck.

- Under TEST(SEPARATE), the compiler includes information identifying the source lines for declarations, references, and assignments.
• Under TEST(SEPARATE), the compiler generates information to identify the implicit locator reference when a BASED variable is based on the ADDR of an array element or other complex references.

Performance improvements
• The ARCH(9) option provides exploitation of the IBM zEnterprise System instructions.
• If all the elements of structures using REFER are byte-aligned, the compiler inlines code to resolve references to these elements rather than through library calls.

Usability enhancements
• The new DEPREcate compiler option flags variable names and included file names that you want to deprecate.
• The new SEPArate suboption of the GONUMBER option is provided to place the generated statement number table in the separate debug file.
• The new NOGLOBALDO suboption of the RULES option flags all DO loop control variables that are declared in the parent block.
• The new NOpadding suboption of the RULES option flags all structures that contain padding.
• The SQL preprocessor now supports the XREF option.
• The new PLISAXD built-in subroutine provides the ability to parse XML documents with validation against a schema by using the XML System Services parser.

Serviceability enhancements
• The use of either the GOSTMT option or the IMPRECISE option is now flagged as unsupported.
• The compiler now always lists all SQL preprocessor options that are in effect.

Enhancements from V3R9
This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Performance improvements
• UVALID will now be inlined for for strings of length 256 or less.
• Under ARCH(7) and higher, the CU12, CU14, CU21, CU24, CU41, and CU42 instructions will be used to provide for fast conversions between UTF-8, UTF-16 and UTF-32.
• Under ARCH(7) and higher, the TRTT, TROT, TRTO, and TROO instructions will be used to provide for fast translations between one- and two-byte buffers.
• Assignments of like arrays of scalars will now be handled as storage copy operations.
• All assignments of BIT VARYING to BIT VARYING will now be inlined.
• All assignments of byte-aligned BIT NONVARYING to BIT VARYING will now be inlined.
• The ROUND and ROUNDDEC built-in functions will be inlined when the argument to be rounded is DFP.

Note: From PL/I for z/OS V5.1, the ROUNDDEC built-in function has been renamed as ROUNDAWAYFROMZERO.
To simplify the choosing of options for best performance,
- the COMPACT option has been dropped
- The default setting for DEFAULT(REORDER | ORDER) has been changed to DEFAULT(REORDER)
- the TUNE option has been dropped

Detection of the dereferencing of null pointers exploits the new compare-and-trap instruction under ARCH(8).

The compiler has been built with ARCH(6) to improve its performance.

**Usability enhancements**

- The CICS preprocessor now supports block-scoping and consequently will add the needed local CICS declares to all non-nested procedures.
- The SQL preprocessor now supports the PL/I rules for the scope of declarations when resolving host variable references through the new SCOPE option. NOSCOPE is the default for compatibility with previous releases.
- The MACRO preprocessor will now leave %include, %xinclude, %inscan, and %xinscan statements in the compiler listing as comments.
- The MACRO preprocessor now provides via the %DO SKIP; statement an easy and clear way to omit sections of code from a compile.
- The MACRO preprocessor now supports an option called NAMEPREFIX which allows the user to force macro procedures and variables to start with a specified character.
- The IGNORE compiler option provides the ability to suppress PUT FILE and/or DISPLAY statements (either of which may have been used for debug purposes but which should be compiled out of the production version).
- The NULLSTRPTR suboption of the DEFAULT compiler option provides user control of whether sysnull or null is assigned to a pointer when the source in the assignment is a null string.
- The new MAXGEN option specifies the maximum number of intermediate language statements that should be generated for any one user statement and will cause the compiler to flag any statement where this maximum is exceeded.
- The new ONSNAP option will allow the user to request the compiler to insert an ON STRINGRANGE SNAP; or an ON STRINGSIZE SNAP; statement into the prologue of a MAIN or FROMALIEN proc.
- The new SHORT suboption of the INITAUTO option will limit the INITAUTO option so that it does not duplicate all of the runtime STORAGE option, but does initialize variables that might be optimized to registers.
- The new RTCHECK option will generate code to test for the dereferencing of null pointers.
- The compiler will now flag various statements that may be risky:
  - code where the result of a FIXED operation has a scale factor less than zero
  - ENTRYs used as functions but declared without the RETURNS attribute
  - parameters declared as BYVALUE when doing so is ill-advised, e.g. declaring a FIXED DEC parameter BYVALUE
  - FIXED DECIMAL add and multiply operations that might raise FIXEDOVERFLOW
- The RULES option has been expanded to allow more control over and flagging of poor code:
  - NOPROCENDONLY will flag END statements for PROCs that don’t name the PROC they are closing
- NOSTOP will flag the use of STOP and EXIT
- NOLAXQUAL(STRICT) will flag variables not qualified with their level-1 name
- NOLAXSCALE will flag declares of FIXED DEC(p,q) and FIXED BIN(p,q) where q < 0 or p < q
- NOGOTO(LOOSE) will allow GOTOs only if in the same block
- More than one DELAY STATEMENTS can be concurrently executed in different procedures.

Serviceability enhancements
- When the compiler cannot open a file, the compiler will now, if possible, also include the related C runtime message in the message in the listing.
- If user code requires a DFP conversion at compile time but the compile is running on a machine without DFP hardware, this error will be trapped and a meaningful error issued.
- If the SQL preprocessor is invoked more than once without INCONLY as its suboption, then the DBRM library created by the compiler will be empty, and now an E-level message will be issued to warn the user about this problem.

Enhancements from V3R8
This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Performance improvements
- The ARCH(8) and TUNE(8) options provide exploitation of the z/HE instructions.
- The HGPR option supports using 64-bit registers in 32-bit code.
- The GOFF option supports generation of GOFF objects.
- The PFPO instruction will be exploited in conversions between differing float formats.
- SRSTU will be used in code generated for UTF-16 INDEX.
- Calls to null internal procedures will now be completely removed.

Usability enhancements
- PLISAXC provides for access to the XML System Services parser via a SAX interface.
- The INCDIR option is supported under batch.
- The LISTVIEW option now provides the support previously provided by the AFTERMACRO etc suboptions of TEST.
- The NOLAXENTRY suboption of the RULES option allows for the flagging of unprototyped ENTRYs.
- The (NO)FOFLONMULT suboption of the DECIMAL option allows for control of whether FOFL is raised in MULTIPLY of FIXED DECIMAL.
- The HEX and SUBSTR suboptions of the USAGE option provide more user control of the behavior of the corresponding built-in functions.
- The DDSQL compiler option provides the ability to specify an alternate DD name to be used for EXEC SQL INCLUDEs.
- The INCONLY suboption provided by the MACRO and SQL preprocessors can request those preprocessors to perform only INCLUDEs.
• The integrated SQL preprocessor will now generate DB2® precompiler style declares for all *LOB_FILE, *LOCATOR, ROWID, BINARY and VARBINARY SQL types, in addition to the BLOB, CLOB and DBCLOB SQL types already supported, when the LOB(DB2) SQL preprocessor option is selected.

Enhancements from V3R7

This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Debugging improvements

• The TEST option has been enhanced so that users can choose to view the source in the listing and in the Debug Tool source window as that source would appear after a user-specified preprocessor had been run (or after all the preprocessors had been run).

Performance improvements

• The BASR instruction will now be used instead of the BALR instruction.
• The conversions of FIXED DEC with large precision to FLOAT will be inlined and speeded up by the use of FIXED BIN(63) as an intermediary.
• The CHAR built-in when applied to CHAR expressions will now always be inlined.
• The code generated for conversions of FIXED BIN(p,q) to unscaled FIXED DEC has been significantly improved.
• TRTR will be used, under ARCH(7), for SEARCHR and VERIFYR in the same situations where TRT would be used for SEARCH and VERIFY.
• UNPKU will be used to convert some PICTURE to WIDECHAR (rather than making a library call).

Usability enhancements

• IEEE Decimal Floating-Point (DFP) is supported.
• The new MEMCONVERT built-in function will allow the user to convert arbitrary lengths of data between arbitrary code pages.
• The new ONOFFSET built-in function will allow the user to have easy access to another piece of information formerly available only in the runtime error message or dump, namely the offset in the user procedure at which a condition was raised.
• The new STACKADDR built-in function will return the address of the current dynamic save area (register 13 on z/OS) and will make it easier for users to write their own diagnostic code.
• The length of the mnemonic field in the assembler listing will be increased to allow for better support of the new z/OS instructions that have long mnemonics.
• More of the right margin will be used in the attributes, cross-reference and message listings.
• The CODEPAGE option will now accept 1026 (the Turkish code page) and 1155 (the 1026 code page plus the Euro symbol).
• The new MAXNEST option allows the user to flag excessive nesting of BEGIN, DO, IF and PROC statements.
• Under the new (and non-default) suboption NOELSEIF of the RULES option, the compiler will flag any ELSE statement that is immediately followed by an IF statement and suggest that it be rewritten as a SELECT statement.
• Under the new (and non-default) suboption NOLAXSTG of the RULES option, the compiler will flag declares where a variable A is declared as BASED on ADDR(B) and STG(A) > STG(B) not only (as the compiler did before) when B is AUTOMATIC, BASED or STATIC with constant extents but now also when B is a parameter declared with constant extents.

• The new QUOTE option will allow the user to specify alternate code points for the quote ("') symbol since this symbol is not code-page invariant.

• The new XML compiler option can be used to specify that the tags in the output of the XMLCHAR built-in function be either in all upper case or in the case in which they were declared.

• For compilations that produce no messages, the compiler will now include a line saying "no compiler messages" where the compiler messages would have been listed.

• The MACRO preprocessor will support a new suboption that will allow the user to specify whether it should process only %INCLUDE statements or whether it should process all macro statements.

• The integrated SQL preprocessor will now generate DB2 precompiler style declares for all *LOB_FILE, *LOCATOR, ROWID, BINARY and VARBINARY SQL types, in addition to the BLOB, CLOB and DBCLOB SQL types already supported, when the LOB(DB2) SQL preprocessor option is selected.

Enhancements from V3R6

This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

DB2 V9 support
• Support for STDSQL(YES/NO)
• Support for CREATE TRIGGER (aka multiple SQL statements)
• Support for FETCH CONTINUE
• Support for SQL style comments (--) embedded in SQL statements
• Support for additional SQL TYPES including
  – SQL TYPE IS BLOB_FILE
  – SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE
  – SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB_FILE
  – SQL TYPE IS XML AS
  – SQL TYPE IS BIGINT
  – SQL TYPE IS BINARY
  – SQL TYPE IS VARBINARY
• The SQL preprocessor will also now list the DB2 coprocessor options

Debugging improvements
• Under TEST(NOSEPNAME), the name of the debug side file will not be saved in the object deck.

Performance improvements
• Support, under ARCH(7), of the z/OS extended-immediate facility
• Exploitation of the CLCLU, MVCLU, PKA, TP and UNPKA instructions under ARCH(6)
• Exploitation of the CVBG and CVDG instructions under ARCH(5)
• Expanded use of CLCLE
• Conversions involving DB2 date-time patterns are now inlined
• The ALLOCATION built-in function is now inlined
• Conversions with a drifting $ have been inlined
• Conditional code has been eliminated from assignments to PIC'(n)Z'
• Conversions from FIXED BIN to a PICTURE that specifies a scale factor have been inlined
• Assignments to BIT variables that have inherited dimensions but which have strides that are divisible by 8 will now be inlined

Usability enhancements
• The MAP output will now also include a list in order of storage offset (per block) of the AUTOMATIC storage used by the block
• Conformance checking has been extended to include structures
• Listings will now include 7 columns for the line number in a file
• The THREADID built-in function is now supported under z/OS
• The PICSPEC built-in function is now supported
• The new CEESTART option allows you to position the CEESTART csect at the start or end of the object deck
• The new PPCICS, PPMACRO and PPSQL options allow you to specify the default options to be used by the corresponding preprocessor
• The ENVIRONMENT option is now included in the ATTRIBUTES listing
• The DISPLAY option now supports a suboption to allow different DESC codes for DISPLAY with REPLY versus DISPLAY without REPLY
• The message flagging a semicolon in a comment will now include the line number of the line where the semicolon appears
• Flag assignments that can change a REFER object
• Flag use of KEYED DIRECT files without a KEY/KEYFROM clause
• Flag use of PICTURE as loop control variables

Enhancements from V3R5
This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Debugging improvements
• Under TEST(SEPARATE), the vast majority of debug information will be written to a separate debug file
• AUTOMONITOR will include the target in assignments
• The AT ENTRY hook will now be placed after AUTOMATIC has been initialized, thereby eliminating the need to step into the block before looking at any variables

Performance improvements
• Generation of branch-relative instructions so that the need for base registers and transfer vectors will be significantly eliminated
• Support, under ARCH(6), of the z/OS long displacement facility
• Simple structures using REFER will be mapped inlined rather than via a library call
• For structures using REFER still mapped via a library call, less code will be generated if the REFER specifies the bound for an array of substructures
• Faster processing of duplicate INCLUDEs
• Conversions to PICTURE variables with an I or R in the last position will now be inlined (such conversions had already been inlined when the last character was a T)
• Conversions to PICTURE variables ending with one or more B’s will now be inlined if the corresponding picture without the B’s would have been inlined
• Conversions to from CHARACTER to PICTURE variables consisting only of X’s will now be inlined

Usability enhancements
• All parts of the listing, etc will count the source file as file 0, the first include file as file 1, the second (unique) include file as file 2, etc
• Conformance checking extended to include arrays
• Listings will include the build dates for any preprocessors invoked
• One-byte FIXED BINARY arguments can be suppressed for easier ILC with COBOL
• Alternate DD names may be specified for SYSADATA, SYSXMLSD and SYSDEBUG
• RULES(NOLAXMARGINS) tolerates, under XNUMERIC, sequence numbers
• RULES(NOUNREF) flags unreferenced AUTOMATIC variables
• If an assignment to a variable is done via library call, the message flagging the library call will include the name of the target variable
• Flag one-time DO loops
• Flag labels used as arguments
• Flag ALLOCATE and FREE of non-PARAMETER CONTROLLED in FETCHABLE if PRV used
• Flag DEFINED and BASED larger than their base even if the base is declared later
• Flag implicit FIXED DEC to 8-byte integer conversions

Enhancements from V3R4
This release provides the following functional enhancements described in this and the other IBM PL/I books.

Migration enhancements
• Support sharing of CONTROLLED with old code
• Improve default initialization
• Ease decimal precision specification in ADD, DIVIDE and MULTIPLY
• Support old semantics for STRING of GRAPHIC
• Support old semantics for the DEFAULT statement
• Flag declares with storage overlay
• Lift restrictions on RETURN inside BEGIN
• Optionally flag semicolons in comments
• Support EXT STATIC initialized in assembler
• Flag invalid carriage control characters
• Flag more language misuse, especially with RETURN
• Support the REPLACEBY2 built-in function
• Optionally suppress FOFL on decimal assignments that would raise SIZE
• Flag more language handled differently than the old compiler

**Performance improvements**

• Improve code generated for INDEX and TRANSLATE
• Inline more assignments to pictures
• Improve the code generated for conversions of CHARACTER to PICTURE when the conversion would be done inline if the source were FIXED DEC
• Improve the code generated for packed decimal conversions
• Improve the code generated for some uses of REFER
• Inline compares of character strings of unknown length
• Reduce the amount of stack storage used for concatenates
• Inline more GET/PUT STRING EDIT statements
• Short-circuit more LE condition handling
• Inline more Or and And of BIN FIXED
• Inline SIGNED FIXED BIN(8) to ALIGNED BIT(8)
• Flag statements where the compiler generates a call to a library routine to map a structure at run time
• Lessen the amount of I/O used to produce the listing

**Usability enhancements**

• Optionally provide offsets in the AGGREGATE listing in hex
• Support DEC(31) only when needed via the LIMITS(FIXEDDEC(15,31)) option
• Allow comments in options
• Optionally flag FIXED DEC declares with even precision
• Optionally flag DEC to DEC assignments that could raise SIZE
• Flag DEC/PIC to PIC assignments that could raise SIZE
• Support LIKE without INIT via the NOINIT attribute
• Ease includes from PDS's under z/OS UNIX
• Support the LOWERCASE, MACNAME, TRIM and LOWERCASE built-in functions in the MACRO preprocessor
• Ease introduction of options via PTF
• Optionally disallow use of *PROCESS
• Optionally keep *PROCESS in MDECK
• Support one-time INCLUDE
• Support macro-determined INCLUDE name
• Support runtime string parameter checking
• Flag more possibly uninitialized variables
• Flag unusual compares that are likely to be coding errors
• The output of the STORAGE option is now formatted more nicely, and the output of the LIST option will now include the hex offset for each block from the start of the compilation unit.

**Debugging improvements**

• Better support for overlay hooks
• Easier resolution of CONTROLLED variables in LE dumps
• Always include user specified options in the listing
Enhancements from V3R3

This release also provides all of the functional enhancements offered in Enterprise PL/I V3R3, including the following:

More XML support

The XMLCHAR built-in function will write XML with the names and values of the elements of a referenced structure to a buffer and return the number of bytes written. This XML can then be passed to other applications, including code using the PL/I SAX parser, which want to consume it.

Improved performance

- The compilation time under OPT(2) will be significantly less than under Enterprise PL/I V3R2, especially for large programs.
- The compiler now uses the ED and EDMK instructions for inlined numeric conversions to PICTURE and CHARACTER. This results in faster, shorter code sequences and also in faster compilations.
- The compiler now generates better code for string comparisons. This also results in faster, shorter code sequences.
- The compiler now generates shorter, faster code for conversion from FIXED DECIMAL to PICTURE with trailing overpunch characters.
- The ARCH and TUNE compiler options now accept 5 as a valid sub-option. Under ARCH(5), the compiler will generate, when appropriate, some new z/Architecture® instructions such as NILL, NILH, OILL, OILH, LLILL, and LLILH.

Easier migration

- The new BIFPREC compiler option controls the precision of the FIXED BIN result returned by various built-in functions and thus provides for better compatibility with the OS PL/I compiler.
- The new BACKREG compiler option controls which register the compiler uses as the backchain register and thus allows for easier mixing of old and new object code.
- The new REEXP compiler option controls the evaluation of restricted expressions in code, and thus provides for better compatibility with the OS PL/I compiler.
- The new BLKOFF compiler option provides for controlling the way offsets in the compiler's pseudo-assembler listing are calculated.
- The STORAGE compiler option causes the compiler to produce, as part of the listing, a summary, similar to that produced by the OS PL/I compiler, of the storage used by each procedure and begin-block.

Improved usability

- The new LAXDEF suboption of the RULES compiler option allows the use of so-called illegal defining without having the compiler generate E-level messages.
- The new FLOATINMATH compiler option offers easier control of the precision with which math functions are evaluated.
- The new MEMINDEX, MEMSEARCH(R) and MEMVERIFY(R) built-in functions provide the ability to search strings larger than 32K.
- The new ROUTCDE and DESC suboptions of the DISPLAY(WTO) compiler option offers control of the corresponding elements of the WTO.
• The compiler now stores in each object a short string that will be in storage even when the associated code runs and that records all the options used to produce that object. This allows various tools to produce better diagnostics.
• The compiler now issues messages identifying more of the places where statements have been merged or deleted.
• The PLIDUMP output now includes a hex dump of user static.
• The PLIDUMP output now includes the options used to compile each program in the Language Environment® traceback.
• The PLIDUMP output now includes more information on PL/I files.

**Improved debug support**

• BASED structures using REFER are now supported in DebugTool and in data-directed I/O statements (with the same restrictions as on all other BASED variables).
• BASED structures that are BASED on scalar members of other structures (which, in turn, may be BASED, etc) are now supported in DebugTool and in data-directed I/O statements (with the same restriction as on all other BASED variables).

**Enhancements from V3R2**

This release also provides all of the functional enhancements offered in Enterprise PL/I V3R2, including the following:

**Improved performance**

• The compiler now handles even more conversions by generating inline code which means these conversions will be done much faster than previously. Also, all conversions done by library call are now flagged by the compiler.
• The compiler-generated code now uses, in various situations, less stack storage.
• The compiler now generates much better code for references to the TRANSLATE built-in function.
• The compiler-generated code for SUBSCRIPTRANGE checking is now, for arrays with known bounds, twice as fast as before.
• The ARCH and TUNE options now support 4 as a suboption, thereby allowing exploitation of instructions new to the zSeries machines.
• ARCH(2), FLOAT(AFP) and TUNE(3) are now the default.

**Easier migration**

• Compiler defaults have been changed for easier migration and compatibility. The changed defaults are:
  – CSECT
  – CMPAT(V2)
  – LIMITS(EXTNAMES(7))
  – NORENT
• The compiler now honors the NOMAP, NOMAPIN and NOMAP attributes for PROCs and ENTRYS with OPTIONS(COBOL).
• The compiler now supports PROCs with ENTRY statements that have differing RETURNS attribute in the same manner as did the old host compiler.
• The compiler will now assume OPTIONS(RETCODE) for PROCs and ENTRYS with OPTIONS(COBOL).
• The SIZE condition is no longer promoted to ERROR if unhandled.
• Various changes have been made to reduce compile time and storage requirements.
• The OFFSET option will now produce a statement offset table much like the ones it produced under the older PL/I compilers.
• The FLAG option now has exactly the same meaning as it had under the old compilers, while the new MAXMSG option lets you decide if the compiler should terminate after a specified number of messages of a given severity. For example, with FLAG(I) MAXMSG(E,10), you can now ask to see all I-level messages while terminating the compilation after 10 E-level messages.
• The AGGREGATE listing now includes structures with adjustable extents.
• The STMT option is now supported for some sections of the listing.
• The maximum value allowed for LINESIZE has been changed to 32759 for F-format files and to 32751 for V-format files.

Improved usability
• The defaults for compiler options may now be changed at installation.
• The integrated SQL preprocessor now supports DB2 Unicode.
• The compiler now generates information that allows Debug Tool to support Auto Monitor, whereby immediately before each statement is executed, all the values of all the variables used in the statement are displayed.
• The new NOWRITABLE compiler option lets you specify that even under NORENT and at the expense of optimal performance, the compiler should use no writable static when generating code to handle FILEs and CONTROLLED.
• The new USAGE compiler option gives you full control over the IBM or ANS behavior of the ROUND and UNSPEC built-in function without the other effects of the RULES(IBM|ANS) option.
• The new STDSYS compiler option lets you specify that the compiler should cause the SYSPRINT file to be equated to the C stdout file.
• The new COMPACT compiler option lets you direct the compiler to favor those optimizations which tend to limit the growth of the code.
• The LRECL for SYSPRINT has been changed to 137 to match that of the C/C++ compiler.
• POINTERS are now allowed in PUT LIST and PUT EDIT statements: the 8-byte hex value will be output.
• If specified on a STATIC variable, the ABNORMAL attribute will cause that variable to be retained even if unused.

Enhancements from V3R1
This release also provides all of the functional enhancements offered in Enterprise PL/I V3R1, including the following:
• Support for multithreading on z/OS
• Support for IEEE floating-point on z/OS
• Support for the ANSWER statement in the macro preprocessor
• SAX-style XML parsing via the PLISAXA and PLISAXB built-in subroutines
• Additional built-in functions:
  – CS
  – CDS
  – ISMAIN
  – LOWERCASE
  – UPPERCASE
Enhancements from VisualAge PL/I

This release also provides all of the functional enhancements offered in VisualAge® PL/I V2R2, including the following:

- Initial UTF-16 support via the WIDECHAR attribute
  There is currently no support yet for
  - WIDECHAR characters in source files
  - W string constants
  - use of WIDECHAR expressions in stream I/O
  - implicit conversion to/from WIDECHAR in record I/O
  - implicit endianness flags in record I/O
  If you create a WIDECHAR file, you should write the endianness flag (ff_fwx) as the first two bytes of the file.

- DESCRIPTORS and VALUE options supported in DEFAULT statements

- PUT DATA enhancements
  - POINTER, OFFSET and other non-computational variables supported
  - Type-3 DO specifications allowed
  - Subscripts allowed

- DEFINE statement enhancements
  - Unspecified structure definitions
  - CAST and RESPEC type functions

- Additional built-in functions:
  - CHARVAL
  - ISIGNED
  - IUNSIGNED
  - ONWCHAR
  - ONWSOURCE
  - WCHAR
  - WCHARVAL
  - WHIGH
  - WIDECHAR
  - WLOW

- Preprocessor enhancements
  - Support for arrays in preprocessor procedures
  - WHILE, UNTIL and LOOP keywords supported in %DO statements
  - %ITERATE statement supported
  - %LEAVE statement supported
  - %REPLACE statement supported
  - %SELECT statement supported
  - Additional built-in functions:
    - COLLATE
    - COMMENT
    - COMPILEDATE
    - COMPILETIME
    - COPY
    - COUNTER
    - DIMENSION
    - HBOUND
    - INDEX
    - LBOUND
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Accessibility features

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• Keyboard-only navigation
• Ability to customize display attributes such as color, contrast, and font size

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For information about accessing these interfaces, see the following publications:

• [z/OS TSO/E Primer](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/cgi-bin/bookmgr/BOOKS/ikj4p120)
• [z/OS TSO/E User’s Guide](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/cgi-bin/bookmgr/BOOKS/ikj4c240/APPENDIX1.3)
• [z/OS ISPF User’s Guide Volume I](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/cgi-bin/bookmgr/BOOKS/ispzug70)
• [IBM Rational Developer for System z Knowledge Center](http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSQ2R2/rdz_welcome.html?lang=en)

These guides describe how to use TSO/E and ISPF, including the use of keyboard shortcuts or function keys (PF keys). Each guide includes the default settings for the PF keys and explains how to modify their functions.

**Interface information**

The Enterprise PL/I online product documentation is available in IBM Knowledge Center, which is viewable from a standard web browser.

PDF files have limited accessibility support. With PDF documentation, you can use optional font enlargement, high-contrast display settings, and can navigate by keyboard alone.

To enable your screen reader to accurately read syntax diagrams, source code examples, and text that contains the period or comma PICTURE symbols, you must set the screen reader to speak all punctuation.

Assistive technology products work with the user interfaces that are found in z/OS. For specific guidance information, see the documentation for the assistive
technology product that you use to access z/OS interfaces.

**Related accessibility information**

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TTY service
800-IBM-3383 (800-426-3383)
(within North America)

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Part 1. Compiling your program
Chapter 1. Using compiler options and facilities

This chapter describes the options that you can use for the compiler, along with their abbreviations and IBM-supplied defaults.

Important: PL/I requires access to the Language Environment run time when you compile your applications.

With Enterprise PL/I, you can develop both 31-bit and 64-bit applications. When you compile code, use the LP(32) option for 31-bit applications, or the LP(64) option for 64-bit applications. However, the compiler behavior under LP(64) is different from that under LP(32). For more information, see "Considerations for developing 64-bit applications," on page 191 and "Link-editing and running for 64-bit programs," on page 185.

You can override most defaults when you compile your PL/I program. You can also override the defaults when you install the compiler.

All the compiler option default settings for a release is listed in the member with the name IBMXOvrm, where v is the version number, r is the release number and m is the modification number which is usually 0 (for example, IBMXO510 for V5R1 and IBMXO450 for V4R5), in the SIBMZSAM data set. The data set contains IBMXOvrm members for all supported PL/I releases. To see what has changed in the default settings and what new options are added from one release to the next, you can compare the IBMXOvrm files for the two releases. You can also use the IBMXOvrm files as templates for creating your own options files with your preferred settings.

Compile-time option descriptions

Most compiler options have a positive and negative form. The negative form is the positive with NO added at the beginning (as in TEST and NOTEST). Some options have only a positive form (as in SYSTEM).

There are three types of compiler options:
1. Simple pairs of keywords: a positive form that requests a facility, and an alternative negative form that inhibits that facility (for example, NEST and NONEST)
2. Keywords that allow you to provide a value list that qualifies the option (for example, FLAG(W))
3. A combination of 1 and 2 above (for example, NOCOMPILE(E))

Table 3 on page 4 lists all the compiler options with abbreviations (if any) and IBM-supplied default values. If an option has any suboptions that can be abbreviated, those abbreviations are described in the full description of the option.

For the sake of brevity, some of the options are described loosely in the table (for example, only one suboption of LANGLEVEL is mandatory, and similarly, if you specify one suboption of TEST, you do not have to specify the other). The full and completely accurate syntax is described in the topics that follow.
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**Notes:**
1. FULL is the default suboption if the suboption is omitted with ATTRIBUTES or XREF.
2. The default value for the BLANK character is the tab character with value ’05’x.
3. The OFFSETSIZE option is ignored if the LP(32) option is in effect.
4. (ALL,SYM) is the default suboption if the suboption is omitted with TEST.

The following topics describe the options in alphabetical order. For those options specifying that the compiler is to list information, only a brief description is included. For details about the generated listing, see “Using the compiler listing” on page 103.

**AGGREGATE**

The AGGREGATE option creates an Aggregate Length Table that gives the lengths of arrays and major structures in the source program in the compiler listing.
ABBREVIATIONS: AG, NAG

The suboptions of the AGGREGATE option determine how the offsets of subelements are displayed in the Aggregate Length Table:

**DECIMAL**

All offsets are displayed in decimal.

**HEXADEC**

All offsets are displayed in hexadecimal.

In the Aggregate Length Table, the length of an undimensioned major or minor structure is always expressed in bytes, but the length might not be accurate if the major or minor structure contains unaligned bit elements.

The Aggregate Length Table includes structures but not arrays that have non-constant extents. However, the sizes and offsets of elements within structures with non-constant extents might be inaccurate or specified as *.

**ARCH**

The ARCH option specifies the architecture for which the instructions of executable programs are to be generated. It allows the optimizer to take advantage of specific hardware instruction sets.

\[ \text{ARCH} (n) \]

You can specify the following values for the ARCH level:

8 Generates code that uses instructions available on the 2098-xxx models (IBM System z10® BC) and 2097-xxx models (IBM System z10 EC) in z/Architecture mode.

Specifically, these ARCH(8) machines and subsequent generations add instructions supported by the general instruction extensions facility, which can be exploited by the compiler.

9 Generates code that uses instructions available on the 2817-xxx (IBM zEnterprise 196 (z196)) and 2818-xxx models (IBM zEnterprise 114 (z114)) models in z/Architecture mode.

Specifically, these ARCH(9) machines and their follow-ons add instructions supported by the following facilities, which can be exploited by the compiler:

- The high-word facility
- The population count facility
- The distinct-operands facility
- The floating-point extension facility
- The load/store-on-condition facility

For further information about these facilities, see the z/Architecture Principles of Operation.

10 Generates code that uses instructions available on the 2827-xxx (IBM zEnterprise EC12) models in z/Architecture mode.
Specifically, these ARCH(10) machines and their follow-ons add instructions supported by the following facilities, which can be exploited by the compiler:

- The execution-hint facility
- The load-and-trap facility
- The miscellaneous-instructions-extension facility
- The transactional-execution facility

For further information about these facilities, see z/Architecture Principles of Operation.

Generates code that uses instructions available on the 2964-xxxx (IBM z13™) models in z/Architecture mode.

Specifically, these ARCH(11) machines and their follow-ons add instructions supported by the following facilities:

- Vector facility

Notes:
1. If you specify an ARCH value less than 8, the compiler resets it to 8.
2. The x in the model numbers above (such as 2084-xxx) is a wildcard and stands for any alphanumeric machine of that type.
3. Code that is compiled at ARCH(n) runs on machines in the ARCH(m) group if and only if m >= n.
4. You can mix code that is compiled with different ARCH levels without any restrictions.

**ASSERT**

The ASSERT option controls whether ASSERT statements call a default library routine that will raise the ASSERTION condition or a routine provided by the user.

```plaintext
ENTRY
    ASSERT (CONDITION)

The default is ASSERT(ENTRY).

ENTRY
    Specifies that ASSERT statements will call user-provided routines with the interfaces documented in the Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Language Reference.

CONDITION
    Specifies that ASSERT statements will call library routines that will raise the ASSERTION condition with an appropriate ONCODE built-in function.
```

**ATTRIBUTES**

The ATTRIBUTES option specifies that the compiler includes a table of source-program identifiers and their attributes in the compiler listing.

```plaintext
NOATTRIBUTES
ATTRIBUTES ([FULL] [SHORT])
```

ABBREVIATIONS: A, NA, F, S
FULL
All identifiers and attributes are included in the compiler listing. FULL is the default.

SHORT
Unreferenced identifiers are omitted, making the listing more manageable.

If you include both ATTRIBUTES and XREF (which creates a cross-reference table), the two tables are combined. However, if the SHORT and FULL suboptions are in conflict, the last option specified is used. For example, if you specify ATTRIBUTES(SHORT) XREF(FULL), FULL applies to the combined listing.

BACKREG
The BACKREG option controls the backchain register, which is the register used to pass the address of the automatic storage of a parent routine when a nested routine is invoked.

Note: Under the LP(64) option, the BACKREG option is ignored.

BACKREG(5)

For best compatibility with PL/I for MVS & VM, OS PL/I V2R3, and earlier compilers, use BACKREG(5).

All routines that share an ENTRY VARIABLE must be compiled with the same BACKREG option, and it is strongly recommended that all code in application be compiled with the same BACKREG option.

Note that code compiled with VisualAge PL/I for OS/390® effectively uses the BACKREG(11) option. Code compiled with Enterprise PL/I V3R1 or V3R2 also uses the BACKREG(11) option by default.

BIFPREC
The BIFPREC option controls the precision of the FIXED BIN result returned by various built-in functions.

BIFPREC(15)

For best compatibility with PL/I for MVS & VM, OS PL/I V2R3, and earlier compilers, use BIFPREC(15).

BIFPREC affects the following built-in functions:
• COUNT
• INDEX
• LENGTH
• LINENO
• ONCOUNT
• PAGENO
• SEARCH
The effect of the BIFPREC compiler option is most visible when the result of one of the above built-in functions is passed to an external function that has been declared without a parameter list. For example, consider the following code fragment:

```pli
dcl parm char(40) var;
dcl funky ext entry( pointer, fixed bin(15) );
dcl beans ext entry;
call beans( addr(parm), verify(parm), ' ' );
```

Suppose that the function beans actually declares its parameters as POINTER and FIXED BIN(15). If the preceding code is compiled with the option BIFPREC(31) and if it is run on a big-endian system such as z/OS, the compiler will pass a 4-byte integer as the second argument and the second parameter will be zero.

Note that the function funky will work on all systems with either option.

The BIFPREC option does not affect the built-in functions DIM, HBOUND and LBOUND. The CMPAT option determines the precision of the FIXED BIN result returned by these three functions:

- Under CMPAT(V1), these array-handling functions return a FIXED BIN(15) result.
- Under CMPAT(V2) and CMPAT(LE), they return a FIXED BIN(31) result.
- Under CMPAT(V3), they return a FIXED BIN(63) result.

### BLANK

The BLANK option specifies up to ten alternate symbols for the blank character.

```plaintext
BLANK(--'(char)'--)---
```

**Note:** Do not code any blanks between the quotation marks.

The IBM-supplied default code point for the BLANK symbol is '05'X.

#### char

A single SBCS character

You cannot specify any of the alphabetic characters, digits, or special characters defined in the **PL/I Language Reference**.

If you specify the BLANK option, the standard blank symbol is still recognized as a blank.
BLKOFF

The BLKOFF option controls whether the offsets shown in the pseudo-assembler listing (produced by the LIST option) and the statement offset listing (produced by the OFFSET option) are from the start of the current module or from the start of the current procedure.

The pseudo-assembler listing also includes the offset of each block from the start of the current module (so that the offsets shown for each statement can be translated to either block or module offsets).

BRACKETS

The BRACKETS option specifies the symbols that the SQL preprocessor accepts as the left and right brackets in SQL array references.

$symbol_1$  Specifies the symbol recognized as the left bracket in SQL array references.
$symbol_2$  Specifies the symbol recognized as the right bracket in SQL array references.

Note: The two values specified must be different from each other and must not be characters used in the PL/I character set or in other PL/I options such as NAMES, NOT, or OR.

The default is BRACKETS('[ ]').

Related information:

"NAMES" on page 56
The NAMES option specifies the extralingual characters that are allowed in identifiers.

"NOT" on page 56
The NOT option specifies up to seven alternate symbols that can be used as the logical NOT operator.

"OR" on page 61
The OR option specifies up to seven alternate symbols as the logical OR operator. These symbols are also used as the concatenation operator, which is defined as two consecutive logical OR symbols.

CASE

The CASE option controls whether some names will be shown in uppercase or in the same format as they appear in the source program.

The default is CASE(UPPER).
UPPER
Specifies that all names will be shown in uppercase.

ASIS
Specifies that names will be shown in the case in which they appear in the source in
- The AGGREGATE, ATTRIBUTES, and XREF listings.
- The values returned by the PACKAGENAME, PROCNAME and ORDINALNAME built-in functions.
- PUT DATA output as long as the TEST option is not used and as long as the compilation unit contains no GET DATA statements.

CASERULES
The CASERULES option controls the enforcement of case rules for keywords.

LOWER
Instructs the compiler to flag any keyword that is not in lowercase.

MIXED
Instructs the compiler to accept all keywords as they are coded. MIXED is the default.

START
Instructs the compiler to flag any keyword whose first letter is not in uppercase or whose remaining letters are not in lowercase.

UPPER
Instructs the compiler to flag any keyword that is not in uppercase.

Notes:
1. The CASERULES option does not apply to elements of the OPTIONS and ENVIRONMENT attributes.
2. The CASERULES option does not apply to any of the preprocessors.

CEESTART
The CEESTART option specifies whether the compiler should place the CEESTART csect before or after all the other generated object code.

Note: Under the LP(64) option, the CEESTART option is ignored.

Under the CEESTART(FIRST) option, the compiler places the CEESTART csect before all the other generated object code; however, under the CEESTART(LAST) option, the compiler places it after all the other generated object code.

Using CEESTART(FIRST) will cause the binder to choose CEESTART as the entry point for a module if no ENTRY card is specified during the bind step.
If you want to use linker CHANGE cards, you must use the CEESTART(LAST) option.

However, MAIN routines should be linked with an ENTRY CEESTART linkage editor card. But, if you use the CEESTART(LAST) option, you must include an ENTRY CEESTART card when linking your MAIN routine.

**CHECK**

The CHECK option specifies whether the compiler should generate special code to detect various programming errors.

```
CHECK (CONFORMANCE | NOCONFORMANCE)
```

**ABBREVIATIONS: STG, NSTG**

**CONFORMANCE | NOCONFORMANCE**

Specifying CHECK(CONFORMANCE) causes the compiler to generate, under the following circumstances, code that checks at run time if the attributes of the arguments passed to a procedure match those of the declared parameters:

- If a parameter is a string (or an array of strings) declared with a constant length, then the STRINGSIZE condition will be raised if the argument passed does not have matching length.
- If a parameter is a string (or an array of strings), then the STRINGSIZE condition will be raised if the argument does not have the same length type (VARYING, NONVARYING or VARYINGZ).
- If a parameter is an array (of scalars or structures), then the SUBSCRIPTRANGE condition will be raised if any constant bounds do not match those of the passed argument. The SUBSCRIPTRANGE condition will also be raised if all the extents are constant and the size and spacing of the array elements in the argument do not match those in the parameter. Arrays inside a structure are not checked.
- If a parameter is a structure or union with constant extents, then the SUBSCRIPTRANGE condition will be raised if the offset of the last element does not match that of the passed argument.
- If the procedure has the RETURNS BYADDR attribute and that attribute specifies a string type, then the STRINGSIZE condition will be raised if the string passed for the RETURNS value does not have matching length.

This extra code will not be generated if any of the following conditions are true:

- The NODESCRIPTOR option applies to the procedure.
- The block contains ENTRY statements.
- The CMPAT(LE) option is in effect.

**STORAGE | NOSTORAGE**

When you specify CHECK(STORAGE), the compiler calls slightly different library routines for ALLOCATE and FREE statements (except when these statements occur within an AREA).
Note: The STORAGE suboption is not supported under the LP(64) option.

The following built-in functions, described in the *PL/I Language Reference*, can be used only when CHECK(STORAGE) has been specified:
- ALLOCSIZE
- CHECKSTG
- UNALLOCATED

AMODE(24) is not recommended for Enterprise PL/I applications. For code compiled with the CHECK(STORAGE) option, if you have to use AMODE(24), you must also specify the HEAP(,,BELOW) runtime option.

**CMPAT**

The CMPAT option specifies whether object compatibility with OS PL/I Version 1, OS PL/I Version 2, PL/I for MVS & VM, or Enterprise PL/I for z/OS is to be maintained for programs sharing strings, AREAs, arrays, or structures.

Note: Under the LP(64) option, the CMPAT option is ignored; effectively, CMPAT(V3) is always on.

ABBREVIATIONS: CMP

**LE** Under CMPAT(LE), your program can share strings, AREAs, arrays, or structures only with programs compiled with VisualAge PL/I for OS/390 or Enterprise PL/I for z/OS and only as long as the CMPAT(V1) and CMPAT(V2) options were not used when they were compiled. DB2 stored procedures must not be compiled with CMPAT(LE).

**V1** Under CMPAT(V1), you can share strings, AREAs, arrays, or structures with programs compiled with the OS PL/I compiler and with programs compiled with later PL/I compilers as long as the CMPAT(V1) option was used. The JSON built-in functions are not supported under CMPAT(V1).

**V2** Under CMPAT(V2), you can share strings, AREAs, arrays, or structures with programs compiled with the OS PL/I compiler and with programs compiled with later PL/I compilers as long as the CMPAT(V2) option was used.

**V3** Under CMPAT(V3), you can share strings with programs compiled with the OS PL/I compiler and with programs compiled with later PL/I compilers as long as one of the CMPAT(V*) options was used. However, you cannot share AREAs, arrays, or structures with any code that was not compiled with CMPAT(V3).

All the modules in an application must be compiled with the same CMPAT option.

Mixing old and new code still has some restrictions. For information about these restrictions, see the *Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Compiler and Run-Time Migration Guide*.

The DFT(DESCLIST) option conflicts with the CMPAT(V*) options. If it is specified with any CMPAT(V*) option, a message will be issued and the DFT(DESCLOCATOR) option will be assumed.
Under CMPAT(V3), arrays can be declared with any value that an 8-byte integer can assume. However, unless the LP(64) option is used, the total size of an array currently still has the same limit as an array declared under CMPAT(V2).

Under CMPAT(V3), the following built-in functions will always return a FIXED BIN(63) result:

- CURRENTSIZE/CSTG
- DIMENSION
- HBOUND
- LBOUND
- LOCATION
- SIZE/STG

Because these functions will return 8-byte integer values, under CMPAT(V3), the second option in the FIXEDBIN suboption of the LIMITS option must be 63.

However, even under CMPAT(V3), statement and format label constants must be specified using 4-byte integers.

**CODEPAGE**

The CODEPAGE option specifies the code page used for conversions between CHARACTER and WIDECHAR. The option also specifies the default code page used by the PLISAX built-in subroutines.

```
CODEPAGE(—ccsid—)
```

**Table 4. Supported CCSIDs**

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The default CCSID 1140 is an equivalent of CCSID 37 (EBCDIC Latin-1, USA) but includes the Euro symbol.

**COMMON**

The COMMON option directs the compiler to generate CM linkage records for EXTERNAL STATIC variables.

**Note:** Under the LP(64) option, the COMMON option is ignored.

```
COMMON
```

Under the COMMON option, if the NORENT option applies, CM linkage records will be generated for EXTERNAL STATIC variables that are not RESERVED and that contain no INITIAL values. This matches what the OS PL/I compiler does.
Under the NOCOMMON option, SD records will be written as was true in earlier releases of Enterprise PL/I.

The COMMON option must not be used with the RENT option or with LIMITS(EXTNAME(n)) if n > 7.

**COMPILE**

The COMPILE option causes the compiler to stop compiling after all semantic checking of the source program if it produces a message of a specified severity during preprocessing or semantic checking.

Whether the compiler continues or not depends on the severity of the error detected, as specified by the NOCOMPILE option in the list below. The NOCOMPILE option specifies that processing stops unconditionally after semantic checking.

![Diagram of COMPILE and NOCOMPILE options]

**ABBREVIATIONS:** C, NC

**COMPILE**

Generates code unless a severe error or an unrecoverable error is detected. This suboption is equivalent to NOCOMPILE(S).

**NOCOMPILE**

Compilation stops after semantic checking.

**NOCOMPILE(W)**

No code generation if a warning, an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error is detected.

**NOCOMPILE(E)**

No code generation if an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error is detected.

**NOCOMPILE(S)**

No code generation if a severe error or an unrecoverable error is detected.

If the compilation is terminated by the NOCOMPILE option, the cross-reference listing and attribute listing can be produced; the other listings that follow the source program will not be produced.

**COPYRIGHT**

The COPYRIGHT option places a string in the object module, if generated. This string is loaded into memory with any load module into which this object is linked.

```
NOCOPYRIGHT
COPYRIGHT—("copyright string")
```

The string is limited to 1000 characters in length. However, if the string is longer than 100 characters, it will not be shown in the option listing.
To ensure that the string remains readable across locales, only characters from the invariant character set should be used.

CSECT

The CSECT option ensures that the object module, if generated, contains named CSECTs.

Use this option if you use SMP/E to service your product or to help debug your program.

ABBREVIATIONS: CSE, NOCSE

Under the NOCSECT option, the code and static sections of your object module are given default names.

Under the CSECT option, the code and static sections of your object module are given names that depend on the "package name", which is defined as follows:

- If the package statement was used, the "package name" is the leftmost label on the package statement.
- Otherwise, the "package name" is the leftmost label on the first procedure statement.

A "modified package name" of length 7 is then formed as follows:

- When the package name is less than 7 characters long, asterisks (*) are prefixed to it to make a modified package name that is 7 characters long.
- When the package name is more than 7 characters long, the first \( n \) and last \( 7 - n \) characters are used to make the modified package name, where \( n \) is set by the CSECTCUT option.
- Otherwise, the package name is copied to the modified package name.

The code csect name is built by taking the modified package name and appending a 1 to it.

The static csect name is built by taking the modified package name and appending a 2 to it.

So, for a package named SAMPLE, the code csect name is *SAMPLE1, and the static csect name is *SAMPLE2.

CSECTCUT

The CSECTCUT option controls how the compiler, when processing the CSECT option, handles long names.

The CSECTCUT option has no effect unless you specify the CSECT option. It also has no effect if the "package name" used by the CSECT option has 7 or fewer characters.
The value \( n \) in the CSECTCUT option must be between 0 and 7.

If the "package name" used by the CSECT option has more than 7 characters, the compiler will collapse the name to 7 characters by taking the first \( n \) and last \( 7 - n \) characters.

For example, consider a compilation consisting of one procedure with the name BEISPIEL:
- Under CSECTCUT(3), the compiler collapses the name to BEIPIEL.
- Under CSECTCUT(4), the compiler collapses the name to BEISIEL.

**CURRENCY**

The CURRENCY option allows you to specify an alternate character to be used in picture strings instead of the dollar sign.

\[
\text{CURRENCY} \rightarrow (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \rightarrow \text{ABBREVIATIONS: CURR}
\]

- \( x \) Character that you want the compiler and run time to recognize and accept as the dollar sign in picture strings

**DBCS**

The DBCS option ensures that the listing, if generated, is sensitive to the possible presence of DBCS even though the GRAPHIC option has not been specified.

\[
\text{NODBCS} \rightarrow \text{DBCS} \rightarrow \text{Under z/OS UNIX System Services, the NODBCS option causes the listing, if generated, to show all DBCS shift-codes as ".".}
\]

Under both batch and z/OS UNIX System Services, the NODBCS option ensures that the header text in the listing page does not contain unmatched shift codes.

The NODBCS option should not be specified if the GRAPHIC option is also specified.

**DD**

Using the DD option, you can specify alternate DD names for the various data sets used by the compiler.

\[
\rightarrow \text{Up to eight DD names can be specified. In order, they specify alternate DD names for the following data sets:}
\]

- SYSPRINT
If you want to use ALTIN as the DD name for the primary compiler source file, you must specify DD(SYSPRINT,ALTIN). If you specify DD(ALTIN), SYSIN is used as the DDNAME for the primary compiler source file and ALTIN is used as the DD name for the compiler listing.

You can also use an asterisk (*) to indicate that the default DD name should be used. Thus DD(*,ALTIN) is equivalent to DD(SYSPRINT,ALTIN).

**DDSQ**

Using the DDSQ option, you can specify an alternate DD name for the data set that is used by the SQL preprocessor when the preprocessor resolves EXEC SQL INCLUDE statements.

Under the DDSQ("") option, the DD name that is used to resolve EXEC SQL INCLUDE statements is the DD name for SYSLIB from the DD compiler option.

This option might be useful when you are moving from the SQL precompiler to the integrated SQL preprocessor.

**DECIMAL**

The DECIMAL option specifies how the compiler should handle certain FIXED DECIMAL operations and assignments.

When the FOFLONASGN option is enabled and the SIZE condition is disabled, the FOFLONASGN option requires the compiler to generate code that will raise the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition whenever a FIXED DECIMAL expression is assigned to a FIXED DECIMAL target and significant digits are lost.
Conversely, under the NOFOFLONASGN option, the compiler will generate code that will not raise the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition when significant digits are lost in such an assignment.

For example, given a variable A declared as FIXED DEC(5), the assignment \( A = A + 1 \) might raise FOFL under the FOFLONASGN option, but will never raise FOFL under the NOFOFLONASGN option.

Note, however, that under the NOFOFLONASGN option, the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition can still be raised by operations that produce a result with more digits than allowed by the FIXEDDEC suboption of the LIMITS option. For example, given a variable B declared as FIXED DEC(15) with the value \( 999,999,999,999,999 \) and given that the FIXEDDEC suboption of the LIMITS specifies the maximum precision as 15, then the assignment \( B = B + 1 \) will raise the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition (if FOFL is enabled).

**FOFLONMULT**

The FOFLONMULT option requires the compiler to generate code that will raise the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition for any use of the MULTIPLY built-in function that will produce a FIXED DEC result that is too large for the precision specified in the built-in function.

Conversely, under the NOFOFLONMULT option, the compiler will generate code that will produce a truncated result for any such use of the MULTIPLY built-in function.

Note that the use of the FOFLONMULT option changes the default language semantics (which is to truncate a too large result of the MULTIPLY built-in function applied to FIXED DEC - unless the SIZE condition is enabled).

**FORCEDSIGN**

The FORCEDSIGN option will force the compiler to generate extra code to ensure that whenever a FIXED DECIMAL result with the value zero is generated, the sign nibble of the result will have the value 'C'x. This option can cause the compiler to generate code that will perform much, much worse than the code generated under the NOFORCEDSIGN suboption.

Also, when this option is in effect, more data exceptions might occur when you run your code. For example, if you assign one FIXED DEC(5) variable to another FIXED DEC(5) variable, the compiler would normally generate an MVC instruction to perform the move. However, if the FORCEDSIGN option is in effect, to ensure that the result has the preferred sign, the compiler will generate a ZAP instruction to perform the move. If the source contains invalid packed decimal data, the ZAP instruction, but not the MVC instruction, will raise a decimal data exception.

Under this option, data exceptions might also be raised when one PICTURE variable is assigned to another PICTURE variable because that conversion usually involves an implicit conversion to FIXED DEC, which, under this option, will generate a ZAP instruction that will raise a data exception if the source contains invalid data.

Under DECIMAL(NOFORCEDSIGN), a "negative zero" might be produced by certain calculations. However, a programmer should rely on getting a negative zero only when assigning a negative literal to a FIXED DEC that cannot hold a value of that small a magnitude (such as assigning -.001 to a FIXED DEC(5,2)).

**TRUNCFLOAT**

This suboption instructs the compiler how to handle assignments of float to fixed decimal when truncation might occur.
Under TRUNCFLOAT, if a hexadecimal float value is converted to FIXED DEC(p,q) where $p \leq 18$ and $\text{abs}(q) \leq p$, and if the source value is too large for the target, the source value will be truncated and overflow will not be raised.

The default is NOTRUNCFLOAT.

**DECOMP**

The DECOMP option instructs the compiler to generate a listing section that gives a decomposition of expressions used in the compilation.

Under the DECOMP option, the compiler generates a listing section that shows all intermediate expressions and their attributes for all expressions used in the source program.

Under the NODECOMP option, the compiler does not generate this listing section.

The default is NODECOMP.

**DEFAULT**

The DEFAULT option specifies defaults for attributes and options. These defaults are applied only when the attributes or options are not specified or implied in the source code.
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ABBREVIATIONS: DFT, ASGN, NONASGN, NONCONN, CONN, INL, NOINL

**ALIGNED | UNALIGNED**

This suboption forces byte-alignment on all of your variables.

If you specify ALIGNED, all variables other than character, bit, graphic, and picture are given the ALIGNED attribute unless the UNALIGNED attribute is explicitly specified (possibly on a parent structure) or implied by a DEFAULT statement.

If you specify UNALIGNED, all variables are given the UNALIGNED attribute unless the ALIGNED attribute is explicitly specified (possibly on a parent structure) or implied by a DEFAULT statement.

ALIGNED is the default.

**IBM | ANS**

The suboption specifies whether to use IBM defaults or ANS SYSTEM defaults. The following table shows the arithmetic defaults for IBM and ANS.

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<td>(10,0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>FIXED BINARY</td>
<td>(15,0)</td>
<td>(31,0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>FLOAT DECIMAL</td>
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<tr>
<td>FLOAT BINARY</td>
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</table>

Under the IBM suboption, the default for variables with names beginning from I to N is FIXED BINARY, and the default for any other variables is FLOAT DECIMAL. If you select the ANS suboption, the default for all variables is FIXED BINARY.

IBM is the default.

**ASCII | EBCDIC**

This suboption sets the default for the character set used for the internal representation of character problem program data.

Specify ASCII only when compiling programs that depend on the ASCII character set collating sequence. Such a dependency exists, for example, if your program relies on the sorting sequence of digits or on lowercase and uppercase alphabetic characters. This dependency also exists in programs that create an uppercase alphabetic character by changing the state of the high-order bit.

**Note:** The compiler supports A and E as suffixes on character strings. The A suffix indicates that the string is meant to represent ASCII data, even if the EBCDIC compiler option is in effect. Alternately, the E suffix indicates that the string is EBCDIC, even when you select DEFAULT(ASCII).

'123'A is the same as '313233'X
'123'E is the same as 'F1F2F3'X

EBCDIC is the default.

**ASSIGNABLE | NONASSIGNABLE**

This option causes the compiler to apply the specified attribute to all static variables that are not declared with the ASSIGNABLE or NONASSIGNABLE attribute. The compiler flags statements in which NONASSIGNABLE variables are the targets of assignments.

ASSIGNABLE is the default.
INONLY
Specifying NONASSIGNABLE(INONLY) indicates that parameters declared with the INONLY attribute are given the NONASSIGNABLE attribute.

STATIC
Specifying NONASSIGNABLE(STATIC) indicates that STATIC variables are given the NONASSIGNABLE attribute.

The INONLY and STATIC suboptions have no effect on either variables with the ASSIGNABLE or NONASSIGNABLE attribute or structure members that inherit the ASSIGNABLE or NONASSIGNABLE attribute from a parent.

BYVALUE parameters are given the INONLY attribute after the resolution of the (NON)ASSIGNABLE attribute, and hence the NONASSIGNABLE(INONLY) suboption has no effect on BYVALUE parameters.

To specify the NONASSIGNABLE attribute to both STATIC and INONLY variables, you must specify the suboption NONASSIGNABLE(STATIC INONLY).

The NONASSIGNABLE attribute can be specified without any suboptions, in which case it means NONASSIGNABLE(STATIC).

BIN1ARG | NOBIN1ARG
This suboption controls how the compiler handles 1-byte REAL FIXED BIN arguments passed to an unprototyped function.

Under BIN1ARG, the compiler passes a FIXED BIN argument as is to an unprototyped function.

But under NOBIN1ARG, the compiler assigns any 1-byte REAL FIXED BIN argument passed to an unprototyped function to a 2-byte FIXED BIN temporary and pass that temporary instead.

Consider the following example:

dcl f1 ext entry;
dcl f2 ext entry( fixed bin(15) );
call f1( 1b );
call f2( 1b );

If you specify DEFAULT(BIN1ARG), the compiler passes the address of a 1-byte FIXED BIN(1) argument to the routine f1 and the address of a 2-byte FIXED BIN(15) argument to the routine f2. However, if you specify DEFAULT(NOBIN1ARG), the compiler passes the address of a 2-byte FIXED BIN(15) argument to both routines.

Note that if the routine f1 is a COBOL routine, passing a 1-byte integer argument to it might cause problems because COBOL has no support for 1-byte integers. In this case, using DEFAULT(NOBIN1ARG) might be helpful; but it might be better to specify the argument attributes in the entry declare statement.

BIN1ARG is the default.

BYADDR | BYVALUE
This suboption sets the default for whether arguments or parameters are passed by reference or by value. BYVALUE applies only to certain arguments and parameters. See the PL/I Language Reference for more information.

BYADDR is the default.
**CONNECTED | NONCONNECTED**

This suboption sets the default for whether parameters are connected or nonconnected. CONNECTED allows the parameter to be used as a target or source in record-oriented I/O or as a base in string overlay defining.

NONCONNECTED is the default.

**DESCLIST | DESLOCATOR**

When you specify DEFAULT(DESCLIST), the compiler passes all descriptors in a list as a 'hidden' last parameter.

If you specify DEFAULT(DESCLOCATOR), parameters requiring descriptors are passed using a locator or descriptor in the same way as previous releases of PL/I. This allows old code to continue to work even if it passes a structure from one routine to a routine that is expecting to receive a pointer.

The DFT(DESCLIST) option conflicts with the CMPAT(V*) options, and if it is specified with any of them, a message will be issued and the DFT(DESCLOCATOR) option will be assumed.

DESCLOCATOR is the default.

**DESCRIPTOR | NODESCRIPTOR**

Using DESCRIPTOR with a PROCEDURE indicates that a descriptor list was passed, while DESCRIPTOR with ENTRY indicates that a descriptor list should be passed. NODESCRIPTOR results in more efficient code, but has the following restrictions:

- For PROCEDURE statements, NODESCRIPTOR is invalid if any of the parameters contains the following:
  - An asterisk (*) specified for the bound of an array, the length of a string, or the size of an area except if it is a VARYING or VARYINGZ string with the NONASSIGNABLE attribute
  - The NONCONNECTED attribute
  - The UNALIGNED BIT attribute
- For ENTRY declarations, NODESCRIPTOR is invalid if an asterisk (*) is specified for the bound of an array, the length of a string, or the size of an area in the ENTRY description list.

DESCRIPTOR is the default.

**DUMMY(ALIGNED | UNALIGNED)**

This suboption reduces the number of situations in which dummy arguments get created.

DUMMY(ALIGNED) indicates that a dummy argument should be created even if an argument differs from a parameter only in its alignment.

DUMMY(UNALIGNED) indicates that no dummy argument should be created for a scalar (except a nonvarying bit) or an array of such scalars if it differs from a parameter only in its alignment.

Consider the following example:

```pli
dcl
  1 a1 unaligned,
     2 b1 fixed bin(31),
     2 b2 fixed bin(15),
     2 b3 fixed bin(31),
     2 b4 fixed bin(15);

dcl x entry( fixed bin(31) );

call x( b3 );
```
If you specify DEFAULT(DUMMY(ALIGNED)), a dummy argument is created, while if you specify DEFAULT(DUMMY(UNALIGNDED)), no dummy argument is created.

DUMMY(ALIGNED) is the default.

**E (HEXADEC | IEEE)**
The E suboption determines how many digits will be used for the exponent in E-format items.

If you specify E(IEEE), 4 digits will be used for the exponent in E-format items.

If you specify E(HEXADEC), 2 digits will be used for the exponent in E-format items.

If DFT(E(HEXADEC)) is specified, an attempt to use an expression whose exponent has an absolute value greater than 99 will cause the SIZE condition to be raised.

If the compiler option DFT(IEEE) is in effect, you should normally also use the option DFT(E(IEEE)). However, under this option, some E format items that would be valid under DFT(E(HEXADEC)) are not valid. For instance, under DFT(E(IEEE)), the statement `put skip edit(x) (e(15,8));` will be flagged because the E format item is invalid.

E(HEXADEC) is the default.

**EVENDEC | NOEVENDEC**
This suboption controls the compiler’s tolerance of fixed decimal variables declared with an even precision.

Under NOEVENDEC, the precision for any fixed decimal variable is rounded up to the next highest odd number.

If you specify EVENDEC and then assign 123 to a FIXED DEC(2) variable, the SIZE condition is raised. If you specify NOEVENDEC, the SIZE condition is not raised.

EVENDEC is the default.

**HEXADEC | IEEE**
This suboption specifies the default representation that is used to hold all FLOAT variables and all floating-point intermediate results. This suboption also determines whether the compiler evaluates floating-point expressions using the hexadecimal or IEEE float instructions and math routines.

It is recommended that you use the IEEE option for programs that communicate with JAVA and also for programs that pass data to or receive data from platforms where IEEE is the default representation for floating-point data.

HEXADEC is the default.

**INITFILL | NOINITFILL**
This suboption controls the default initialization of automatic variables.

If you specify INITFILL with a hex value (nn), that value is used to initialize the storage that is used by all automatic variables in a block each time that block is entered. If you do not enter a hex value, the default is '00'.

Note that the hex value can be specified with or without quotation marks, but if it is specified with quotation marks, the string should not have an X suffix.

Under NOINITFILL, the storage that is used by an automatic variable can hold arbitrary bit patterns unless the variable is explicitly initialized.
INITFILL can cause programs to run slower and should not be specified in production programs. However, the INITFILL option produces code that runs faster than the LE STORAGE option. Also, during program development, this option is useful for detecting uninitialized automatic variables: a program that runs correctly with DFT(INITFILL('00')) and with DFT(INITFILL('ff')) probably has no uninitialized automatic variables.

NOINITFILL is the default.

**INLINE | NOINLINE**

This option sets the default for the inline procedure option.

Specifying INLINE allows your code to run faster but, in some cases, also creates a larger executable file. For more information about how inlining can improve the performance of your application, see [Chapter 15, “Improving performance,” on page 325](#).

NOINLINE is the default.

**LINKAGE**

Here is the linkage convention for procedure invocations:

**OPTLINK**

The default linkage convention for Enterprise PL/I. This linkage provides the best performance.

**SYSTEM**

The standard linking convention for system APIs.

Use LINKAGE(OPTLINK) for all routines called by or calling to JAVA and also for all routines called by or calling to C (unless the C code has been compiled with a nondefault linkage).

Use LINKAGE(SYSTEM) for all non-PL/I routines that expect the high-order bit to be on in the address of the last (and only the last) parameter.

Note that specifying OPTIONS(ASSEMBLER) for a PROCEDURE or an ENTRY forces LINKAGE(SYSTEM) regardless of the setting of this option.

LINKAGE(OPTLINK) is the default.

**Note:** The LINKAGE suboption is ignored under the LP(64) option.

**LOWERINC | UPPERINC**

If you specify LOWERINC, the compiler requires that the actual file names of INCLUDE files are in lowercase. If you specify UPPERINC, the compiler requires that the names are in uppercase.

**Note:** This suboption applies only to compilations under z/OS UNIX.

Under z/OS UNIX, the include name is built with the extension .inc. For example, under the DFT(LOWERINC) option, the statement `%INCLUDE STANDARD;` causes the compiler to try to include standard.inc. But, under the DFT(UPPERINC) option, the statement `%INCLUDE STANDARD;` causes the compiler to try to include STANDARD.INC.

LOWERINC is the default.

**NATIVE | NONNATIVE**

This suboption affects only the internal representation of fixed binary, ordinal, offset, area, and varying string data. When the NONNATIVE suboption is in effect, the NONNATIVE attribute is applied to all such variables not declared with the NATIVE attribute.
You should specify NONNATIVE only to compile programs that depend on the nonnative format for holding these kind of variables.

If your program bases fixed binary variables on pointer or offset variables (or conversely, pointer or offset variables on fixed binary variables), specify either of the following combinations of suboptions:
- Both the NATIVE and NATIVEADDR suboptions
- Both the NONNATIVE and NONNATIVEADDR suboptions.

Other combinations produce unpredictable results.

NATIVE is the default.

**NATIVEADDR | NONNATIVEADDR**

This suboption affects only the internal representation of pointers. When the NONNATIVEADDR suboption is in effect, the NONNATIVE attribute is applied to all pointer variables not declared with the NATIVE attribute.

If your program bases fixed binary variables on pointer or offset variables (or conversely, pointer or offset variables on fixed binary variables), specify either of the following combinations of suboptions:
- Both the NATIVE and NATIVEADDR suboptions
- Both the NONNATIVE and NONNATIVEADDR suboptions.

Other combinations produce unpredictable results.

NATIVEADDR is the default.

**NULLSYS | NULL370**

This suboption determines which value is returned by the NULL built-in function. If you specify NULLSYS, binvalue(null()) is equal to 0. If you want binvalue(null()) to equal 'ff_00_00_00'xn as is true with previous releases of PL/I, specify NULL370.

NULL370 is the default.

*Note:* The NULL370 or NULLSYS suboption is ignored under the LP(64) option.

**NULLSTRADDR | NONULLSTRADDR**

This suboption controls how the compiler handles null strings when null strings are passed as arguments.

Under NULLSTRADDR, when a null string is specified as an argument in an entry invocation, the compiler will pass the address of an initialized piece of automatic storage. This is compatible with what the OS PL/I and PL/I for MVS compilers did.

But under NONULLSTRADDR, when a null string is specified as an argument in an entry invocation, the compiler passes a null pointer as the address of the argument. This is compatible with what early releases of the Enterprise PL/I compiler did.

NULLSTRADDR is the default.

**NULLSTRPTR**

This suboption controls how the compiler handles null strings when null strings are assigned to POINTERs.

Under NULLSTRPTR(SYSNULL), the result of assigning ") to a POINTER is the same as assigning SYSNULL() to the pointer.

Under NULLSTRPTR(NULL), the result of assigning " to a POINTER is the same as assigning NULL() to the pointer.
Under NULLSTRPTR(STRICT), assignments and comparisons of '' to POINTERs are flagged as invalid.

NULLSTRPTR(NULL) is the default.

**ORDER | REORDER**
This suboption affects the optimization of the object code. Specifying REORDER allows more optimization of your code. For detailed information, see Chapter 15, “Improving performance,” on page 325.

REORDER is the default.

**ORDINAL(MIN | MAX)**
If you specify ORDINAL(MAX), all ordinals whose definition does not include a PRECISION attribute is given the attribute PREC(31). Otherwise, they are given the smallest precision that covers their range of values.

ORDINAL(MIN) is the default.

**OVERLAP | NOOVERLAP**
If you specify OVERLAP, the compiler presumes the source and target in an assignment can overlap and generates, as needed, extra code in order to ensure that the result of the assignment is okay.

The OVERLAP suboption applies only to string variables. It has no effect on assignments of FIXED DECIMAL or other variable types. In those assignments, the source and target must not overlap.

NOOVERLAP produces code that performs better; however, if you use NOOVERLAP, you must ensure that the source and target never overlap.

NOOVERLAP is the default.

**PSEUDODUMMY | NOPSEUDODUMMY**
This suboption determines whether dummy arguments are created when a SUBSTR reference is specified as an argument to an unprototyped function.

If you specify PSEUDODUMMY, dummy arguments are created when a SUBSTR reference is specified as an argument to an unprototyped function.

If you specify NOPSEUDODUMMY, dummy arguments are not created when a SUBSTR reference is specified as an argument to an unprototyped function.

PSEUDODUMMY is the default.

**RECURSIVE | NONRECURSIVE**
When you specify DEFAULT(RECURSIVE), the compiler applies the RECURSIVE attribute to all procedures. If you specify DEFAULT(NONRECURSIVE), all procedures are nonrecursive except procedures with the RECURSIVE attribute.

NONRECURSIVE is the default.

**RETCODE | NORETCODE**
If you specify RETCODE, for any external procedure that does not have the RETURNS attribute, the compiler will generate extra code so that the procedure returns the integer value obtained by invoking the PLIRETV built-in function just before returning from that procedure.

If you specify NORETCODE, no special code is generated for procedures that do not have the RETURNS attribute.

NORETCODE is the default.
**RETURNS (BYVALUE | BYADDR)**

This suboption sets the default for how values are returned by functions. See the PL/I Language Reference for more information.

You must specify RETURNS(BYADDR) if your application contains ENTRY statements and the ENTRY statements or the containing procedure statement have the RETURNS option. You must also specify RETURNS(BYADDR) on the entry declarations for such entries.

RETURNS(BYADDR) is the default.

**SHORT (HEXADEC | IEEE)**

This suboption improves compatibility with other non-IBM UNIX compilers. SHORT (HEXADEC) maps FLOAT BIN (p) to a short (4-byte) floating point number if \( p \leq 21 \). SHORT (IEEE) maps FLOAT BIN (p) to a short (4-byte) floating point number if \( p \leq 24 \).

SHORT (HEXADEC) is the default.

*Default*: DEF
t
ALIGnED IBM EBCDIC ASSIGNABLE BIN1ARG BYADDR NONCONNECTED DESCLOCATOR DESCRIPTOR DUMmY(ALIGNED) E(HEXADEC) EVENDEC HEXADEC NOINITFILL NOINLINE LINKAGE(OPTLINK) LOWERINC NATIVE NATIVEADDR NULL370 NULLSTRPTR(NULL) NULLSTRADDR reorder ORdINAL(MIN) NOOVERLAP PSEUDODUMMY NONRECURSIVE NORETCODE RETURNS(BYADDR) SHORT(HEXADEC))

**DEPRECATE**

This option flags variable names, included file names, and statement names that you want to deprecate with error messages.

```
DEPRECATE(—(BUILTIN(—built-in-name—))ENTRY(—entry-name—)INCLUDE(—filename—)STMT(—statement-name—)VARIABLE(—variable-name—))
```

**BUILTIN**

Flags any declaration of *built-in-name* with the BUILTIN attribute.

*built-in-name*

Name of the BUILTIN variable

**ENTRY**

Flags any declaration of *entry-name* with the ENTRY attribute.

*entry-name*

Level-1 name

**INCLUDE**

Flags any %INCLUDE statement that includes *filename*.
**filename**
Name of the file

**STMT**
Flags all statements with the name as `statement-name`.

**statement-name**
Name of the statement
The names are identified by the initial keywords of PL/I statements. The STMT option accepts the following keywords:

```
allocate  assert  attach  begin  call  close  delay  delete
detach   display  exit    fetch  flush  free   get   goto
iterate  leave   locate  on    open  put    read  release
resignal revert  rewrite  signal  stop  wait  write
```

**VARIABLE**
Flags any declaration of `variable-name` that does not have the BUILTIN or ENTRY attributes.

**variable-name**
Level-1 name

To specify the DEPREDATE option, you must specify at least one of these suboptions with a possible empty suboption list. For example, both of the following two specifications are invalid:

- DEPREDATE
- DEPREDATE(BUILTIN)

Specifying one of the suboptions does not change the setting of any of the other suboptions that are specified previously.

Specifying a suboption a second time replaces the previous specifications.

In all cases, there is no checking of the suboption lists.

**Default:** DEPREDATE(BUILTIN() ENTRY() INCLUDE() STMT() VARIABLE())

**Examples**

- The following specifications are equivalent:
  ```
  DEPREDATE(ENTRY(old)) DEPREDATE(BUILTIN(acos))
  DEPREDATE(ENTRY(old) BUILTIN(acos))
  ```

- In the following example, x in the first specification is replaced by y:
  ```
  DEPREDATE(BUILTIN(x)) DEPREDATE(BUILTIN(y))
  DEPREDATE(BUILTIN(y))
  ```

**DEPRECATENEXT**
The purpose and usage of the DEPRECATENEXT option are the same as the DEPREDATE option, except that the compiler issues warning messages rather than error messages for items that you will deprecate in a future development phase.

**Default:** DEPRECATENEXT(BUILTIN() ENTRY() INCLUDE() STMT() VARIABLE())

For detailed information, see “DEPREDATE” on page 31.
**DISPLAY**

The DISPLAY option determines how the DISPLAY statement performs I/O.

**STD**

All DISPLAY statements are completed by writing the text to stdout and reading any REPLY text from stdin.

**WTO**

All DISPLAY statements without REPLY are completed by WTOs, and all DISPLAY statements with REPLY are completed by WTORs. This is the default.

The following suboptions are supported:

**ROUTCDE**

Specifies one or more values to be used as the ROUTCDE in the WTO. The default ROUTCDE is 2.

**DESC**

Specifies one or more values to be used as the DESC in the WTO. The default DESC is 3.

**REPLY**

Specifies one or more values to be used as the DESC in the WTOR. If omitted, the value from the DESC option (or the default) is used.

All values specified for the ROUTCDE, DESC and REPLY must between 1 and 16.

**DLLINIT**

The DLLINIT option applies OPTIONS(FETCHABLE) to all external procedures that are not MAIN. Use this option only on compilation units containing one external procedure, and then that procedure should be linked as a DLL.

NODLLINIT has no effect on your programs.

**EXIT**

The EXIT option enables the compiler user exit to be invoked.
**inparm_string**
A string that is passed to the compiler user exit routine during initialization. The string can be up to 31 characters long.

See Chapter 24, “Using user exits,” on page 479 for more information about how to use this option.

**EXPORTALL**
The EXPORTALL option controls whether to export all externally defined procedures and variable so that a DLL application can use them.

```
EXPORTALL
NOEXPORTALL
```

Under EXPORTALL, all externally defined procedures and variables are exported except those that specify OPTION(DLLINTERNAL).

Under NOEXPORTALL, no externally defined procedures and variables are exported except those that specify OPTION(DLLEXTERNAL) or OPTIONS(FETCHABLE).

When linking a module as a DLL that will be simply fetched (rather than accessed through DLL functions), you must use the NOEXPORTALL option.

The default is EXPORTALL, but NOEXPORTALL is better for performance.

**EXTRN**
The EXTRN option controls when EXTRNs are emitted for external entry constants.

```
EXTRN (FULL)(SHORT)
```

- **FULL**
  Emits EXTRNs for all declared external entry constants. This is the default.

- **SHORT**
  Emits EXTRNs only for those constants that are referenced.

**FILEREF**
The (NO)FILEREF option controls whether the compiler produces a file reference table. The NOFILEREF option eliminates the file reference table from the listing if the compiler issues no messages for the specified FLAG setting.

```
FILEREF
NOFILEREF
```

The default is FILEREF.

**FLAG**
The FLAG option specifies the minimum severity of error that requires a message listed in the compiler listing.
ABBREVIATION: F
I  List all messages.
W  List all except information messages.
E  List all except warning and information messages.
S  List only severe error and unrecoverable error messages.

If messages are below the specified severity or are filtered out by a compiler exit routine, they are not listed.

FLOAT
The FLOAT option controls the use of the additional floating-point registers and whether Decimal Floating Point is supported.

DFP
The DFP facility is used: all DECIMAL FLOAT data will be held in the DFP format as described in the z/Architecture Principles of Operation manual, and operations using DECIMAL FLOAT will be carried using the DFP hardware instructions described therein.

NODFP
The DFP facility is not used.

Under FLOAT(DFP), the following applies:
• The maximum precision for extended DECIMAL FLOAT will be 34 (not 33 as it is for hex float).
• The maximum precision for short DECIMAL FLOAT will be 7 (not 6 as it is for hex float).
• The values for DECIMAL FLOAT for the following built-ins will all have the appropriate changes:
  – EPSILON
  – HUGE
  – MAXEXP
  – MINEXP
  – PLACES
  – RADIX
  – TINY
• The following built-in functions will all return the appropriate values for DECIMAL FLOAT (and values that will be much easier for a human to understand; for example, SUCC(1D0) will be 1.000_000_000_000_001, and the ROUND function will round at a decimal place of course.)
  – EXPONENT
- PRED
- ROUND
- SCALE
- SUCC

- Decimal floating-point literals, when converted to "right-units-view", that is, when the exponent has been adjusted, if needed, so that no nonzero digits follow the decimal point (for example, as would be done when viewing 3.1415E0 as 31415E-4), must have an exponent within the range of the normal numbers for the precision given by the literal. These bounds are given by the value of MINEXP-1 and MAXEXP-1. In particular, the following must hold:
  - For short float, -95 <= exponent <= 90
  - For long float, -383 <= exponent <= 369
  - For extended float, -6143 <= exponent <= 6111

- When a DECIMAL FLOAT is converted to CHARACTER, the string will hold 4 digits for the exponent (as opposed to the 2 digits used for hexadecimal float).
- The IEEE and HEXADEC attributes will be accepted only if applied to FLOAT BIN, and the DEFAULT(IEEE/HEXADEC) option will apply only to FLOAT BIN.
- The mathematical built-in functions (ACOS, COS, SQRT, etc) will accept DECIMAL FLOAT arguments and use corresponding Language Environment functions to evaluate them. DECIMAL FLOAT exponentiation will be handled in a similar way.
- Users of DFP need to be wary of the conversions that will arise in operations where one operand is FLOAT DECIMAL and the other is binary (that is, FIXED BINARY, FLOAT BINARY or BIT). In such operations, the PL/I language rules dictate that the FLOAT DECIMAL operand be converted to FLOAT BINARY, and that conversion will require a library call. For example, for an assignment of the form $A = A + B$, where $A$ is FLOAT DECIMAL and $B$ is FIXED BINARY, three conversions will be done and two of those will be library calls:
  1. $A$ will be converted through library call from FLOAT DECIMAL to FLOAT BINARY.
  2. $B$ will be converted through inline code from FIXED BINARY to FLOAT BINARY.
  3. The sum $A + B$ will be converted through library call from FLOAT BINARY to FLOAT DECIMAL.

The use of the DECIMAL built-in function might help here: if the statement is changed to $A = A + DEC(B)$, the library calls will be eliminated. The library calls can also be eliminated by assigning $B$ to a FLOAT DECIMAL temporary variable and then adding that temporary variable to $A$.

- The built-in function SQRFT is not supported for DECIMAL FLOAT arguments (because there is no hardware instruction to which it can be mapped).
- DFP is not supported by the CAST type function.

**FLOATINMATH**

The FLOATINMATH option specifies that the precision that the compiler should use when invoking the mathematical built-in functions.
**ASIS**
Arguments to the mathematical built-in functions will not be forced to have long or extended floating-point precision.

**LONG**
Any argument to a mathematical built-in function with short floating-point precision will be converted to the maximum long floating-point precision to yield a result with the same maximum long floating-point precision.

**EXTENDED**
Any argument to a mathematical built-in function with short or long floating-point precision will be converted to the maximum extended floating-point precision to yield a result with the same maximum extended floating-point precision.

A FLOAT DEC expression with precision \( p \) has short floating-point precision if \( p \leq 6 \), long floating-point precision if \( 6 < p \leq 16 \), and the expression has extended floating-point precision if \( p > 16 \).

A FLOAT BIN expression with precision \( p \) has short floating-point precision if \( p \leq 21 \), long floating-point precision if \( 21 < p \leq 53 \), and the expression has extended floating-point precision if \( p > 53 \).

The maximum extended floating-point precision depends on the platform.

**GOFF**
The GOFF option instructs the compiler to produce an object file in the Generalized Object File Format (GOFF).

When the GOFF and OBJECT options are in effect, the compiler produces an object file in GOFF format.

When the NOGOFF and OBJECT options are in effect, the compiler produces an object file in XOBJ format.

The GOFF format supersedes the S/370 Object Module and Extended Object Module formats. It removes various limitations of the previous format (for example, 16 MB section size) and provides a number of useful extensions, including native z/OS support for long names and attributes. GOFF incorporates some aspects of industry standards such as XCOFF and ELF.

When you specify the GOFF option, you must use the binder to bind the output object.

The following options are not supported with the GOFF option:
- COMMON
- NOWRITABLE(PRV)

**Note:** When using GOFF and source files with duplicate file names, the linker might emit an error and discard one of the code sections. In this case, turn off the CSECT option by specifying NOCSECT.
**GONUMBER**

The GONUMBER option specifies that the compiler produces additional information that allows line numbers from the source program to be included in runtime messages.

- **NOGONUMBER**
  - Places the generated statement number table in the object deck.

- **GONUMBER**
  - Places the generated statement number table in the separate debug file if the TEST(SEPARATE) option is specified. When you use GONUMBER(SEPARATE), the statement numbers are not available for inclusion in runtime messages.

- **NOSEPARATE**
  - Places the generated statement number table in the object deck.

Alternatively, the line numbers can be derived by using the offset address, which is always included in runtime messages, and either the table produced by the OFFSET option or the assembler listing produced by the LIST option.

GONUMBER is forced by the ALL and STMT suboptions of the TEST option.

Note that the GOSTMT option does not exist. The only option that produces information at run time identifying where an error has occurred is the GONUMBER option. When the GONUMBER option is used, the term statement in the runtime error messages refers to the line numbers as used by the NUMBER compiler option, even if the STMT option is in effect.

If the GONUMBER(SEPARATE) option is specified without TEST(SEPARATE), it is changed to GONUMBER(NOSEPARATE).

If both TEST and NOGONUMBER are specified, the NOGONUMBER option is changed to GONUMBER(NOSEPARATE).

The default is NOGONUMBER.

For compatibility, when the GONUMBER option is specified, the default suboption is SEPARATE.

**GRAPHIC**

The GRAPHIC option specifies that the source program can contain double-byte characters.

The hexadecimal code '0E' is treated as the shift-out control code, and '0F' is treated as the shift-in control code, wherever they appear in the source program, including occurrences in comments and string constants.

ABBREVIATIONS: GN, NGN

ABBREVIATIONS: GR, NGR
The GRAPHIC option will also cause the GRAPHIC ENVIRONMENT option to be applied to any STREAM file used in the compilation.

The GRAPHIC option must be specified if the source program uses any of the following:
- DBCS identifiers
- Graphic string constants
- Mixed-string constants
- Shift codes anywhere else in the source

**HEADER**

The HEADER option lets you control what appears in the middle of each header line in the compiler listing.

```
SOURCE
 FILE
```

Specifying HEADER(SOURCE) causes the compiler to use the text in the first source line after any *PROCESS statements as the middle of each header line in the compiler listing.

Specifying HEADER(FILE) causes the compiler to use the name of the source file as the middle of each header line in the compiler listing.

The default is HEADER(SOURCE).

**IGNORE**

The IGNORE option controls whether ASSERT, DISPLAY, and PUT statements are ignored. When a statement is ignored, it is as if the statement is replaced by a semicolon.

```
ASSERT
 DISPLAY
 PUT
```

The compiler ignores all ASSERT statements, including any function references contained in those statements.

The compiler ignores all DISPLAY statements, including any function references contained in those statements.

The compiler ignores all PUT FILE statements.

**INCAFTER**

The INCAFTER option specifies a file to be included after a particular statement in your source program.
filename

Name of the file to be included after the last PROCESS statement.

Currently, PROCESS is the only suboption and specifies the name of a file to be included after the last PROCESS statement.

Consider the following example:

INCAFTER(PROCESS(DFTS))

This example is equivalent to having the statement %INCLUDE DFTS; after the last PROCESS statement in your source.

INCDIR

The INCDIR compiler option specifies a directory to be added to the search path used to locate include files.

directory name

Name of the directory that should be searched for include files. You can specify the INCDIR option more than once and the directories are searched in order.

Except under batch, the compiler looks for INCLUDE files in the following order:
1. Current directory
2. Directories specified with the -I flag or with the INCDIR compiler option
3. /usr/include directory
4. PDS specified with the INCPDS compiler option

Under batch, this option is probably best used with the DFT(LOWERINC) option, and it affects only include statements of the form %include x; For these include statements, an hfs file with the name x.inc will be sought first in the directories specified in this option. If the hfs file is not found, x must be a member of the pds(e) specified in the syslib dd. For include statements of the form %include dd(x);, no hfs file will ever be included: the member x must always be a member of the pds named by the specified dd.

INCLUDE

The INCLUDE compiler option controls whether the final pass of the compiler handles %INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements.

INCLUDE

Both the MACRO preprocessor and the final pass of the compiler handle %INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements.
NOINCLUDE

Only the MACRO preprocessor handles %INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements.

INCLUDE is the default.

INCPDS

The INCPDS option specifies a PDS from which the compiler will include files when compiling a program under z/OS UNIX.

Note: This option applies only to compilations under z/OS UNIX.

PDS name

Name of a PDS from which files will be included

For example, if you want to compile the program TEST from a PDS named SOURCE.PLI and want to use the INCLUDE files from the PDS SOURCE.INC, you can specify the following command:

pli -c -qincpds="SOURCE.INC" "//'SOURCE.PLI(TEST)"

The compiler looks for INCLUDE files in the following order:
1. Current directory
2. Directories specified with the -I flag or with the INCDIR compiler option
3. /usr/include directory
4. PDS specified with the INCPDS compiler option

INITAUTO

The INITAUTO option directs the compiler to add an INITIAL attribute to any AUTOMATIC variable declared without an INITIAL attribute.

Under INITAUTO(FULL), the compiler adds an INITIAL attribute to any AUTOMATIC variable that does not have an INITIAL attribute according to its data attributes:

- INIT( (*) 0 ) if it is FIXED or FLOAT
- INIT( (*) " ) if it is PICTURE, CHAR, BIT, GRAPHIC or WIDEC
- INIT( (*) SYSNULL() ) if it is POINTER or OFFSET
- INIT( (*) NULLENTRY() ) if it is ENTRY

The compiler will not add an INITIAL attribute to variables with other attributes.

INITAUTO will cause more code to be generated in the prologue for each block containing any AUTOMATIC variables that are not fully initialized (but unlike the DFT(INITFILL) option, those variables will now have meaningful initial values) and will have a negative impact on performance.
The INITAUTO option does not apply an INITIAL attribute to any variable declared with the NOINIT attribute.

Under INITAUTO(SHORT), the compiler adds an INITIAL attribute to an AUTOMATIC variable that does not have an INITIAL attribute only if it is also a scalar and has one of the following attributes:

- POINTER
- OFFSET
- FIXED BIN
- FLOAT
- NONVARYING BIT
- NONVARYING CHAR(1)
- NONVARYING WCHAR(1)

As under INITAUTO(FULL), the added INITIAL attribute will be appropriate to the data type.

If you are using the runtime STORAGE option to zero-out all storage, the optimizer might still generate undesired code for uninitialized AUTOMATIC variables and especially for those that are optimized to registers. Scalar variables with the data types listed above are those most likely to be optimized to registers, and hence using INITAUTO(SHORT) might have less of a performance impact than using DFT(INITFILL); however, the latter would leave the optimizer with no ambiguous code. Moreover, your code is correct only if all variables are explicitly initialized before use.

**INITBASED**

The INITBASED option directs the compiler to add an INITIAL attribute to any BASED variable declared without an INITIAL attribute.

This option performs the same function as INITAUTO except for BASED variables.

The INITBASED option will cause more code to be generated for any ALLOCATE of a BASED variable that is not fully initialized and will have a negative impact on performance.

The INITBASED option does not apply an INITIAL attribute to any variable declared with the NOINIT attribute.

**INITCTL**

The INITCTL option directs the compiler to add an INITIAL attribute to any CONTROLLED variable declared without an INITIAL attribute.

This option performs the same function as INITAUTO except for CONTROLLED variables.
The INITCTL option will cause more code to be generated for any ALLOCATE of a CONTROLLED variable that is not fully initialized and will have a negative impact on performance.

The INITCTL option does not apply an INITIAL attribute to any variable declared with the NOINIT attribute.

**INITSTATIC**

The INITSTATIC option directs the compiler to add an INITIAL attribute to any STATIC variable declared without an INITIAL attribute.

This option performs the same function as INITAUTO except for STATIC variables.

The INITSTATIC option could make some objects larger and some compilations longer, but should otherwise have no impact on performance.

The INITSTATIC option does not apply an INITIAL attribute to any variable declared with the NOINIT attribute.

**INSOURCE**

The INSOURCE option specifies that the compiler should include a listing of the source program before the PL/I macro, CICS, or SQL preprocessors translate it.

**ABBREVIATION: IS, NIS**

**FULL**

The INSOURCE listing will ignore %NOPRINT statements and will contain all the source before the preprocessor translates it.

FULL is the default.

**SHORT**

The INSOURCE listing will heed %PRINT and %NOPRINT statements.

**ALL**

The INSOURCE listing includes the source listings that are generated by each of the preprocessors and by the compiler itself. ALL is the default.

**FIRST**

The INSOURCE listing includes only the source listing that is generated by the first preprocessor.

Under the INSOURCE option, text is included in the listing not according to the logic of the program, but as each file is read. For example, consider the following simple program, which has a %INCLUDE statement between the PROC and END statements.
insource: proc options(main);
    %include member;
end;

The INSOURCE listing will contain all of the main program before any of the
included text from the file member (and it will contain all of that file before any text
included by it - and so on).

Under the IN SOURCE(SHORT) option, text included by a %INCLUDE statement
inherits the print/noprint status that was in effect when the %INCLUDE statement
was executed, but that print/noprint status is restored at the end of the included
text (however, in the SOURCE listing, the print/noprint status is not restored at
the end of the included text).

**INTERRUPT**

The INTERRUPT option causes the compiled program to respond to attention
requests (interrupts).

[NOINTERRUPT — INTERRUPT]

**ABBREVIATION: INT, NINT**

This option determines the effect of attention interrupts when the compiled PL/I
program runs under an interactive system. This option will have an effect only on
programs running under TSO. If you have written a program that relies on raising
the ATTENTION condition, you must compile it with the INTERRUPT option. This
option allows attention interrupts to become an integral part of programming. This
gives you considerable interactive control of the program.

If you specify the INTERRUPT option, an established ATTENTION ON-unit gets
control when an attention interrupt occurs. When the execution of an ATTENTION
ON-unit is complete, control returns to the point of interrupt unless directed
elsewhere by a GOTO statement. If you do not establish an ATTENTION ON-unit,
the attention interrupt is ignored.

If you specify NOINTERRUPT, an attention interrupt during a program run does
not give control to any ATTENTION ON-units.

If you require the attention interrupt capability only for testing purposes, use the
TEST option instead of the INTERRUPT option.

**Related information:**

"TEST" on page 89

The TEST option specifies the level of testing capability that the compiler generates
as part of the object code. You can use this option to control the location of test
hooks and to control whether to generate a symbol table.

Chapter 22, “Interrupts and attention processing,” on page 473

**JSON**

Using the JSON option, you can choose the case of the names in the JSON text
generated by the JSONPUT built-in functions and expected by the JSONGET
built-in functions.
CASE( UPPER | ASIS )

Under the CASE(UPPER) suboption, the names in the JSON text generated by the JSONPUT built-in functions and expected by the JSONGET built-in functions will all be in upper case.

Under the CASE(ASIS) suboption, the names in the JSON text generated by the JSONPUT built-in functions and expected by the JSONGET built-in functions will be in the case used in their declares. Note that if you use the MACRO preprocessor without using the macro preprocessor option CASE(ASIS), the source seen by the compiler will have all the names in upper case, which makes specifying the JSON(CASE(ASIS)) option useless.

LANGLVL

The LANGLVL option specifies the level of PL/I language definition that you want the compiler to accept.

NOEXT

Only the following ENVIRONMENT options are accepted:

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0S All ENVIRONMENT options are allowed. For a complete list of the ENVIRONMENT options, see Table 15 on page 224.

LIMITS

The LIMITS option specifies various implementation limits.
**EXTNAME**

Specifies the maximum length for the EXTERNAL name. The maximum value for \( n \) is 100; the minimum value is 7.

**FIXEDDEC**

Specifies the maximum precision for FIXED DECIMAL to be either 15 or 31. The default is FIXEDDEC(15,31).

If FIXEDDEC(15,31) is specified, you can declare FIXED DECIMAL variables with precision greater than 15, but unless an expression contains an operand with precision greater than 15, the compiler uses 15 as the maximum precision for all arithmetic.

FIXEDDEC(15,31) will provide much better performance than FIXEDDEC(31).

FIXEDDEC(15) and FIXEDDEC(15,15) are equivalent; similarly, FIXEDDEC(31) and FIXEDDEC(31,31) are equivalent.

FIXEDDEC(31,15) is not allowed.

**FIXEDBIN**

Specifies the maximum precision for SIGNED FIXED BINARY to be either 31 or 63. The default is (31,63).

If FIXEDBIN(31,63) is specified, you can declare 8-byte integers, but unless an expression contains an 8-byte integer, the compiler uses 4-byte integers for all integer arithmetic.

Note, however, that specifying the FIXEDBIN(31,63) or FIXEDBIN(63) option might cause the compiler to use 8-byte integer arithmetic for expressions mixing data types. For example, if a FIXED BIN(31) value is added to a FIXED DEC(13) value, the compiler will produce a FIXED BIN result, and under LIMITS(FIXEDBIN(31,63)) that result would have a precision greater than 31 (because the FIXED DEC precision is greater than 9). When this occurs, the compiler will issue informational message IBM2809.

FIXEDBIN(31,63) will provide much better performance than FIXEDBIN(63).

FIXEDBIN(31) and FIXEDBIN(31,63) are equivalent; similarly, FIXEDBIN(63) and FIXEDBIN(63,63) are equivalent.

FIXEDBIN(63,31) and FIXEDBIN(31,31) are not allowed.

The maximum precision for UNSIGNED FIXED BINARY is one greater, that is, 32 and 64.

**NAME**

Specifies the maximum length of variable names in your program. The maximum value for \( n \) is 100; the minimum value is 31.

**STRING**

Accepts these values as the threshold for the length of a BIT, CHARACTER, or WIDECCHAR variable: 32K, 512K, 8M, and 128M. This means that the length must be less than the threshold, and so the corresponding limits are 32767, 524287, 8388607, and 134217727.

- 32K is the default value. A larger value is accepted only if the CMPAT(V3) and BIFPREC(31) options are also specified.
- This limit applies to NONVARYING, VARYINGZ, and VARYING4, but not to VARYING. The maximum value allowed for VARYING is 32K.
LINECOUNT

The LINECOUNT option specifies the number of lines per page for compiler listings, including blank and heading lines.

\[ \text{LINECOUNT} \left( \begin{array}{c} n \\ \end{array} \right) \]

ABBREVIATION: LC

\( n \) The number of lines in a page in the listing. The value range is 10 - 32767.

LINEDIR

The LINEDIR option specifies that the compiler should accept %LINE directives.

\[ \text{LINEDIR} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{NOLINEDIR} \\ \end{array} \right) \]

If the LINEDIR option is specified, the compiler will reject all %INCLUDE statements. If the LINEDIR option is specified, the compiler will also reject the use of the SEPARATE suboption of the TEST option.

LIST

The LIST option specifies that the compiler should produce a pseudo-assembler listing.

\[ \text{LIST} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{NOLIST} \\ \end{array} \right) \]

Specifying the LIST option will increase the time and region required for a compilation. The OFFSET and MAP options can provide the information you need at much less cost.

The pseudo-assembler listing will also include at the end of the listing for each block the offset of the first instruction in that block from the start of the whole compilation unit.

LISTVIEW

The LISTVIEW option specifies whether the compiler should show the source in the source listing or whether it should show the source after it has been processed by one or more of the preprocessors.

The LISTVIEW option is ignored if the NOSOURCE option is in effect.
SOURCE
Causes the source listing to show the unadulterated source and, more importantly perhaps, it will cause IBM Debug Tool to bring up this as the source view.

AFTERALL
Causes the source listing to show the source as if it came from the MDECK from the last invocation, if any, of the last preprocessor, and, more importantly perhaps, it will cause Debug Tool to bring up this as the source view if the SEPARATE suboption of the TEST compiler option is also specified.

AALL can be used as an abbreviation for AFTERALL.

AFTERCICS
Causes the source listing to show the source as if it came from the MDECK from the last invocation, if any, of the CICS preprocessor, and, more importantly perhaps, it will cause Debug Tool to bring up this as the source view if the SEPARATE suboption of the TEST compiler option is also specified.

ACICS can be used as an abbreviation for AFTERCICS.

AFTERMACRO
Causes the source listing to show the source as if it came from the MDECK from the last invocation, if any, of the MACRO preprocessor, and, more importantly perhaps, it will cause Debug Tool to bring up this as the source view if the SEPARATE suboption of the TEST compiler option is also specified.

AMACRO can be used as an abbreviation for AFTERMACRO.

AFTERSQL
Causes the source listing to show the source as if it came from the MDECK from the last invocation, if any, of the SQL preprocessor, and, more importantly perhaps, it will cause Debug Tool to bring up this as the source view if the SEPARATE suboption of the TEST compiler option is also specified.

ASQL can be used as an abbreviation for AFTERSQL.

If the TEST option is specified and a suboption other than SOURCE is specified for LISTVIEW, the SEPARATE suboption must also be specified for the TEST option.

The following example shows the differing effects of the AFTERMACRO, AFTERSQL, and AFTERALL suboptions.

Suppose the PP option is PP(MACRO('INCONLY'), SQL, MACRO).
• Under LISTVIEW(AFTERMACRO), the "source" in the listing and in the Debug Tool source window if TEST(SEP) were specified would appear as if it came from the MDECK that the second invocation of the MACRO preprocessor would have produced.
• Under LISTVIEW(AFTERSQL), the "source" in the listing and in the Debug Tool source window if TEST(SEP) were specified would appear as if it came from the MDECK that the invocation of the SQL preprocessor would have produced (and hence %DCL and other macro statements would still be visible).
• Under LISTVIEW(AFTERALL), the "source" would be as under the LISTVIEW(AFTERMACRO) option because the MACRO preprocessor is the last in the PP option.
**LP**

The LP option specifies whether the compiler generates 31-bit code or 64-bit code. It also determines the default size of POINTER and HANDLE and related variables.

- **32** Under LP(32), the compiler generates 31-bit code. In addition, type `size_t` resolves to FIXED BIN(31). The default size of POINTER and HANDLE is four bytes.
- **64** Under LP(64), the compiler generates 64-bit code. In addition, type `size_t` resolves to FIXED BIN(63). The default size of POINTER and HANDLE is eight bytes.

*Note:* Under LP(64), some compiler options are not applicable. For more information, see “Using compiler options to build 64-bit applications” on page 191.

The default is LP(32).

**Related information:**
- Chapter 7, “Considerations for developing 64-bit applications,” on page 191
- Chapter 6, “Link-editing and running for 64-bit programs,” on page 185

**MACRO**

The MACRO option invokes the MACRO preprocessor.

- **NOMACRO**

*ABBREVIATIONS: M, NM*

You can also invoke the MACRO preprocessor through the PP(MACRO) option. However, the use of both the MACRO option and the PP(MACRO) option in the same compilation is not recommended.

**Related information:**
- “PP” on page 61

The PP option specifies which (and in what order) preprocessors are invoked before compilation.
Macros allow you to write commonly used PL/I code in a way that hides implementation details and the data that is manipulated and exposes only the operations. In contrast with a generalized subroutine, macros allow generation of only the code that is needed for each individual use. You can invoke the macro preprocessor by specifying either the MACRO option or the PP(MACRO) option.

MAP

The MAP option specifies that the compiler produces additional information that can be used to locate static and automatic variables in dumps.

MARGINI

The MARGINI option specifies a character that the compiler will place in the column preceding the left-hand margin, and also in the column following the right-hand margin, of the listings produced by the INSOURCE and SOURCE options.

Note: NOMARGINI is equivalent to MARGINI(’ ’).

MARGINS

The MARGINS option specifies which part of each compiler input record contains PL/I statements, and the position of the ANS control character that formats the listing, if the SOURCE option, the INSOURCE option, or both apply. The compiler does not process data that is outside these limits, but it does include it in the source listings.

The PL/I source is extracted from the source input records so that the first data byte of a record immediately follows the last data byte of the previous record. For variable records, you must ensure that when you need a blank, you explicitly insert it between margins of the records.

Note: NOMARGINI is equivalent to MARGINI(’ ’).
n  The column number of the rightmost character (last data byte) that is processed by the compiler. It should be greater than \( m \), but must not exceed 200.

Variable-length records are effectively padded with blanks to give them the maximum record length.

c  The column number of the ANS printer control character. It must not exceed 200, and it should be outside the values specified for \( m \) and \( n \). A value of 0 for \( c \) indicates that no ANS control character is present. Only the following control characters can be used:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(blank)} & \quad \text{Skip one line before printing} \\
0 & \quad \text{Skip two lines before printing} \\
- & \quad \text{Skip three lines before printing} \\
+ & \quad \text{No skip before printing} \\
1 & \quad \text{Start new page}
\end{align*}
\]

Any other character is an error and is replaced by a blank.

Do not use a value of \( c \) that is greater than the maximum length of a source record, because this causes the format of the listing to be unpredictable. To avoid this problem, put the carriage control characters to the left of the source margins for variable-length records.

Specifying MARGINS(\( c \)) is an alternative to using \%PAGE and \%SKIP statements (described in the PL/I Language Reference).

The IBM-supplied default for fixed-length records is MARGINS(2,72). For variable-length and undefined-length records, the IBM-supplied default is MARGINS(10,100). This specifies that there is no printer control character.

Use the MARGINS option to override the default for the primary input in a program. The secondary input must have the same margins as the primary input.

The NOMARGINS option will suppress any previously encountered instance of the MARGINS option. The purpose of this option is to allow your installation to have a default set of compile-time options that use a MARGINS option tailored for their fixed format source preferences while retaining the ability to use variable source format files.

You would usually specify the NOMARGINS option, if you use it at all, as part of the parameter-string passed to the compiler. The compiler will ignore NOMARGINS if it finds the option in a \%PROCESS statement.

MAXBRANCH

The MAXBRANCH option flags blocks that have too many branches. Branches include all conditional jumps and each WHEN in a SELECT statement that can be turned into a branch table.

\[
\text{MAXBRANCH} \quad (\text{--max--})
\]

\[\text{max}\]

The limit that measures the cyclomatic or conditional complexity of the block. The default is 2000.
A statement of the form "if a then ...; else ..." adds 1 to the total number of branches in its containing block, and a statement of the form "if a = 0 | b = 0 then ..." adds 2.

**MAXGEN**

The MAXGEN option specifies the maximum number of intermediate language statements that should be generated for any user statement. The option will cause the compiler to flag any statement where this maximum is exceeded.

```
MAXGEN(size)
```

The number of intermediate language statements generated for any user statement might vary depending on the compiler release, the compiler maintenance level, and the compiler options in effect. This option is intended only to help you find statements for which excessive amounts of code are generated, which might indicate that they are perhaps are poorly coded.

However, note that using a preprocessor might cause the number of intermediate language statements generated for some statements to be very large. In such a situation, it might be better either to set the MAXGEN threshold to be larger or to use the LISTVIEW(AFTERALL) option.

The default is MAXGEN(100000).

**MAXMEM**

When you compile with OPTIMIZE, the MAXMEM option limits the amount of memory used for local tables of specific, memory-intensive optimizations to the specified number of kilobytes.

The range of memory that you can specify for MAXMEM is 1 - 2097152. The default is 1048576.

If you specify the maximum value of 2097152, the compiler will assume that unlimited memory is available. If you specify any smaller value for MAXMEM, the compiler, especially when the OPT(2) option is in effect, might issue a message saying that optimization is inhibited and that you should try using a larger value for MAXMEM.

Use the MAXMEM option if you know that less (or more) memory is available than implied by the default value.

If the memory specified by the MAXMEM option is insufficient for a particular optimization, the compilation is completed in such a way that the quality of the optimization is reduced, and a warning message is issued.

```
MAXMEM(size)
```

**ABBREVIATIONS: MAXM**

When a large size is specified for MAXMEM, compilation might be aborted because of insufficient virtual storage, depending on the source file being compiled, the size of the subprogram in the source, and the virtual storage available for the compilation.
The advantage of using the MAXMEM option is that, for large and complex applications, the compiler produces a slightly less-optimized object module and generates a warning message, instead of terminating the compilation with an error message of insufficient virtual storage.

MAXMSG

The MAXMSG option specifies the maximum number of messages with a given severity (or higher) that the compilation should produce.

I  Count all messages.
W  Count all except information messages.
E  Count all except warning and information messages.
S  Count only severe error and unrecoverable error messages.
n  Terminate the compilation if the number of messages exceeds this value. If messages are below the specified severity or are filtered out by a compiler exit routine, they are not counted in the number. Enter a value in the range 0 - 32767. If you specify 0, the compilation terminates when the first error of the specified severity is encountered.

MAXNEST

The MAXNEST option specifies the maximum nesting of various kinds of statements that are allowed before the compiler flags your program as too complex.

BLOCK

Specifies the maximum nesting of BEGIN and PROCEDURE statements.

DO  Specifies the maximum nesting of DO statements.

IF  Specifies the maximum nesting of IF statements.

The value range of any nesting limit is 1 - 50.

The default is MAXNEST( BLOCK(17) DO(17) IF(17) ).
**MAXSTMT**

The MAXSTMT option controls the compiler to flag blocks that have a larger number of statements than a specified number. In addition, under OPT(2), the compiler will turn off optimization for any block that has more than the specified number of statements. Under OPT(3), the compiler will not turn off optimization when a block has too many statements though the compile time might much greater when the MAXSTMT limit is exceeded.

```
MAXSTMT (size)
```

When a large size is specified for MAXSTMT, if some blocks have a large number of statements, compilation might be aborted if there is not enough virtual storage available.

The default for MAXSTMT is 4096.

**MAXTEMP**

The MAXTEMP option determines when the compiler flags statements that are using an excessive amount of storage for compiler-generated temporaries.

```
MAXTEMP (max)
```

`max`

The limit for the number of bytes that can be used for compiler-generated temporaries. The compiler flags any statement that uses more bytes than the amount specified by `max`. The default for `max` is 50000.

You should examine statements that are flagged under this option. If you code them differently, you might be able to reduce the amount of stack storage required by your code.

**MDECK**

The MDECK option specifies that the preprocessor produces a copy of its output either on the file defined by the SYSPUNCH DD statement under z/OS or on the .dek file under z/OS UNIX.

```
MDECK (AFTERALL)
MDECK (AFTERMACRO)
```

ABBREVIATIONS: MD, NMD

The MDECK option allows you to retain the output from the preprocessor as a file of 80-column records. This option is applicable only when the MACRO option is in effect.

**AFTERALL**

Causes the file to be generated after the invocation of the last preprocessor.

**AFTERMACRO**

Causes the file to be generated after the last invocation (if any) of the macro preprocessor.
Related information:
“MACRO” on page 49
The MACRO option invokes the MACRO preprocessor.

**MSGSUMMARY**

The MSGSUMMARY option determines whether the compiler adds a summary of all messages that are issued during compilation into the listing.

- **NOXREF**
  - MSGSUMMARY
  - NOMSGSUMMARY

**MSGSUMMARY(NOXREF)**

The compiler adds a message summary to the listing. The summary is after the file reference table in the listing. It is sorted by compiler component and within each component by severity and then by message number.

The summary includes the following information:
- One instance of each message that is produced in the compilation
- The number of times that each message is produced

**MSGSUMMARY(XREF)**

The compiler adds a message summary to the listing. The summary is the same as the one added when MSGSUMMARY(NOXREF) is specified with one difference: after each message the summary lists all the line or statement numbers where the message is issued.

**NOMSGSUMMARY**

No message summary is produced.

NOMSGSUMMARY is the default. When MSGSUMMARY is specified, MSGSUMMARY(NOXREF) is the default.

For the compiler listing example with a message summary generated by using MSGSUMMARY, see Figure 4 on page 113.

**NAME**

The NAME option specifies that the TEXT file created by the compiler will contain a NAME record.

- **NONAME**
  - NAME

**ABBREVIATIONS: N**

If no name is specified as a suboption of the NAME option, then the name used is determined as follows:
- If there is a PACKAGE statement, the leftmost name on it is used.
- Otherwise, the leftmost name on the first PROCEDURE statement is used.

The length of the name must not be greater than 8 characters if the LIMITS(EXTNAME(n)) option is used with $n \leq 8$. 
**NAMES**

The NAMES option specifies the *extralingual characters* that are allowed in identifiers.

Extralingual characters are those characters other than the 26 alphabetic, 10 digit, and special characters defined in the *PL/I Language Reference*.

```
NAMES (' extraling_char ' ' upp_extraling_char ' )
```

**extralingual_char**

An extralingual character

**upp_extraling_char**

The extralingual character that you want interpreted as the uppercase version of the corresponding character in the first suboption

If you omit the second suboption, PL/I uses the character specified in the first suboption as both the lowercase and the uppercase values. If you specify the second suboption, you must specify the same number of characters as you specify in the first suboption.

The default is NAMES('#@$' '#@$').

**NATLANG**

The NATLANG option specifies the language for compiler messages, headers, and so on.

```
NATLANG ( ENU UEN )
```

**ENU**

All compiler messages, headers, and so on will be in mixedcase English.

**UEN**

All compiler messages, headers, and so on will be in uppercase English.

**NEST**

The NEST option specifies that the listing resulting from the SOURCE option indicates the block level and the do-group level for each statement.

**NOT**

The NOT option specifies up to seven alternate symbols that can be used as the logical NOT operator.
NOT\(\neg\)char\(\neg\)

char
A single SBCS character

You cannot specify any of the alphabetic characters, digits, and special characters defined in the PL/I Language Reference, except for the standard logical NOT symbol \(\neg\). You must specify at least one valid character.

When you specify the NOT option, the standard NOT symbol is no longer recognized unless you specify it as one of the characters in the character string.

For example, NOT\(\neg\) means that the tilde character, 'A1'X, will be recognized as the logical NOT operator, and the standard NOT symbol, '\(\neg\)'X, will not be recognized. Similarly, NOT\(\neg\) means that either the tilde or the standard NOT symbol will be recognized as the logical NOT operator.

The IBM-supplied default code point for the NOT symbol is '5F'X. The logical NOT sign might appear as a logical NOT symbol \(\neg\) or a caret symbol (^) on your keyboard.

**NULLDATE**

The NULLDATE option instructs the compiler to accept the SQL null date as a valid date in some datetime handling built-in functions.

Under the NULLDATE option, the VALIDDATE and REPATTERN built-in functions will accept the SQL null date (with year, day, and month all equal to one) as a valid date.

The default is NONULLDATE.

**NUMBER**

The NUMBER option specifies that statements in the source program are to be identified by the line and file number of the file from which they derived, and that this pair of numbers is used to identify statements in the compiler listings resulting from the AGGREGATE, ATTRIBUTES, LIST, MAP, OFFSET, SOURCE, and XREF options.

The File Reference Table at the end of the listing shows the number assigned to each of the input files read during compilation.

If a preprocessor has been used, more than one line in the source listing might be identified by the same line and file numbers. For example, almost every EXEC CICS statement generates several lines of code in the source listing, but these are all identified by one line and file number.
In the pseudo-assembler listing produced by the LIST option, the file number is left blank for the first file.

NUMBER and STMT are mutually exclusive and specifying one will negate the other.

The default is NUMBER.

**OBJECT**

The OBJECT option specifies that the compiler creates an object module. Under batch z/OS, the compiler stores the object in the data set defined by the SYSLIN DD, and under z/OS UNIX, the compiler creates a .o file.

```
 OBJECT
 NOOBJECT
```

**ABBREVIATIONS: OBJ, NOBJ**

Under the NOOBJECT option, the compiler does not create an object module. However, under the NOOBJECT option, the compiler will complete all of its syntactic and semantic analysis phases as well as all of its detection of uninitialized variables, and hence it could produce more messages than under the NOCOMPILE, NOSEMANTIC, or NOSYNTAX option.

Under the NOOBJECT option, the LIST, MAP, OFFSET, and STORAGE options will be ignored.

**OFFSET**

The OFFSET option specifies that the compiler is to print a table of line numbers for each procedure and BEGIN block with their offset addresses relative to the primary entry point of the procedure. This table can be used to identify a statement from a runtime error message if the GONUMBER option is not used.

```
 NOOFFSET
 OFFSET
```

**OFFSETSIZE**

The OFFSETSIZE option determines the size of OFFSET variables in 64-bit applications.

```
 OFFSETSIZE(4)
 OFFSETSIZE(8)
```

4 Under OFFSETSIZE(4), all OFFSET variables are four bytes in size. This is the default.

8 Under OFFSETSIZE(8), all OFFSET variables are eight bytes in size.

Any code that shares either OFFSET or AREA variables must be compiled with the same value for the OFFSETSIZE option.

The OFFSETSIZE option is ignored if the LP(32) option is in effect.
**ONSNAP**

For a PROCEDURE with either the OPTIONS(MAIN) or the OPTIONS(FROMALIEN) attribute, the ONSNAP option specifies that the compiler should insert an ON STRINGRANGE SNAP; statement, an ON STRINGSIZE SNAP; statement, or both into the prologue code for that PROCEDURE. This can make it easier to determine the calling chain if the corresponding conditions are raised in other routines called from such a PROCEDURE.

The ONSNAP option has no affect on a PROCEDURE without either of these attributes.

**OPTIMIZE**

The OPTIMIZE option specifies the type of optimization required.

ABBREVIATIONS: OPT, NOPT

**OPTIMIZE(0)**

Specifies fast compilation speed, but inhibits optimization.

**OPTIMIZE(2)**

Optimizes the machine instructions generated to produce a more efficient object program. This type of optimization can also reduce the amount of main storage required for the object module.

**OPTIMIZE(3)**

Performs all the optimizations done under OPTIMIZE(2) plus some additional optimizations. Under OPTIMIZE(3), the compiler will generally, but especially for programs with large blocks and many variables, generate smaller and more efficient object code. However, it might also take considerably more time and region to complete compilations under OPTIMIZE(3) than under OPTIMIZE(2).

It is strongly recommended that the DFT(REORDER) option be used with the OPTIMIZE option. In fact, the effect of OPTIMIZE is severely limited for any PROCEDURE or BEGIN-block for which all of the following conditions are true:

- The ORDER option applies to the block.
- The block contains ON-units for hardware-detected conditions (such as ZERODIVIDE).
- The block has labels that are the (potential) target of branches out of those ON-units.
The use of OPTIMIZE(2) could result in a substantial increase in compile time over NOOPTIMIZE and a substantial increase in the space required. For example, compiling a large program at OPTIMIZE(2) might take several minutes and could require a region of 100M or more.

The use of OPTIMIZE(3) will increase the time and region needed for a compilation over what is needed under OPTIMIZE(2). For large programs, the time to compile a program under OPTIMIZE(3) can be more than twice the time needed under OPTIMIZE(2).

During optimization the compiler can move code to increase runtime efficiency. As a result, statement numbers in the program listing might not correspond to the statement numbers used in runtime messages.

NOOPTIMIZE is the equivalent of OPTIMIZE(0).

OPTIMIZE(TIME) is the equivalent of OPTIMIZE(2).

Note that the use of OPTIMIZE(2) or OPTIMIZE(3) severely limits the functionality of the TEST option, as follows:

- If the HOOK suboption of TEST is in effect, only block hooks will be generated.
- If the NOHOOK suboption of TEST is in effect, attempts to list or change a variable might fail (because the variable might have been optimized into a register), and attempts to stop at a particular statement might cause the debugger to stop several times (because the statement might have split up into several parts).

The use of the PREFIX option with one or more of the checkout conditions (SIZE, STRINGRANGE, STRINGSIZE, and SUBSCRIPTRANGE) can significantly increase the time and space needed for a compilation.

Related information:

Chapter 15, “Improving performance,” on page 325

Many considerations for improving the speed of your program are independent of the compiler that you use and the platform on which it runs. This chapter, however, identifies those considerations that are unique to the PL/I compiler and the code it generates.

OPTIONS

The OPTIONS option specifies that the compiler includes a list showing the compiler options to be used during this compilation in the compiler listing.

ABBREVIATIONS: OP, NOP

This list includes all options applied by default, those specified in the PARM parameter of an EXEC statement or in the invoking command (pli), those specified in a %PROCESS statement, those specified in the IBM_OPTIONS environment variable under z/OS, and all those incorporated from any options file.
Under OPTIONS(DOC), the OPTIONS listing will include only those options (and suboptions) documented in this document at the time of the compiler’s release.

Under OPTIONS(ALL), the OPTIONS listing will also include any option added by PTF after the compiler’s release.

**OR**

The OR option specifies up to seven alternate symbols as the logical OR operator. These symbols are also used as the concatenation operator, which is defined as two consecutive logical OR symbols.

\[
\text{OR} - ('\text{char}' - ' - ')
\]

**Note:** Do not code any blanks between the quotation marks.

The IBM-supplied default code point for the OR symbol (|) is '4F'X.

**char**

A single SBCS character

You cannot specify any of the alphabetic characters, digits, and special characters defined in the PL/I Language Reference, except for the standard logical OR symbol (|). You must specify at least one valid character.

If you specify the OR option, the standard OR symbol is no longer recognized unless you specify it as one of the characters in the character string.

For example, OR(\') means that the backslash character, 'E0'X, will be recognized as the logical OR operator, and two consecutive backslashes will be recognized as the concatenation operator. The standard OR symbol, '|', '4F'X, will not be recognized as either operator. Similarly, OR(\'|') means that either the backslash or the standard OR symbol will be recognized as the logical OR operator, and either symbol or both symbols can be used to form the concatenation operator.

**PP**

The PP option specifies which (and in what order) preprocessors are invoked before compilation.

\[
\text{PP} - (\text{pp-name} \text{pp-string})
\]

**pp-name**

The name given to a particular preprocessor. CICS, INCLUDE, MACRO and SQL are the only preprocessors currently supported. Using an undefined name causes a diagnostic error.

**pp-string**

A string, delimited by quotation marks, of up to 100 characters representing
the options for the corresponding preprocessor. For example, 
PP(MACRO('CASE(ASIS)')) invokes the MACRO preprocessor with the option 
CASE(ASIS).

Preprocessor options are processed from left to right, and if two options conflict, 
the last (rightmost) option is used. For example, if you invoke the MACRO 
preprocessor with the option string 'CASE(ASIS) CASE(UPPER)', then the option 
CASE(UPPER) is used.

You can specify a maximum of 31 preprocessor steps, and you can specify the 
same preprocessor more than once with the exception of the CICS and SQL 
preprocessors. The CICS preprocessor must be invoked at most once, and the SQL 
preprocessor must be invoked no more than twice. The SQL preprocessors can be 
invoked twice only if the first specification specifies INCONLY as its option.

If the MACRO option is specified along with the PP option, the MACRO 
preprocessor will be added to the beginning of the list of preprocessors in the PP 
option unless it is already the first in that list. So, specifying MACRO and PP(SQL 
MACRO) will cause the PP option to become PP(MACRO SQL MACRO), and the 
MACRO preprocessor will be invoked twice. However, specifying MACRO and 
PP(MACRO SQL) will leave the PP option unchanged, and the MACRO 
preprocessor will be invoked only once. However, the use of both the MACRO 
option and the PP(MACRO) option in the same compilation is not recommended.

If you specify the PP option more than once, the compiler effectively concatenates 
them. So specifying PP(SQL) PP(CICS) is the same as specifying PP(SQL CICS). 
This also means that if you specifies PP(MACRO SQL('CCSID0')) and PP(MACRO 
SQL('CCSID0 DATE(ISO)')), the resulting PP option is PP(MACRO SQL('CCSID0') 
MACRO SQL('CCSID0 DATE(ISO)')), and both the MACRO preprocessor and the 
SQL preprocessor will be invoked twice, and the second invocation of the SQL 
preprocessor will be in error. If you do this to override the earlier SQL options, it 
might be better not to specify the preprocessor options in the PP option, but rather 
to specify them through the PPSQL option, that is, specify PP(MACRO SQL) 
PPSQL('CCSID0 DATE(ISO)').

Related information: 
Chapter 2, “PL/I preprocessors,” on page 117

When you use the PL/I compiler, you can specify one or more of the integrated 
preprocessors in your program. You can specify the include preprocessor, the 
macro preprocessor, the SQL preprocessor, or the CICS preprocessor, and specify 
the order in which you want them to be called.

PPCICS

The PPCICS option specifies options to be passed to the CICS preprocessor if it is 
invoked.

```
-NOPPCICS
PPCICS('-options string-')
```

Specifying PPCICS('EDF') PP(CICS) is the same as specifying PP(CICS('EDF')).

This option has no effect unless the PP(CICS) option is specified. However, if you 
want to specify a set of CICS preprocessor options that should be used if and 
when the CICS preprocessor is invoked, you can specify this option in the
installation options exit. Then whenever you specify PP(CICS), the set of options specified in the PPCICS option will be used.

Also, any options specified when the preprocessor is invoked overrule those specified in the PPCICS option. So specifying PPCICS(EDF) PP(CICS(NOEDF)) is the same as specifying PP(CICS(EDF NOEDF)) or the even simpler PP(CICS(NOEDF)).

The options string is limited to 1000 characters in length. However, if the string is longer than 100 characters, it will not be shown in the options listing.

**PPINCLUDE**

The PPINCLUDE option specifies options to be passed to the INCLUDE preprocessor if it is invoked.

```plaintext
NOPPINCLUDE
PPINCLUDE ('options string')
```

Specifying PPINCLUDE(ID(-inc')) PP(INCLUDE) is the same as specifying PP(INCLUDE(ID(-inc'))).

This option has no effect unless the PP(INCLUDE) option is specified. However, if you want to specify a set of INCLUDE preprocessor options that should be used if and when the INCLUDE preprocessor is invoked, you can specify this option in the installation options exit. Then whenever you specify PP(INCLUDE), the set of options specified in the PPINCLUDE option will be used.

Also, any options specified when the preprocessor is invoked overrule those specified in the PPINCLUDE option. So specifying PPINCLUDE(ID(-inc')) PP(INCLUDE('ID(+include)')) is the same as specifying PP(INCLUDE('ID(-inc) ID(+include)')) or the even simpler PP(INCLUDE('ID(+include)')).

The options string is limited to 1000 characters in length. However, if the string is longer than 100 characters, it will not be shown in the options listing.

**PPLIST**

The PPLIST option controls whether the compiler keeps or erases the part of the listing that is generated by each preprocessor phase.

```plaintext
PPLIST (KEEP)
PPLIST (ERASE)
```

When you specify PPLIST(KEEP), the compiler keeps the part of the listing that is generated by each preprocessor phase.

When you specify PPLIST(ERASE), the compiler erases the part of the listing that is generated by any preprocessor phase that produces no messages.

The compiler does not count messages that are suppressed by the EXIT and FLAG options. Therefore, specifying both FLAG(W) and PPLIST(ERASE) causes the compiler to suppress all output from any preprocessor that produces no warning, error, or severe messages.
PPLIST(KEEP) is the default.

**PPMACRO**

The PPMACRO option specifies options to be passed to the MACRO preprocessor if it is invoked.

```plaintext
  NOPPMACRO
  PPMACRO('options string')
```

Specifying PPMACRO('CASE(ASIS)') PP(MACRO) is the same as specifying PP(MACRO('CASE(ASIS)')).

This option has no effect unless the PP(MACRO) option is specified. However, if you want to specify a set of MACRO preprocessor options that should be used if and when the MACRO preprocessor is invoked, you can specify this option in the installation options exit. Then whenever you specify the MACRO or PP(MACRO) options, the set of options specified in the PPMACRO option will be used.

Also, any options specified when the preprocessor is invoked overrule those specified in the PPMACRO option. So specifying PPMACRO('CASE(ASIS)') PP(MACRO('CASE(UPPER)')) is the same as specifying PP(MACRO('CASE(ASIS) CASE(UPPER)')) or the even simpler PP(MACRO('CASE(UPPER)')).

The options string is limited to 1000 characters in length. However, if the string is longer than 100 characters, it will not be shown in the options listing.

**PPSQL**

The PPSQL option specifies options to be passed to the SQL preprocessor.

```plaintext
  NOPPSQL
  PPSQL('options string')
```

Specifying PPSQL('APOSTSQL') PP(SQL) is the same as specifying PP(SQL('APOSTSQL')).

This option has no effect unless the PP(SQL) option is specified. However, if you want to specify a set of options that should be used if the SQL preprocessor is invoked, you can specify this option in the installation options exit. Then, whenever you specify PP(SQL), the set of options in the PPSQL option are used.

Also, any options that are specified when the preprocessor is invoked overrule those that are specified in the PPSQL option. Therefore, specifying PPSQL('APOSTSQL') PP(SQL('QUOTESQL')) is the same as specifying PP(SQL('APOSTSQL QUOTESQL')) or the even simpler PP(SQL('QUOTESQL')).

The options string is limited to 1000 characters in length. However, if the string is longer than 100 characters, it will not be shown in the options listing.
PPTRACE
The PPTRACE option specifies that when a deck file is written for a preprocessor, every nonblank line in that file is preceded by a line containing a %LINE directive. The directive indicates the original source file and line to which the nonblank line should be attributed.

PRECTYPE
The PRECTYPE option determines how the compiler derives the attributes for the MULTIPLY, DIVIDE, ADD and SUBTRACT built-in functions when the operands are FIXED and at least one is FIXED BIN.

ANS
Under PRECTYPE(ANS), the value \( p \) in BIF\((x,y,p)\) and in BIF\((x,y,p,0)\) is interpreted as specifying a binary number of digits, the operation is performed as a binary operation, and the result has the attributes FIXED BIN\((p,0)\).

However, for BIF\((x,y,p,q)\) if \( q \) is not zero, the operation will be performed as a decimal operation, and the result will have the attributes FIXED DEC\((t,u)\) where \( t \) and \( u \) are the decimal equivalents of \( p \) and \( q \), namely \( t = 1 + \text{ceil}(p / 3.32) \) and \( u = \text{ceil}(q / 3.32) \). In this case, \( x, y, p, \) and \( q \) are effectively all converted to decimal (in contrast to the DECDIGIT suboption, which converts only \( x \) and \( y \) to decimal and does so even if \( q \) is zero). The compiler will issue the informational message IBM1053 in this situation.

DECDIGIT
Under PRECTYPE(DECDIGIT), the value \( p \) in BIF\((x,y,p)\) and BIF\((x,y, p,0)\) is interpreted as specifying a decimal number of digits, the operation is performed as a binary operation, and the result has the attributes FIXED BIN\((s)\) where \( s \) is the corresponding binary equivalent to \( p \) (namely \( s = \text{ceil}(3.32^p) \)). For an instance of BIF\((x,y,p, q)\) where \( q \) is not zero, the results under PRECTYPE(DECDIGIT) are the same as the results under PRECTYPE(DECRESULT).

DECRESULT
Under PRECTYPE(DECRESULT), the value \( p \) in BIF\((x,y,p)\) and the values \( p \) and \( q \) in BIF\((x,y,p,q)\) are interpreted as specifying a decimal number of digits, the operation is performed as a decimal operation, and the result has the attributes FIXED DEC\((p,0)\) or FIXED DEC\((p,q)\) respectively. The result is the same as would be produced if the DECIMAL built-in were applied to \( x \) and \( y \).

PREFIX
The PREFIX option enables or disables the specified PL/I conditions in the compilation unit being compiled without you having to change the source program. The specified condition prefixes are logically prefixed to the beginning of the first PACKAGE or PROCEDURE statement.
**PREFIX**

`PREFIX(condition)`

**condition**

Any condition that can be enabled or disabled in a PL/I program, as explained in the *PL/I Language Reference*.

The use of the PREFIX option with one or more of the checkout conditions (SIZE, STRINGRANGE, STRINGSIZE, and SUBSCRIPTRANGE) can significantly increase the time and space needed for a compilation.

**Default:** `PREFIX(CONVERSION FIXEDOVERFLOW INVALIDOVERRIDE OVERFLOW NOSIZE NOSTRINGRANGE NOSTRINGSIZE NOSUBSCRIPTRANGE UNDERFLOW ZERODIVIDE)`

**PROCEED**

The PROCEED option stops the compiler after processing by a preprocessor is completed depending on the severity of messages issued by previous preprocessors.

**NOPROCEED**

Is equivalent to `NOPROCEED(S)`. 

**NOPROCEED**

Ends the processing after the preprocessor has finished compiling.

**NOPROCEED(S)**

The invocation of preprocessors and the compiler does not continue if a severe or an unrecoverable error is detected in this stage of preprocessing.

**NOPROCEED(E)**

The invocation of preprocessors and the compiler does not continue if an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error is detected in this stage of preprocessing.

**NOPROCEED(W)**

The invocation of preprocessors and the compiler does not continue if a warning, an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error is detected in this stage of preprocessing.

**PROCESS**

The PROCESS option determines whether *PROCESS statements are allowed and, if they are allowed, whether they are written to the MDECK file.
Under the NOPROCESS option, the compiler will flag any *PROCESS statement with an E-level message.

Under the PROCESS(KEEP) option, the compiler will not flag *PROCESS statements, and the compiler will retain any *PROCESS statements in the MDECK output.

Under the PROCESS(DELETE) option, the compiler will not flag *PROCESS statements, but the compiler will not retain any *PROCESS statements in the MDECK output.

**QUOTE**

The QUOTE option specifies an alternate symbol that can be used as the quote character.

```
QUOTE ( ‘ char ’ )
```

*Note:* Do not code any blanks between the quotation marks.

The IBM-supplied default code point for the QUOTE symbol is ‘”’. char

A single SBCS character

You cannot specify any of the alphabetic characters, digits, and special characters defined in the *PL/I Language Reference*, except for the standard QUOTE symbol (").

You must specify a valid character.

The QUOTE option is ignored if the GRAPHIC option is also specified.

**REDUCE**

The REDUCE option specifies that the compiler is permitted to reduce an assignment of a null string to a structure into simpler operations - even if that means padding bytes might be overwritten.

The REDUCE option also allows the compiler to reduce the assignment of matching structures into a simple aggregate move - even if the structures contain POINTER fields.

```
REduce
```

The NOREDUCE option specifies that the compiler must decompose an assignment of a null string to a structure into a series of assignments of the null string to the base members of the structure.
Under the NOREDUCE option, BY NAME assignments that can be reduced to aggregate moves are not reduced if the elements that would be moved together have the AREA or VARYING(Z) attributes.

The REDUCE option causes fewer lines of code to be generated for an assignment of a null string to a structure, and that usually means your compilation is quicker and your code runs much faster. However, padding bytes might be zeroed out.

For instance, in the following structure, there is one byte of padding between field12 and field13.

dcl sample ext,
  5  field10  bin fixed(31),
  5  field11  bin fixed(15),
  5  field12  bit(8),
  5  field13  bin fixed(31);

Now consider the assignment sample = '';.

Under the NOREDUCE option, it will cause four assignments to be generated, and the padding byte will be unchanged.

However, under REDUCE, the assignment will be reduced to one operation, but the padding byte will be zeroed out.

The NOREDUCE option makes the compiler act more like the OS PL/I and the PL/I for MVS compilers. These compilers would reduce an assignment of matching structures into a simple aggregate move unless the structures contain POINTER fields. The NOREDUCE option will make this compiler act the same way.

**RENT**

Your code is "naturally reentrant" if it does not alter any of its static variables. The RENT option specifies that the compiler is to take code that is not naturally reentrant and make it reentrant.

For a detailed description of reentrancy, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide. If you use the RENT option, the Linkage Editor cannot directly process the object module that is produced; you must use PDSEs.

**Note:** Under the LP(64) option, the RENT option is ignored; effectively, RENT is always on.

The NORENT option specifies that the compiler is not to specifically generate reentrant code from nonreentrant code. Any naturally reentrant code remains reentrant.

If you link a module (either MAIN or FETCHABLE) containing one or more programs compiled with the RENT option, you must specify DYNAM=DLL and REUS=RENT on the link step.
If you specify the options NORENT and LIMITS(EXTNAME(n)) (with $n \leq 7$), the text decks generated by the compiler will have the same format as those generated by the older PL/1 compilers. If you use any other options, you must use PDSEs.

The code generated under the NORENT option might not be reentrant unless the NOWRITABLE option is also specified.

The use of the NORENT does preclude the use of some features of the compiler. In particular, note the following considerations:

- DLLs cannot be built.
- Reentrant, writeable static is not supported.
- A STATIC ENTRY VARIABLE cannot have an INITIAL value.

You can mix RENT and NORENT code subject to the following restrictions:

- Code compiled with RENT cannot be mixed with code compiled with NORENT if they share any EXTERNAL STATIC variables.
- Code compiled with RENT cannot call an ENTRY VARIABLE set in code compiled with NORENT.
- Code compiled with RENT cannot call an ENTRY CONSTANT that was fetched in code compiled with NORENT.
- Code compiled with RENT can fetch a module containing code compiled with NORENT if one of the following conditions is true:
  - All the code in the fetched module was compiled with NORENT.
  - The code containing the entry point to the module was compiled with RENT.
- Code compiled with NORENT code cannot fetch a module containing any code compiled with RENT.
- Code compiled with NORENT WRITABLE cannot be mixed with code compiled with NORENT NOWRITABLE if they share any external CONTROLLED variables or any external FILEs.

Given the above restrictions, the following is still valid:

- A NORENT routine, called say morent, statically links and calls a RENT routine, called say mrent.
- The RENT routine mrent then fetches and calls a separately-linked module with an entry point compiled with RENT.

**RESEXP**

The RESEXP option specifies that the compiler is permitted to evaluate all restricted expressions at compile time even if this would cause a condition to be raised and the compilation to end with S-level messages.

Under the NOREXP compiler option, the compiler will still evaluate all restricted expression occurring in declarations, including those in INITIAL value clauses.

For example, under the NOREXP option, the compiler will not flag the following statement (and the ZERODIVIDE exception will be raised at run time).

```plaintext
if preconditions_not_met then
  x = 1 / 0;
```

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RESPECT
The RESPECT option causes the compiler to honor any specification of the DATE attribute and to apply the DATE attribute to the result of the DATE built-in function.

```
RESPECT(DATE)
```

Using the default, RESPECT(), causes the compiler to ignore any specification of the DATE attribute and ensures that the compiler does not apply the DATE attribute to the result of the DATE built-in function.

RTCHECK
The RTCHECK option specifies that extra code is generated to force the ERROR condition to be raised if a null pointer is dereferenced, that is, if the pointer is used to change or obtain the value of a variable.

```
RTCHECK(NULLPTR)
RTCHECK(NULL370)
```

NULLPTR
Extra code is generated to force the ERROR condition to be raised if a null pointer, that is, a pointer equal to SYSNULL(), is dereferenced. To use NULLPTR, you must specify ARCH(8).

NULL370
Extra code is generated to force the ERROR condition to be raised if a pointer equal to the old NULL() value is dereferenced. The old NULL() value is the hexadecimal value of 'FF000000'x. To use NULL370, you must specify ARCH(8) or greater.

NONULLPTR
No extra code is generated to force the ERROR condition to be raised if a null pointer is dereferenced.

The default is RTCHECK(NONULLPTR).

Note: When a null pointer is dereferenced, a compare-and-trap data exception occurs.

RULES
The RULES option allows or disallows certain language capabilities and lets you choose semantics when alternatives are available. It can help you diagnose common programming errors.
IBM | ANS

Under the IBM suboption:

• For operations requiring string data, data with the BINARY attribute is converted to BIT.

• Conversions in arithmetic operations or comparisons occur as described in the PL/I Language Reference.

• Conversions for the ADD, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, and SUBTRACT built-in functions occur as described in the PL/I Language Reference except that operations specified as scaled fixed binary are evaluated as scaled fixed decimal.

• Nonzero scale factors are permitted in FIXED BIN declarations.

• If the result of any precision-handling built-in function (ADD, BINARY, and so on) has FIXED BIN attributes, the specified or implied scale factor can be nonzero.

• Even if all arguments to the MAX or MIN built-in functions are UNSIGNED FIXED BIN, all the arguments are converted to SIGNED, the function is evaluated with these converted arguments, and the result is always SIGNED.

• Even when you add, multiply, or divide two UNSIGNED FIXED BIN operands, all the operands are converted to SIGNED, the operation is evaluated with these converted arguments, and the result has the SIGNED attribute.
• Even when you apply the MOD or REM built-in functions to two UNSIGNED FIXED BIN operands, all the arguments are converted to SIGNED, the function is evaluated with these converted arguments, and the result has the SIGNED attribute.

• Declaring a variable with the OPTIONS attribute implies the ENTRY attribute.

Under the ANS suboption:
• For operations requiring string data, data with the BINARY attribute is converted to CHARACTER.
• Conversions in arithmetic operations or comparisons occur as described in the PL/I Language Reference.
• Conversions for the ADD, DIVIDE, MULTIPLY, and SUBTRACT built-in functions occur as described in the PL/I Language Reference.
• Nonzero scale factors are not permitted in FIXED BIN declares.
• If the result of any precision-handling built-in function (ADD, BINARY, and so on) has FIXED BIN attributes, the specified or implied scale factor must be zero.
• If all arguments to the MAX or MIN built-in functions are UNSIGNED FIXED BIN, the result is UNSIGNED.
• When you add, multiply, or divide two UNSIGNED FIXED BIN operands, the result has the UNSIGNED attribute.
• When you apply the MOD or REM built-in functions to two UNSIGNED FIXED BIN operands, the result has the UNSIGNED attribute.
• Declaring a variable with the OPTIONS attribute does not imply the ENTRY attribute.

Also, under RULES(ANS), the following errors, which the old compilers ignored, produce E-level messages:
• Specifying a string constant as the argument to the STRING built-in
• Giving too many asterisks as subscripts in an array reference
• Qualifying a CONTROLLED variable with a POINTER reference (as if the CONTROLLED variable were BASED)

The default is RULES(IBM).

BYNAME | NOBYNAME
Specifying NOBYNAME causes the compiler to flag all BYNAME assignments with an E-level message.

The default is RULES(BYNAME).

CONTROLLED | NOCONTROLLED
Specifying NOCONTROLLED causes the compiler to flag any use of the CONTROLLED attribute.

Specifying CONTROLLED causes the compiler not to flag the use of the CONTROLLED attribute.

The default is RULES(CONTROLLED).

DECSIZE | NODECSIZE
Specifying DECSIZE causes the compiler to flag any assignment of a FIXED DECIMAL expression to a FIXED DECIMAL variable when the SIZE condition is disabled if the SIZE condition could be raised by the assignment.
Specifying RULES(DECISIZE) might cause the compiler to produce many messages because when SIZE is disabled, any statement of the form \( X = X + 1 \) will be flagged if \( X \) is FIXED DECIMAL.

The default is RULES(NODECSIZE).

**ELSEIF | NOELSEIF**

Specifying NOELSEIF causes the compiler to flag any ELSE statement that is immediately followed by an IF statement and suggest that it be rewritten as a SELECT statement.

This option can be useful in enforcing that SELECT statements be used rather than a series of nested IF-THEN-ELSE statements.

The RULES(NOELSEIF) compiler option now also flags ELSE statements immediately followed by an IF statement that is enclosed in a simple DO-END.

The default is RULES(ELSEIF).

**EVENDEC | NOEVENDEC**

Specifying NOEVENDEC causes the compiler to flag any FIXED DECIMAL declaration that specifies an even precision.

The default is RULES(EVENDEC).

**GLOBALDO | NOGLOBALDO**

Specifying NOGLOBALDO instructs the compiler to flag all DO loops with control variables that are declared in a parent block.

The default is RULES(GLOBALDO).

**GOTO | NOGOTO**

Specifying NOGOTO(STRICT) causes the compiler to flag any GOTO statement to a label constant unless the GOTO is exiting an ON-unit.

Specifying NOGOTO(LOOSE) causes the compiler to flag any GOTO statement to a label constant unless the GOTO is exiting an ON-unit or unless the target label constant is in the same block as the GOTO statement.

Specifying NOGOTO(LOOSEFORWARD) causes the compiler to flag any GOTO statement to a label constant unless the GOTO is exiting an ON-unit or unless the target label constant is in the same block as the GOTO statement and comes after the GOTO statement.

The default is RULES(GOTO). When you specify RULES(NOGOTO), the default is STRICT.

**LAXBIF | NOLAXBIF**

Specifying LAXBIF causes the compiler to build a contextual declaration for built-in functions, such as NULL, even when used without an empty parameter list.

The default is RULES(NOLAXBIF).

**LAXCONV | NOLAXCONV**

Specifying RULES(LAXCONV) causes the compiler not to flag arithmetic expressions where an operand does not have arithmetic type.

Specifying RULES(NOLAXCONV) causes the compiler to flag arithmetic expressions where an operand does not have arithmetic type.

ALL

Under ALL, all violations of RULES(NOLAXCONV) are flagged. ALL is the default.
Under SOURCE, only those violations that occur in the primary source file are flagged.

The default is RULES(LAXCONV). When you specify RULES(NOLAXCONV), the default is ALL.

**LAXCTL** | **NOLAXCTL**
Specifying LAXCTL allows a CONTROLLED variable to be declared with a constant extent and yet to be allocated with a differing extent. NOLAXCTL requires that if a CONTROLLED variable is to be allocated with a varying extent, that extent must be specified as an asterisk or as a non-constant expression.

The following code is illegal under NOLAXCTL:

```plaintext
dcl a bit(8) ctl;
alloc a;
alloc a bit(16);
```

But this code would still be valid under NOLAXCTL:

```plaintext
dcl b bit(n) ctl;
dcl n fixed bin(31) init(8);
alloc b;
alloc b bit(16);
```

The default is RULES(NOLAXCTL).

**LAXDCL** | **NOLAXDCL**
Specifying LAXDCL allows implicit declarations. NOLAXDCL disallows all implicit and contextual declarations except for BUILTINs and for files SYSIN and SYSPRINT.

The default is RULES(NOLAXDCL).

**LAXDEF** | **NOLAXDEF**
Specifying LAXDEF allows so-called illegal defining to be accepted without any compiler messages (rather than the E-level messages that the compiler would usually produce).

The default is RULES(NOLAXDEF).

**LAXENTRY** | **NOLAXENTRY**
Specifying LAXENTRY allows unprototyped entry declarations. Specifying NOLAXENTRY causes the compiler to flag all unprototyped entry declarations, that is, all ENTRY declares that do not specify a parameter list.

**Note:** If an ENTRY should have no parameters, it should be declared as ENTRY() rather than simply as ENTRY.

**STRICT**
Specifying RULES(NOLAXENTRY(STRICT)) causes the compiler to flag unprototyped entry declarations that have the OPTIONS(ASM) attribute.

**LOOSE**
Specifying RULES(NOLAXENTRY(LOOSE)) causes the compiler not to flag unprototyped entry declarations that have the OPTIONS(ASM) attribute.

The default is RULES(LAXENTRY). When you specify RULES(NOLAXENTRY), the default is STRICT.

**LAXIF** | **NOLAXIF**
Specifying RULES(NOLAXIF) causes the compiler to flag any IF, WHILE,
UNTIL, and WHEN clauses that do not have the attributes BIT(1) NONVARYING. It also causes the compiler to flag the assignments of the form \(x=y=z\), but it does not flag assignments of the \(x=(y=z)\) form.

The following code will all be flagged under NOLAXIF:

```pli
dcl i fixed bin;
dcl b bit(8);
  .
  .
  .
if i then ...
if b then ...
```

The default is RULES(NOLAXIF).

**LAXINOUT | NOLAXINOUT**

Specifying NOLAXINOUT causes the compiler to assume that all ASSIGNABLE BYADDR parameters are input (and possibly output) parameters and hence to issue a warning if the compiler thinks such a parameter has not been initialized.

The default is RULES(LAXINOUT).

**LAXINTERFACE | NOLAXINTERFACE**

Specifying NOLAXINTERFACE causes the compiler to flag code that does not contain a valid explicit declaration for each of its external PROCEDUREs.

- Under NOLAXINTERFACE, the compiler will not flag any MAIN routines.
- Under NOLAXINTERFACE, the compiler will flag any PROCEDURE that does not have an explicit declaration at the PACKAGE level (and hence any code not in a PACKAGE).
- Under NOLAXINTERFACE, the compiler will also flag any PROCEDUREs for which the implicit and explicit declarations do not match.

The default is RULES(LAXINTERFACE).

**LAXLINK | NOLAXLINK**

Specifying NOLAXLINK causes the compiler to flag any assign or compare of two ENTRY variables or constants if any of the following do not match:

- The parameter description lists
  
  For instance, if A1 is declared as ENTRY(CHAR(8)) and A2 as ENTRY(POINTER) VARIABLE, under RULES(NOLAXLINK) the compiler will flag an attempt to assign A1 to A2.

- The RETURNS attribute
  
  For instance, if A3 is declared as ENTRY RETURNS(FIXED BIN(31)) and A4 as an ENTRY VARIABLE without the RETURNS attribute, under RULES(NOLAXLINK) the compiler will flag an attempt to assign A3 to A4.

- The LINKAGE and other OPTIONS suboptions
  
  For instance, if A5 is declared as ENTRY OPTIONS(ASM) and A6 as an ENTRY VARIABLE without the OPTIONS attribute, under RULES(NOLAXLINK) the compiler will flag an attempt to assign A5 to A6. This is because the OPTIONS(ASM) in the declare of A5 implies that A5 has LINKAGE(SYSTEM)), and in contrast, because A6 has no OPTIONS attribute, it will have LINKAGE(OPTLINK) by default).

The default is RULES(LAXLINK).

**LAXMARGINS | NOLAXMARGINS**

Specifying NOLAXMARGINS causes the compiler to flag, depending on the setting of the STRICT and XNUMERIC suboption, lines containing nonblank...
characters after the right margin. This can be useful in detecting code, such as a closing comment, that has accidentally been pushed out into the right margin.

If the NOLAXMARGINS and STMT options are used together with one of the preprocessors, any statements that would be flagged because of the NOLAXMARGINS option will be reported as statement zero (because statement numbering occurs only after all the preprocessors are finished, but the detection of text outside the margins occurs as soon as the source is read).

**STRICT**
Under STRICT, the compiler flags any line that contains nonblank characters after the right margin.

**XNUMERIC**
Under XNUMERIC, the compiler flags any line that contains nonblank characters after the right margin except if the right margin is column 72 and columns 73 through 80 all contain numeric digits.

The default is RULES(LAXMARGINS). When you specify RULES(NOLAXMARGINS), the default is ALL.

**LAXNESTED | NOLAXNESTED**
Specifying RULES(LAXNESTED) causes the compiler not to flag the executable code in a procedure that follows any subprocedures.

Specifying RULES(NOLAXNESTED) causes the compiler to flag any executable code in a procedure that follows any subprocedures.

**ALL**
Under ALL, all violations of RULES(NOLAXNESTED) are flagged. ALL is the default.

**SOURCE**
Under SOURCE, only those violations that occur in the primary source file are flagged.

The default is RULES(LAXNESTED). When you specify RULES(NOLAXNESTED), the default is ALL.

**LAXPUNC | NOLAXPUNC**
Specifying NOLAXPUNC causes the compiler to flag with an E-level message any place where it assumes punctuation is missing.

For instance, given the statement \( I = (1 \ast (2); \), the compiler assumes that a closing right parenthesis is meant before the semicolon. Under RULES(NOLAXPUNC), this statement will be flagged with an E-level message; otherwise, it will be flagged with a W-level message.

The default is RULES(LAXPUNC).

**LAXQUAL | NOLAXQUAL**
Specifying NOLAXQUAL(LOOSE) causes the compiler to flag any reference to structure members that are not level 1 and are not dot qualified. Consider the following example:

```plaintext
dcl
  1 a,
  2 b,
    3 b fixed bin,
  3 c fixed bin;
```

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c = 11; /* would be flagged */
b.c = 13; /* would not be flagged */
a.c = 17; /* would not be flagged */

Specifying NOLAXQUAL(STRICT) causes the compiler to flag any reference to structure members that do not include the level-1 name. Consider the following example:

dcl
  1 a,
  2 b,
  3 b fixed bin,
  3 c fixed bin;

c = 11; /* would be flagged */
b.c = 13; /* would be flagged */
a.c = 17; /* would not be flagged */

ALL
Under ALL, all violations of RULES(NOLAXQUAL) are flagged. ALL is the default.

FORCE
Under FORCE, only those violations that occur in structures with the FORCE(NOLAXQUAL) attribute are flagged.

The default is RULES(LAXQUAL). When you specify RULES(NOLAXQUAL), LOOSE and ALL are defaults.

LAXRETURN | NOLAXRETURN
Specifying NOLAXRETURN causes the compiler to generate code to raise the ERROR condition when a RETURN statement is used in either of the following ways:
• With an expression in a procedure that is coded without the RETURNS option
• Without an expression in a procedure that is coded with the RETURNS option

ERROR will also be raised if the code falls through to the END statement in a PROCEDURE with the RETURNS attribute.

The default is RULES(LAXRETURN).

LAXSCALE | NOLAXSCALE
Specifying NOLAXSCALE causes the compiler to flag any FIXED BIN(p,q) or FIXED DEC(p,q) declaration where q < 0 or p < q.

It also causes the compiler to flag ROUND(x,p) when p < 0.

The message issued when the compiler flags ROUND(x,p) is different from that issued when the compiler flags the FIXED BIN(p,q) or FIXED DEC(p,q) declaration. Therefore, you can use the EXIT option to suppress the message issued when ROUND(x,p) is flagged and keep the message for other questionable declarations.

The default is RULES(NOLAXSCALE).

LAXSEMI | NOLAXSEMI
Specifying NOLAXSEMI causes the compiler to flag any semicolons appearing inside comments.

The default is RULES(LAXSEMI).
LAXSTG | NOLAXSTG

Specifying NOLAXSTG causes the compiler to flag declarations where a variable A is declared as BASED on ADDR(B) and STG(A) > STG(B) even (and this is the key part) if B is a parameter.

Note that even with NOLAXSTG specified, if B has subscripts, no IBM2402I E-level message will be produced.

The compiler would already flag this kind of problem if B were in AUTOMATIC or STATIC storage, but it does not, by default, flag this when B is a parameter (because some programmers declare B with placeholder attributes that do not describe the actual argument). For situations where parameter and argument declarations match (or should match), specifying RULES(NOLAXSTG) can help detect more storage overlay problems.

The default is RULES(LAXSTG).

LAXSTMT | NOLAXSTMT

Specifying NOLAXSTMT causes the compiler to flag any line that has more than one statement.

ALL

Specifying RULES(NOLAXSTMT(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all violations of NOLAXSTMT. ALL is the default.

SOURCE

Specifying RULES(NOLAXSTMT(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag only those violations in the primary source file.

Additionally, NOLAXSTMT accepts EXCEPT with a (possibly empty) list of keywords that are not be flagged when a second statement on a line begins with one of these keywords. For example, this can allow DO; to appear on the same line as an IF ... THEN statement.

The following keywords are allowed in EXCEPT:

allocate assert attach begin call cancel close declare define delay delete detach display do else end exit fetch flush free get go goto

halt if iterate leave locate on open otherwise put read reinit release resignal return revert rewrite select signal stop unlock wait when write
The default is RULES(LAXSTMT). When you specify RULES(NOLAXSTMT), the default is ALL.

LAXSTRZ | NOLAXSTRZ
Specifying LAXSTRZ causes the compiler not to flag any bit or character variable that is initialized to or assigned a constant value that is too long if the excess bits are all zeros (or if the excess characters are all blank).

The default is RULES(NOLAXSTRZ).

MULTICLOSE | NOMULTICLOSE
Specifying NOMULTICLOSE causes the compiler to flag all statements that force the closure of multiple groups of statement with an E-level message.

The default is RULES(NOMULTICLOSE).

MULTIENTRY | NOMULTIENTRY
Specifying NOMULTIENTRY causes the compiler to flag code that contains multiple ENTRY statements.

ALL
Specifying NOMULTIENTRY(ALL) causes the compiler to flag all violations of RULES(NOMULTIENTRY).

SOURCE
Specifying NOMULTIENTRY(SOURCE) causes the compiler to flag only those violations that occur in the primary source file.

The default is RULES(MULTIENTRY). When you specify RULES(NOMULTIENTRY), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

MULTIEXIT | NOMULTIEXIT
Specifying NOMULTIEXIT causes the compiler to flag code that contains multiple RETURN statements.

ALL
Specifying NOMULTIEXIT(ALL) causes the compiler to flag all violations of RULES(NOMULTIEXIT).

SOURCE
Specifying NOMULTIEXIT(SOURCE) causes the compiler to flag only those violations that occur in the primary source file.

The default is RULES(MULTIEXIT). When you specify RULES(NOMULTIEXIT), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

MULTISEMI | NOMULTISEMI
Specifying NOMULTISEMI causes the compiler to flag any line that contains more than one semicolon not in a comment or string.

ALL
Specifying NOMULTISEMI(ALL) causes the compiler to flag all violations of RULES(NOMULTISEMI).

SOURCE
Specifying NOMULTISEMI(SOURCE) causes the compiler to flag only those violations that occur in the primary source file.

The default is RULES(MULTISEMI). When you specify RULES(NOMULTISEMI), the default sub-suboption is ALL.
**PADDING | NOPADDING**

Specifying NOPADDING causes the compiler to flag all structures that contain padding.

**ALL**

Specifying NOPADDING(ALL) causes the compiler to flag all violations of RULES(NOPADDING).

**SOURCE**

Specifying NOPADDING(SOURCE) causes the compiler to flag only those violations that occur in the primary source files.

The default is RULES(PADDING). When you specify RULES(NOPADDING), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**PROCENDONLY | NOPROCENDONLY**

Specifying NOPROCENDONLY causes any END statement that closes a PROCEDURE to be flagged if the END statement does not name the PROCEDURE, that is, if the END keyword is immediately followed by a semicolon.

**ALL**

Under RULES(NOPROCENDONLY(ALL)), the compiler flags all violations of NOPROCENDONLY. ALL is the default.

**SOURCE**

Under RULES(NOPROCENDONLY(SOURCE)), the compiler flags only those violations in the primary source file.

The default is RULES(PROCENDONLY). When you specify RULES(NOPROCENDONLY), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**RECURSIVE | NORECURSIVE**

Specifying NORECURSIVE causes the compiler to flag any use of the RECURSIVE attribute or any procedure that directly calls itself.

Specifying RECURSIVE causes the compiler not to flag the use of the RECURSIVE attribute or any procedure that directly calls itself.

**Note:** Do not use RULES(NORECURSIVE) and DFT(RECURSIVE) together.

The default is RULES(RECURSIVE).

**SELFASSIGN | NOSELFASSIGN**

Specifying NOSELFASSIGN causes the compiler to flag all assignments where the source and the target are the same.

The default is RULES(SELFASSIGN).

**UNREF | NOUNREF**

Specifying NOUNREF causes the compiler to flag any level-1 AUTOMATIC variable that is not referenced and that, if it is a structure or union, contains no subelement that is referenced. NOUNREF ignores variables with names that start with any of the following prefixes: DSN, DFH, EYU, and SQL.

**ALL**

Specifying RULES(NOUNREF(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all un referenced variables. When NOUNREF is specified, ALL is the default.

**SOURCE**

Specifying RULES(NOUNREF(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag un referenced variables that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.
The default is RULES(UNREF). When you specify RULES(NOUNREF), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFBASED | NOUNREFBASED**

Specifying NOUNREFBASED causes the compiler to flag unreferenced BASED variables that are in BASED storage.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFBASED(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced BASED variables.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFBASED(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced BASED variables that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.

The default is RULES(UNREFBASED). When you specify RULES(NOUNREFBASED), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFCTL | NOUNREFCTL**

Specifying NOUNREFCTL causes the compiler to flag unreferenced CTL variables.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFCTL(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced CTL variables.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFCTL(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced CTL variables that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.

The default is RULES(UNREFCTL). When you specify RULES(NOUNREFCTL), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFDEFINED | NOUNREFDEFINED**

Specifying NOUNREFDEFINED causes the compiler to flag unreferenced DEFINED variables.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFDEFINED(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced DEFINED variables.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFDEFINED(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced DEFINED variables that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.

The default is RULES(UNREFDEFINED). When you specify RULES(UNREFDEFINED), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFENTRY | NOUNREFENTRY**

Specifying NOUNREFENTRY causes the compiler to flag unreferenced ENTRY constants.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFENTRY(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced ENTRY constants.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFENTRY(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced ENTRY constants that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.
The default is RULES(UNREFENTRY). When you specify RULES(NOUNREFENTRY), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFFILE | NOUNREFFILE**

Specifying NOUNREFFILE causes the compiler to flag unreferenced FILE constants.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFFILE(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced FILE constants.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFFILE(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced FILE constants that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.

The default is RULES(UNREFFILE). When you specify RULES(NOUNREFFILE), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**UNREFSTATIC | NOUNREFSTATIC**

Specifying NOUNREFSTATIC causes the compiler to flag unreferenced STATIC variables.

- **ALL**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFSTATIC(ALL)) causes the compiler to flag all unreferenced STATIC variables.

- **SOURCE**
  - Specifying RULES(NOUNREFSTATIC(SOURCE)) causes the compiler to flag unreferenced STATIC variables that are not declared in an INCLUDE file.

The default is RULES(UNREFSTATIC). When you specify RULES(NOUNREFSTATIC), the default sub-suboption is ALL.

**YY | NOYY**

Specifying NOYY causes the compiler to flag the use of 2-digit years, including:

- date-time patterns with the year specified as YY or ZY,
- the DATE attribute without a date-time pattern (since that implies a pattern of YYMMDD),
- Y4DATE, Y4JULIAN, and Y4YEAR built-in functions,
- DATE built-in function,
- date-time functions with a window argument.

The default is RULES(YY).

Default: RULES (IBM BYNAME CONTROLLED NODECSVIEV NOLAXBIF LAXCONV NOLAXCTL NOLAXDCL NOLAXDEF LAXENTRY NOLAXIF LAXINOUT LAXINTERFACE LAXLINK LAXNESTED LAXPUNC LAXMARGINS(STRICT) LAXQUAL LAXRETURN NOLAXSCALE LAXSEMI LAXSTG LAXSTMX NOLAXSTRZ NOMULTICLOSE MULTIENTRY MULTIXIT MULTISEMI MAPPING PROCENDONL Y )

**SEMANTIC**

The SEMANTIC option specifies that the execution of the semantic checking stage depends on the severity of messages issued before this stage of processing.
ABBREVIATIONS: SEM, NSEM

SEMANTIC
Equivalent to NOSEMANITC(S).

NOSEMANITC
Processing stops after syntax checking. No semantic checking is performed.

NOSEMANITC (S)
No semantic checking is performed if a severe error or an unrecoverable error has been encountered.

NOSEMANITC (E)
No semantic checking is performed if an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error has been encountered.

NOSEMANITC (W)
No semantic checking is performed if a warning, an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error has been encountered.

Semantic checking is not performed if certain kinds of severe errors are found. If the compiler cannot validate that all references resolve correctly (for example, if built-in function or entry references are found with too few arguments) the suitability of any arguments in any built-in function or entry reference is not checked.

SERVICE
The SERVICE option places a string in the object module, if generated. This string is loaded into memory with any load module into which this object is linked, and if the LE dump includes a traceback, this string will be included in that traceback.

ABBREVIATIONS: SERV, NOSERV

The string is limited to 64 characters in length.

To ensure that the string remains readable across locales, only characters from the invariant character set should be used.

SOURCE
The SOURCE option specifies that the compiler includes a listing of the source program in the compiler listing. The source program listed is either the original source input or, if any preprocessors were used, the output from the last preprocessor.
ABBREVIATIONS: S, NS

**SPILL**

The SPILL option specifies the size of the spill area to be used for the compilation. When too many registers are in use at once, the compiler dumps some of the registers into temporary storage that is called the spill area.

```
SPILL (size)
```

ABBREVIATIONS: SP

If you have to expand the spill area, you will receive a compiler message telling you the size to which you should increase it. When you know the spill area that your source program requires, you can specify the required size (in bytes) as shown in the syntax diagram above. The maximum spill area size is 3900. Typically, you need to specify this option only when compiling very large programs with OPTIMIZE.

**STATIC**

The STATIC option controls whether INTERNAL STATIC variables are retained in the object module even if unreferenced.

```
STATIC (SHORT, FULL)
```

**SHORT**

INTERNAL STATIC will be retained in the object module only if used.

**FULL**

All INTERNAL STATIC with INITIAL will be retained in the object module.

If INTERNAL STATIC variables are used as "eyecatchers", you should specify the STATIC(FULL) option to ensure that they will be in the generated object module.

**STDSYS**

The STDSYS option specifies that the compiler should cause the SYSPRINT file to be equated to the C stdout file and the SYSIN file to be equated to the C stdin file.

**Note:** Under the LP(64) option, the STDSYS option is ignored; effectively, STDSYS is always on.

```
NOSTDSYS
```

Using the STDSYS option might make it easier to develop and debug a mixed PL/I and C application.

When SYSPRINT is equated to stdout, its LINESIZE cannot be greater than 132 (the largest value allowed by C).
**STMT**

The STMT option specifies that statements in the source program are to be counted and that this statement number is used to identify statements in the compiler listings resulting from the AGGREGATE, ATTRIBUTES, SOURCE, and XREF options.

The default is NOSTMT.

When the STMT option is specified, the source and message listings include both the logical statement numbers and the source file numbers.

Note that the GOSTMT option does not exist. The only option that produces information at run time identifying where an error has occurred is the GONUMBER option. When the GONUMBER option is used, the term *statement* in the runtime error messages refers to line numbers as used by the NUMBER compiler option even if the STMT option is in effect.

NUMBER and STMT are mutually exclusive and specifying one will negate the other.

**STORAGE**

The STORAGE option directs the compiler to produce as part of the listing a summary of the storage used by each procedure and begin-block.

ABBREVIATIONS: STG, NSTG

The STORAGE output also includes the amount of storage used for the internal static for the compilation.

**STRINGOFGRAPHIC**

The STRINGOFGRAPHIC option determines whether the result of the STRING built-in function when applied to a GRAPHIC aggregate has the attribute CHARACTER or GRAPHIC.

ABBREVIATIONS: CHAR, G

**CHARACTER**

Under STRINGOFGRAPHIC(CHAR), if the STRING built-in is applied to an array or a structure of UNALIGNED NONVARYING GRAPHIC variables, the result will have the CHARACTER attribute.
GRAPHIC
Under STRINGOFGRAPHIC(GRAPHIC), if the STRING built-in is applied to an array or a structure of GRAPHIC variables, the result will have the GRAPHIC attribute.

SYNTAX
The SYNTAX option specifies that the compiler continues into syntax checking after preprocessing when you specify the MACRO option, unless an unrecoverable error has occurred. Whether the compiler continues with the compilation depends on the severity of the error, as specified by the NOSYNTAX option.

SYNTAX
Continues syntax checking after preprocessing unless a severe error or an unrecoverable error has occurred. SYNTAX is equivalent to NOSYNTAX(S).

NOSYNTAX
Processing stops unconditionally after preprocessing.

NOSYNTAX(W)
No syntax checking if a warning, an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error is detected.

NOSYNTAX(E)
No syntax checking if the compiler detects an error, a severe error, or an unrecoverable error.

NOSYNTAX(S)
No syntax checking if the compiler detects a severe error or an unrecoverable error.

If the NOSYNTAX option terminates the compilation, no cross-reference listing, attribute listing, or other listings that follow the source program is produced.

You can use this option to prevent wasted runs when debugging a PL/I program that uses the preprocessor.

If the NOSYNTAX option is in effect, any specification of the CICS preprocessor through the CICS, XOPT or XOPTS options will be ignored. This allows the MACRO preprocessor to be invoked before the compiler invokes the CICS translator.

SYSPARM
The SYSPARM option specifies the value of the string that is returned by the macro facility built-in function SYSPARM.
string
Can be up to 64 characters long. A null string is the default.

For more information about the macro facility, see the PL/I Language Reference.

SYSTEM
The SYSTEM option specifies the format used to pass parameters to the MAIN PL/I procedure, and generally indicates the host system under which the program runs.

![SYSTEM option table]

Table 5 shows the type of parameter list you can expect, and how the program runs under the specified host system. It also shows the implied settings of NOEXECOPS. Your MAIN procedure must receive only those types of parameter lists that are indicated as valid in this table. Additional runtime information for the SYSTEM option is provided in the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

Table 5. SYSTEM option table

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<td>YES</td>
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<td>YES</td>
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Note:
1. See “Invoking MAIN under TSO/E” on page 18 for more details about how to invoke a MAIN procedure under TSO.

Under SYSTEM(IMS), all pointers are presumed to be passed by value (BYVALUE), but under SYSTEM(MVS) they are presumed to be passed by address (BYADDR).

MAIN procedures run under CICS must be compiled with SYSTEM(CICS) or SYSTEM(MVS).

It is highly recommended that NOEXECOPS be specified in the MAIN procedure OPTIONS option for code, such as a DB2 stored procedure, compiled with SYSTEM(MVS) but run where runtime options would not be passed.

The compiler will flag any MAIN program compiled with SYSTEM(MVS) if it has either more than one parameter or a single parameter that is not CHARACTER VARYING. It is probably better to compile such MAIN programs with SYSTEM(OS) because the library then simply passes on to MAIN the parameter list without any scanning for options or other massaging of the parameter list.
TERMINAL

The TERMINAL option determines whether diagnostic and information messages produced during compilation are displayed on the terminal.

Note: This option applies only to compilations under z/OS UNIX.

ABBREVIATIONS: TERM, NTERM

TERMINAL
Messages are displayed on the terminal.

NOTERMINAL
No information or diagnostic compiler messages are displayed on the terminal.

TEST

The TEST option specifies the level of testing capability that the compiler generates as part of the object code. You can use this option to control the location of test hooks and to control whether to generate a symbol table.

ABBREVIATIONS: AALL, ACICS, AMACRO, ASQL

STMT
Causes the compiler to generate a statement table, and if the HOOK suboption is in effect, inserts hooks at statement boundaries and block boundaries.

PATH
Causes the compiler to generate a statement table, and if the HOOK suboption is in effect, tells the compiler to insert hooks at these places:
- Before the first statement enclosed by an iterative DO statement
- Before the first statement of the true part of an IF statement
- Before the first statement of the false part of an IF statement
- Before the first statement of a true WHEN or OTHERWISE statement of a SELECT group
- Before the statement following a user label, excluding labeled FORMAT statements
If a statement has multiple labels, only one hook is inserted.

- At CALLs or function references - both before and after control is passed to the routine
- At block boundaries

**BLOCK**
Causes the compiler to generate a statement table, and if the HOOK suboption is in effect, tells the compiler to insert hooks at block boundaries (block entry and block exit).

**ALL**
Causes the compiler to generate a statement table, and if the HOOK suboption is in effect, inserts hooks at all possible locations and generates a statement table.

*Note:* Under opt(2) and opt(3), hooks are set only at block boundaries.

**NONE**
No hooks are put into the program.

**SYM**
Creates a symbol table that allows you to examine variables by name.

**NOSYM**
No symbol table is generated.

**NOTEST**
Suppresses the generation of all testing information.

**HOOK**
Causes the compiler to insert hooks into the generated code if any of the TEST suboptions ALL, STMT, BLOCK, or PATH are in effect.

**NOHOOK**
Causes the compiler not to insert hooks into the generated code.

For IBM Debug Tool to generate overlay hooks, one of the suboptions ALL, PATH, STMT, or BLOCK must be specified, but HOOK need not be specified, and NOHOOK would in fact be recommended.

If NOHOOK is specified, ENTRY and EXIT breakpoints are the only PATH breakpoints at which Debug Tool will stop.

**SEPARATE**
Causes the compiler to place most of the debug information it generates into a separate debug file. Using this option will substantially reduce the size of the object deck created by the compiler when the TEST option is in effect.

If your program contains GET or PUT DATA statements, the separate debug file will contain less debug information because those statements require that symbol table information be placed into the object deck.

The generated debug information always includes a compressed version of the source that is passed to the compiler. This means that the source might be specified by using SYSIN DD *, or that the source might be a temporary data set that is created by an earlier job step (for example, the source might be the output of the old SQL or CICS precompilers). The suboptions that you specify for the LISTVIEW option control the content of the source.

If SEPARATE is used in a batch compilation, the JCL for that compilation must include a DD card for SYSDEBUG that must name a data set with RECFM=FB and with 80 <= LRECL <= 1024.
This suboption cannot be used with the LINEDIR compiler option.

**NOSEPARATE**
Causes the compiler to place all of the debug information it generates into the object deck.

Under this option, the generated debug information will not include a compressed version of the source passed to the compiler. This means that the source must in a data set that can be found by Debug Tool when you try to debug the program.

**SEPNAME**
Causes the compiler to place the name of the separate debug file into the object deck.

This option is ignored if the SEPARATE option is not in effect.

**NOSEPNAME**
Causes the compiler not to place the name of the separate debug file into the object deck.

This option is ignored if the SEPARATE option is not in effect.

**Notes:**
- Under LP(64), no hooks are generated and that the SEP or NOSEP compiler option is ignored.
- Under opt(2) or opt(3), hooks are set only at block boundaries. This means that debugging of optimized code is effectively limited to tracing entry and exit to PROCEDUREs and BEGIN blocks.
- You must use Debug Tool Version 6 (or later) to debug code compiled with the SEPARATE compiler option.
- There is no support for an input file that spans concatenated data sets.

Specifying TEST(NONE,NOSYM) causes the compiler to set the option to NOTEST.

Use of TEST(NONE,SYM) is strongly discouraged, and it is unclear what is intended when you specify these settings. You would probably be much better off if you specified TEST(ALL,SYM,NOHOOK) or TEST(STMT,SYM,NOHOOK).

Any TEST option other than NOTEST and TEST(NONE,NOSYM) will automatically provide the attention interrupt capability for program testing.

If the program has an ATTENTION ON-unit that you want invoked, you must compile the program with either of the following options:
- The INTERRUPT option
- A TEST option other than NOTEST or TEST(NONE,NOSYM)

**Note:** ATTENTION is supported only under TSO.

The TEST option will imply GONUMBER.

Because the TEST option can increase the size of the object code and can affect performance, you might want to limit the number and placement of hooks.

If the TEST option is specified, no inlining will occur.

Structures with REFER are supported in the symbol table.
If TEST(SYM) is in effect, the compiler will generate tables to enable the automonitor feature of Debug Tool. These tables might substantially increase the size of the object module unless the TEST(SEPARATE) option is in effect. When the automonitor feature of Debug Tool is activated, these tables are used to display the values of the variables used in a statement before the statement executes - as long as the variable has computational type or has the attribute POINTER, OFFSET or HANDLE. If the statement is an assignment statement, the value of the target is also displayed; however, if the target has not been initialized or assigned previously, its value is meaningless.

Any variable declared with an * for its name is not visible when you use Debug Tool. Additionally, if an * is used as the name of a parent structure or substructure, all of its children are also invisible. Therefore, it might be better to use a single underscore for the name of any structure elements that you want to leave "unnamed".

**UNROLL**

The UNROLL option controls loop unrolling under optimization. Loop unrolling is an optimization that replicates a loop body multiple times and adjusts the loop control code accordingly.

```
  UNROLL (AUTO | NO)
```

**AUTO**

Indicates that the compiler is permitted to unroll loops that it determines are appropriate for unrolling.

Specifying the UNROLL option can increase the size of the object code that is generated.

**NO**

Indicates that the compiler is not permitted to unroll loops.

The UNROLL option is ignored when the NOOPTIMIZE option is in effect.

Loop unrolling improves the performance of a program by exposing instruction level parallelism for instruction scheduling and software pipelining. It also creases code in the new loop body, which might increase pressure on register allocation, cause register spilling, and thus cause a loss in performance.

Therefore, before you unroll a loop, take the following steps to check if the UNROLL option improves the performance of a particular application:

1. Compile the program with the usual options.
2. Run the program with a representative workload.
3. Recompile the program with the UNROLL option.
4. Rerun the program under the same conditions.

UNROLL(AUTO) is the default.

**USAGE**

Using the USAGE option, you can choose different semantics for selected built-in functions.
**WIDECHAR**

The WIDECHAR option specifies the format in which WIDECHAR data will be stored.

**BIGENDIAN**

Indicates that WIDECHAR data will be stored in big-endian format. For instance, the WIDECHAR value for the UTF-16 character '1' will be stored as '0031'x.
LITTLEENDIAN
Indicates that WIDECHAR data will be stored in little-endian format. For instance, the WIDECHAR value for the UTF-16 character 1 will be stored as '3100'x.

WX constants should always be specified in big-endian format. Thus the value '1' should always be specified as '0031'wx, even if under the WIDECHAR(LITTLEENDIAN) option, it is stored as '3100'x.

WINDOW
The WINDOW option sets the value for the w window argument used in various date-related built-in functions.

\[
\text{WINDOW}(w)
\]

w Either an unsigned integer that represents the start of a fixed window or a negative integer that specifies a “sliding” window. For example, \(\text{WINDOW}(-20)\) indicates a window that starts 20 years before the year when the program runs.

WRITABLE
The WRITABLE option specifies that the compiler can treat static storage as writable (and if it does, this will make the resultant code nonreentrant).

This option has no effect on programs compiled with the RENT option.

Note: The WRITABLE option is ignored under the LP(64) option.

\[
\text{WRITABLE} \quad \text{NOWRITABLE}
\]

The NORENT WRITABLE options allow the compiler to write on static storage to implement the following constants or variables:
- CONTROLLED variables
- FETCHABLE ENTRY constants
- FILE constants

Under the NORENT WRITABLE options, a module using CONTROLLED variables, performing I/O, or using FETCH is not reentrant.

The NORENT NOWRITABLE options require the compiler not to write on static storage for the following constants or variables:
- CONTROLLED variables
- FETCHABLE ENTRY constants
- FILE constants

Under the NORENT NOWRITABLE options, a module using CONTROLLED variables, performing I/O, or using FETCH is reentrant.
The FWS and PRV suboptions determine how the compiler handles CONTROLLED variables:

**FWS**

Upon entry to an EXTERNAL procedure, the compiler makes a library call to find storage it can use to address the CONTROLLED variables in that procedure (and any subprocedures).

**PRV**

The compiler will use the same pseudoregister variable mechanism used by the old OS PL/I compiler to address CONTROLLED variables.

Hence, under the NORENT NOWRITABLE(PRV) options, old and new code can share CONTROLLED variables.

However, this also means that under the NORENT NOWRITABLE(PRV) options, the use of CONTROLLED variables is subject to all the same restrictions as under the old compiler.

Under the NORENT NOWRITABLE(FWS) options, the following application might not perform as well as if they were compiled with the RENT or WRITABLE options:

- Applications that use CONTROLLED variables
- Applications that assign FILE CONSTANTS to FILE VARIABLES

The performance of an application under NORENT NOWRITABLE(FWS) might be especially bad if it uses many CONTROLLED variables in many PROCEDUREs.

Under the NOWRITABLE option, the following variables and constants cannot be declared in a PACKAGE outside a PROCEDURE:

- CONTROLLED variables
- FETCHABLE ENTRY constants
- FILE constants

Code compiled with NORENT WRITABLE cannot be mixed with code compiled with NORENT NOWRITABLE if they share any external CONTROLLED variables. In general, you should avoid mixing code compiled with WRITABLE with code compiled with NOWRITABLE.

**Related information:**

“RENT” on page 68

Your code is “naturally reentrant” if it does not alter any of its static variables. The RENT option specifies that the compiler is to take code that is not naturally reentrant and make it reentrant.

**XINFO**

The XINFO option specifies that the compiler should generate additional files with extra information about the current compilation unit.
DEF

A definition side-deck file is created. This file lists the following information for the compilation unit:

- All defined EXTERNAL procedures
- All defined EXTERNAL variables
- All statically referenced EXTERNAL routines and variables
- All dynamically called fetched modules

Under batch, this file is written to the file specified by the SYSDEFSD DD statement. Under z/OS UNIX System Services, this file is written to the same directory as the object deck and has the extension def.

For instance, given the program:
```pli
defs: proc;
  dcl (b,c) ext entry;
  dcl x ext fixed bin(31) init(1729);
  dcl y ext fixed bin(31) reserved;
  call b(y);
  fetch c;
  call c;
end;
```

The following def file would be produced:
```plaintext
EXPORTS CODE
DEFS
EXPORTS DATA
  X
IMPORTS
  B
  Y
  FETCH
  C
```

The def file can be used to build a dependency graph or cross-reference analysis of your application.

NODEF

No definition side-deck file is created.

MSG

Message information is generated to theADATA file.

Under batch, the ADATA file is generated to the file specified by the SYSADATA DD statement. Under z/OS UNIX, the ADATA is generated in the same directory as the object file and has the extension adt.

NOMSG

No message information is generated to the ADATA file. If neither MSG nor SYM is specified, no ADATA file is generated.
SYM
Symbol information is generated to the ADATA file.

Under batch, the ADATA file is generated to the file specified by the
SYSADATA DD statement. Under z/OS UNIX, the ADATA file is generated in
the same directory as the object file and has the extension adt.

NOSYM
No symbol information is generated to the ADATA file.

SYN
Syntax information is generated to the ADATA file. Specifying the
XINFO(SYN) option can greatly increase the amount of storage, both in
memory and for the file produced, required by the compiler.

Under batch, the ADATA file is generated to the file specified by the
SYSADATA DD statement. Under z/OS UNIX, the ADATA file is generated in
the same directory as the object file and has the extension adt.

NOSYN
No syntax information is generated to the ADATA file.

XML
An XML side-file is created. This XML file includes the following:
• The file reference table for the compilation
• The block structure of the program compiled
• The messages produced during the compilation

Under batch, this file is written to the file specified by the SYSXMLSD DD
down statement. Under z/OS UNIX System Services, this file is written to the same
directory as the object deck and has the extension xml.

The DTD file for the XML produced is as follows:
<?xml encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!ELEMENT PACKAGE ((PROCEDURE)*,MESSAGE)*,FILEREFERENCETABLE>
<!ELEMENT PROCEDURE (BLOCKFILE,BLOCKLINE,(PROCEDURE)*,(BEGINBLOCK)*)>
<!ELEMENT BEGINBLOCK (BLOCKFILE,BLOCKLINE,(PROCEDURE)*,(BEGINBLOCK)*)>
<!ELEMENT MESSAGE (MSGNUMBER,MSGLINE?,MSGFILE?,MSGTEXT)>
<!ELEMENT FILE (FILENAME)>
<!ELEMENT FILEREFERENCETABLE (FILECOUNT,FILE*)>
<!ELEMENT BLOCKFILE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT BLOCKLINE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT MSGNUMBER (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT MSGLINE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT MSGFILE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT MSGTEXT (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT FILECOUNT (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT FILENUMBER (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT FILENAME (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT INCLUDEFROMFILE (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT INCLUDEDONLINE (#PCDATA)>

NOXML
No XML side-file is created.

Related information:
"SYSADATA message information," on page 501
When you specify the MSG suboption of the XINFO compile-time option, the
compiler generates a SYSADATA file.
The XML option specifies the case of the names in the XML generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function.

**CASE(Upper | ASIS)**
Under the CASE(UPPER) suboption, the names in the XML generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function will all be in uppercase.

Under the CASE(ASIS) suboption, the names in the XML generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function will be in the case used in their declarations. Note that if you use the MACRO preprocessor without using the macro preprocessor option CASE(ASIS), the source seen by the compiler will have all the names in uppercase - and that would make specifying the XML(CASE(ASIS)) option useless.

**XMLATTR(APOSTROPHE | QUOTE)**
Under the XMLATTR(APSTROPHE) suboption, all XML attributes generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function are enclosed in apostrophes.

Under the XMLATTR(QUOTE) suboption, all XML attributes generated by the XMLCHAR built-in function are enclosed in quotation marks. Under CODEPAGE(1026) and COEPAPE(1155), the hex value for the quote character is 'FC'x, and under all other supported EBCDIC code pages, it is '7Fx.

The XREF option provides a cross-reference table of names used in the program together with the numbers of the statements in which they are declared or referenced in the compiler listing.

**ABBREVIATIONS: X, NX**

**FULL**
Under XREF(FULL), all identifiers and attributes are included in the compiler listing. FULL is the default.

**SHORT**
Under XREF(SHORT), unreferenced identifiers are omitted from the compiler listing.

**EXPLICIT**
Under XREF(EXPLICIT), a reference to a structure causes only that structure to be included in the compiler listing.
**IMPLICIT**

Under XREF(IMPLICIT), a reference to a structure causes the structure and all of its members to be included in the compiler listing. IMPLICIT is the default.

The only names not included in the cross reference listing created when you use the XREF option are label references on END statements. For example, assume that statement number 20 in the procedure PROC1 is END PROC1.; In this situation, statement number 20 does not appear in the cross reference listing for PROC1.

If you specify both the XREF and ATTRIBUTES options, the two listings are combined. If there is a conflict between SHORT and FULL, the usage is determined by the last option specified. For example, ATTRIBUTES(SHORT) XREF(FULL) results in the FULL option for the combined listing.

**Related information:**

"Cross-reference table" on page 106

If you specify ATTRIBUTES and XREF, the cross-reference table and the attribute table are combined. The list of attributes for a name is identified by the file number and the line number.

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**Blanks, comments and strings in options**

Wherever you can use a blank when specifying an option, you can also specify as many blanks or comments as you wish. However, there are a few rules that you must take notice of.

If a comment is specified in %PROCESS line or in a line in an options file, the comment must end on the same line as which it begins.

Similarly, if a comment starts in the command line or in the PARM= specification, it must also end there.

The same rule applies to strings: if a string is specified in %PROCESS line or in a line in an options file, the string must end on the same line as which it begins. Similarly, if a string starts in the command line or in the PARM= specification, it must also end there.

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**Changing the default options**

If you want to change the supplied default compiler options, during installation of the compiler, you should edit and submit sample job IBMZWIOP.

This job will let you specify options that will be applied before any other options, thus effectively changing the default options. This job will also let you specify options that will be applied after all other options, thus effectively changing the default options and preventing them from being overridden.

If you want to change the defaults for the macro preprocessor options, you can also do this at installation time by specifying the appropriate PPMACRO option as part of this job. The PPCICS and PPSQL options let you make the corresponding changes for the CICS and SQL preprocessors respectively.

Consult the instructions in the sample job for more information.
Specifying options in the %PROCESS or *PROCESS statements

The %PROCESS or *PROCESS statement identifies the start of each external procedure and allows compiler options to be specified for each compilation. You can use either %PROCESS or *PROCESS in your program; they are equally acceptable.

Note: For consistency and readability, %PROCESS or *PROCESS statements are always referred to as %PROCESS.

The options you specify in adjacent %PROCESS statements apply to the compilation of the source statements to the end of input or the next %PROCESS statement.

To specify options in the %PROCESS statement, code as follows:

```
%PROCESS options;
```

where `options` is a list of compiler options.

You must end the list of options with a semicolon, and the options list should not extend beyond the default right-hand source margin. The percent sign (%) or asterisk (*) must appear in the first column of the record. The keyword PROCESS can follow in the next byte (column) or after any number of blanks. You must separate option keywords by a comma or at least one blank.

The number of characters is limited only by the length of the record. If you do not wish to specify any options, code as follows:

```
%PROCESS;
```

If you find it necessary to continue the %PROCESS statement onto the next record, terminate the first part of the list after any delimiter, and continue on the next record. You cannot split keywords or keyword arguments across records. You can continue a %PROCESS statement on several lines, or start a new %PROCESS statement. The following example shows multiple adjacent %PROCESS statements:

```
%PROCESS INT F(I) AG A(F) OP STG NEST X(F) SOURCE ;
%PROCESS LIST TEST ;
```

Compile-time options, their abbreviated syntax, and their IBM-supplied defaults are shown in Table 3 on page 4.

How the compiler determines whether there are any %PROCESS statements depends on the format of the initial source file:

**F or FB format**

If the first character in the record is an asterisk (*) or a percent sign (%), the compiler will check whether the next nonblank characters are PROCESS.

**V or VB format**

If the first character in the record is a numeric, the compiler will assume that the first 8 characters are sequence numbers, and if the ninth character is an asterisk (*) or a percent sign (%), it will check whether the next nonblank characters are PROCESS. However, if the first character is not a numeric but an asterisk (*) or a percent sign (%), the compiler will check if the next nonblank characters are PROCESS.
Using % statements

Statements that direct the operation of the compiler begin with a percent (%) symbol. You can use % statements to control the source program listing and to include external strings in the source program. % statements must not have label or condition prefixes and cannot be a unit of a compound statement. You should place each % statement on a line by itself.

The usage of each % control statement is listed below. For a complete description of these statements, see the PL/I Language Reference.

%INCLUDE
Directs the compiler to incorporate external text into the source program.

%XINCLUDE
Directs the compiler to incorporate external text into the source program if it has not been previously included.

%PRINT
Directs the compiler to resume printing the source and insource listings.

%NOPRINT
Directs the compiler to suspend printing the source and insource listings until a %PRINT statement is encountered.

%PAGE
Directs the compiler to print the statement immediately after a %PAGE statement in the program listing on the first line of the next page.

%POP
Directs the compiler to restore the status of the %PRINT and %NOPRINT saved by the most recent %PUSH.

%PUSH
Saves the current status of the %PRINT and %NOPRINT in a push down stack on a last-in, first-out basis.

%SKIP
Specifies the number of lines to be skipped.

Using the %INCLUDE statement

%INCLUDE statements are used to include additional PL/I files at specified points in a compilation unit.

For information about how to use the %INCLUDE statement to incorporate source text from a library into a PL/I program, see the PL/I Language Reference.

For a batch compilation

A library is an z/OS partitioned data set that can be used to store other data sets called members. Source text that you might want to insert into a PL/I program using a %INCLUDE statement must exist as a member within a library. For further information about the process of defining a source statement library to the compiler, see “Source Statement Library (SYSLIB)” on page 162.

The statement %INCLUDE DD1 (INVERT); specifies that the source statements in member INVERT of the library defined by the DD statement with the
name DD1 are to be inserted consecutively into the source program. The compilation job step must include appropriate DD statements.

If you omit the ddname, the ddname SYSLIB is assumed. In such a case, you must include a DD statement with the name SYSLIB. (The IBM-supplied cataloged procedures do not include a DD statement with this name in the compilation procedure step.)

For a z/OS UNIX compilation

The name of the actual include file must be lowercase, unless you specify UPPERINC. For example, if you use the include statement %include sample, the compiler can find the file sample.inc but cannot find the file SAMPLE.inc. Even if you use the include statement %include SAMPLE, the compiler still looks for sample.inc.

The compiler looks for INCLUDE files in the following order:
1. Current directory
2. Directories specified with the –I flag or with the INCDIR compiler option
3. /usr/include directory
4. PDS specified with the INCPDS compiler option

The first file found by the compiler is included into your source.

A %PROCESS statement in source text included by a %INCLUDE statement results in an error in the compilation.

Figure 1 on page 103 shows the use of a %INCLUDE statement to include the source statements for FUN in the procedure TEST. The library HPUI8.NEWLIB is defined in the DD statement with the qualified name PLLSYSLIB, which is added to the statements of the cataloged procedure for this job. Because the source statement library is defined by a DD statement with the name SYSLIB, the %INCLUDE statement need not include a ddname.

It is not necessary to invoke the preprocessor if your source program and any text to be included do not contain any macro statements.
Using the compiler listing

During compilation, the compiler generates a listing, most of which is optional, that contains information about the source program, the compilation, and the object module.

The following description of the listing refers to its appearance on a printed page.

Note: Although the compiler listing is for your use, it is not a programming interface and is subject to change.

If compilation terminates before reaching a particular stage of processing, the corresponding listings do not appear.

Heading information

The first page of the listing is identified by the product number, the compiler version number, a string specifying when the compiler was built, and the date and the time compilation began. This page and subsequent pages are numbered.

The listing will then show any options that have been specified for this compilation. These options will be shown even if the NOOPTIONS option has been specified and will include, in order, the following options:

- The initial install options (those are the options set at install time and which are applied before any other options)
- Under z/OS UNIX, any options specified in the IBM_OPTIONS environment variable
- Any options specified in the parameter string passed to the compiler (that is, in the command line under z/OS UNIX or in the PARM= under batch)
- Any options specified in options files named in the compiler parameter string
This will include the name of each options file and its contents in the same form as read by the compiler.

- Any options specified in *PROCESS or %PROCESS lines in the source
- The final install options (those are the options set at installation and which are applied after any other options)

Near the end of the listing you will find either a statement that no errors or warning conditions were detected during the compilation, or a message that one or more errors were detected. For information about the format of the messages, see “Messages and return codes” on page 111. The second to the last line of the listing shows the time taken for the compilation. The last line of the listing is END OF COMPILATION OF xxxx, where xxxx is the external procedure name. If you specify the NOSYNTAX compiler option, or if the compiler aborts early in the compilation, the external procedure name xxxx is not included and the line truncates to END OF COMPILATION.

The following topics describe the optional parts of the listing in the order in which they appear.

**Options used for compilation**

If you specify the OPTIONS option, a complete list of the options specified for the compilation, including the default options, appears on the following pages.

The listing shows the settings of all the options finally in effect during the compilation. If the setting of an option differs from the default setting after the initial install options were applied, that line is marked with a plus sign (+).

**Preprocessor input**

If you specify both the MACRO and INSOURCE options, the compiler lists input to the preprocessor, one record per line, each line numbered sequentially at the left.

If the preprocessor detects an error or the possibility of an error, it prints a message on the page or pages following the input listing. The format of these messages is the same as the format for the compiler messages described in “Messages and return codes” on page 111.

**SOURCE program**

If you specify the SOURCE option, the compiler lists one record per line. These records always include the source line and file numbers. However, if a file contains 999999 or more lines, the compiler flags the file as too large and lists only the last 6 digits in the source line numbers for that file.

If the input records contain printer control characters, or %SKIP or %PAGE statements, the lines are spaced accordingly.

Use the %NOPRINT statement to stop the printing of the listing.

Use the %PRINT statement to restart the printing of the listing.

If you specify the MACRO option, the source listing shows the included text in place of the %INCLUDE statements in the primary input data set.
Statement nesting level

If you specify the NEST option, the block level and the DO-level are printed to the right of the statement or line number under the headings LEV and NT respectively.

See the following example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Line</th>
<th>File</th>
<th>LV</th>
<th>NT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.0</td>
<td></td>
<td>A:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>B:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>DCL K(10,10) FIXED BIN (15);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>DCL Y FIXED BIN (15) INIT (6);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>DO I=1 TO 10;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>2 1</td>
<td>DO J=1 TO 10;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>2 2</td>
<td>K(I,J) = N;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.0</td>
<td>2 2</td>
<td>END;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>2 1</td>
<td>BEGIN;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>3 1</td>
<td>K(1,1)=Y;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.0</td>
<td>3 1</td>
<td>END;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.0</td>
<td>2 1</td>
<td>END B;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>END A;</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ATTRIBUTE and cross-reference table

If you specify the ATTRIBUTES option, the compiler prints an attribute table containing a list of the identifiers in the source program together with their declared and default attributes. If you specify the XREF option, the compiler prints a cross-reference table containing a list of the identifiers in the source program together with the file and line numbers of the statements in which they appear.

If you specify both ATTRIBUTES and XREF, the two tables are combined. In these tables, if you explicitly declare an identifier, the compiler will list file number and line number of its DECLARE. Contextually declared variables are marked by ++++, and other implicitly declared variables are marked by *****.

Attribute table

The attribute table contains a list of the identifiers in the source program together with their declared and default attributes.

The compiler never includes the attributes INTERNAL and REAL. You can assume them unless the respective conflicting attributes, EXTERNAL and COMPLEX, appear.

For a file identifier, the attribute FILE always appears, and the attribute EXTERNAL appears if it applies; otherwise, the compiler lists only explicitly declared attributes.

The OPTIONS attribute will not appear unless the ENTRY attribute applies, and then only the following options will appear as appropriate:

- ASSEMBLER
- COBOL
- FETCHABLE
- FORTRAN
- NODESCRIPTOR
- RETCODE
The compiler prints the dimension attribute for an array first. It prints the bounds as in the array declaration, but expressions are replaced by asterisks unless they have been reduced by the compiler to a constant, in which case the value of the constant is shown.

For a character string, a bit string, a graphic string, or an area variable, the compiler prints the length, as in the declaration, but expressions are replaced by asterisks unless they have been reduced by the compiler to a constant, in which case the value of the constant is shown.

Cross-reference table
If you specify ATTRIBUTES and XREF, the cross-reference table and the attribute table are combined. The list of attributes for a name is identified by the file number and the line number.

An identifier appears in the Sets: part of the cross-reference table under the following conditions:
- It is the target of an assignment statement.
- It is used as a loop control variable in DO loops.
- It is used in the SET option of an ALLOCATE or LOCATE statement.
- It is used in the REPLY option of a DISPLAY statement.

If there are unreferenced identifiers, they are displayed in a separate table.

Aggregate length table
An aggregate length table is obtained by the AGGREGATE option. The table includes structures but not arrays that have non-constant extents, but the sizes and offsets of elements within structures with non-constant extents can be inaccurate or specified as *.

For the aggregates listed, the table contains the following information:
- Where the aggregate is declared
- The name of the aggregate and each element within the aggregate
- The byte offset of each element from the beginning of the aggregate
- The length of each element
- The total length of each aggregate, structure, and substructure
- The total number of dimensions for each element

Be careful when interpreting the data offsets indicated in the data length table. An odd offset does not necessarily represent a data element without halfword, fullword, or even double word alignment. If you specify or infer the aligned attribute for a structure or its elements, the proper alignment requirements are consistent with respect to other elements in the structure, even though the table does not indicate the proper alignment relative to the beginning of the table.

If there is padding between two structure elements, a /*PADDING*/ comment appears with appropriate diagnostic information.

Statement offset addresses
If the LIST compile option is used, the compiler includes a pseudo-assembler listing in the compiler listing. This listing includes, for each instruction, an offset whose meaning depends on the setting of the BLKOFF compiler option.
• Under the BLKOFF option, this offset is the offset of the instruction from the primary entry point for the function or subroutine to which it belongs. Thus under this option, the offsets are reset with each new block.
• Under the NOBLKOFF option, this offset is the offset of the instruction from the start of the compilation unit. Thus under this option, the offsets are cumulative.

The pseudo-assembler listing also includes, at the end of the code for each block, the offset of the block from the start of the current module (so that the offsets shown for each statement can be translated to either block or module offsets).

These offsets can be used with the offset given in a runtime error message to determine the statement to which the message applies.

The OFFSET option produces a table that gives for each statement, the offset of the first instruction belonging to that statement.

In the example shown in Figure 2 on page 108, the message indicates that the condition was raised at offset +98 from the SUB1 entry. The compiler listing excerpt shows this offset associated with line number 8. The runtime output from this erroneous statement is shown if Figure 3 on page 108.
Compiler
Line.File
1.0
2.0  TheMain: proc options(main);
3.0  call sub1();
4.0  Sub1: proc;
5.0  dcl (i, j) fixed bin(31);
6.0
7.0  i = 0; j = 0;
8.0  j = j / i;
9.0  put skip data(j);
10.0 end Sub1;
11.0 end TheMain;

Figure 2. Finding statement number (compiler listing example)

Message:
IBM0301S ONCODE=320 The ZERODIVIDE condition was raised.
From entry point SUB1 at compile unit offset +00000098
at entry offset +00000098 at address 0EB00938.

Figure 3. Finding statement number (runtime message example)
Entry offsets given in dump and ON-unit SNAP error messages can be compared with this table and the erroneous statement discovered. The statement is identified by finding the section of the table that relates to the block named in the message and then finding the largest offset less than or equal to the offset in the message. The statement number associated with this offset is the one needed.

**Storage offset listing**

If the MAP compile option is used, the compiler includes a storage offset listing in the compiler listing.

This listing gives the location in storage of the following level-1 variables if they are used in the program:

- AUTOMATIC
- CONTROLLED except for PARAMETERs
- STATIC except for ENTRY CONSTANTs that are not FETCHABLE

The listing might also include some compiler generated temporaries.

For an AUTOMATIC variable with adjustable extents, there will be two entries in this table:

- An entry with _addr prefixing the variable name - this entry gives the location of the address of the variable
- An entry with _desc prefixing the variable name - this entry gives the location of the address of the variable's descriptor

For STATIC and CONTROLLED variables, the storage location will depend on the RENT/NORENT compiler option, and if the NORENT option is in effect, the location of CONTROLLED variables will also depend on the WRITABLE/NOWRITABLE compiler option.

The first column in the Storage Offset Listing is labeled IDENTIFIER and holds the name of the variable whose location appears in the fourth column.

The second column in the Storage Offset Listing is labeled DEFINITION and holds a string in the format "B-F:N", where

- **B** is the number of the block where the variable is declared.
  
  You can find the name of the block corresponding to this block number in the Block Name List, which will proceed the Storage Offset Listing (and the Pseudo Assembly Listing, if any).

- **F** is the number of the source file where the variable is declared.
  
  You can find the name of the file corresponding to this file number in the File Reference Table, which will appear very near the end of the entire compilation listing.

- **N** is the number of the source line where the variable is declared in that source file.

The third column in the Storage Offset Listing is labeled ATTRIBUTES and indicates the storage class of the variable.

The fourth column in the Storage Offset Listing is unlabeled and tells how to find the location of the variable.
This storage offset listing is sorted by block and by variable name, and it also includes only user variables. However, specifying the MAP option also causes the compiler to produce the following maps:

- A "static map" that lists all STATIC variables but sorted by hex offset
- An "automatic map" that lists, for each block, all AUTOMATIC variables but sorted by hex offset

The mapping rules of the PL/I language might require that a structure be offset by up to 8 bytes from where it would seem to start. For example, consider the AUTOMATIC structure A declared as follows:

```
dcl 1 A, 2 B char(2), 2 C fixed bin(31);
```

Because C must be aligned on a 4-byte boundary, 2 bytes of padding will be needed for this structure. However, PL/I places those 2 bytes not after B, but before B. These 2 bytes of "padding" before a structure starts are referred to as the hang bytes for the structure.

These hang bytes will also be reflected in the "automatic map" generated by the compiler. The "storage offset listing" will show the offset and length for A without including its hang bytes:

- Offset = 186
- Length = 6
- Name = MX_TEMP1

In contrast, the "automatic map" will show the offset and length for A with its hang bytes included:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OFFSET (HEX)</th>
<th>LENGTH (HEX)</th>
<th>NAME</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>98</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>#MX_TEMP1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A0</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>_Sfi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Expressions and attributes listing**

If you use the DECOMP compiler option, the compiler includes, in the compiler listing, a section that shows all intermediate expressions and their attributes for all expressions used in the source program.

**Related information:**

"DECOMP" on page 22

The DECOMP option instructs the compiler to generate a listing section that gives a decomposition of expressions used in the compilation.

**File reference table**

The file reference table provides information about the files read during the compilation.

The file reference table consists of three columns that list the following file information:

- The number assigned by the compiler to the file
- The included-from data for the file
- The name of the file
The first entry in the included-from column is blank because the first file listed is the source file. Subsequent entries in this column show the line number of the include statement followed by a period and the file number of the source file containing the include statement.

If the file is a member of a PDS or PDSE, the file name lists the fully qualified data set name and the member name.

If the file is included by a subsystem (such as Librarian), the file name will have the form DD:ddname(member), where
- ddname is the ddname specified on the %INCLUDE statement (or SYSLIB if no ddname was specified).
- member is the member name specified on the %INCLUDE statement.

**Messages and return codes**

If the preprocessor or the compiler detects an error, or the possibility of an error, messages are generated. For every compilation job or job step, the compiler generates a return code that indicates the degree of success or failure.

**Messages**

Messages generated by the preprocessor appear in the listing immediately after the listing of the statements processed by the preprocessor. You can generate your own messages in the preprocessing stage by using the %NOTE statement. Such messages might be used to show how many times a particular replacement had been made. Messages generated by the compiler appear at the end of the listing.

For compilations that produce no messages, the compiler will include a line saying no compiler messages where the compiler messages would have been listed.

Messages are displayed in the following format:

PPPnnnnI X

**PPP**  
Is the prefix identifying the origin of the message (for example, IBM indicates the PL/I compiler).

**nnnn**  
Is the 4-digit message number.

**X**  
Identifies the severity code.

All messages are graded according to their severity, and the severity codes are I, W, E, S, and U.

The compiler lists only messages that have a severity equal to or greater than that specified by the FLAG option, as shown in Table 6.

**Table 6. Using the FLAG option to select the lowest message severity listed**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of message</th>
<th>Option</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td>FLAG(I)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>FLAG(W)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error</td>
<td>FLAG(E)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Severe Error</td>
<td>FLAG(S)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrecoverable Error</td>
<td>Always listed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
For information about the text of each message, an explanation of each message, and any recommended programmer response for the message, see the Enterprise PL/I Messages and Codes.

**Return codes**

For every compilation job or job step, the compiler generates a return code that indicates to the operating system the degree of success or failure it achieved. For z/OS, this code appears in the end-of-step message that follows the listing of the job control statements and job scheduler messages for each step.

Table 7 provides an explanation of each severity code and its comparable return code.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Severity code</th>
<th>Return code</th>
<th>Message type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>0000</td>
<td>Informational</td>
<td>The compiled program should run correctly. The compiler might inform you of a possible inefficiency in your code or some other condition of interest.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W</td>
<td>0004</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>A statement might be in error (warning) even though it is syntactically valid. The compiled program should run correctly, but it might produce different results than expected or be significantly inefficient.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>0008</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>A simple error fixed by the compiler. The compiled program should run correctly, but it might produce different results than expected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td>0012</td>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>An error not fixed by the compiler. If the program is compiled and an object module is produced, it should not be used.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td>0016</td>
<td>Unrecoverable</td>
<td>An error that forces termination of the compilation. An object module is not successfully created.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** Compiler messages are printed in groups according to these severity levels.

**Example**

This example of the compiler listing is generated when the compiler compiles the following msgsumm program with these options: PP(SQL,MACRO,CICS), SOURCE, FLAG(I), INSOURCE, MSGSUMMARY(XREF).

```pli
msgsumm: proc;
  exec sql include sqlca;
  exec cics what now;
  exec cics not this;
  %dcl z0 fixed bin;
  %dcl z1 fixed dec;
end;
```

**Note:** The program is intentionally incorrect. Because the MSGSUMMARY option is specified, the compiler includes the Summary of Messages section at the end of the listing. This section also includes the line numbers associated with each of the messages in the summary because the XREF suboption to the MSGSUMMARY option is specified.
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Options Specified
Install:
Command: +DD:OPTIONS
File: DD:OPTIONS
  PP(SQL,MACRO,CICS),S,F(I),IS,MSGSUMMARY(XREF)
Install:

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Line.File
1.0 msgsumm: proc;
2.0
3.0 exec sql include sqlca;
4.0
5.0 exec cics what now;
6.0 exec cics not this;
7.0
8.0 %dcl z0 fixed bin;
9.0 %dcl z1 fixed dec;
10.0 end;

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CCSID0
NOCODEPAGE
  DEPRECATED( STMT() )
NOEMPTYDBRM
NOINONLY
NOWARNDECP
DB2 for z/OS Coprocessor Options Used
  APOST
  APOSTSQL
  ATTACH(TSO)
  CCSID(500)
  CONNECT(2)
  DEC(15)
  FLOAT(S390)
  NEWFUN(YES)
  TWOPASS
  PERIOD
  STDSQL(NO)
  SQL(DB2)
  NO XREF
  NO SOURCE
  DSNHDECP LOADED FROM - (DSN910.SDSNLOAD(DSNHDECP))

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Message  Line.File Message Description

Figure 4. Compiler listing example
MACRO (Built:20160111) Preprocessor Source

Line.File
1.0   msgsumm: proc;
2.0
3.0
4.0 /*$*$*$*/
4.0 exec sql include sqlca
4.0 $*$*$*/
4.0 DCL
4.0  1 SQLCA ,
4.0  2 SQLCAID CHAR(8),
4.0  2 SQLCBC FIXED BIN(31),
4.0  2 SQLCODE FIXED BIN(31),
4.0  2 SQLERRM CHAR(70) VAR,
4.0  2 SQLERRP CHAR(8),
4.0  2 SQLERRD(6) FIXED BIN(31),
4.0  2 SQLWARN,
4.0  3 SQLWARN0 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN1 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN2 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN3 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN4 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN5 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN6 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN7 CHAR(1),
4.0  2 SQLEXT,
4.0  3 SQLWARN8 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARN9 CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLWARNA CHAR(1),
4.0  3 SQLSTATE CHAR(5);
5.0
6.0 exec cics what now;
7.0 exec cics not this;
8.0
9.0 %dcl z0 fixed bin;
10.0 %dcl z1 fixed dec;
11.0 end;

Compiler listing example (continued)
MACRO Messages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Line</th>
<th>File</th>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IBM3552I E 9.0</td>
<td>IBM3552I E 10.0</td>
<td>The statement element BIN is invalid. The statement will be ignored.</td>
<td>The statement element DEC is invalid. The statement will be ignored.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IBM3258I W 9.0</td>
<td>IBM3258I W 10.0</td>
<td>Missing ; assumed before BIN.</td>
<td>Missing ; assumed before DEC.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Compiler listing example (continued)

```plaintext
1.0 MSGSUMM: PROC;
2.0 EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA
4.0 DCL 1 SQLCA ,
4.0 2 SQLCAID CHAR(8),
4.0 2 SQLCABC FIXED BIN(31),
4.0 2 SQLCODE FIXED BIN(31),
4.0 2 SQLERRM CHAR(70) VAR,
4.0 2 SQLERRP CHAR(8),
4.0 2 SQLERRD(6) FIXED BIN(31),
4.0 2 SQLWARN ,
4.0 3 SQLWARN0 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN1 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN2 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN3 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN4 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN5 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN6 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN7 CHAR(1),
4.0 2 SQLXT ,
4.0 3 SQLWARN8 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN9 CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLWARN CHAR(1),
4.0 3 SQLSTATE CHAR(5);
5.0 EXEC CICS WHAT NOW;
7.0 EXEC CICS NOT THIS;
8.0 END;
```
CICS Messages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Line</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IBM3750I S</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>DFH7059I S WHAT COMMAND IS NOT VALID AND IS NOT TRANSLATED.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IBM3750I S</td>
<td>7.0</td>
<td>DFH7059I S NOT COMMAND IS NOT VALID AND IS NOT TRANSLATED.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

No Compiler Messages

File Reference Table

<table>
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<tr>
<th>File</th>
<th>Included From</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>DD:SYSIN</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Summary of Messages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Default Message Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SQL</td>
<td>IBM3250I W</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>DSNH053I DSNHPsrv NO SQL STATEMENTS WERE FOUND</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Refs: 4.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MACRO</td>
<td>IBM3552I E</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>The statement element %1 is invalid. The statement will be ignored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Refs: 9.0 10.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MACRO</td>
<td>IBM3258I W</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Missing %I assumed before %2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Refs: 9.0 10.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CICS</td>
<td>IBM3750I S</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>DFH7059I S WHAT COMMAND IS NOT VALID AND IS NOT TRANSLATED.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Refs: 6.0 7.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Compiler <none>

Component Return Code Messages (Total/Suppressed) Time

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Return Code</th>
<th>Messages</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SQL</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1 / 0</td>
<td>0 secs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MACRO</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4 / 0</td>
<td>0 secs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CICS</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>2 / 0</td>
<td>0 secs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compiler</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 / 0</td>
<td>0 secs</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

End of compilation

Compiler listing example (continued)
Chapter 2. PL/I preprocessors

When you use the PL/I compiler, you can specify one or more of the integrated preprocessors in your program. You can specify the include preprocessor, the macro preprocessor, the SQL preprocessor, or the CICS preprocessor, and specify the order in which you want them to be called.

- The include preprocessor processes special include directives and incorporates external source files.
- The macro preprocessor, based on %statements and macros, modifies your source program.
- The SQL preprocessor modifies your source program and translates EXEC SQL statements into PL/I statements.
- The CICS preprocessor modifies your source program and translates EXEC CICS statements into PL/I statements.

Each preprocessor supports a number of options that you can use to tailor the processing to your needs.

The compile-time options MDECK, INSOURCE, and SYNTAX are meaningful only when you also specify the PP option.

Related information:

“MDECK” on page 54
The MDECK option specifies that the preprocessor produces a copy of its output either on the file defined by the SYSFUNCH DD statement under z/OS or on the .dek file under z/OS UNIX.

“INSOURCE” on page 43
The INSOURCE option specifies that the compiler should include a listing of the source program before the PL/I macro, CICS, or SQL preprocessors translate it.

“SYNTAX” on page 87
The SYNTAX option specifies that the compiler continues into syntax checking after preprocessing when you specify the MACRO option, unless an unrecoverable error has occurred. Whether the compiler continues with the compilation depends on the severity of the error, as specified by the NOSYNTAX option.

Include preprocessor

The include preprocessor allows you to incorporate external source files into your programs by using include directives other than the PL/I directive %INCLUDE.

The following syntax diagram illustrates the options supported by the INCLUDE preprocessor:

```
PP(--INCLUDE--(---ID(<directive>)---)--)
```

**ID** Specifies the name of the include directive. Any line that starts with this directive as the first set of nonblank characters is treated as an include directive.

The specified directive must be followed by one or more blanks, an include member name, and finally an optional semicolon. Syntax for ddname(membername) is not supported.
Include preprocessor

In the following example, the first include directive is valid and the second one is not:

```plaintext
++include payroll
++include syslib(payroll)
```

**Example 1**

The following example causes all lines that start with -INC (and possibly preceding blanks) to be treated as include directives:

```plaintext
pp( include( 'id(-inc)'))
```

**Example 2**

The following example causes all lines that start with ++INCLUDE (and possibly preceding blanks) to be treated as include directives:

```plaintext
pp( include( 'id(++include)'))
```

Macro preprocessor

Macros allow you to write commonly used PL/I code in a way that hides implementation details and the data that is manipulated and exposes only the operations. In contrast with a generalized subroutine, macros allow generation of only the code that is needed for each individual use. You can invoke the macro preprocessor by specifying either the MACRO option or the PP(MACRO) option.

You can specify PP(MACRO) without any options or with options described in "Macro preprocessor options."

The defaults for all these options cause the macro preprocessor to behave the same as the OS PL/I V2R3 macro preprocessor.

If options are specified, the list must be enclosed in quotation marks (single or double, as long as they match); for example, to specify the FIXED(BINARY) option, you must specify PP(MACRO('FIXED(BINARY)')).

If you want to specify more than one option, you must separate them with a comma or one or more blanks. For example, to specify the CASE(ASIS) and RESCAN(UPPER) options, you can specify PP(MACRO('CASE(ASIS) RESCAN(UPPER)')) or PP(MACRO("CASE(ASIS),RESCAN(UPPER)")). You can specify the options in any order.

The macro preprocessing facilities of the compiler are described in the PL/I Language Reference.

**Macro preprocessor options**

This section describes the options that the macro preprocessor supports.

**CASE**

This option specifies whether the preprocessor should convert the input text to uppercase.
UPPER
The input text is to be converted to uppercase.

ASIS
The input text is left "as is".

Under the GRAPHIC option, CASE(ASIS) is always in effect.

DBCS
This option specifies whether the preprocessor should normalize DBCS during text replacement.

EXACT
The input text is left "as is", and the preprocessor will treat <kk.B> and <kk>B as different names.

INEXACT
The input text is "normalized", and the preprocessor will treat <kk.B> and <kk>B as two versions of the same name.

DEPRECATE
This option flags the usage of macro procedures that you want to deprecate with error messages.

ENTRY
Flags any usage of a macro procedure with name entry-name.

DEPRECATENEXT
This option flags the usage of macro procedures that you want to deprecate with warning messages.

ENTRY
Flags any usage of a macro procedure with name entry-name.
**FIXED**
This option specifies the default base for FIXED variables.

```
►►FIXED—(DECIMAL_BINARY)◄◄
```

**DECIMAL**
FIXED variables will have the attributes REAL FIXED DEC(5).

**BINARY**
FIXED variables will have the attributes REAL SIGNED FIXED BIN(31).

**INCONLY**
The INCONLY option specifies that the preprocessor should process only
%INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements.

The NOINCONLY option specifies that the preprocessor should process all
preprocessor statements, not only %INCLUDE and %XINCLUDE statements.

```
►►NOINCONLY_INCONLY◄◄
```

When the INCONLY option is in effect, you can use neither INCLUDE nor
XINCLUDE as a macro:
- Procedure name
- Statement label
- Variable name

The INCONLY option and the NOINCONLY option are mutually exclusive.

For compatibility, the default is NOINCONLY.

**NAMEPREFIX**
The NAMEPREFIX option specifies that the names of preprocessor procedures and
variables must start with the specified character.

The NONAMEPREFIX option specifies that the names of preprocessor procedures
and variables are not required to start with one particular character.

```
►►NONAMEPREFIX_NAMEPREFIX—(character)◄◄
```

The character should be specified "as is" and should not be enclosed in quotation
marks.

The default is NONAMEPREFIX.

**RESCAN**
This option specifies how the preprocessor should handle the case of identifiers
when rescanning text.
Macro preprocessor

UPPER
  Rescans will not be case-sensitive.

ASIS
  Rescans will be case-sensitive.

To see the effect of this option, consider the following code fragment:

```pli
%dcl eins char ext;
%dcl text char ext;
eins = 'zwei';
%text = 'EINS';
display( text );
%text = 'eins';
display( text );
```

When you compile with PP(MACRO('RESCAN(ASIS)')), in the second display statement, the value of `text` is replaced by `eins`, but no further replacement occurs. This is because under RESCAN(ASIS), `eins` does not match the macro variable `eins`; the former is left as is while the latter is in uppercase. Hence the following text is generated:

```pli
DISPLAY( zwei );
DISPLAY( eins );
```

But when you compile with PP(MACRO('RESCAN(UPPER)')), in the second display statement, the value of `text` is replaced by `eins`, but further replacement does occur because under RESCAN(UPPER), `eins` does match the macro variable `eins` (both are in uppercase). Hence the following text is generated:

```pli
DISPLAY( zwei );
DISPLAY( zwei );
```

In summary, RESCAN(UPPER) ignores case while RESCAN(ASIS) does not.

Macro preprocessor example

This example shows how to use the preprocessor to produce a source deck.

In the example shown in Figure 5 on page 122, according to the value assigned to the preprocessor variable USE, the source statements represent either a subroutine (CITYSUB) or a function (CITYFUN).

The DSNAME used for SYSPUNCH specifies a source program library on which the preprocessor output will be placed. Normally compilation will continue and the preprocessor output will be compiled.
In general, the coding for your PL/I program is the same whether or not you want it to access a DB2 database. However, to retrieve, update, insert, and delete DB2 data and use other DB2 services, you must use SQL statements. You can use dynamic and static EXEC SQL statements in PL/I applications.

To communicate with DB2, you need to do the following:

- Code any SQL statements you need, delimiting them with EXEC SQL.
- Use the DB2 precompiler, or if using DB2 for z/OS Version 9 Release 1 or later, compile with the PL/I PP(SQL()) compiler option.

Before you can take advantage of the EXEC SQL support, you must have authority to access a DB2 system. Contact your local DB2 Database Administrator for your authorization.

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Figure 5. Using the macro preprocessor to produce a source deck

SQL preprocessor
Programming and compilation considerations

When you use the PL/I SQL preprocessor, the PL/I compiler handles your source program containing embedded SQL statements at compile time, without your having to use a separate precompile step. Although the use of a separate precompile step continues to be supported, use of the PL/I SQL preprocessor is recommended.

Interactive debugging with IBM Debug Tool is enhanced when you use the preprocessor because you see only the SQL statements while debugging (and not the generated PL/I source). However, you must have DB2 for z/OS Version 9 Release 1, or later to use the SQL preprocessor.

Using the preprocessor lifts some of the DB2 precompiler’s restrictions on SQL programs. When you process SQL statements with the preprocessor, you can do the following:

- Use nested SQL INCLUDE statements.
- Use fully-qualified names for structured host variables.
- Include SQL statements at any level of a nested PL/I program, instead of in only the top-level source file.
- Use the SQL TYPE attribute anywhere you can specify a PL/I data type. All such attributes can be factored and can be used in structure elements, in arrays, and with any storage class like BASED.
- Use variables declared with the LIKE attribute as host variables.

All PL/I statements must be syntactically correct, because the SQL preprocessor scans the source looking for EXEC SQL statements, DECLARE statements, and statements that delimit blocks of declarations. If a statement is coded incorrectly, this might mislead the preprocessor when the preprocessor looks for the END statement to a BEGIN, DO, PACKAGE, PROCEDURE, or SELECT statement, and that can cause the preprocessor to be unable to resolve some host variable references correctly. To help identify such incorrect code, the SQL preprocessor flags errors as follows:

- Left parentheses without matching right parentheses
- SELECT statements that do not end with a semicolon
- IF statements that do not contain a THEN keyword
- Statements that start with an invalid symbol

If your source contains both MACRO and SQL statements:

- You might invoke the SQL preprocessor without the INONLY option only after invoking the MACRO preprocessor. In that case, EXEC SQL statements are allowed anywhere executable PL/I statements are allowed.
- You might invoke the SQL preprocessor with the INONLY option before invoking the MACRO preprocessor, but in that case, EXEC SQL statements are allowed only if they are immediately preceded by a semicolon (with possibly intervening whitespace and comments, of course).

The SQL preprocessor supports DBCS in the same manner as the PL/I compiler does. When the GRAPHIC PL/I compiler option is in effect, some source language elements can be written in DBCS and SBCS characters. In particular, you can use DBCS characters in the source program in following places:

- Inside comments
- As part of statement labels and identifiers
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- In G or M literals

The following restrictions apply to the use of PL/I built-in functions, compiler options, and statements when you program and compile SQL statements:

- When EXEC SQL statements are translated to PL/I, the following built-in functions might be included in the generated code. If you use any of the following built-in functions as the names of elements in structures, you must also explicitly declare them as BUILTIN:
  - ADDR
  - LENGTH
  - MAXLENGTH
  - PTR
  - SYNSVAL
  - SYSNULL

- You must not use PL/I type functions, such as BIND(: t,p), in EXEC SQL statements.

- When compiling with the preprocessor, you must not use these compiler options:
  - DFT(ASCII)
  - DFT(IEEE)

- Do not use DECLARE STATEMENT statements in SQL queries, because the PL/I preprocessor always ignores these statements.

Compiling with the SQL preprocessor option generates a DB2 database request module (DBRM) along with the usual PL/I compiler output such as object module and listing. As input to the DB2 bind process, the DBRM data set contains information about the SQL statements and host variables in the program. Not all of the information in the DBRM is important in terms of the bind or runtime processing, however. For example, if the HOST value in the DBRM specifies a language other than PL/I, there is no reason to be concerned. All this means that the other language is selected as the installation default for the HOST value, which does not affect the bind or runtime processing of your program.

If the EMPTYDBRM option is in effect and if the source meets one of the following conditions, the preprocessor issues a message indicating that no statements required translation, and does not create a DBRM:

- The source contains no EXEC SQL statements.
- The source contains only EXEC SQL INCLUDE statements other than EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLCA and EXEC SQL INCLUDE SQLDA.

The PL/I compiler listing includes the error diagnostics (such as syntax errors in the SQL statements) that the preprocessor generates. The listing of the EXEC SQL statement is displayed in a readable format that is similar to the original source.

To use the preprocessor, you need to do the following:

- Specify the following option when you compile your program:

  `PP(SQL('options'))`

  This compiler option indicates that you want the compiler to invoke the integrated SQL preprocessor. Specify a list of SQL processing options in the parenthesis after the SQL keyword. The options can be separated by a comma or by a space and the list of options must be enclosed in quotation marks (single or double, as long as they match).
For example, PP(SQL('DATE(USA),TIME(USA)')) tells the preprocessor to use the USA format for both DATE and TIME data types.

In addition, for LOB support you must specify the following option:

```
LIMITS( FIXEDBIN(31,63) FIXEDDEC(15,31) )
```

An alternative way to specify SQL preprocessor options is to use the PPSQL compiler option. For information about how to use it, see “PPSQL” on page 64.

- Include DD statements for the following data sets in the JCL for your compile step:
  - DB2 load library (prefix.SDSNLOAD)
    The SQL preprocessor calls DB2 modules to do the SQL statement processing. Therefore, you need to include the name of the DB2 load library data set in the STEPLIB concatenation for the compile step.
  - Library for SQL INCLUDE statements
    If your program contains SQL INCLUDE member-name statements that specify secondary input to the source program, you need to include the name of the data set that contains member-name in the SYSLIB concatenation for the compile step.
  - DBRM library
    The compilation of the PL/I program generates a DB2 database request module (DBRM), and the DBRMLIB DD statement is required to designate the data set to which the DBRM is written.
    
    The DBRMLIB DD statement must name a data set that can be opened and closed more than once during the compilation.

For example, you might have the following lines in your JCL:

```
//STEPLIB DD DSN=DSNA10.SDSNLOAD,DISP=SHR
//SYSLIB DD DSN=PAYROLL.MONTHLY.INCLUDE,DISP=SHR
//DBRMLIB DD DSN=PAYROLL.MONTHLY.DBRMLIB.DATA(MASTER),DISP=SHR
```

### SQL preprocessor options

This section describes the options that the SQL preprocessor supports.

Two groups of options can be passed to the SQL preprocessor: those handled by the PL/I SQL preprocessor and those handled by the DB2 coprocessor. You must specify these options in the options string of the PP(SQL('option-list')) option, and the options can be intermingled in the options string.

When you specify SQL preprocessor options, the list of options must be enclosed in a pair of quotation marks. For example, to specify the CCSID0 option, you must specify PP(SQL('CCSID0')).

**Table 8** lists the PL/I SQL preprocessor options with abbreviations (if any) and the IBM-supplied default values. This table uses a vertical bar (|) to separate mutually exclusive options, and brackets ([ ]) to indicate that you can sometimes omit the enclosed option.

For more information about DB2 coprocessor options, see the *DB2 for z/OS Application Programming and SQL Guide*.

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### Table 8. SQL preprocessor options and IBM-supplied defaults  (continued)

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<td>DEPRECATE(STMT([EXPLAIN</td>
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<td>DEPRECATE(STMT())</td>
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<td>GRANT</td>
<td>REVOKE</td>
<td>SET_CURRENT_SQLID]))</td>
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<tr>
<td>EMPTYDBRM</td>
<td>NOENTRYDBRM</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>HOSTCOPY</td>
<td>NOHOSTCOPY</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>INCONLY</td>
<td>NOIONLY</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>WARNDECP</td>
<td>NOWARNDECP</td>
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### CCSID0

The CCSID0 option specifies that no host variable other than WIDECHAR is to be assigned a CCSID value by the PL/I SQL preprocessor.

The NOCCSID0 option allows host variables to be assigned a CCSID value by the PL/I SQL preprocessor.

If your program updates FOR BIT DATA columns with a data type that is not BIT data, choose CCSID0. CCSID0 informs DB2 that the host variable is not associated with a CCSID, allowing the assignment to be made. Otherwise, if a host variable that is associated with a CCSID that is not BIT data is assigned to a FOR BIT DATA column, a DB2 error occurs.

WIDECHAR is always assigned a CCSID value of 1200.

For compatibility with older PL/I programs that used the DB2 precompiler, enable CCSID0.

CCSID0 and NOCCSID0 are mutually exclusive options.

The default is CCSID0.

### CODEPAGE

When the CODEPAGE option is in effect, the compiler CODEPAGE option is always used as the CCSID for SQL host variables of character type.

When the NOCODEPAGE option is in effect, the compiler CODEPAGE option is used as the CCSID for SQL host variables of character type only if the SQL preprocessor option NOCCSID0 is also in effect.

The default is NOCODEPAGE.
The DEPRECATe option indicates that the preprocessor flags the specified statements as deprecated.

STMT
Specifies a list of statements that the preprocessor should flag as deprecated. The list can be empty.

EXPLAIN
The EXPLAIN SQL statement.

GRANT
The GRANT SQL statement.

REVOKE
The REVOKE SQL statement.

SET_CURRENT_SQLID
The SET CURRENT SQLID SQL statement.

The default is DEPRECATe(STMT()).

EMPTYDBRM
The EMPTYDBRM option specifies that the SQL preprocessor always creates a DBRM even if the code contains no EXEC SQL statements. However, the SQL preprocessor does not create a DBRM when the INONLY option is invoked.

The NOENTRYDBRM option specifies that the SQL preprocessor does not create a DBRM.

The default is NOENTRYDBRM.

HOSTCOPY
The HOSTCOPY option determines if the SQL preprocessor, when running under LP(64), generates code to copy host variables to and from below-the-bar storage around each EXEC SQL statement.

If the NOHOSTCOPY is specified, the SQL preprocessor does not generate this code. However, it is then the user’s responsibility to ensure that all host variables reside in below-the-bar storage (for example, by making them BASED variables whose base pointers are obtained via the ALLOC31 built-in function).
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The default is HOSTCOPY.

The HOSTCOPY option is ignored under LP(32).

**INCONLY**
The INCONLY option specifies that the SQL preprocessor should process only EXEC SQL INCLUDE statements except for includes of the SQL communication area (SQLCA) and the SQL descriptor area (SQLDA). No code is generated by the SQL preprocessor when this option is in effect.

The NOINCONLY option specifies that the SQL preprocessor should process all statements, not only EXEC SQL INCLUDE statements.

When you specify the INCONLY option, the compiler does not produce the SQL options listing, because all other options are ignored under INCONLY.

The INCONLY option and the NOINCONLY option are mutually exclusive.

For compatibility, the default is NOINCONLY.

**WARNDECP**
When the WARNDECP option is in effect, the preprocessor issues a warning message if the compilation uses the DSNHDECP module supplied with DB2.

When the NOWARNDECP option is in effect, no warning message is issued.

The default is NOWARNDECP.

**PL/I-specific notes for SQL processor options**
The topic describes some rules that you must follow when specifying SQL processor options FLOAT, ONEPASS, and STDSQL.

When you specify the following SQL processor options for the PL/I compiler, the following rules apply:

**FLOAT**
An error message is issued if the FLOAT option is different from the PL/I DEFAULT(HEXADEC | IEEE) option.

**ONEPASS | TWOPASS**
Under the option ONEPASS, you must declare all host variables before they are used by any SQL statement.
STDSQL
Under the option STDSQL(YES), you must declare all host variables between SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION and SQL END DECLARE SECTION statements.

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You can code SQL statements in your PL/I applications by using the language defined in DB2 UDB for z/OS SQL Reference. This section describes specific requirements for your SQL code.

Defining the SQL communications area
A PL/I program that contains SQL statements must include either an SQLCODE variable (if the STDSQL(86) preprocessor option is used) or an SQL communications area (SQLCA).

As shown in Figure 6, part of an SQLCA consists of an SQLCODE variable and an SQLSTATE variable.

- The SQLCODE value is set by the Database Services after each SQL statement is executed. An application can check the SQLCODE value to determine whether the last SQL statement was successful.
- The SQLSTATE variable can be used as an alternative to the SQLCODE variable when the compiler analyzes the result of an SQL statement. Like the SQLCODE variable, the SQLSTATE variable is set by the Database Services after each SQL statement is executed.

To include the SQLCA declaration, use the EXEC SQL INCLUDE statement:
exec sql include sqlca;

The SQLCA structure must not be defined within an SQL declare section. The scope of the SQLCODE and SQLSTATE declarations must include the scope of all SQL statements in the program.

```
Dcl
  1 Sqlca,
    2 sqlcaid   char(8),          /* Eyecatcher = 'SQLCA ' */
    2 sqlcabc   fixed binary(31), /* SQLCA size in bytes = 136 */
    2 sqlcode   fixed binary(31), /* SQL return code */
    2 sqlerrmc  char(70) var,    /* Error message tokens */
    2 sqlemp   char(8),           /* Diagnostic information */
    2 sqlerrd(0:5) fixed binary(31), /* Diagnostic information */
    2 sqlwarn,            /* Warning flags */
      3 sqlwarn0 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn1 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn2 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn3 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn4 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn5 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn6 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn7 char(1),
    2 sqlext,
      3 sqlwarn8 char(1),
      3 sqlwarn9 char(1),
      3 sqlwarna char(1),
      3 sqlwarnb char(5);        /* State corresponding to SQLCODE */
```

Figure 6. The PL/I declaration of SQLCA
Defining SQL descriptor areas
Unlike the SQLCA, there can be more than one SQL descriptor area (SQLDA) in a program, and an SQLDA can have any valid name.

The following statements require an SQLDA:

- PREPARE statement-name INTO descriptor-name FROM host-variable
- EXECUTE...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- FETCH...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- OPEN...USING DESCRIPTOR descriptor-name
- DESCRIBE statement-name INTO descriptor-name

To include an SQLDA, use the EXEC SQL INCLUDE statement:

```
exec sql include sqlda;
```

The SQLDA must not be defined within an SQL declare section.

```
Dcl
  1 Sqlda based(Sqladptr),
  2 sqldaid char(8), /* Eye catcher = 'SQLDA ' */
  2 sqldabc fixed binary(31), /* SQLDA size in bytes=16+44*SQLN*/
  2 sqln fixed binary(15), /* Number of SQLVAR elements*/
  2 sqld fixed binary(15), /* # of used SQLVAR elements*/
  2 sqlvar(Sqlsize refer(sqln)), /* Variable Description */
      3 sqltype fixed binary(15), /* Variable data type */
      3 sqllen fixed binary(15), /* Variable data length */
      3 sqldata pointer, /* Pointer to variable data value*/
      3 sqlind pointer, /* Pointer to Null indicator*/
      3 sqlname char(30) var; /* Variable Name */
Dcl
  1 Sqlda2 based(Sqladptr),
  2 sqldaid2 char(8), /* Eye catcher = 'SQLDA ' */
  2 sqldabc2 fixed binary(31), /* SQLDA size in bytes=16+44*SQLN*/
  2 sqln2 fixed binary(15), /* Number of SQLVAR elements*/
  2 sqld2 fixed binary(15), /* # of used SQLVAR elements*/
  2 sqlvar2(Sqlsize refer(sqln2)), /* Variable Description */
      3 sqlbiglen,
      4 sqllongl fixed binary(31),
      4 sqlrsvdl fixed binary(31),
      3 sqldatal pointer,
      3 sqltypename char(30) var;

dcl Sqlsize fixed binary(15); /* number of sqlvars (sqln) */
dcl Sqladptr pointer;
dcl Sqltripled char(1) value('3');
dcl Sqldoubled char(1) value('2');
dcl Sqlsingled char(1) value('1');
```

Figure 7. The PL/I declaration of an SQL descriptor area

Embedding SQL statements
The first statement of your program must be a PROCEDURE or PACKAGE statement. You can add any SQL statement to your program wherever executable statements can appear.

You can also add the following SQL statements in a PACKAGE and outside of any procedure:

- EXEC SQL BEGIN DECLARE SECTION
- EXEC SQL END DECLARE SECTION
The line continuation rules for SQL statements are the same as those for other PL/I statements.

Including code: You can include SQL statements or PL/I host variable declaration statements by placing the following SQL statement in the source code. Place it at the point where the statements are to be embedded.

exec sql include member;

Margins: You must code SQL statements in columns \( m \) through \( n \), where \( m \) and \( n \) are specified in the MARGINS\((m,n)\) compiler option.

Names: You can use any valid PL/I variable name for a host variable. The length of a host variable name must not exceed the value \( n \) specified in the LIMITS\(\text{NAME}(n)\) compiler option.

Statement labels: With the exception of the END DECLARE SECTION statement and the INCLUDE text-file-name statement, executable SQL statements, like PL/I statements, can have a label prefix.

WHenever statement: The target for the GOTO clause in an SQL WHENEVER statement must be a label in the PL/I source code and must be within the scope of any SQL statements affected by the WHENEVER statement.
Using host variables

All host variables used in SQL statements must be explicitly declared, and all host variables within an SQL statement must be preceded by a colon (:).

Subscripts must not be used in host variable references.

The following topics describe the details of using host variables:

- “Using arrays as host variables”
- “Declaring host variables”
- “Declaring scalar host variables” on page 133
- “Determining equivalent SQL and PL/I data types” on page 135
- “Determining compatibility of SQL and PL/I data types” on page 138

Using arrays as host variables: You can use an array as a host variable only in the following two ways:

- As an array of indicator variables for a host structure
- As an array of host variables when used in any of the following statements:
  - A FETCH statement for a multiple row fetch
  - An INSERT statement with a multiple row insert
  - A multiple row MERGE statement

All such arrays must be one-dimensional, have the CONNECTED attribute, and have constant bounds.

All other use of arrays as host variables is invalid.

Declaring host variables:

Host variable declarations can be made at the same place as regular PL/I variable declarations.

Only a subset of valid PL/I declarations are recognized as valid host variable declarations.

The SQL preprocessor parses the DEFINE ALIAS, DEFINE ORDINAL, and DEFINE STRUCTURE statements. This means that if a DEFINE ALIAS statement defines a PL/I type that can be used in SQL statements, a variable declared with that type can also be used in SQL statements.

The preprocessor does not use the data attribute defaults specified in the PL/I DEFAULT statement. If the declaration for a variable is not recognized, any statement that references the variable might result in the message:

'The host variable token ID is not valid'

To use a structure that is declared with LIKE or an element of this structure as a host variable, the declaration for the LIKE object must be visible to the SQL preprocessor. For example, the LIKE object must not be in a %INCLUDE file that has not been included.

You can use restricted expressions in host variable declarations to define the bounds of an array or the length of a string as long as the expression has one of the following forms:
• A prefix operator applied to an expression where the expression can be collapsed to an integer
• An add operator or a subtract operator applied to two expressions where both expressions can be collapsed to integers
• A multiply operator applied to two expressions where both expressions can be collapsed to integers
• A reference to a named constant where the reference can be collapsed to an integer
• One of these built-in functions: INDICATORS, HBOUND, HBOUNDACROSS, LENGTH, and MAXLENGTH
• A number that is an integer

Although you can use a named constant to define the bounds and lengths of a host variable, you cannot use a named constant itself as a host variable except if both of the following conditions apply:
• DB2 allows a simple, unnamed constant at that place in the EXEC SQL statement.
• The named constant has any of these attributes:
  – CHARACTER, in which case the VALUE attribute of the named constant must specify a character string.
  – FIXED, in which case the VALUE attribute of the named constant must specify a decimal number or an expression that can be reduced, with the same restrictions as above, to an integer constant.

Only the names and data attributes of the variables are used by the preprocessor; the alignment, scope, and storage attributes are ignored.

**Declaring scalar host variables:** You must declare a scalar host variable with one of the following data attributes:

**CHARACTER, GRAPHIC, or WIDECHAR**
Host variables that are declared with the CHARACTER, GRAPHIC, or WIDECHAR attributes are called string host variables. The following restrictions apply to the string host variable:
• It must have either the NONVARYING or VARYING attribute.
• If it has the VARYING attribute, it must have the NATIVE attribute.

**FIXED BINARY, FIXED DECIMAL, or FLOAT**
Host variables that are declared with the FIXED and BINARY, FIXED and DECIMAL, or FLOAT attributes are called numeric host variables. The following restrictions apply to the numeric host variable:
• It must have the REAL attribute.
• If it has the FIXED and BINARY attributes, it must have the SIGNED and NATIVE attributes, a zero scale factor, and a precision greater than 7.
• If it has the FIXED and DECIMAL attributes, it must have a nonnegative scale factor that is smaller than its precision.
• If it has the FLOAT and DECIMAL attributes, it must have a precision that is less than 17 unless the FLOAT(DFP) option is in effect.
• If it has the FLOAT and BINARY attributes, it must have a precision that is less than 54.
SQL TYPE

Host variables that are declared with the SQL TYPE attribute are called SQL TYPE host variables. The attribute specification must conform to one of the following syntax diagrams:

**BINARY**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-BINARY\{-length\}}\]

**VARBINARY**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-VARBINARY\{-length\}}\]

**Result set locator**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-RESULT\_SET\_LOCATOR}\]

**ROWID**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-ROWID}\]

**Table locator**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-TABLE LIKE-table\_name-AS LOCATOR}\]

**LOB file reference**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-BLOB\_FILE}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-CLOB\_FILE}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-DBCLOB\_FILE}\]

**LOB locator**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-BLOB\_LOCATOR}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-CLOB\_LOCATOR}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-DBCLOB\_LOCATOR}\]

**LOB variable**

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-BLOB\{-length\}}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-CLOB}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-DBCLOB}\]

\[\text{SQL TYPE IS-MG}\]

**BLOB**

You can also use **BINARY LARGE OBJECT** as an alternative to **BLOB**.

**CLOB**

You can also use either **CHARACTER LARGE OBJECT** or **CHAR LARGE OBJECT** as an alternative to **CLOB**.

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You can also use **BINARY LARGE OBJECT** as an alternative to **BLOB**.

**CLOB**

You can also use either **CHARACTER LARGE OBJECT** or **CHAR LARGE OBJECT** as an alternative to **CLOB**.

**XML file reference**

The following constant declarations are generated by the SQL preprocessor. You can use them to set the file option variable when you use the file reference host variables:

- `DCL SQL_FILE_READ FIXED BIN(31) VALUE(2);`
- `DCL SQL_FILE_CREATE FIXED BIN(31) VALUE(8);`
- `DCL SQL_FILE_OVERWRITE FIXED BIN(31) VALUE(16);`
- `DCL SQL_FILE_APPEND FIXED BIN(31) VALUE(32);`

**Determining equivalent SQL and PL/I data types:** The base SQLTYPE and SQLLEN of host variables are determined according to Table 9 and Table 10 on page 136. If a host variable appears with an indicator variable, the SQLTYPE is the base SQLTYPE plus one.

To determine the PL/I data type that is equivalent to a given SQL data type, you can use Table 11 on page 136 and Table 12 on page 137.

### Table 9. SQL data types generated from PL/I declarations

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<tr>
<td>BIN FIXED(p), 7 &lt; p &lt;= 15</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
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<td>BIN FIXED(p), 15 &lt; p &lt;= 31</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>INTEGER</td>
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<tr>
<td>BIN FIXED(p), 31 &lt; p &lt;= 63</td>
<td>492</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>BIGINT</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEC FIXED(p,s), 0&lt;=p&lt;=15 and 0&lt;=s&lt;=p</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>p (byte 1)</td>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p), 1 &lt;= p &lt;= 21</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>REAL or FLOAT(n) 1&lt;=n&lt;=21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIN FLOAT(p), 22 &lt;= p &lt;= 53</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>DOUBLE PRECISION</td>
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Under **FLOAT(NODFP)**:

- `DEC FLOAT(p), 1 <= p <= 6 | 480 | 4 | FLOAT (single precision)`
- `DEC FLOAT(p), 7 <= p <= 16 | 480 | 8 | FLOAT (double precision)`
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Under FLOAT(DFP):

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<td>DECFLOAT (double precision)</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEC FLOAT(p), 16 ≤ p ≤ 34</td>
<td>996</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>DECFLOAT (extended decimal)</td>
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CHAR(n) 452 n CHAR(n)
CHAR(n) VARYING 448 n VARCHAR(n)
GRAPHIC(n), 1 ≤ n ≤ 127 468 n GRAPHIC(n)
GRAPHIC(n) VARYING 464 n VARGRAPHIC(n)

**Table 10. SQL data types generated from SQL TYPE declarations**

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<td>408</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>CLOB(n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>412</td>
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<td>DBCLOB(n) (2)</td>
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<td>ROWID</td>
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<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS VARCHAR(n) 1&lt;n&lt;32704</td>
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<td>VARCHAR(n)</td>
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<td>n</td>
<td>BINARY(n)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS BLOB_FILE 1&lt;n&lt;267</td>
<td>916</td>
<td>267</td>
<td>BLOB File Reference (1)</td>
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<td>SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE 1&lt;n&lt;267</td>
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<td>SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB_FILE 1&lt;n&lt;267</td>
<td>924</td>
<td>267</td>
<td>DBCLOB File Reference (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS BLOB_LOCATOR 1&lt;n&lt;4</td>
<td>960</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>BLOB Locator (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS CLOB_LOCATOR 1&lt;n&lt;4</td>
<td>964</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>CLOB Locator (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB_LOCATOR 1&lt;n&lt;4</td>
<td>968</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>DBCLOB Locator (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR 1&lt;n&lt;4</td>
<td>972</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Result Set Locator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL TYPE IS TABLE LIKE table-name AS LOCATOR</td>
<td>976</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Table Locator (1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes:**
1. Do not use this data type as a column type.
2. n is the number of double-byte characters.

**Table 11. SQL data types mapped to PL/I declarations**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>PL/I equivalent</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SMALLINT</td>
<td>BIN FIXED(15)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGER</td>
<td>BIN FIXED(31)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIGINT</td>
<td>BIN FIXED(63)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DECIMAL(p,s)</td>
<td>DEC FIXED(p)</td>
<td>p = precision and s = scale; 1 ≤ p ≤ 31 and 0 ≤ s ≤ p</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>or</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DEC FIXED(p,s)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Under FLOA T(NODFP):

REAL or FLOAT(n)
BIN FLOAT(p)
1 ≤ p ≤ 21 and 1 ≤ m ≤ 6
or
DEC FLOAT(m)

DOUBLE PRECISION, DOUBLE, or FLOAT(n)
BIN FLOAT(p) or DEC FLOAT(m)
22 ≤ p ≤ 53 and 7 ≤ m ≤ 16

Under FLOA T(DFP):

DECFLOAT
DEC FLOAT(m)
Short Decimal Float 1 ≤ m ≤ 7

DECFLOAT
DEC FLOAT(m)
Long Decimal Float 7 ≤ m ≤ 16

DECFLOAT
DEC FLOAT(m)
Extended Decimal Float 16 ≤ m ≤ 34

CHAR(n)
CHAR(n) 1 ≤ n ≤ 32767

VARCHAR(n)
CHAR(n) VAR

GRAPHIC(n)
GRAPHIC(n) n is a positive integer that refers to the number of double-byte characters, not to the number of bytes; 1 ≤ n ≤ 16383

VARGRAPHIC(n)
GRAPHIC(n) VAR n is a positive integer that refers to the number of double-byte characters, not to the number of bytes; 1 ≤ n ≤ 16383

DATE
CHAR(n) n must be at least 10.

TIME
CHAR(n) n must be at least 8.

TIMESTAMP
CHAR(n) n must be at least 26.

Table 12. SQL data types mapped to SQL TYPE declarations

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<th>PL/I equivalent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Result set locator</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS RESULT_SET_LOCATOR</td>
<td>Use this data type only for receiving result sets. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Table locator</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS TABLE LIKE table-name AS LOCATOR</td>
<td>Use this data type only in a user-defined function or stored procedure to receive rows of a transition table. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB locator</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS BLOB_LOCATOR</td>
<td>Use this data type only to manipulate data in BLOB columns. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB locator</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS CLOB_LOCATOR</td>
<td>Use this data type only to manipulate data in CLOB columns. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB locator</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB_LOCATOR</td>
<td>Use this data type only to manipulate data in DBCLOB columns. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB file reference</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS BLOB_FILE</td>
<td>Use this data type only as a reference to a BLOB file. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB file reference</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS CLOB_FILE</td>
<td>Use this data type only as a reference to a CLOB file. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Table 12. SQL data types mapped to SQL TYPE declarations (continued)

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<th>SQL data type</th>
<th>PL/I equivalent</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB file reference</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB_FILE</td>
<td>Use this data type only as a reference to a DBCLOB file. Do not use this data type as a column type.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLOB(n)</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS BLOB(n)</td>
<td>1&lt;n&lt;2147483647</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CLOB(n)</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS CLOB(n)</td>
<td>1&lt;n&lt;2147483647</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBCLOB(n)</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS DBCLOB(n)</td>
<td>n is the number of double-byte characters. 1&lt;n&lt;1073741823</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ROWID</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS ROWID</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>XML AS</td>
<td>SQL TYPE IS XML AS ...</td>
<td>Used to describe an XML version of a BLOB, CLOB, DBCLOB, BLOB_FILE, CLOB_FILE, or DBCLOB_FILE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Determining compatibility of SQL and PL/I data types:

PL/I host variables in SQL statements must be type-compatible with the columns that use them:

- Numeric data types are compatible with each other. A SMALLINT, INTEGER, DECIMAL, or FLOAT column is compatible with a PL/I host variable of BIN FIXED(15), BIN FIXED(31), DECIMAL(\(p,s\)), BIN FLOAT(n) where \(n\) is in the range 22 - 53, or DEC FLOAT(m) where \(m\) is in the range 7 - 16.

- Character data types are compatible with each other. A CHAR or VARCHAR column is compatible with a fixed-length or varying-length PL/I character host variable.

- Datetime data types are compatible with character host variables. A DATE, TIME, or TIMESTAMP column is compatible with a fixed-length or varying-length PL/I character host variable.

When necessary, the Database Manager automatically converts a fixed-length character string to a varying-length string or a varying-length string to a fixed-length character string.

### Using host structures

A PL/I host structure name can be a structure name with members that are not structures or unions.

In the following example, B is the name of a host structure consisting of the scalars C1 and C2.

```pl
  dcl 1 A,
      2 B,
      3 C1 char(...),
      3 C2 char(...);
```

Host structures are limited to two levels. A host structure can be thought of as a named collection of host variables.

Each leaf element of a host structure must have one of the following valid host data attributes as discussed in "Declaring host variables" on page 132:

- CHARACTER, GRAPHIC, or WIDECHAR
- FIXED BINARY, FIXED DECIMAL, or FLOAT
- SQL TYPE
Using indicator variables

An indicator variable is a two-byte integer (BIN FIXED(15)), an array of two-byte integers, or a structure that contains only two-byte integers (or arrays thereof).

On retrieval, an indicator variable is used to show whether its associated host variable has been assigned a null value. On assignment to a column, a negative indicator variable is used to indicate that a null value should be assigned.

A structure can be used as an indicator variable only when the associated host variable is also a structure.

Indicator variables are declared in the same way as host variables and the declarations of the two can be mixed in any way that seems appropriate to the programmer.

The SQL Preprocessor does not require that indicator arrays have a lower bound of one.

An indicator variable must have the attribute REAL NATIVE SIGNED FIXED BIN(15).

The following example shows how to declare variables for the statement shown in Figure 8:

```
exec sql
begin declare section;

dcl Cls_Cd char(7);
dcl Day bin fixed(15);
dcl Bgn char(8);
dcl End char(8);
dcl (Day_Ind, Bgn_Ind, End_Ind) bin fixed(15);
exec sql end declare section;
```

Host structure example

This example shows the declaration of a host structure and an indicator array followed by an SQL statement that can be used to retrieve the data into the host structure.

```
dcl 1 games,
    5 sunday,
    10 opponents char(30),
    10 gtime char(10),
    10 tv char(6),
    10 comments char(120) var;
dcl indicator(4) fixed bin (15);
```

```
exec sql
fetch cursor_a
into :games.sunday:indicator;
```
Manipulating LOB data

LOBs, CLOBs, and BLOBs can be as large as 2,147,483,647 bytes long (2 Gigabytes). Double Byte CLOBs can be 1,073,741,823 characters long (1 Gigabyte). To use large object (LOB) data from a DB2 table, use techniques like LOB locators and LOB file references to manipulate the data while the data is still in the database.

Declaring a host variable to hold all of the LOB data can be inefficient or impractical, because this requires your program to allocate large amounts of storage and requires DB2 to move large amounts of data. Therefore, it is recommended that you use the following techniques to manipulate LOB data:

- **LOB locators**
  Using LOB locators, you can manipulate LOB data without moving the LOB data into host variables. By using LOB locators, you need much smaller amounts of memory for your programs.

- **LOB file references**
  You can use LOB file reference variables to import or export data between a LOB column and an external file outside the DB2 system.

For more information about these techniques to minimize the moving around of large pieces of data, see the *DB2 for z/OS Application Programming and SQL Guide*, or the IBM Redbooks® publication, *LOBs with DB2 for z/OS: Stronger and Faster.*

See [pliclob sample program](#) for an example of how to manipulate CLOBs in a PL/I and DB2 environment.

**LOB locators**

You can use LOB Locators to avoid materialization of the LOB data and all the underlying activities associated with it.

The benefits of using LOB locators are listed as follows:

- Saving storage when manipulating LOBs with LOB locators
- Manipulating data without retrieving it from the database
- Avoiding the use of large amounts of storage to hold the LOB
- Avoiding the time and resource expenditures for moving large pieces of data thereby improving performance

LOB locators are especially useful under the following circumstances:

- When you need only a small part of the LOB
- When you do not have enough memory for the entire LOB
- When performance is important
- In a client or server environment to avoid moving data over the network from one system to another

The following code example is from [pliclob sample program](#). The sample program uses LOB locators to identify and manipulate sections of the resume CLOB from the dsn8a10.emp_photo_resume DB2 V10 table. (The numbers that precede each line are not part of the program, but are used in the explanation after the program.)

```
1. dcl hv_loc_resume sql type is clob_locator;
2. exec sql
3.   select resume into :hv_loc_resume
4.   from dsn8a10.emp_photo_resume
5.   where empno = :hv_empno;
```
In lines 2 - 5, LOB locator hv_loc_resume is set to the location of the resume of the employee number hv_empno in the emp_photo_resume table. In lines 7 - 8, the start_resume host variable is set to the beginning of the 'Resume:' section of the resume. Then you can start manipulating the resume data while the resume is still in the database.

**LOB file reference variables**

You can use LOB file reference variables to import or export data between a LOB column and an external file outside the DB2 system.

The benefits of using LOB file reference variables are listed as follows:

- Uses less processing time than moving LOB data with a host variable. The movement of the data would not be overlapped with any DB2 processing or network transfer time.
- Uses less application storage. LOB data is moved directly from DB2 to a file and is not materialized in the memory of the application.

The following code example is from the [pliclob sample program](#). The sample program uses LOB file references to create a new, trimmed down version of the resume in an external file. (The numbers that precede each line are not part of the program, but are used in the explanation after the program.)

```pli
1. dcl hv_clob_file sql type is clob_file;
2. name_string = '/SYSTEM/tmp/pliclob2.txt';
3. hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name_len = length(name_string);
4. hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name = name_string;
5. hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_options = ior(sql_file_overwrite);
6. 7. exec sql
7. values ( substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_resume,
8. :start_pers_info,:start_resume)
9. || substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_work_hist,
10. :start_interests,:start_work_hist)
11. )
12. into :hv_clob_file;
```

The host variable hv_clob_file is declared as a LOB file reference. In lines 2 - 4, the file name field of the LOB file reference is set to the fully qualified file name and file name length is set to its length. The overwrite option is set so any existing file is overwritten (line 5). For details of these and other file options, see the [DB2 for z/OS Application Programming and SQL Guide](#).

Next the SQL VALUES statement is used to concatenate the resume name and work history sections of the resume directly into the hv_clob_file LOB file reference, as in lines 8 - 13.

**Example: pliclob sample program**

This sample PL/I program shows how to manipulate CLOBs in a PL/I and DB2 environment.

You must have the DB2 supplied sample database installed for this program to run properly. This sample assumes DB2 V10 and table dsn8a10.emp_photo_resume. If you use a different version of DB2, you must change the table reference.

**Notes:**
- When you use the LOB locators and LOB file reference variables, the resume CLOB is still within the database and not in memory or storage.
- The format of the resume CLOB in the database remains unchanged, with the reformatting of the resume taking place only in the second file that was written out.

```pli
plclob: procedure options(main);
display('begin plclob');
exec sql include sqlca;

dcl hv_empno char(06);
dcl name_string char(256) var;
dcl hv_resume sql type is clob(50k);
dcl hv_clob_file sql type is clob_file;
dcl hv_loc_resume sql type is clob_locator;
dcl start_resume fixed bin(31);
dcl start_pers_info fixed bin(31);
dcl start_dept_info fixed bin(31);
dcl start_education fixed bin(31);
dcl start_work_hist fixed bin(31);
dcl start_interests fixed bin(31);

/* Extract resume CLOB for employee '000130' into a file in z/OS */
/* UNIX file system. The contents of this file shows the initial */
/* format of the resume CLOB in the data base. */
/* Note: this program must have 'write' access to the directory */
/* designated in the 'name_string' variable. */
nname_string = '/SYSTEM/tmp/pliclob1.txt';
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name_len = length(name_string);
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name = name_string;
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_options = ior(sql_file_overwrite);

hv_empno = '000130';
exec sql
   select resume into :hv_clob_file
   from dsn8a10.emp_photo_resume
   where empno = :hv_empno;
   display('file1 sqlca.sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

/* Next, a CLOB locator is used to locate the resume CLOB for */
/* employee number '000130' in the data base. Then a series of */
/* DB2 SET statements using the posstr DB2 function finds the */
/* beginning position of each section within the resume. */
exec sql
   select resume into :hv_loc_resume
   from dsn8a10.emp_photo_resume
   where empno = :hv_empno;
   display('select resume sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

exec sql set :start_resume =
   (posstr(:hv_loc_resume,'Resume:'));
   display('first set sqlcode  = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

exec sql set :start_pers_info =
   (posstr(:hv_loc_resume,'Personal Information'));
   display('second set sqlcode  = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);
```

Figure 9. plclob sample program
exec sql set :start_dept_info =
  (posstr(:hv_loc_resume, 'Department Information'));
display('third set sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

exec sql set :start_education =
  (posstr(:hv_loc_resume, 'Education'));
display('fourth set sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

exec sql set :start_work_hist =
  (posstr(:hv_loc_resume, 'Work History'));
display('fifth set sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

exec sql set :start_interests =
  (posstr(:hv_loc_resume, 'Interests'));
display('sixth set sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode);

/* Finally, by using the CLOB locator and the start references */
/* of each section in the resume, along with the DB2 substr and */
/* concatenate (||) functions, the resume CLOB is written out to */
/* a second file in a slightly different format: */
/* 1. the Personal Information section is omitted due to */
/*    privacy concerns. */
/* 2. the sections within the resume are written out in this */
/*    order: Resume, Work History, Education then Department */
/*    Information. */
/* */
/* After the second file is written out, the changes to the */
/* resume CLOB can be verified by comparing the contents of the */
/* two files pliclob1.txt and pliclob2.txt. */
/* * */
/* * Note: this program must have 'write' access to the directory */
/* * designated in the 'name_string' variable. */
name_string = '/SYSTEM/tmp/pliclob2.txt';
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name_len = length(name_string);
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_name = name_string;
hv_clob_file.sql_lob_file_options = ior(sql_file_overwrite);

exec sql
values ( substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_resume,
  :start_pers_info,:start_resume)
  || substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_work_hist,
  :start_interests,:start_work_hist)
  || substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_education,
  :start_work_hist,:start_education)
  || substr(:hv_loc_resume,:start_dept_info,
  :start_education,:start_dept_info)
)
into :hv_clob_file;
display('file2  sqlca.sqlcode = ' || sqlca.sqlcode );
display('End  pliclob');
end;

pliclob sample program (continued)

Suppressing SQL preprocessor messages

You can use the IBM-supplied compiler user exit (IBMUEXIT) to suppress a message or to change the severity of a message.

See "Example of suppressing SQL messages" on page 486 for an example of suppressing the preprocessor messages by modifying the user exit.
CICS Preprocessor

CICS preprocessor

You can use EXEC CICS statements in PL/I applications that run as transactions under CICS.

If you do not specify the PP(CICS) option, EXEC CICS statements are parsed and variable references in them are validated. If they are correct, no messages are issued as long as the NOCOMPILE option is in effect. If you do not invoke the CICS translator and the COMPILE option is in effect, the compiler will issue S-level messages.

The compiler will invoke the CICS preprocessor if you specify the CICS suboption of the PP option. For compatibility, the compiler will also invoke the CICS preprocessor if any of these options is in effect: CICS, XOPT, or XOPTS. However, you should not specify any of these options together with the PP(CICS) option.

Programming and compilation considerations

When you are developing programs for execution under CICS, all the EXEC CICS commands must be translated in one of two ways:

- By the command language translator provided by CICS in a job step before the PL/I compilation
- By the PL/I CICS preprocessor as part of the PL/I compilation (this requires CICS TS 2.2 or later)

To use the CICS preprocessor, you must also specify the PP(CICS) and DFT(EBCDIC) compile time options. All data passed to CICS must be in the NATIVE format.

Unless you specify CICS as one of the suboptions of the PP(CICS) option, the compiler will flag any EXEC CICS statements in the source. Similarly, it will flag any EXEC CPSM or EXEC DLI statements if you do not specify CPSM or DLI respectively as a suboption of the PP(CICS) option.

If your CICS program is a MAIN procedure, you must also compile it with the SYSTEM(CICS) or SYSTEM(MVS) option. If you compile with SYSTEM(MVS), the PTFs for runtime APAR PQ91318 must be applied. NOEXECOPS is implied with this option and all parameters passed to the MAIN procedure must be POINTERS. For a description of the SYSTEM compile time option, see “SYSTEM” on page 88.

If your want your CICS program to be reentrant and if your program uses FILEs or CONTROLLED variables, you must compile it with the NOWRITABLE as well.

If your CICS program includes any files or uses any macros that contain EXEC CICS statements, you must also run the MACRO preprocessor before your code is translated (in either of the ways described above). If you are using the CICS preprocessor, you can specify this with one PP option as illustrated in the following example:

```
pp (macro(...) cics(...) )
```

The CICS preprocessor will add a set of declares for CICS variables and APIs to all non-nested procedures. Consequently, it keeps tracks of all statements that require a matching END statement, and if some of these statements are missing or incorrect, the preprocessor might be misled and not insert these declares. The preprocessor will also terminate with a severe message if such statements are nested more than 150 deep.
Finally, in order to use the CICS preprocessor, you must have the CICS SDFHLOAD data set as part of the STEPLIB DD for the PL/I compiler.

**CICS preprocessor options**

There are many options supported by the CICS translator.

For a description of these options, see the *CICS Application Programming Guide*.

Note that these options should be enclosed in quotation marks (single or double, as long as they match). For instance, to invoke the CICS preprocessor with the EDF option, you must specify the option PP(CICS('EDF')).

**Coding CICS statements in PL/I applications**

You can code CICS statements in your PL/I applications by using the language defined in *CICS on Open Systems Application Programming Guide*. Specific requirements for your CICS code are described in the sections that follow.

**Embedding CICS statements**

If you use the CICS translator rather than the integrated preprocessor, the first statement of your PL/I program must be a PROCEDURE statement. You can add CICS statements to your program wherever executable statements can appear. Each CICS statement must begin with EXEC (or EXECUTE) CICS and end with a semicolon (;).

For example, the GETMAIN statement might be coded as follows:

```pli
EXEC CICS GETMAIN SET(BLK_PTR) LENGTH(STG(BLK));
```

**Comments:**

In addition to the CICS statements, PL/I comments can be included in embedded CICS statements wherever a blank is allowed.

**Continuation for CICS statements:**

Line continuation rules for CICS statements are the same as those for other PL/I statements.

**Including code:**

If included code contains EXEC CICS statements or if your program uses PL/I macros that generate EXEC CICS statements, you must use one of the following options:

- The MACRO compile-time option
- The MACRO option of the PP option (before the CICS option of the PP option)

**Margins:**

CICS statements must be coded within the columns specified in the MARGINS compile-time option.

**Statement labels:**

EXEC CICS statements, like PL/I statements, can have a label prefix.
Writing CICS transactions in PL/I

You can use PL/I with CICS facilities to write application programs (transactions) for CICS subsystems. If you do this, CICS provides facilities, which would normally be provided directly by the operating system, to the PL/I program. These facilities include most data management facilities and all job and task management facilities.

You must observe the following restrictions on PL/I CICS programs:

- Macro-level CICS is not supported.
- You cannot use PL/I input or output except for the following:
  - PUT FILE(SYSPRINT)
  - DISPLAY
  - CALL PLIDUMP
- You cannot use the PLISR Tx built-in subroutines.
- Routines written in a language other than PL/I cannot be called from a PL/I CICS program if those routines contain their own EXEC CICS statements. If you want to communicate with a non-PL/I program that contains EXEC CICS statements, you must use EXEC CICS LINK or EXEC CICS XCTL.

Although PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) is permitted under CICS, you should generally not use it in production programs because it might degrade performance.

Because the CICS EIB address is only generated by either the CICS translator or the PL/I CICS preprocessor for an OPTIONS(MAIN) program, you must establish the addressability to the EIB for the OPTIONS(FETCHABLE) routine in one of the following ways:

- Use this command:
  ```
  EXEC CICS ADDRESS EIB(DFHEIPTR)
  ```
- Pass the EIB address as an argument to the CALL statement that invokes the external procedure.

Error-handling

Language Environment prohibits the use of some EXEC CICS commands in any PL/I ON-unit or in any code called from a PL/I ON-unit.

The following EXEC CICS commands are not allowed in ON-unit:

- EXEC CICS ABEND
- EXEC CICS HANDLE AID
- EXEC CICS HANDLE ABEND
- EXEC CICS HANDLE CONDITION
- EXEC CICS IGNORE CONDITION
- EXEC CICS POP HANDLE
- EXEC CICS PUSH HANDLE

All other EXEC CICS commands are allowed within an ON-unit. However, you must code them by using the NOHANDLE option, the RESP option, or the RESP2 option.
Chapter 3. Using PL/I cataloged procedures

This chapter describes the standard cataloged procedures supplied by IBM for use with the IBM Enterprise PL/I for z/OS compiler. It explains how to invoke them, and how to temporarily or permanently modify them.

The Language Environment SCEERUN data set must be located in STEPLIB and accessible to the compiler when you use any of the cataloged procedures.

A cataloged procedure is a set of job control statements, stored in a library, that includes one or more EXEC statements, each of which can be followed by one or more DD statements. You can retrieve the statements by naming the cataloged procedure in the PROC parameter of an EXEC statement in the input stream.

You can use cataloged procedures to save time and reduce Job Control Language (JCL) errors. If the statements in a cataloged procedure do not match your requirements exactly, you can easily modify them or add new statements for the duration of a job. You should review these procedures and modify them to obtain the most efficient use of the facilities available and to allow for your own conventions.

IBM-supplied cataloged procedures

This section describes PL/I cataloged procedures supplied for use with Enterprise PL/I for z/OS.

For a description of the individual statements for compiling and link editing, see "Invoking the compiler under z/OS using JCL" on page 159 and the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

The following PL/I cataloged procedures are supplied for use with Enterprise PL/I for z/OS:

IBMZC
  Compile only

IBMZCB
  Compile and bind

IBMZCBG
  Compile, bind, and run

Cataloged procedures IBMZCB and IBMZCBG use features of the program management binder introduced in DFSMS/MVS 1.4. These procedures produce a program object in a PDSE.

These cataloged procedures do not include a DD statement for the input data set; you must always provide one. The example shown in Figure 10 on page 148 illustrates the JCL statements you might use to invoke the cataloged procedure IBMZCBG to compile, bind, and run a PL/I program.

Enterprise PL/I requires a minimum REGION size of 32M. Large programs require more storage. If you do not specify REGION on the EXEC statement that invokes the cataloged procedure you are running, the compiler uses the default REGION size for your site. The default size might or might not be adequate, depending on the size of your PL/I program.
If you compile your programs with optimization turned on, the REGION size (and time) required might be much, much larger. For an example of specifying REGION on the EXEC statement, see Figure 10.

**Example: Invoking a cataloged procedure**

```plaintext
//COLEG0  JOB
//STEP1  EXEC IBMZCBG, REGION.PLI=32M
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
   .
   .
   (insert PL/I program to be compiled here)
   .
   .
/*
```

**Figure 10. Invoking a cataloged procedure**

### Compile only (IBMZC)

The IBMZC cataloged procedure, shown in Figure 11 on page 149 includes only one procedure step, in which the options specified for the compilation are OBJECT and OPTIONS. (IBMZPLI is the symbolic name of the compiler.) In common with the other cataloged procedures that include a compilation procedure step, IBMZC does not include a DD statement for the input data set; you must always supply an appropriate statement with the qualified ddname PLISYSIN.

The OBJECT compile-time option causes the compiler to place the object module, in a syntax suitable for input to the linkage editor, in the standard data set defined by the DD statement with the name SYSLIN. This statement defines a temporary data set named &&LOADSET on a sequential device; if you want to retain the object module after the end of your job, you must substitute a permanent name for &&LOADSET (that is, a name that does not start with &&) and specify KEEP in the appropriate DISP parameter for the last procedure step that used the data set. You can do this by providing your own SYSLIN DD statement, as shown below. The data set name and disposition parameters on this statement will override those on the IBMZC procedure SYSLIN DD statement. In this example, the compile step is the only step in the job.

```plaintext
//PLICOMP EXEC IBMZC
//PLI.SYSLIN DD DSN=MYPROG,DISP=SHR
//PLI.SYSIN DD ...
```

The term MOD in the DISP parameter in Figure 11 on page 149 allows the compiler to place more than one object module in the data set, and PASS ensures that the data set is available to a later procedure step providing a corresponding DD statement is included there.

The SYSLIN SPACE parameter allows an initial allocation of 1 cylinder and, if necessary, 15 further allocations of 1 cylinder (a total of 16 cylinders).
Compile and bind (IBMZCB)

The IBMZCB cataloged procedure, shown in Figure 12 on page 150 includes two procedure steps: PLI, which is identical to cataloged procedure IBMZC, and BIND, which invokes the Program Management binder (symbolic name IEWBLINK) to bind the object module produced in the first procedure step.

Input data for the compilation procedure step requires the qualified ddname PLI.SYSIN. The COND parameter in the EXEC statement BIND specifies that this procedure step should be bypassed if the return code produced by the compiler is greater than 8 (that is, if a severe error or an unrecoverable error occurs during compilation).
The Program Management binder always places the program objects it creates in the standard data set defined by the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD. This statement in the cataloged procedure specifies a new temporary library &GOSET, in which the program object will be placed and given the member name GO. In specifying a temporary library, the cataloged procedure assumes that you will run

Figure 12. Cataloged procedure IBMZCB

The Program Management binder always places the program objects it creates in the standard data set defined by the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD. This statement in the cataloged procedure specifies a new temporary library &GOSET, in which the program object will be placed and given the member name GO. In specifying a temporary library, the cataloged procedure assumes that you will run
the program object in the same job; if you want to retain the program object, you must substitute your own statement for the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD.

**Compile, bind, and run (IBMZCBG)**

The IBMZCBG cataloged procedure, shown in Figure 13 on page 152, includes three procedure steps: PLI, BIND, and GO. PLI and BIND are identical to the two procedure steps of IBMZCB, and GO runs the program object created in the step BIND. The GO step is executed only if no severe or unrecoverable errors occurred in the preceding procedure steps.

Input data for the compilation procedure step should be specified in a DD statement with the name PLI.SYSIN, and for the GO step in a DD statement with the name GO.SYSIN.
Figure 13. Cataloged procedure IBMZCBG
Invoking a cataloged procedure

To invoke a cataloged procedure, specify its name in the PROC parameter of an EXEC statement.

For example, to use the cataloged procedure IBMZC, you can include the following statement in the appropriate position among your other job control statements in the input stream:

```
//stepname EXEC PROC=IBMZC
```

You do not need to code the keyword PROC. If the first operand in the EXEC statement does not begin with PGM= or PROC=, the job scheduler interprets it as the name of a cataloged procedure. The following statement is equivalent to that given above:

```
//stepname EXEC IBMZC
```

If you include the parameter MSGLEVEL=1 in your JOB statement, the operating system will include the original EXEC statement in its listing, and will add the statements from the cataloged procedure. In the listing, cataloged procedure statements are identified by XX or X/ as the first two characters; X/ signifies a statement that was modified for the current invocation of the cataloged procedure.

You might be required to modify the statements of a cataloged procedure for the duration of the job step in which it is invoked, either by adding DD statements or by overriding one or more parameters in the EXEC or DD statements. For example, cataloged procedures that invoke the compiler require the addition of a DD statement with the name SYSIN to define the data set containing the source statements. Also, whenever you use more than one standard link-edit procedure step in a job, you must modify all but the first cataloged procedure that you invoke if you want to run more than one of the load modules.

Specifying multiple cataloged procedure invocations

You can invoke different cataloged procedures, or invoke the same cataloged procedure several times, in the same job.

No special problems are likely to arise unless more than one of these cataloged procedures involves a link-edit procedure step, in which case you must take the following precautions to ensure that all your load modules can be run.

When the linkage editor creates a load module, it places the load module in the standard data set defined by the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD. When the binder creates a program object, it places the program object in the PDSE defined by the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD. In the absence of a linkage editor NAME statement, the linkage editor or the binder uses the member name specified in the DSNNAME parameter as the name of the module. In the standard cataloged procedures, the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD always specifies a temporary library &&GOSET with the member name GO.

If you use the cataloged procedure IBMZCBG twice within the same job to compile, bind, and run two PL/I programs, and do not name each of the two program objects that the binder creates, the first program object runs twice, and the second one not at all.
To prevent this, use one of the following methods:

- Delete the library &&GOSET at the end of the GO step. In the first invocation of the cataloged procedure at the end of the GO step, add a DD statement with the syntax:
  ```
  //GO.SYSLMOD DD DSN=&&GOSET,
  //      DISP=(OLD,DELETE)
  ```
- Modify the DD statement with the name SYSLMOD in the second and subsequent invocations of the cataloged procedure so as to vary the names of the load modules; for example,  ```//BIND.SYSLMOD DD DSN=&&GOSET(G01),``` and so on.
- Use the NAME linkage editor option to give a different name to each program object and change each job step EXEC statement to specify the running of the program object with the name for that job step.

To assign a membername to the program object, you can use the linkage editor NAME option with the DSNAME parameter on the SYSLMOD DD statement. When you use this procedure, the membername must be identical to the name on the NAME option if the EXEC statement that runs the program refers to the SYSLMOD DD statement for the name of the module to be run.

Another option is to give each program a different name by using GOPGM on the EXEC procedure statement, as in the following example:

```
// EXEC IBMZCBG,GOPGM=G02
```

### Modifying the PL/I cataloged procedures

You can modify a cataloged procedure temporarily by including parameters in the EXEC statement that invokes the cataloged procedure, or by placing additional DD statements after the EXEC statement.

Temporary modifications apply only for the duration of the job step in which the procedure is invoked. They do not affect the master copy of the cataloged procedure in the procedure library.

Temporary modifications can apply to EXEC or DD statements in a cataloged procedure. To change a parameter of an EXEC statement, you must include a corresponding parameter in the EXEC statement that invokes the cataloged procedure. To change one or more parameters of a DD statement, you must include a corresponding DD statement after the EXEC statement that invokes the cataloged procedure. Although you cannot add a new EXEC statement to a cataloged procedure, you can always include additional DD statements.

### EXEC statement

You can modify a cataloged procedure temporarily by including parameters in the EXEC statement that invokes the cataloged procedure.

If a parameter of an EXEC statement that invokes a cataloged procedure has an unqualified name, the parameter applies to all the EXEC statements in the cataloged procedure. The effect on the cataloged procedure depends on the parameters, as follows:

- PARM applies to the first procedure step and nullifies any other PARM parameters.
- COND and ACCT apply to all the procedure steps.
- TIME and REGION apply to all the procedure steps and override existing values.

For example, the following statement has these effects:
//stepname EXEC IBMZCBG,PARM='OFFSET',REGION=32M
- Invokes the cataloged procedure IBMZCBG.
- Substitutes the option OFFSET for OBJECT and OPTIONS in the EXEC statement for procedure step PLI.
- Nullifies the PARM parameter in the EXEC statement for procedure step BIND.
- Specifies a region size of 32M for all three procedure steps.

To change the value of a parameter in only one EXEC statement of a cataloged procedure, or to add a new parameter to one EXEC statement, you must identify the EXEC statement by qualifying the name of the parameter with the name of the procedure step. For example, to alter the region size for procedure step PLI only in the preceding example, code as follows:
//stepname EXEC PROC=IBMZCBG,PARM='OFFSET',REGION.PLI=90M

A new parameter specified in the invoking EXEC statement completely overrides the corresponding parameter in the procedure EXEC statement.

You can nullify all the options specified by a parameter by coding the keyword and equal sign without a value. For example, to suppress the bulk of the linkage editor listing when invoking the cataloged procedure IBMZCBG, code as follows:
//stepname EXEC IBMZCBG,PARM.BIND=

**DD statement**

You can modify a cataloged procedure temporarily by placing additional DD statements after the EXEC statement.

To add a DD statement to a cataloged procedure, or to modify one or more parameters of an existing DD statement, you must include a DD statement with the form procstepname.ddname in the appropriate position in the input stream. If ddname is the name of a DD statement already present in the procedure step identified by procstepname, the parameters in the new DD statement override the corresponding parameters in the existing DD statement; otherwise, the new DD statement is added to the procedure step. For example, the following statement adds a DD statement to the procedure step PLI of cataloged procedure IBMZC:
//PLI.SYSIN DD *

The following statement modifies the existing DD statement SYSPRINT (causing the compiler listing to be transmitted to the system output device of class C).
//PLI.SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=C

Overriding DD statements must appear after the procedure invocation and in the same order as they appear in the cataloged procedure. Additional DD statements can appear after the overriding DD statements are specified for that step.

To override a parameter of a DD statement, code either a revised form of the parameter or a replacement parameter that performs a similar function (for example, SPLIT for SPACE). To nullify a parameter, code the keyword and equal sign without a value. You can override DCB subparameters by coding only those...
you want to modify; that is, the DCB parameter in an overriding DD statement does not necessarily override the entire DCB parameter of the corresponding statement in the cataloged procedures.
Chapter 4. Compiling your program

This chapter describes how to invoke the compiler under z/OS UNIX System Services (z/OS UNIX) and the job control statements used for compiling under z/OS.

The Language Environment SCEERUN data set must be accessible to the compiler when you compile your program.

Invoking the compiler under z/OS UNIX

To compile your program under the z/OS UNIX environment, use the pli command.

```
pli command_line_option input_file
```

**command_line_option**

You can specify a **command_line_option** in the following ways:

- `-option`
- Option flag (usually a single letter preceded by `-`)

If you specify compile time options on the command line, the format differs from the format if you set them in your source file using `%PROCESS` statements. See “Specifying compile-time options under z/OS UNIX” on page 158.

**input_file**

The z/OS UNIX file specification for your program files.

If you omit the extension from your file specification, the compiler assumes the extension `.pli`. If you omit the complete path, the compiler assumes the current directory.

Input files

The pli command compiles PL/I source files, links the resulting object files with any object files and libraries specified on the command line in the order indicated, and produces a single executable file.

The pli command accepts the following types of files:

**Source files—.pli**

All .pli files are source files for compilation. The pli command sends source files to the compiler in the order they are listed. If the compiler cannot find a specified source file, it produces an error message and the pli command proceeds to the next file if one exists.

All HFS source files must be line-delimited and encoded in EBCDIC.

**Object files—.o**

All .o files are object files. The pli command sends all object files along with library files to the linkage editor at link-edit time unless you specify the `-c` option. After it compiles all the source files, the compiler invokes the linkage
editor to link-edit the resulting object files with any object files specified in the input file list, and produces a single executable output file.

Library files—.a
The pl1 command sends all of the library files (.a files) to the linkage editor at link-edit time.

Specifying compile-time options under z/OS UNIX
Enterprise PL/I provides compile-time options to change any of the default settings of the compiler. You can specify options on the command line, and they remain in effect for all compilation units in the file unless %PROCESS statements in your source program override them.

See “Compile-time option descriptions” on page 3 for a description of these options.

When you specify options on the command line, they override the default settings of the option. They are overridden by options set in the source file.

You can specify compile-time options on the command line in three ways:
- -qoption_keyword (compiler-specific)
- Single and multiletter flags
- -q+/u/myopts.txt

-qoption_keyword
You can specify options on the command line by using the -qoption format.

You can have multiple -qoptions on the same command line, but they must be separated by blanks. Option keywords can appear in either uppercase or lowercase, but you must specify the -q in lowercase.

Some compile-time options allow you to specify suboptions. These suboptions are indicated on the command line with an equal sign following the -qoption_keyword. Multiple suboptions must be separated with a colon(;) and no intervening blanks.

An option, for example, that contains multiple suboptions is RULES. To specify RULES(LAXDCL) on the command line, enter the following command:
-qrules=ibm:laxdcl

The LIMITS option is slightly more complex because each of its suboptions also has an argument. You can specify LIMITS(EXTNAME(31),FIXEDDEC(15)) on the command line as shown in the following example:
-qlimits=extname=31:fixeddec=15

Related information:
RULES” on page 70
The RULES option allows or disallows certain language capabilities and lets you choose semantics when alternatives are available. It can help you diagnose common programming errors.
The LIMITS option specifies various implementation limits.

Single and multiletter flags

The z/OS UNIX family of compilers uses a number of common conventional flags. Each language has its own set of additional flags.

Some flag options have arguments that form part of the flag. In the following example, /home/test3/include is an include directory to be searched for INCLUDE files.

pli samp.pli -I/home/test3/include

Each flag option should be specified as a separate argument.

Table 13. Compile-time option flags supported by Enterprise PL/I under z/OS UNIX

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<th>Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>-c</td>
<td>Compile only.</td>
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<tr>
<td>-e</td>
<td>Create names and entries for a fetchable load module.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-I&lt;dir&gt;</td>
<td>Add path &lt;dir&gt; to the directories to be searched for INCLUDE files. -I must be followed by a path and only a single path is allowed per -I option. To add multiple paths, use multiple -I options. There should not be any spaces between -I and the path name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-0, -O2</td>
<td>Optimize generated code. This option is equivalent to -qOPT=2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-q&lt;option&gt;</td>
<td>Pass it to the compiler. &lt;option&gt; is a compile-time option. Each option should be delimited by a comma and each suboption should be delimited by an equal sign or a colon. There should not be any spaces between -q and &lt;option&gt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-v</td>
<td>Display compile and link steps, and execute them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-#</td>
<td>Display compile and link steps, but do not execute them.</td>
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</table>

Note: You must specify an argument where indicated; otherwise, the results are unpredictable.

Invoking the compiler under z/OS using JCL

Although you will probably use cataloged procedures rather than supply all the JCL statements required for a job step that invokes the compiler, you must be familiar with these statements so that you can make the best use of the compiler and, if necessary, override the statements of the cataloged procedures.

So-called "batch compilation", whereby one compilation produces more than one object deck, is not supported.

Invoking the compiler by BPXBATCH is also not supported.

The following section describes the JCL needed for compilation. The IBM-supplied cataloged procedures described in "IBM-supplied cataloged procedures" on page 147 contain these statements. You need to code them yourself only if you are not using the cataloged procedures.
EXEC statement

The basic EXEC statement is //stepname EXEC PGM.

512K is required for the REGION parameter of this statement.

If you compile your programs with optimization turned on, the REGION size (and time) required might be much, much larger.

The PARM parameter of the EXEC statement can be used to specify one or more of the optional facilities provided by the compiler. These facilities are described under “Specifying options in the EXEC statement” on page 163. See Chapter 1, “Using compiler options and facilities,” on page 3 for a description of the options.

DD statements for the standard data sets

The compiler requires several standard data sets. The number of data sets depends on the optional facilities specified. You must define these data sets in DD statements.

You must define these data sets in DD statements with the standard ddnames shown, together with other characteristics of the data sets, in Table 14. The DD statements SYSIN, SYSUT1, and SYSPRINT are always required.

You can store any of the standard data sets on a direct access device, but you must include the SPACE parameter in the DD statement. This parameter defines the data set to specify the amount of auxiliary storage required. The amount of auxiliary storage allocated in the IBM-supplied cataloged procedures should suffice for most applications.

Table 14. Compiler standard data sets

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<th>Standard DDNAME</th>
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<td>SYSDEBUG</td>
<td>TEST(SEPARATE) output</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>F,FB</td>
<td>&gt;=80 and &lt;=1024</td>
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<td>SYSDEFSD</td>
<td>XINFO(DEF) output</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>F,FB</td>
<td>128</td>
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<tr>
<td>SYSIN</td>
<td>Input to the compiler</td>
<td>SYSSQ</td>
<td>F,FB,U, VB</td>
<td>&lt;101(100)</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>VB,V</td>
<td>&lt;105(104)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYSLIB</td>
<td>Source statements for INCLUDE files</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>F,FB,U, V</td>
<td>&lt;101</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>V,VB</td>
<td>&lt;105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYSLIN</td>
<td>Object module</td>
<td>SYSSQ</td>
<td>FB</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>SYSPUNCH</td>
<td>Preprocessor output, compiler output</td>
<td>SYSSQ</td>
<td>FB or SYSCP</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>MARGINS() value</td>
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<td>SYSUT1</td>
<td>Temporary workfile</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>4051</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYSUT2</td>
<td>Temporary workfile</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>FB</td>
<td>3200</td>
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<td>SYSUT3</td>
<td>Temporary workfile</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>FB</td>
<td>3200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYXMLSD</td>
<td>XINFO(XML) output</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
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<td>16383</td>
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<td>SYSADATA</td>
<td>XINFO(MSG) output</td>
<td>SYSDA</td>
<td>U</td>
<td>1024</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1. Descriptions of device classes
   SYSSQ
   Sequential device
   SYSDA
   Direct access device
   Block size can be specified except for SYSUT1. The block size and logical record length for SYSUT1 is chosen by the compiler.

Notes:
1. The only value for compile-time SYSPRINT that can be overridden is BLKSIZE.
2. SYSUT2 and SYSUT3 are required only under LP(64) and only if the GONUMBER or TEST option is in effect.

Input (SYSIN)
Input to the compiler must be a data set defined by a DD statement with the name SYSIN.

This data set must have the CONSECUTIVE organization. The input must be one or more external PL/I procedures. If you want to compile more than one external procedure in a single job or job step, precede each procedure, except possibly the first, with a %PROCESS statement.

80-byte records are commonly used as the input medium for PL/I source programs. The input data set can be on a direct access device or on some other sequential media. The input data set can contain either fixed-length records (blocked or unblocked), variable-length records (coded or uncoded), or undefined-length records. The maximum record size is 100 bytes.

The maximum number of lines in the input file is 999999.

When data sets are concatenated for input to the compiler, the concatenated data sets must have similar characteristics (for example, block size and record format).

Output (SYSLIN, SYSPUNCH)
Output in the form of one or more object modules from the compiler will be stored in the data set SYSLIN if you specify the OBJECT compile-time option. This data set is defined by the DD statement.

The object module is always in the form of 80-byte fixed-length records, blocked or unblocked. If the BLKSIZE is specified for SYSLIN and is not 80, the LRECL must be specified as 80.

The SYSLIN DD must name either a temporary data set or a permanent data set: it cannot specify a concatenation of data sets of any type.

The SYSLIN DD must specify a sequential data set, not a PDS or PDSE.

The data set defined by the DD statement with the name SYSPUNCH is also used to store the output from the preprocessor if you specify the MDECK compile-time option.
Temporary workfile (SYSUT1)
The compiler requires a data set for use as a temporary workfile. It is defined by a DD statement with the name SYSUT1, and is known as the spill file. It must be on a direct access device, and must not be allocated as a multivolume data set.

The spill file is used as a logical extension to main storage and is used by the compiler and by the preprocessor to contain text and dictionary information. The LRECL and BLKSIZE for SYSUT1 is chosen by the compiler based on the amount of storage available for spill file pages.

The DD statements given in this publication and in the cataloged procedures for SYSUT1 request a space allocation in blocks of 1024 bytes. This is to ensure that adequate secondary allocations of direct access storage space are acquired.

Temporary workfile (SYSUT2, SYSUT3)
The compiler requires SYSUT2 and SYSUT3 as temporary data sets when compiling programs under the LP(64) option and the GONUMBER or TEST option is in effect.

For large programs, if there is not enough space available in the SYSUT2 or the SYSUT3 data set, then the compiler might abend.

Listing (SYSPRINT)
The compiler generates a listing that includes all the source statements that it processed, information relating to the object module, and, when necessary, messages.

Most of the information included in the listing is optional, and you can specify those parts that you require by including the appropriate compile-time options. For details about the information that can appear and the associated compile-time options, see "Using the compiler listing" on page 103.

You must define the data set, in which you want the compiler to store its listing, in a DD statement with the name SYSPRINT. This data set must have the CONSECUTIVE organization. Although the listing is usually printed, it can be stored on any sequential or direct access device. For printed output, the following statement will suffice if your installation follows the convention that output class A refers to a printer:

//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A

Source Statement Library (SYSLIB)
If you use the %INCLUDE statement to introduce source statements into the PL/I program from a library, you can either define the library in a DD statement with the name SYSLIB, or choose your own ddname (or ddnames) and specify a ddname in each %INCLUDE statement.

The DD statement should specify a PDS or PDSE, but not the actual member. For example, to include the file HEADER from the library SYSLIB by using the data set INCLUDE.PLI, you can use one of the following %INCLUDE statements:

* %INCLUDE HEADER;
* %INCLUDE SYSLIB(HEADER);

The DD statement should be specified as follows:

SYSLIB DD DISP=SHR,DSN=INCLUDE.PLI
But the following statement is not valid:
SYSLIB DD DISP=SHR,DSN=INCLUDE.PLI(HEADER)

All %INCLUDE files must have the same record format (fixed, variable, or undefined), the same logical record length, and the same left and right margins as the SYSIN source file.

The BLOCKSIZE of the library must be less than or equal to 32760 bytes.

The maximum number of lines in any one include file is 999999.

**Specifying options**

For each compilation, the IBM-supplied or installation default for a compile-time option applies unless it is overridden by specifying the option in a %PROCESS statement or in the PARM parameter of an EXEC statement.

An option specified in the PARM parameter overrides the default value, and an option specified in a %PROCESS statement overrides both the value specified in the PARM parameter and the default value.

**Note:** When conflicting attributes are specified either explicitly or implicitly by the specification of other options, the latest implied or explicit option is accepted. No diagnostic message is issued to indicate that any options are overridden in this way.

**Specifying options in the EXEC statement**

To specify options in the EXEC statement, code PARM= followed by the list of options. You can list the options in any order. You must separate the options with commas, and enclose the list within single quotation marks.

See the following example:

```
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IBMZPLI,PARM='OBJECT,LIST'
```

If any option has quotation marks, for example MARGIN('c'), you must duplicate the quotation marks. The length of the option list must not exceed 100 characters, including the separating commas. However, you can use the abbreviated syntax of options, if available, to save space. If you need to continue the statement onto another line, you must enclose the list of options in parentheses (instead of in quotation marks), enclose the options list on each line in quotation marks, and ensure that the last comma on each line except the last line is outside the quotation marks. The following example illustrates all these points:

```
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IBMZPLI,PARM=('AG,A',
    'C,F(I)',
    'M,MI(''X''),NEST,STG,X')
```

If you are using a cataloged procedure and want to specify options explicitly, you must include the PARM parameter in the EXEC statement that invokes it, qualifying the keyword PARM with the name of the procedure step that invokes the compiler, as in the following example:

```
//STEP1 EXEC nnnnnnn,PARM.PLL='A,LIST'
```
Specifying compile-time options

Specifying options in the EXEC statement using an options file

Another way to specify options in the EXEC statement is by declaring all your options in an options file and coding the following:

//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IBMZPLI,PARM='+DD:OPTIONS'

This method allows you to provide a consistent set of options that you frequently use. This is especially effective if you want other programmers to use a common set of options. It also gets you past the 100-character limit.

The MARGINS option does not apply to options files: the data in column 1 will be read as part of the options. Also, if the file is F-format, any data after column 72 will be ignored.

The parm string can contain "normal" options and can point to more than one options file. For instance, to specify the option LIST as well as options from both the file in the GROUP DD and the file in the PROJECT DD, you can specify the following:

PARM='LIST +DD:GROUP +DD:PROJECT'

The options in the PROJECT file have precedence over options in the GROUP file.

Also, in this case, the LIST option might be turned off by a NOLIST option specified in either of the options files. To ensure that the LIST option is on, you can specify the following:

PARM='+DD:GROUP +DD:PROJECT LIST'

You can also use options files under z/OS UNIX. For example, in z/OS UNIX, to compile sample.pli with options from the file /u/pli/group.opt, you can use the following command:

pli -q+/u/pli/group.opt sample.pli

Earlier releases of the compiler used the character '@' as the trigger character that preceded the options file specification. This character is not part of the invariant set of EBCDIC code points, and for that reason the character '+', which is invariant, is preferred. However, the '@' character can still be used as long as it is specified with the hex value '7C'x.
Chapter 5. Link-editing and running for 31-bit programs

After compilation with LP(32), your 31-bit program consists of one or more object modules that contain unresolved references to each other, as well as references to the Language Environment runtime library. These references are resolved during link-editing (statically) or during execution (dynamically).

After you compile your PL/I program, the next step is to link and run your program with test data to verify that it produces the results you expect.

Language Environment provides the runtime environment and services you need to execute your program. For instructions on linking and running PL/I and all other Language Environment-conforming language programs, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide. For information about migrating your existing PL/I programs to Language Environment, see the Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Compiler and Run-Time Migration Guide.

Link-edit considerations for 31-bit programs

If you compile with the option RENT or the option LIMITS(EXTNAMEn)) with n > 8, you must use a PDSE for your linker output.

Using the binder in 31-bit programs

You must place the binder output into a PDSE.

When linking a DLL, you must specify any needed definition side-decks during the bind step.

Using the ENTRY card

If you are building a module that will be fetched and that has an Enterprise PL/I routine as its entry point, the ENTRY card should specify the name of that PL/I entry point.

If the module is to be fetched from Enterprise PL/I, you can specify CEESTART on the ENTRY card, although this is strongly not recommended. However, if the module is to be fetched from COBOL or the assembler, the ENTRY card absolutely must specify the name of the PL/I entry point into the module and not CEESTART.

Runtime considerations for 31-bit programs

You can specify runtime options as parameters passed to the program initialization routine. You can also specify runtime options in the PLIXOPT variable. It might also prove beneficial, from a performance standpoint, if you alter your existing programs by using the PLIXOPT variable to specify your runtime options and recompiling your programs.

For a description of using PLIXOPT, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

To simplify input/output at the terminal, various conventions have been adopted for stream files that are assigned to the terminal. Three areas are affected:
1. Formatting of PRINT files
2. The automatic prompting feature
3. Spacing and punctuation rules for input

Note: No prompting or other facilities are provided for record I/O at the terminal, so you are strongly advised to use stream I/O for any transmission to or from a terminal.

Formatting conventions for PRINT files

When a PRINT file is assigned to the terminal, it is assumed that it will be read as it is being printed. Spacing is therefore reduced to a minimum to reduce printing time.

The following rules apply to the PAGE, SKIP, and ENDPAGE keywords:
• PAGE options or format items result in three lines being skipped.
• SKIP options or format items larger than SKIP (2) result in three lines being skipped. SKIP (2) or less is treated in the usual manner.
• The ENDPAGE condition is never raised.

Changing the format on PRINT files for 31-bit programs

If you want normal spacing to apply to output from a PRINT file at the terminal, you must supply your own tab table for PL/I.

Follow these steps:
1. Declare an external structure called PLITABS in the main program or in a program linked with the main program.
2. Initializing the element PAGELENGTH to the number of lines that can fit on your page. This value differs from PAGESIZE, which defines the number of lines you want to print on the page before ENDPAGE is raised (see Figure 15 on page 167).

If you require a PAGELENGTH of 64 lines, declare PLITABS as shown in Figure 14 on page 167. For information about overriding the tab table, see “Overriding the tab control table” on page 253.

If your code contains a declare for PLITABS, ensure that the values and the first field in the PLITABS structure must are all valid. This field is supposed to hold the offset to the field specifying the number of tabs set by the structure, and the Enterprise PL/I library code will not work correctly if this is not true.
When the program requires input from a file that is associated with a terminal, it issues a prompt. This takes the form of printing a colon on the next line and then skipping to column 1 on the line following the colon. This gives you a full line to enter your input.

See the following example:

**Figure 14. Declaration of PLITABS.** This declaration gives the standard page size, line size, and tabulating positions.

**Figure 15. PAGELENGTH and PAGESIZE.** PAGELENGTH defines the size of your paper; PAGESIZE defines the number of lines in the main printing area.

### Automatic prompting

When the program requires input from a file that is associated with a terminal, it issues a prompt. This takes the form of printing a colon on the next line and then skipping to column 1 on the line following the colon. This gives you a full line to enter your input.

See the following example:
This type of prompt is referred to as a primary prompt.

**Overriding automatic prompting**

You can override the primary prompt by making a colon the last item in the request for the data. You cannot override the secondary prompt.

For example, the following two PL/I statements result in the terminal displaying output shown in [Figure 16](#).

```pli
PUT SKIP EDIT ('ENTER TIME OF PERIHELION') (A);
GET EDIT (PERITIME) (A(10));
```

![Figure 16. Output with automatic prompt](image)

However, if the first statement has a colon at the end of the output as follows, the automatic prompt is overridden; [Figure 17](#) shows the sequence that is displayed on the terminal.

```pli
PUT EDIT ('ENTER TIME OF PERIHELION:') (A);
```

![Figure 17. Output with no automatic prompt](image)

**Note:** The override remains in force for only one prompt. You will be automatically prompted for the next item unless the automatic prompt is again overridden.

**Punctuating long input lines**

To transmit data that requires two or more lines of space at the terminal as one data item, you must use an SBCS hyphen as the line continuation character. Type an SBCS hyphen as the last character in each line except the last line.

For example, you must enter data as follows to transmit this sentence: this data must be transmitted as one unit.

```plaintext
::this data must be transmitted -
+as one unit.'
```

Transmission does not occur until you press ENTER after unit.' The hyphen is removed. The item transmitted is called a *logical line*.

**Note:** To transmit a line whose last data character is a hyphen or a PL/I minus sign, enter two hyphens at the end of the line, followed by a null line as the next line. See the following example:

```plaintext
xyz--
(press ENTER only on this line)
```
**Punctuating GET LIST and GET DATA statements**

For GET LIST and GET DATA statements, a comma is added to the end of each logical line transmitted from the terminal, if the programmer omits it. Thus there is no need to enter blanks or commas to delimit items if they are entered on separate logical lines.

Given the PL/I statement `GET LIST(A,B,C);`, you can enter data as follows at the terminal:

```
:1
+:2
+:3
```

This rule also applies when you enter character-string data. Therefore, a character string must transmit as one logical line. Otherwise, commas are placed at the break points. For example, suppose you enter the following data:

```
: 'COMMAS SHOULDN'T BREAK
+: UP A CLAUSE.'
```

The resulting string is `COMMAS SHOULD NOT BREAK, UP A CLAUSE.`

The comma is not added if a hyphen was used as a line continuation character.

**Automatic padding for GET EDIT**

For a GET EDIT statement, you do not need to enter blanks at the end of the line. The data will be padded to the specified length.

For example, given the PL/I statement `GET EDIT (NAME) (A(15));`, you can enter the 5 characters `SMITH`, and the data will be padded with ten blanks so that the program receives the fifteen characters:

```
'SMITH          '
```

**Note:** A single data item must transmit as a logical line. Otherwise, the first line transmitted will be padded with the necessary blanks and taken as the complete data item.

**Use of SKIP for terminal input**

All uses of SKIP for input are interpreted as SKIP(1) when the file is allocated to the terminal. SKIP(1) is treated as an instruction to ignore all unused data on the currently available logical line.

**ENDFILE**

You can enter end-of-file at the terminal by typing a logical line that consists of the two characters `/*`.

Any further attempts to use the file without closing it result in the ENDFILE condition being raised.
SYSPRINT considerations for 31-bit programs

The PL/I standard SYSPRINT file is shared by multiple enclaves within an application. You can issue I/O requests, for example STREAM PUT, from the same or different enclaves. These requests are handled using the standard PL/I SYSPRINT file as a file that is common to the entire application. The SYSPRINT file is implicitly closed only when the application terminates, not at the termination of the enclave.

The standard PL/I SYSPRINT file contains user-initiated output only, such as STREAM PUTs. Runtime library messages and other similar diagnostic output are directed to the Language Environment MSGFILE. See the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide for details on redirecting SYSPRINT file output to the Language Environment MSGFILE.

To be shared by multiple enclaves within an application, the PL/I SYSPRINT file must be declared as an EXTERNAL FILE constant with a file name of SYSPRINT and also have the attributes STREAM and OUTPUT as well as the (implied) attribute of PRINT, when OPENed. This is the standard SYSPRINT file as defaulted by the compiler.

There exists only one standard PL/I SYSPRINT FILE within an application and this file is shared by all enclaves within the application. For example, the SYSPRINT file can be shared by multiple nested enclaves within an application or by a series of enclaves that are created and terminated within an application by the Language Environment preinitialization function. To be shared by an enclave within an application, the PL/I SYSPRINT file must be declared in that enclave. The standard SYSPRINT file cannot be shared by passing it as a file argument between enclaves. The declared attributes of the standard SYSPRINT file should be the same throughout the application, as with any EXTERNALy declared constant. PL/I does not enforce this rule. Both the TITLE option and the MSGFILE(SYSPRINT) option attempt to route SYSPRINT to another data set. As such, if the two options are used together, there will be a conflict and the TITLE option will be ignored.

Having a common SYSPRINT file within an application can be an advantage to applications that utilize enclaves that are closely tied together. However, since all enclaves in an application write to the same shared data set, this might require some coordination among the enclaves.

The SYSPRINT file is opened (implicitly or explicitly) when first referenced within an enclave of the application. When the SYSPRINT file is CLOSED, the file resources are released (as though the file had never been opened) and all enclaves are updated to reflect the closed status.

If SYSPRINT is utilized in a multiple enclave application, the LINENO built-in function only returns the current line number until after the first PUT or OPEN in an enclave has been issued. This is required in order to maintain full compatibility with old programs.

The COUNT built-in function is maintained at an enclave level. It always returns a value of zero until the first PUT in the enclave is issued. If a nested child enclave is invoked from a parent enclave, the value of the COUNT built-in function is undefined when the parent enclave regains control from the child enclave.
The TITLE option can be used to associate the standard SYSPRINT file with different operating system data sets, keeping in mind that a particular open association has to be closed before another one is opened. This association is retained across enclaves for the duration of the open.

PL/I condition handling associated with the standard PL/I SYSPRINT file retains its current semantics and scope. For example, an ENDPAGE condition raised within a child enclave will only invoke an established ON-unit within that child enclave. It does not cause invocation of an ON-unit within the parent enclave.

The tabs for the standard PL/I SYSPRINT file can vary when PUTs are done from different enclaves, if the enclaves contain a user PLITABS table.

If the PL/I SYSPRINT file is utilized as a RECORD file or as a STREAM INPUT file, PL/I supports it at an individual enclave or task level, but not as a shareable file among enclaves. If the PL/I SYSPRINT file is open at the same time with different file attributes (for example, RECORD and STREAM) in different enclaves of the same application, results are unpredictable.

SYSPRINT can also be shared between code compiled by Enterprise PL/I and by older PL/I compilers, but the following conditions must all apply:
- SYSPRINT must be declared as STREAM OUTPUT.
- The application must not be running under TSO.
- If the runtime option MSGFILE(SYSPRINT) is in effect, there must be no preinitialized programs and no stored procedures in the application.

**Using MSGFILE(SYSPRINT)**

Any file attributes that are specified in the ENVIRONMENT option of the file declaration for SYSPRINT STREAM PRINT are ignored.

Any attributes that are specified on the OPEN statement for SYSPRINT are ignored.

When you use the OPEN statement to open the PL/I SYSPRINT STREAM PRINT file, the file is marked as opened in the PL/I control blocks, but it is actually opened by the Language Environment.

When you use the CLOSE statements to close the PL/I SYSPRINT STREAM PRINT file, the file is marked as closed in the PL/I control blocks, but Language Environment still keeps it open.

The synchronization between the Language Environment messages and PL/I user-specified output is not provided, so the order of the output is unpredictable.

The use of MSGFILE(SYSPRINT) restricts the line size specified by the LINESIZE option to a maximum of 225 characters.

**Using FETCH in your routines in 31-bit applications**

In Enterprise PL/I, you can fetch routines compiled by PL/I, C, COBOL, or the assembler.
Fetching Enterprise PL/I routines in 31-bit applications

Almost all the restrictions imposed by the older PL/I compilers on fetched modules have been removed. So a fetched module can now perform the following operations:

- Fetch other modules.
- Perform any I/O operations on any PL/I file. The file can be opened either by the fetched module, by the main module, or by some other fetched module.
- ALLOCATE and FREE its own CONTROLLED variables.

There are, however, a few restrictions on an Enterprise PL/I module that is to be fetched:

1. OPTIONS(FETCHABLE) should be specified on the PROCEDURE statement of the fetched routine if there is no ENTRY card provided during the link-edit step.
2. The ENTRY card should specify the name of that PL/I entry point.
   - If the module is to be fetched from Enterprise PL/I, you can specify CEESTART on the ENTRY card, although this is strongly not recommended.
   - However, if the module is to be fetched from COBOL or the assembler, the ENTRY card absolutely must specify the name of the PL/I entry point into the module and not CEESTART.
3. If the RENT compiler option was used to compile any of the fetched code, the module must be linked as a DLL.
4. If the NORENT compiler option was used to compile the fetching code, the fetched module must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:
   - It is a MAIN module.
   - It consists only of NORENT code.
   - It has as its entry point code compiled with the C or Enterprise PL/I compiler with the NORENT option in effect. In this case, the module can also contain code compiled with the RENT option, but calling that code is not supported.
5. If the RENT compiler option was used to compile the fetching code, the ENTRY that is fetched must not be declared in the fetching module as OPTIONS(COBOL) or OPTIONS(ASM). If you want to avoid passing descriptors in this situation, you should specify the OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR) attribute on the ENTRY declare.
6. An Enterprise PL/I routine can not fetch itself.
   In the case of a nonreentrant and nonreusable module that is loaded multiple times, the order of processing occurs in a last-in first-out order.
   For example, if Program A loads module LOADMODA, then calls Program B, which also loads LOADMODA, and then issues a DELETE against LOADMODA, the copy of LOADMODA to be deleted is the one associated with Program B. At this point, the copy of LOADMODA associated with Program A still exists.
   In other words, the DELETE requested against LOADMODA will release the last copy that was loaded, regardless of which program issues the request.

NORENT WRITABLE code is serially usable, and for that reason, the pointer that is used to represent a FETCHABLE constant is zeroed out in the prologue code of any NORENT WRITABLE routine. While this ensures that the code is serially reusable while also providing the correct PL/I semantics, it does impose a restriction on the use of FETCH with TITLE in NORENT WRITABLE code: if a
routine that did a FETCH A TITLE('B') is exited and reentered, it must re-execute the FETCH A TITLE('B'), before executing any CALL A statements (otherwise, it would do an implicit FETCH of A (but without any TITLE) before making the CALL).

As an illustration of these restrictions, consider the compiler user exit. If you specify the EXIT compile-time option, the compiler will fetch and call a Enterprise PL/I module named IBMUEXIT.

First note that the compiler user exit must be compiled with the RENT option because the compiler expects it to be a DLL.

In accordance with Item 1 above, the PROCEDURE statement for this routine looks like:

\[
\text{ibmexit:} \\
\quad \text{proc ( addr_Userexit_Interface_Block,} \\
\quad \quad \text{addr_Request_Area )} \\
\quad \text{options( fetchable );} \\
\quad \text{dcl addr_Userexit_Interface_Block pointer byvalue;} \\
\quad \text{dcl addr_Request_Area pointer byvalue;}
\]

In accordance with Item 3 above, the linker option DYNAM=DLL must be specified when linking the user exit into a DLL. The DLL must be linked either into a PDSE or into a temporary data set (in which case DSNTYPE=LIBRARY must be specified on the SYSLMOD DD statement).

All the JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit is given in the JCL below in Figure 18 on page 174. The one significant difference between the sample below and the code excerpts above is that, in the code below, the fetched user exit does not receive two BYVALUE pointers to structures, but instead it receives the two structures by reference (BYADDR). In order to make this change work, the code specifies OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR) on each of its PROCEDURE statements.
/*
** *************************************************************************
**  **  compile the user exit
**  **  *************************************************************************
**  **  PLIEXIT EXEC PGM=IBMZPLI,
**  **  HTTPLIB DD DSN=IBMZ.V5R1M0.SIBMZCMP,Disp=SHR
**  **  SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*  
**  **  SYSLIN DD DSN=&&LOADSET,Disp=(MOD,PASS),UNIT=SYSSQ,
**  **  SPACE=(CYL,(3,1))
**  **  SYSUT1 DD DSN=&&SYSUT1,UNIT=SYSDA,
**  **  SPACE=(1024,(200,50),,CONTIG,ROUND),DCB=BLKSIZE=1024
**  **  SYSIN DD *
**  *Process or(' |') not(' !');
**  *Process limits(extname(31));
**  *Process RENT;
**  *************************************************************************
**
**  NAME - IBMUEXIT.PLI
**
**  DESCRIPTION
**  **  User-exit sample program.
**
**  Licensed Materials - Property of IBM
**  5639-A83, 5639-A24 (C) Copyright IBM Corp. 1992,2015.
**  All Rights Reserved.
**  US Government Users Restricted Rights-- Use, duplication or
**  disclosure restricted by GSA ADP Schedule Contract with
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**  DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES
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**  **  IBM shall not be liable for any damages arising out of your
**  **  use of the sample code, even if IBM has been advised of the
**  **  possibility of such damages.
**  *************************************************************************/
**
/**
** During initialization, IBMUEXIT is called. It reads
** information about the messages being screened from a text
** file and stores the information in a hash table. IBMUEXIT
** also sets up the entry points for the message filter service
** and termination service.
**
** For each message generated by the compiler, the compiler
** calls the message filter registered by IBMUEXIT. The filter
** looks the message up in the hash table previously created.
**
** The termination service is called at the end of the compile
** but does nothing. It could be enhanced to generate reports
** or do other cleanup work.
**
**************************************************************************/

Figure 18. Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit
pack: package exports(*);

Dcl
  1 Uex_UIB    native Based( null() ),
  2 Uex_UIB_Length    fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB_Exit_token  pointer,  /* for user exit's use*/
  2 Uex_UIB_User_char_str pointer,  /* to exit option str */
  2 Uex_UIB_User_char_len fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB_Filename_str    pointer,  /* to source filename */
  2 Uex_UIB_Filename_len fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB_return_code fixed bin(31),  /* set by exit proc */
  2 Uex_UIB_reason_code fixed bin(31),  /* set by exit proc */
  2 Uex_UIB_Exit_Routs, /* exit entries set at initialization */
  3 ( Uex_UIB_Termination,
      Uex_UIB_Message_Filter,
      *, *, *, * )
limited entry ( 
    *,
    *     /* to a request area */
    *); /* Request Area for Initialization exit */

_Dcl_ 1 Uex_ISA    native based( null() ),
      2 Uex_ISA_Length    fixed bin(31);

/_******************************************************************/
/_*
/_*  Request Area for Message_Filter exit
/_* /
/_******************************************************************/

_Dcl_ 1 Uex_MFA    native based( null() ),
      2 Uex_MFA_Length    fixed bin(31),
      2 Uex_MFA_Facility_Id char(3),
      2 * char(1),
      2 Uex_MFA_Message_no fixed bin(31),
      2 Uex_MFA_Severity fixed bin(15),
      2 Uex_MFA_New_Severity fixed bin(15); /* set by exit proc */

/_******************************************************************/
/_*
/_*  Request Area for Terminate exit
/_* /
/_******************************************************************/

_Dcl_ 1 Uex_TSA    native based( null() ),
      2 Uex_TSA_Length    fixed bin(31);

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)
dcl uex_Severity_Normal fixed bin(15) value(0);
dcl uex_Severity_Warning fixed bin(15) value(4);
dcl uex_Severity_Error fixed bin(15) value(8);
dcl uex_Severity_Severe fixed bin(15) value(12);
dcl uex_Severity_Unrecoverable fixed bin(15) value(16);

/****************************************************************************/
/**
/** Severity Codes
/**
/****************************************************************************/

/****************************************************************************/
/**
/** Return Codes
/**
/****************************************************************************/

/****************************************************************************/
/**
/** Reason Codes
/**
/****************************************************************************/

dcl uex_Return_Normal fixed bin(15) value(0);
dcl uex_Return_Warning fixed bin(15) value(4);
dcl uex_Return_Error fixed bin(15) value(8);
dcl uex_Return_Severe fixed bin(15) value(12);
dcl uex_Return_Unrecoverable fixed bin(15) value(16);

/****************************************************************************/
/**
/** Reason Codes
/**
/****************************************************************************/

hashsize fixed bin(15) value(97);
hashtable(0:hashsize-1) ptr init((hashsize) null());
dcl 1 message_item native based,
    2 message_Info,
    3 facid char(3),
    3 msgno fixed bin(31),
    3 newsev fixed bin(15),
    3 reason fixed bin(31),
    2 link pointer;

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)
ibmuexit: proc ( ue, ia )
options( fetchable noderessorpatr );

dcl 1 ue like uex_Uib byaddr;
dcl 1 ia like uex_Isa byaddr;

dcl sysuexit file stream input env(resize(80));
dcl p pointer;
dcl bucket fixed bin(31);
dcl based_Chars char(8) based;
dcl title_Str char(8) var;

ue.uex_Uib_Message_Filter = message_Filter;
ue.uex_Uib_Termination = exitterm;

on undefinedfile(sysuexit)
begin;
  put edit ('** User exit unable to open exit file ')
       (A) skip;
  put skip;
  signal error;
end;

if ue.uex_Uib_User_CharLen = 0 then
  do;
  open file(sysuexit);
  end;
else
  do;
    title_Str = substr( ue.uex_Uib_User_Char_Str->based_Chars, 1, ue.uex_Uib_User_Char_Len);
    open file(sysuexit) Title(title_Str);
  end;

on error, endfile(sysuexit)
goto done;
allocate message_item set(p);

/***************************************************************/
/*
/* Skip header lines and read first data line
/*
/***************************************************************/

get file(sysuexit) list(p->message_info) skip(3);

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)
do loop;

/***********************************************************/
/* */
/* Put message information in hash table */
/* */
/***********************************************************/

bucket = mod(p->msgno, hashsize);
p->link = hashtable(bucket);
hashtable(bucket) = p;

/***********************************************************/
/* */
/* Read next data line */
/* */
/***********************************************************/

allocate message_item set(p);
get file(sysuexit) skip;
get file(sysuexit) list(p->message_info);

eend;

/***********************************************************/
/* */
/* Clean up */
/* */
/***********************************************************/

done:
free p->message_Item;
close file(sysuexit);

eend;

message_Filter:
proc (ue, mf )
options( nodescriptor );
dcl 1 ue like uex_Uib byaddr;
dcl 1 mf like uex_Mfa byaddr;
dcl p pointer;
dcl bucket fixed bin(15);
on error snap system;
ue.uex_Uib_Reason_Code = uex_Reason_Output;
ue.uex_Uib_Return_Code = 0;

mf.uex_Mfa_New_Severity = mf.uex_Mfa_Severity;

/***********************************************************/
/* */
/* Calculate bucket for error message */
/* */
/***********************************************************/

bucket = mod(mf.uex_Mfa_Message_No, hashsize);

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)
do p = hashtable(bucket) repeat (p->link) while(p!=null())
  until (p->msgno = mf.uex_Mfa_Message_No &
      p->facid = mf.Uex_Mfa_Facility_Id);
end;

if p = null() then;
else
  do;
    /**********************************************************/
    /* Filter error based on information in hashtable */
    /**********************************************************/
    ue.uex_Uib_Reason_Code = p->reason;
    if p->newsev < 0 then;
    else
      mf.uex_Mfa_New_Severity = p->newsev;
    end;
  end;
end;

exitterm:
  proc ( ue, ta )
    options( nodescriptor );
    dcl 1 ue like uex_Uib byaddr;
    dcl 1 ta like uex_Tsa byaddr;
    ue.uex_Uib_return_Code = 0;
    ue.uex_Uib_reason_Code = 0;
  end;
end pack;

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)
// compile main
//*********************************************************************
//PLI EXEC PGM=IBMZPLI,PARM='F(I),EXIT',
// REGION=256K
//STEPLIB DD DSN=&EXITLIB,DISP=SHR
//DD DSN=IBMZ.V5R1M0.SIBMZCMP,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=* 
//SYSLIN DD DSN=&&LOADSET2,DISP=(MOD,PASS),UNIT=SYSSQ,
// SPACE=(CYL,(3,1))
//SYSUT1 DD DSN=&&SYSUT1,UNIT=SYSDA,
// SPACE=(1024,(200,50),,CONTIG,ROUND),DCB=BLKSIZE=1024
//SYSIN DD *

/*process;
MainFet: Proc Options(Main);
 /* the exit will suppress the message for the next dcl */
 dcl one_byte_integer fixed bin(7);
End;
*/

//SYSUEXIT DD DISP=SHR,DSN=hlq.some.user.exit.input.file *
Fac Id  Msg No    Severity    Suppress    Comment
+--------+--------+----------+----------+--------------------------------------------------
 'IBM'  1042  -1  1    String spans multiple lines
 'IBM'  1044  -1  1    FIXED BIN 7 mapped to 1 byte

Sample JCL to compile, link, and invoke the user exit (continued)

Fetching PL/I MAIN routines in 31-bit applications

In an Enterprise PL/I application, you can also fetch a PL/I MAIN program. When a FETCH of a PL/I MAIN program occurs, a child enclave is created.

You must follow these rules:

• You cannot pass any runtime options to a fetched MAIN program in the parameter string.

• If the SYSTEM(MVS) compiler option is specified, you can pass an arbitrary parameter list, but if the parameter is anything other than a single CHAR VARYING string, the compiler flags the MAIN routine with a warning message.

• You must not specify OPTIONS(ASM) or OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR) in the ENTRY declaration for the fetched MAIN routine in the fetching program.

• Avoid passing runtime options because attempts to parse them might produce LE informational messages regarding invalid runtime options. If NOEXECOPS is specified in the fetched MAIN routine, the passed char varying string is not parsed for the runtime options.

• If no parameters are passed to the fetched MAIN program, the fetching program should either specify OPTIONS(LINKAGE(SYSTEM)) in its ENTRY declaration for the fetched MAIN routine, or be compiled with DEFAULT(LINKAGE(SYSTEM)).

Examples

Here is the sample of the PL/I fetched MAIN program:

FMAIN: proc(parm) options(main,noexecops );
 DCL parm char(*) var;
 DCL SYSPRINT print;
 DCL PLIXOPT CHAR(11) VAR INIT('RPTOPTS(ON)')
Here is the sample of the PL/I MAIN program that fetches another PL/I MAIN program:

```
MainFet: Proc Options(main);
  Dcl Parm char(1000) var;
  Dcl SYSPRINT print;
  Dcl Fmain entry(char(*) var);
  Parm = 'local-parm';
  Fetch Fmain;
  Call Fmain(Parm);
  Release Fmain;
  Put skip list("MainFet:testcase finished ");
End;
```

**Fetching z/OS C routines in 31-bit applications**

Unless the NORENT option has been specified, the ENTRY declaration in the routine that fetches a z/OS C routine must not specify OPTIONS(COBOL) or OPTIONS(ASM)—these should be specified only for COBOL or ASM routines not linked as DLLs.

The z/OS C documentation provides instructions on how to compile and link a z/OS C DLL.

**Fetching assembler routines in 31-bit applications**

Unless the NORENT option has been specified, the ENTRY declaration in the routine that fetches an assembler routine must specify OPTIONS(ASM).

When fetching data-only assembler modules, you must use the FETCH A SET(P) construct to ensure that pointer P is set correctly.

**Invoking MAIN under TSO/E**

If you compile your MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) option, you can invoke the program by using the TSO CALL command or as a TSO command processor. Both the runtime options and parameters can be passed in the same way as under MVS batch.

For example, if the MAIN program TSOARG1 was link-edited as a member of a data set named userid.TEST.load, it can be invoked as follows:

```
    CALL TEST(TSOARG1) 'RPTSTG(ON),TRAP(ON)/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT'
    or
    CALL TEST(TSOARG1) '/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT'
    or
    TSOARG1 TRAP(ON)/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT
    or
    TSOARG1 /THIS IS MY ARGUMENT
```

**Note:** The data set containing TSOARG1 (userid.TEST.load) must be in the standard TSO program search list to run the program without using the CALL statement. This can be accomplished by issuing the TSO command:

```
    TSOLIB ACTIVATE DSN('userid.TEST.load')
```
However, if you compile your MAIN program with the SYSTEM(TSO) option, the program will be passed a pointer to the Command Processor Parameter List (CPPL). In this case, NOEXECOPS is in effect. Your program can be invoked as a TSO command, but it cannot be invoked by a TSO CALL statement. See the following example:

```
TSOARG2 This is my argument
```

The program in Figure 19 uses the SYSTEM(TSO) interface to address and display the program arguments from the CPPL.

```
*process system(tso);
tsoarg2: proc (cppl_ptr) options(main);
dcl cppl_ptr pointer;
dcl 1 cppl based(cppl_ptr),
   2 cpplcbuf pointer,
   2 cpplupt pointer,
   2 cpplpscb pointer,
   2 cpplect pointer;
dcl 1 cpplbuf based(cpplcbuf),
   2 len fixed bin(15),
   2 offset fixed bin(15),
   2 argstr char(1000);
dcl my_argument char(1000) varying;
dcl my_argument_len fixed bin(31);
dcl length builtin;

   my_argument_len = len - offset - 4;
   if my_argument_len = 0 then
      my_argument = '';
   else
      my_argument = substr(argstr,offset + 1, my_argument_len);
   display('Program args: ' || my_argument);
end tsoarg2;
```

Figure 19. Sample program to display program arguments from the CPPL under TSO when using SYSTEM(STD) option

Whether your MAIN program is invoked as a command or by CALL, you can always specify runtime options through the PLIXOPT string.

## Invoking MAIN under z/OS UNIX

Under z/OS UNIX, you can compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) or SYSTEM(OS) option; however, the number and format of the parameters passed to the program differs based on the option that you use.

If you compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) option, the program will be passed, as usual, one CHARACTER VARYING string containing the parameters specified when it was invoked.

However, if you compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(OS) option, the program will be passed 7 parameters as specified in the z/OS UNIX manuals. These 7 parameters include the following:

- The argument count (which includes the name of the executable as the first "argument")
- The address of an array of addresses of the arguments
• The address of an array of addresses of the arguments as null-terminated character strings
• The count of environment variables set
• The address of an array of addresses of the lengths of the environment variables
• The address of an array of addresses of the environment variables as null-terminated character strings

The program in Figure 20 uses the SYSTEM(OS) interface to address and display the individual arguments and environment variables.

*process display(std) system(os);

sayargs:
proc(argc, pArgLen, pArgStr, envc, pEnvLen, pEnvStr, pParmSelf)
options( main, noexecops );
dcl argc fixed bin(31) nonasgn byaddr;
dcl pArgLen pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pArgStr pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl envc fixed bin(31) nonasgn byaddr;
dcl pEnvLen pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pEnvStr pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pParmSelf pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl q(4095) pointer based;
dcl bxb fixed bin(31) based;
dcl bcz char(31) varz based;
display( 'argc = ' || argc );
do jx = 1 to argc;
    display( 'pargStr(jx) = ' || pArgStr->q(jx)->bcz );
end;
display( 'envc = ' || envc );
do jx = 1 to envc;
    display( 'pEnvStr(jx) = ' || pEnvStr->q(jx)->bcz );
end;
end;

Figure 20. Sample program to display z/OS UNIX arguments and environment variables
Chapter 6. Link-editing and running for 64-bit programs

After compilation with LP(64), your 64-bit program consists of one or more object modules that contain unresolved references to each other, as well as references to the Language Environment runtime library. These references are resolved during link-editing (statically) or during execution (dynamically).

After you compile your PL/I program, the next step is to link and run your program with test data to verify that it produces the results that you expect.

Language Environment provides the runtime environment and services that you need to execute your program. For instructions on linking and running PL/I and all other Language Environment-conforming language programs, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide for 64-bit Virtual Addressing Mode. For information about migrating your existing PL/I programs to Language Environment, see the Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Compiler and Run-Time Migration Guide.

Link-edit considerations for 64-bit programs

You must use a PDSE for your linker output.

Using the binder in 64-bit programs

You must place the binder output into a PDSE.

When linking a DLL, specify any needed definition side-decks during the bind step. At a minimum, the PL/I side-deck IBMPQV11 and the C side-deck CELQS003 must be included. These side-decks can be found in the SCEELIB data set.

Using the ENTRY card in 64-bit programs

If you are building a module that will be fetched and that has an Enterprise PL/I routine as its entry point, the ENTRY card must specify CELQSTRT.

Runtime considerations for 64-bit programs

You can specify runtime options as parameters passed to the program initialization routine. You can also specify runtime options in the PLIXOPT variable. It might also prove beneficial, from a performance standpoint, if you alter your existing programs by using the PLIXOPT variable to specify your runtime options and recompiling your programs.

For a description of using PLIXOPT, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

To simplify input/output at the terminal, various conventions have been adopted for stream files that are assigned to the terminal. Three areas are affected:

1. Formatting of PRINT files
2. The automatic prompting feature
3. Spacing and punctuation rules for input
Note: No prompting or other facilities are provided for record I/O at the terminal, so you are strongly advised to use stream I/O for any transmission to or from a terminal.

SYSPRINT considerations for 64-bit programs

For 64-bit programs, SYSPRINT is equated to the C stdout file. In addition, shared SYSPRINT is not supported.

The LINESIZE of SYSPRINT cannot be greater than 132 (the largest value allowed by C).

Using FETCH in your routines in 64-bit applications

In Enterprise PL/I, you can fetch routines compiled by PL/I, C, or the assembler.

Fetching Enterprise PL/I routines in 64-bit applications

A fetched module can perform FETCH, I/O, ALLOCATE, and FREE operations. However, a few restrictions still apply.

A fetched module can perform the following operations:

- Fetch other modules.
- Perform any I/O operations on any PL/I file. The file can be opened either by the fetched module, by the main module, or by some other fetched module.
- ALLOCATE and FREE its own CONTROLLED variables.

There are, however, a few restrictions on an Enterprise PL/I module that is to be fetched:

1. You must specify OPTIONS(FETCHABLE) on the PROCEDURE statement of the fetched routine if no ENTRY card is provided during the link-edit step.
2. The ENTRY card must specify CELQSTRT.
3. Because under LP(64) RENT is effectively always on, the ENTRY that is fetched must not be declared in the fetching module as OPTIONS(COBOL) or OPTIONS(ASM). If you want to avoid passing descriptors in this situation, you must specify the OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR) attribute on the ENTRY declaration.
4. An Enterprise PL/I routine cannot fetch itself.

Fetching PL/I MAIN routines in 64-bit applications

A 64-bit PL/I MAIN routine cannot fetch a 64-bit PL/I MAIN routine.

Fetching assembler routines in 64-bit applications

The ENTRY declaration in the routine that fetches an assembler routine must specify OPTIONS(ASM). The assembler routine must be linked with AMODE=64. LINKAGE(SYSTEM) should be specified.

When fetching data-only assembler modules, you must use the FETCH A SET(P) construct to ensure that pointer P is set correctly.
Invoking MAIN under TSO/E

If you compile your MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) option, you can invoke the program by using the TSO CALL command or as a TSO command processor. Both the runtime options and parameters can be passed in the same way as under MVS batch.

For example, if the MAIN program TSOARG1 was link-edited as a member of a data set named userid.TEST.load, it can be invoked as follows:

```
CALL TEST(TSOARG1) 'RPTSTG(ON),TRAP(ON)/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT'
or
CALL TEST(TSOARG1) '/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT'
or
TSOARG1 TRAP(ON)/THIS IS MY ARGUMENT
or
TSOARG1 /THIS IS MY ARGUMENT
```

**Note:** The data set containing TSOARG1 (userid.TEST.load) must be in the standard TSO program search list to run the program without using the CALL statement. This can be accomplished by issuing the TSO command:

```
TSOLIB ACTIVATE DSN('userid.TEST.load')
```

However, if you compile your MAIN program with the SYSTEM(TSO) option, the program will be passed a pointer to the Command Processor Parameter List (CPPL). In this case, NOEXECOPS is in effect. Your program can be invoked as a TSO command, but it cannot be invoked by a TSO CALL statement. See the following example:

```
TSOARG2 This is my argument
```

The program in Figure 21 uses the SYSTEM(TSO) interface to address and display the program arguments from the CPPL.

```c
*process system(tso);
  tsoarg2: proc (cppl_ptr) options(main);
    dcl cppl_ptr pointer;
    dcl 1 cppl based(cppl_ptr),
      2 cpplcbuf pointer,
      2 cpplupt pointer,
      2 cpplpscb pointer,
      2 cpplct pointer;
    dcl 1 cpplcbuf based(cpplcbuf),
      2 len fixed bin(15),
      2 offset fixed bin(15),
      2 argstr char(1000);
    dcl my_argument char(1000) varying;
    dcl my_argument_len fixed bin(31);
    dcl length builtin;
    my_argument_len = len - offset - 4;
    if my_argument_len = 0 then
      my_argument = '';
    else
      my_argument = substr(argstr,offset + 1, my_argument_len);
    display('My argument: ' || my_argument);
  end tsoarg2;
```

**Figure 21. Sample program to display program arguments from the CPPL under TSO when using SYSTEM(STD) option**
Whether your MAIN program is invoked as a command or by CALL, you can always specify runtime options through the PLIXOPT string.

**Invoking MAIN under z/OS UNIX**

Under z/OS UNIX, you can compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) or SYSTEM(OS) option; however, the number and format of the parameters passed to the program differs based on the option that you use.

If you compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(MVS) option, the program will be passed, as usual, one CHARACTER VARYING string containing the parameters specified when it was invoked.

However, if you compile a MAIN program with the SYSTEM(OS) option, the program will be passed 7 parameters as specified in the z/OS UNIX manuals. These 7 parameters include the following:

- The argument count (which includes the name of the executable as the first "argument")
- The address of an array of addresses of the arguments
- The address of an array of addresses of the arguments as null-terminated character strings
- The count of environment variables set
- The address of an array of addresses of the lengths of the environment variables
- The address of an array of addresses of the environment variables as null-terminated character strings

The program in [Figure 22 on page 189](#) uses the SYSTEM(OS) interface to address and display the individual arguments and environment variables.
*process display(std) system(os);

sayargs:
proc(argc, pArgLen, pArgStr, envc, pEnvLen, pEnvStr, pParmSelf)
options( main, noexecops );

dcl argc fixed bin(31) nonasgn byaddr;
dcl pArgLen pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pArgStr pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl envc fixed bin(31) nonasgn byaddr;
dcl pEnvLen pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pEnvStr pointer nonasgn byvalue;
dcl pParmSelf pointer nonasgn byvalue;

dcl q(4095) pointer based;
dcl bxb fixed bin(31) based;
dcl bcz char(31) varz based;

display('argc = ' || argc);
do jx = 1 to argc;
   display('pargStr(jx) = ' || pArgStr->q(jx)->bcz);
end;
display('envc = ' || envc);
do jx = 1 to envc;
   display('pEnvStr(jx) = ' || pEnvStr->q(jx)->bcz);
end;

display(std) system(os);

Figure 22. Sample program to display z/OS UNIX arguments and environment variables
Chapter 7. Considerations for developing 64-bit applications

You can use Enterprise PL/I to develop 31-bit or 64-bit applications. For your applications to support the 64-bit environment, you might need to adapt your code as appropriate. This section describes considerations in development and compilation that you must take into account.

Using compiler options to build 64-bit applications

To compile code for 64-bit applications, you must use the LP(64) compiler option. You must be aware that under LP(64), some compiler options or suboptions are not supported, and that some options or suboptions are ignored during compilation.

Note the following compiler options when you compile code under LP(64):

"BACKREG" on page 10
This option is ignored.

"CEESTART" on page 13
This option is ignored.

"CHECK" on page 14
The STORAGE suboption is not supported under LP(64). This means that you cannot use the following built-in functions:
- ALLOCSIZE
- CHECKSTG
- UNALLOCATED

"CMPAT" on page 15
This option is ignored; effectively, CMPAT(V3) is always on under LP(64).

"COMMON" on page 16
This option is ignored.

"DEFAULT" on page 22
The following suboptions are ignored under LP(64):
- LINKAGE
- NULL370 | NULLSYS

"RENT" on page 68
This option is ignored; effectively, RENT is always on under LP(64).

"STDSYS" on page 85
This option is ignored; effectively, STDSYS is always on under LP(64).

"WRITABLE" on page 94
This option is ignored.

Related information:
"LP" on page 49
The LP option specifies whether the compiler generates 31-bit code or 64-bit code. It also determines the default size of POINTER and HANDLE and related variables.
Using attributes HANDLE and POINTER under LP(64)

The default size and alignment of HANDLE and POINTER under LP(64) are different from the default under LP(32).

**HANDLE attribute**
Under LP(32), the default is HANDLE(32); under LP(64), the default is HANDLE(64).

**Syntax**

```
HANDLE structure_type_name (32 64)
```

A HANDLE(32) is four bytes in size and by default fullword-aligned.
A HANDLE(64) is eight bytes in size and by default doubleword-aligned.

HANDLE(64) is valid only under LP(64).

Assigning a HANDLE(32) to a HANDLE(64) is always valid; the reverse is valid only if the first four bytes of the HANDLE(64) are zero.

Because of the change in the size and alignment of handles, structures that contain them might have padding bytes.

**Related information:**

[“LP” on page 49](#)
The LP option specifies whether the compiler generates 31-bit code or 64-bit code. It also determines the default size of POINTER and HANDLE and related variables.

**POINTER attribute**
Under LP(32), the default is POINTER(32); under LP(64), the default is POINTER(64).

**Syntax**

```
POINTER (32 64)
```

A POINTER(32) is four bytes in size and by default fullword-aligned.
A POINTER(64) is eight bytes in size and by default doubleword-aligned.

POINTER(64) is valid only under LP(64).

Assigning a POINTER(32) to a POINTER(64) is always valid; the reverse is valid only if the first four bytes of the POINTER(64) are zero.

Because of the change in the size and alignment of pointers, structures that contain them might have padding bytes.
Related information:

"LP" on page 49

The LP option specifies whether the compiler generates 31-bit code or 64-bit code. It also determines the default size of POINTER and HANDLE and related variables.

Using ENTRY variables under LP(64)

Under LP(64), all ENTRY variables, whether they have the LIMITED attribute or not, are eight bytes in size and are by default doubleword-aligned. Therefore, a structure that contains an ENTRY variable might now have padding bytes.

Using built-in functions under LP(64)

When you develop 64-bit applications, you must be aware that the argument and return types of some built-in functions are different.

Built-in functions that return a FIXED BIN(63) value under LP(64)

The following built-in functions return a FIXED BIN(63) value under LP(64), but under LP(32) they return a FIXED BIN(31) value.

```
AUTOMATIC  JSONINPUTOBJECTEND
AVAILABLEAREA  JSONINPUTOBJECTSTART
BASE64DECODE16  JSONINPUTVALUE
BASE64DECODE8  JSONVALID
BASE64ENCODE16  MEMCONVERT
BASE64ENCODE8  MEMCU12
CURRENTSTORAGE  MEMCU14
FILEID  MEMCU21
FILERead  MEMCU24
FILESEEK  MEMCU12
FILETELL  MEMCU1
HEXDECODE  MEMCU12
HEXDECODE8  MEMINDEX
JSONGETARRAYEND  MEMSEARCH
JSONGETARRAYSTART  MEMSEARCHR
JSONGETCOLON  MEMVERIFY
JSONGETCOMMA  MEMVERIFYR
JSONGETOBJECTEND  LOCATION
JSONGETOBJECTSTART  LOCSTG
JSONGETOBJECTSTART  OFFSETDIFF
JSONGETVALUE  POINTERDIFF
JSONPUTARRAYEND  STORAGE
JSONPUTARRAYSTART  WHITESPACECOLLAPSE
JSONPUTCOLON  WHITESPACEPLACE
JSONPUTCOMMA  XMLCHAR
JSONPUTMEMBER  XMLCLEAN
```

Built-in functions whose integer arguments are converted to FIXED BIN(63) under LP(64)

The following built-in functions have one or more arguments that represent the size of a piece of storage. These arguments are converted to FIXED BIN(63) under LP(64), if necessary.
**Built-in functions that are not supported under LP(64)**

Under LP(64), you cannot use the following built-in functions because the STORAGE suboption of the CHECK compiler option is not supported:

- ALLOCSIZE
- CHECKSTG
- UNALLOCATED

**Considerations for SQL programs**

To use the same source to develop 32-bit and 64-bit applications, it is recommended that you declare sqlda or sqlda2 by using the EXEC SQL INCLUDE statement, and that the sqldabc field be set to use stg(sqlvar(1)) as the size of sqlvar. If your SQL program is not following these recommendations, you might need to change your code to develop a 64-bit application.

If needed, you can make these changes to existing 32-bit SQL programs without changing their behavior. These changes can make these programs easier to port.

**Declaring sqlda**

If sqlda is not declared with the EXEC SQL INCLUDE sqlda statement, you must change the declaration for sqlda by adding the following field after the sqllen field:

```
char(length(hex(sysnull()))/2 - 4),
```
For example, assume that in your program the sqlda structure is declared as follows:

dcl
1 fsqlda based(fsqldaptr),
  2 sqldaid   char(8),
  2 sqldabc  fixed bin(31),
  2 sqln fixed bin(15),
  2 sqld fixed bin(15),
  2 sqlvar(fsqlsize refer(sqln)),
  3 sqltype fixed bin(15),
  3 sqlllen fixed bin(15),
  3 sqldata pointer,
  3 sqldind pointer,
  3 sqldname char(30) var;

You must change the declaration as follows:

dcl
1 fsqlda based(fsqldaptr),
  2 sqldaid   char(8),
  2 sqldabc  fixed bin(31),
  2 sqln fixed bin(15),
  2 sqld fixed bin(15),
  2 sqlvar(fsqlsize refer(sqln)),
  3 sqltype fixed bin(15),
  3 sqlllen fixed bin(15),
  3 *     char( length(hex(sysnull()))/2 - 4 ),
  3 sqldata pointer,
  3 sqldind pointer,
  3 sqldname char(30) var;

Declaring sqlda2

If sqlda2 is not declared with the EXEC SQL INCLUDE sqlda2 statement, you must change the declaration for sqlda2 by adding the following field after the sqlrsvd1 field:

  * char( length(hex(sysnull())) - 8 ),

For example, assume that in your program the sqlda2 structure is declared as follows:

dcl
1 fsqlda2 based(fsqldaptr),
  2 sqlda2   char(8),
  2 sqldabc2 fixed bin(31),
  2 sqln2 fixed bin(15),
  2 sqld2 fixed bin(15),
  2 sqlvar2(fsqlsize refer(sqln2)),
  3 sqlbiglen,
  4 sqllongl fixed bin(31),
  4 sqlrsvd1 fixed bin(31),
  3 sqldatal pointer,
  3 sqldatal pointer,
  3 sqlname char(30) var;

You must change the declaration as follows:

dcl
1 fsqlda2 based(fsqldaptr),
  2 sqlda2   char(8),
  2 sqldabc2 fixed bin(31),
  2 sqln2 fixed bin(15),
  2 sqld2 fixed bin(15),
  2 sqlvar2(fsqlsize refer(sqln2)),
  3 sqlbiglen,
  4 sqllongl fixed bin(31),
Setting sqldabc

If the sqldabc field is set to 44 as the size of sqlvar, you must set it to use stg(sqlvar(1)) instead.

For example, the statement sqlda.sqldabc = 16 + ( 44 * sqlda.sqld ); should be changed to sqlda.sqldabc = 16 + ( stg(sqlda.sqlvar(1)) * sqlda.sqld );.

You can code as follows:

\[
SQLDABC = \text{LEN_SQLDA} + \text{SQLN} \times \text{LEN_SQLVAR};
\]

You must change the declaration for LEN_SQLVAR as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Original</th>
<th>Updated</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DCL LEN_SQLVAR FIXED BIN(15) VALUE( 44 );</td>
<td>DCL LEN_SQLVAR FIXED BIN(15) VALUE( STG(SQLEDA.SQLVAR(1)) );</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Communicating with 31-bit routines**

Language Environment does not support mixing 64-bit and 31-bit programs in the same application. For example, you cannot call a PL/I program compiled with LP(32) from a PL/I program compiled with LP(64).

To facilitate communicating with \textit{non-Language Environment based} 31-bit routines, a generic interface is provided to load, call and release a 31-bit routine. A function to retrieve the entry point address for the loaded module is also provided.

Invoke IBMPC32I to load a 31-bit routine. It takes a pointer to an 8-bit character string that holds the name of the module as input and returns a file handle to be used for the call and release functions.

```
dcl <load32> ext("_IBMPC32I") entry( char(8) byaddr inonly ) returns( pointer byvalue ) options( nodelentifier linkage(optlink) );
```

Invoke IBMPC32C to call a 31-bit routine. It takes two parameters as input: the first parameter is the file handle returned from the IBMPC32I call, and the second parameter is the user parameter list to the 31-bit routine. Note that the user parameter list has to reside in below-the-bar storage. IBMPC32C returns the register 15 value from the called 31-bit routine.

```
dcl <call32> ext("_IBMPC32C") entry( pointer byvalue, pointer byvalue ) returns( fixed bin(31) byvalue ) options( nodelentifier linkage(optlink) );
```

Invoke IBMPC32T to release a 31-bit routine. It takes the file handle as a parameter.

```
dcl <rel32> ext("_IBMPC32T") entry( pointer byvalue ) options( nodelentifier linkage(optlink) );
```
Invoke IBMPC32E to get the entry point address of the loaded module. It takes the file handle as a parameter and returns the entry point address of the loaded module. Note that it is not valid to branch to this address directly.

dcl <epa32>   ext( "_IBMPC32E" )
    entry( pointer byvalue )
    returns( pointer byvalue )
    options( nodescriptor linkage(optlink) );

The following code fragment example shows how the above interfaces can be used. DSNALI is a 31-bit DB2 facility.

...:

dcl load32   ext( "_IBMPC32I" )
    entry( char(8) byaddr inonly )
    returns( pointer byvalue )
    options( nodescriptor );

dcl call32   ext( "_IBMPC32C" )
    entry( pointer byvalue, pointer byvalue )
    returns( fixed bin(31) byvalue )
    options( nodescriptor );

dcl file_pointer pointer;

dcl plist_pointer pointer;

dcl 1 dsnali_plist based(plist_pointer),
  3 args_list(10)   pointer(32),
  3 content union,
  5 connect,
  7 functioncode  char(12),
  7 subsystemid  char(4),
  7 tecb         fixed bin(31),
  7 secb         fixed bin(31),
  7 ribpointer   ptr(32),
  7 returncode   fixed bin(31),
  7 reasoncode   fixed bin(31),
  5 open,
  7 functioncode  char(12),
  7 subsystemid  char(4),
  7 planname     char(8),
  7 returncode   fixed bin(31),
  7 reasoncode   fixed bin(31);

dcl lastargflag bit(1) based;

...:

plist_pointer = alloc31( stg(dsnali_plist) );
file_pointer = load32( "DSNALI" );

/* set up argument list for CONNECT function for DSNALI call */
args_list( 1 ) = addr( connect.functioncode );
args_list( 2 ) = addr( connect.subsystemid );
args_list( 3 ) = addr( connect.tecb );
args_list( 4 ) = addr( connect.secb );
args_list( 5 ) = addr( connect.ribpointer );
args_list( 6 ) = addr( connect.returncode );
args_list( 7 ) = addr( connect.reasoncode );

/* mark last argument */
addr( args_list( 7 ) ).lastargflag = '1'b;

/* set up values for CONNECT function parameters */
connect.functioncode = 'CONNECT';
connect.subsystemid = 'DB2S';
connect.tecb = 0;
connect.secb = 0;
connect.ribpointer = sysnull;
connect.returncode = 0;
connect.reasoncode = 0;

/* invoke DSNALI with CONNECT function */
rc = call32( file_pointer, plist_pointer);
...

/* set up argument list for OPEN function for DSNALI call */
args_list( 1 ) = addr( open.functioncode );
args_list( 2 ) = addr( open.subsystemid );
args_list( 3 ) = addr( open.planname );
args_list( 4 ) = addr( open.returncode );
args_list( 5 ) = addr( open.reasoncode );

/* mark last argument */
addr( args_list( 5 ) ).lastargflag = '1'b;

/* set up values for OPEN function parameters */
open.functioncode = 'OPEN';
open.subsystemid = 'DB2S';
open.planname = 'TESTCASE';
open.returncode = 0;
open.reasoncode = 0;

/* invoke DSNALI with OPEN function */
rc = call32( file_pointer, plist_pointer );
....
Part 2. Using I/O facilities
Chapter 8. Using data sets and files

This chapter describes how to allocate files and associate data sets with the files known within your program. It introduces the five major types of data sets, describes how they are organized and accessed, and helps you learn how to specify some of the file and data set characteristics.

Your PL/I programs process and transmit units of information called records. A collection of records is called a data set. Data sets are physical collections of information external to PL/I programs; they can be created, accessed, or modified by programs written in PL/I or other languages or by the utility programs of the operating system.

Your PL/I program recognizes and processes information in a data set by using a symbolic or logical representation of the data set called a file.

Note: INDEXED implies VSAM and is supported only under batch.

Note: Regional data sets are not supported for 64-bit programs in PL/I V5.1.

Allocating files

For any type of file, including sequential, VSAM, REGIONAL(1), and HFS, you can define the external name by using the following methods:

- In the MVS or TSO environment:
  - A ddname in the JCL
  - An environment variable name
  - The TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- In the z/OS UNIX System Services environment:
  - An environment variable name
  - The TITLE option of the OPEN statement

For HFS files under the batch environment, the following rules apply:

- If FILEDATA is not specified, the default setting is TEXT.
- If the record format or the ENVIRONMENT option is not specified, the default is V with the LF type.
- If FILEDATA is BINARY, only fixed-length files are valid. Error message MSGIBM0210S is issued when FILEDATA=BINARY is specified with varying-length files.
- For varying-length files, files are assumed to be TYPE=LF; that is, the records are delimited with the LF (x'15') character.
- For data files that contain delimiters, specify FILEDATA=TEXT, so the PL/I library can handle the delimiters properly.

Dynamic allocation

A PL/I program dynamically allocates the file by using the attributes that are specified by the environment variable or the TITLE option.
To use PL/I dynamic allocation, you must specify the file names by using the DSN() format for MVS data sets or the PATH() format for HFS files. All options and attributes must be in uppercase, except for the pathname suboption of the PATH option, which is case-sensitive. Do not use temporary data set names in the DSN() option. See the following examples to specify file names:

```
OPEN FILE(FILEIN) TITLE('DSN(USER.FILE.EXT),SHR');
OPEN FILE(FILEIN) TITLE('PATH(/usr/FILE.EXT)');
```

The following rules of precedence apply in determining when the dynamic allocation takes place:

1. If one of the following DD statements exists for the file, it is used. This rule is not valid in the z/OS UNIX System Services environment.
   - JCL DD
   - TSO ALLOCATE
   - User-initiated dynamic allocation
2. If a DD statement does not exist for the file and the TITLE option is specified in the OPEN statement, the TITLE option is used by associating it with the external name for the file.
3. If a DD statement does not exist for the file and the TITLE option is not specified, but an environment variable exists for the file, the environment variable is used by associating it with the external name for the file.

For MVS data sets, the Enterprise PL/I run time checks the contents of the environment variable or TITLE option at each OPEN statement:

- If a file with the same external name was dynamically allocated by a previous OPEN statement, and the contents of the environment variable or the TITLE option have changed since that OPEN statement, the run time dynamically deallocates the previous allocation and reallocates the file by using the options that are currently set in the environment variable or specified in the TITLE option.
- If the contents of the environment variable or the TITLE option have not changed, the run time uses the current allocation without deallocating or reallocating.

For HFS files, the DD statement is deallocated and reallocated at each subsequent OPEN statement.

**Note:**

1. When you use the DSN() or the PATH() format specification for PL/I dynamic allocation, if a DD statement and the TITLE option of the OPEN statement are both specified for a file, the DD statement is used and the TITLE option is ignored.
2. Under the z/OS UNIX System Services environment, user-initiated dynamic allocation is not supported. If it is attempted, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised, even when the TITLE option or the environment variable is used, because the external name is in use.
Associating data sets with files under z/OS

A file used within a PL/I program has a PL/I file name. The physical data set external to the program has a name by which it is known to the operating system: a data set name or dsname. In some cases the data set has no name; it is known to the system by the device on which it exists.

The operating system needs a way to recognize which physical data set is referred to by your program, so you must write a data definition or DD statement, external to your program, that associates the PL/I file name with a dsname.

For example, if you have the following file declaration in your program, you must create a DD statement with a data definition name (ddname) that matches the name of the PL/I file.

```
DCL STOCK FILE STREAM INPUT;
```

The DD statement specifies a physical data set name (dsname) and gives its characteristics:

```
//GO.STOCK DD DSN=PARTS.INSTOCK, . . .
```

For more detail about writing DD statements, refer to the job control language (JCL) manuals for your system.

There is more than one way to associate a data set with a PL/I file. You associate a data set with a PL/I file by ensuring that the ddname of the DD statement that defines the data set is the same as one of the following:

- The declared PL/I file name
- The character-string value of the expression specified in the TITLE option of the associated OPEN statement.

You must choose your PL/I file names so that the corresponding ddnames conform to the following restrictions:

- If a file is opened implicitly, or if no TITLE option is included in the OPEN statement that explicitly opens the file, the ddname uses the file name by default. If the file name is longer than 8 characters, the default ddname is composed of the first 8 characters of the file name.
- The character set of the JCL does not contain the break character (\_). Consequently, this character cannot appear in ddnames. Do not use break characters among the first 8 characters of file names, unless the file is to be opened with a TITLE option with a valid ddname as its expression. The alphabetic extender characters $, @, and #, however, are valid for ddnames, but the first character must be one of the letters A through Z.

Because external names are limited to 7 characters, an external file name of more than 7 characters is shortened into a concatenation of the first 4 and the last 3 characters of the file name. Such a shortened name is not, however, the name used as the ddname in the associated DD statement.

Consider the following statements:

1. OPEN FILE(MASTER);
2. OPEN FILE(OLDMASTER);
3. READ FILE(DETAIL) ...;
When statement number 1 is run, the file name MASTER is taken to be the same as the ddname of a DD statement in the current job step. When statement number 2 is run, the name OLDMASTE is taken to be the same as the ddname of a DD statement in the current job step. (The first 8 characters of a file name form the ddname. If OLDMASTER is an external name, it will be shortened by the compiler to OLDMTER for use within the program.) If statement number 3 causes implicit opening of the file DETAIL, the name DETAIL is taken to be the same as the ddname of a DD statement in the current job step.

In each of the above cases, a corresponding DD statement must appear in the job stream; otherwise, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised. The three DD statements could start as follows:

1. //MASTER DD ...
2. //OLDMASTE DD ...
3. //DETAIL DD ...

If the file reference in the statement that explicitly or implicitly opens the file is not a file constant, the DD statement name must be the same as the value of the file reference. The following example illustrates how a DD statement should be associated with the value of a file variable:

```pli
DCL PRICES FILE VARIABLE,
   RPRICE FILE;
   PRICES = RPRICE;
   OPEN FILE(PRICES);
```

The DD statement should associate the data set with the file constant RPRICE, which is the value of the file variable PRICES:

```
//RPRICE DD DSNAME=...
```

Use of a file variable also allows you to manipulate a number of files at various times by a single statement. See the following example:

```pli
DECLARE F FILE VARIABLE,
   A FILE,
   B FILE,
   C FILE;
.
.
DO F=A,B,C;
   READ FILE (F) ...;
.
.
END;
```

The READ statement reads the three files A, B, and C, each of which can be associated with a different data set. The files A, B, and C remain open after the READ statement is executed in each instance.

The following OPEN statement illustrates use of the TITLE option:

```
OPEN FILE(DETAIL) TITLE('DETAIL1');
```

For this statement to be executed successfully, you must have a DD statement in the current job step with DETAIL1 as its ddname. It could start as follows:

```
//DETAIL1 DD DSNAME=DETAILA, ...
```
Thus, you associate the data set DETAILA with the file DETAIL through the ddname DETAIL1.

**Associating several files with one data set**

You can use the TITLE option to associate two or more PL/I files with the same external data set, provided that the first file association is closed before a second file association is opened against the same TITLE name.

In the following example, INVNTRY is the name of a DD statement defining a data set to be associated with two files:

```pli
OPEN FILE(FILE1) TITLE('INVNTRY');
.....
CLOSE FILE(FILE1);
.....
OPEN FILE(FILE2) TITLE('INVNTRY');
```

If the file is not closed first before the second open is done, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition will be raised with a subcode1 value of 59, stating that an open was attempted against a file that was already open.

**Associating several data sets with one file**

You can use the TITLE option to associate several data sets with one file.

The file name can, at different times, represent entirely different data sets. Consider the following OPEN statement:

```pli
OPEN FILE(DETAIL) TITLE('DETAIL1');
```

For this statement to be executed successfully, a DD statement must be specified in the current job step with DETAIL1 as its ddname:

```pli
//DETAIL1 DD DSNAME=DETAILA,...
```

The file DETAIL1 is associated with the data set named in the DSNAME parameter of the DD statement DETAIL1. If you close and reopen the file, you can specify a different ddname in the TITLE option to associate the file with a different data set.

Using the TITLE option, you can choose dynamically, at open time, one among several data sets to be associated with a particular file name. Consider the following example:

```pli
DO IDENT='A','B','C';
   OPEN FILE(MASTER)
      TITLE('MASTER1'||IDENT);
   ...
   CLOSE FILE(MASTER);
END;
```

In this example, when MASTER is opened during the first iteration of the do-group, the associated ddname is taken to be MASTER1A. After processing, the file is closed, dissociating the file name and the ddname. During the second iteration of the do-group, MASTER is opened again. This time, MASTER is associated with the ddname MASTER1B. Similarly, during the final iteration of the do-group, MASTER is associated with the ddname MASTERIC.
**Concatenating several data sets**

For input only, you can concatenate two or more sequential or regional data sets (that is, link them so that they are processed as one continuous data set) by omitting the ddname from all but the first of the DD statements that describe the data sets.

For example, the following DD statements cause the data sets LIST1, LIST2, and LIST3 to be treated as a single data set for the duration of the job step in which the statements appear:

```
//GO.LIST DD DSNAME=LIST1,DISP=OLD
// DD DSNAME=LIST2,DISP=OLD
// DD DSNAME=LIST3,DISP=OLD
```

When read from a PL/I program, the concatenated data sets need not be on the same volume.

You cannot process concatenated data sets backward.

**Accessing HFS files under z/OS**

You can access HFS files from a batch program by specifying the HFS file name in the DD statement or in the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

For example, to access the HFS file `/u/USER/sample.txt` by using the DD HFS, you can code the DD statement as follows:

```
//HFS DD PATH='/u/USER/sample.txt',PATHOPTS=ORDONLY,DSNTYPE=HFS
```

To access the same file by using the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, you can code as follows:

```
OPEN FILE(HFS) TITLE('PATH(/u/USER/sample.txt)');
```

Note the two forward slashes in the TITLE option: the first indicates that what follows is a file name (rather than a DD name), and the second is the start of the fully qualified HFS file name. You must use fully qualified names when HFS files are referenced under batch, because there is no current directory that can be used to complete a file specification.

You can access HFS files from a batch program using PL/I dynamic allocation by specifying the HFS file name using one of the following methods:

- The DD statement
- The TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- The PUTENV built-in function
- The PLIXOPT string using the ENVAR option

The following example shows how to access HFS files by using these methods:

```
//HFS DD PATH='/u/USER/sample.txt',PATHOPTS=ORDONLY...
OPEN FILE(HFS) TITLE('PATH(/u/USER/sample.txt)');
xx = putenv('DD_HFS=/u/USER/sample.txt');
Dcl plixopt char(100) var ext static
init('ENVAR("DD_HFS=PATH(/u/USER/sample.txt)")');
```

**Note:** To use PL/I dynamic allocation, specify the file names by using the DSN() format for MVS data sets, or the PATH() format for HFS files.
PL/I decides how to treat HFS files under batch in the following order:

1. If ENV(F) is specified in the file declaration, the file is assumed to consist of fixed length records.
2. If ENV(V) is specified in the file declaration, the file is assumed to consist of lf-delimited records.
3. If FILEDATA=BINARY is specified on the file’s DD statement, the file is assumed to consist of fixed length records.
4. Otherwise the file is assumed to consist of lf-delimited records.

To access a fixed length z/OS file from UNIX, the record size of the file must be specified either in the ENVIRONMENT attribute of the file or in the TITLE option on the OPEN statement.

- If the file declaration does not contain ENV( F RECSIZE(...) ), you must specify the data set name and these attributes in the TITLE option. For example, for a file of fixed length 80-byte records, you could specify a TITLE option as follows:
  
  '/dataset.name,type(fixed),recsize(80)'

- If the ENVIRONMENT attribute specifies only one of F or RECSIZE, you must specify the data set name and the omitted attribute in the TITLE option.

- If the ENVIRONMENT attribute specifies both F and RECSIZE, you need to specify only the data set name in the TITLE option.

**Associating data sets with files under z/OS UNIX**

A file used within a PL/I program has a PL/I file name. A data set also has a name by which it is known to the operating system.

PL/I needs a way to recognize the data sets to which the PL/I files in your program refer, so you must provide an identification of the data set to be used, or allow PL/I to use a default identification.

You can identify the data set explicitly using either an environment variable or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

To use PL/I dynamic allocation, you must specify the file names by using the DSN() format for MVS data sets, or the PATH() format for HFS files.

To access HFS files from z/OS UNIX program using PL/I dynamic allocation, you can specify the HFS filename by using one of the following methods:

- The TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- The PUTENV built-in function
- The PLIXOPT string using the ENVAR option
- The EXPORT statement

**Using environment variables**

Use the export command to establish an environment variable that identifies the data set to be associated with a PL/I file, and, optionally, to specify the characteristics of that data set. The information provided by the environment variable is called data definition (or DD) information.

These environment variable names have the form DD_DDNAME, where the DDNAME is the name of a PL/I file constant (or an alternate DDNAME, as defined below). If
the filename refers to an HFS file, the filename must be properly qualified. Otherwise, the PL/I library assumes that the filename refers to an MVS data set.

**Examples**

- declare MyFile stream output;
  export DD_MYFILE=/datapath/mydata.dat
  where /datapath/mydata.dat refers to an HFS file. The filename is fully-qualified.
- export DD_MYFILE=./mydata.dat
  where ./mydata.dat refers to an HFS file in the current directory.
- export DD_MYFILE=mydata.dat
  where mydata.dat refers to an MVS data set.

The following examples show that the HFS files are accessed when you use PL/I dynamic allocation:

export DD_HFS="PATH(/u/USER/sample.txt)"
export DD_FILE="DSN(USER.FILE.EXT),SHR"

If you are familiar with the IBM mainframe environment, you can think of the environment variable much like the following statement:

  DD statement in z/OS
  ALLOCATE statement in TSO

For more information about the syntax and options you can use with the DD_DDNAME environment variable, see [“Specifying characteristics using DD_DDNAME environment variables” on page 210](#).

Under z/OS UNIX, where more types of varying length HFS files are supported than under batch, PL/I treats an HFS file as follows:

1. If ENV(F) is specified in the file declaration, the file is assumed to consist of fixed length records.
2. If a TYPE is specified in the file's EXPORT statement, the file is assumed to consist of records of that type.
3. Otherwise the file is assumed to consist of lf-delimited records.

**Using the TITLE option of the OPEN statement**

You can use the TITLE option of the OPEN statement to identify the data set to be associated with a PL/I file, and, optionally, to provide additional characteristics of that data set.

```plaintext
TITLE('expression')
```

The `expression` must yield a character string with the following syntax:
**alternate_ddname**

The name of an alternate DD_DDNAME environment variable

An alternate DD_DDNAME environment variable is not named after a file constant. For example, if you have a file named INVENTORY in your program and you establish two DD_DDNAME environment variables with the first named INVENTORY and the second named PARTS, you can associate the file with the second one by using this statement:

```
open file(Inventry) title('PARTS');
```

**filespec**

Any valid file specification on the system you are using

The maximum length of filespec is 1023 characters.

**dd_option**

One or more options allowed in a DD_DDNAME environment variable

For more information about the options of the DD_DDNAME environment variable, see "Specifying characteristics using DD_DDNAME environment variables" on page 210.

**dsname**

The fully qualified MVS data set name

**dsn_option**

One or more DSN options

For more information about the DSN options, see "Defining QSAM files using PL/I dynamic allocation" on page 258, "Defining REGIONAL(1) data sets using PL/I dynamic allocation" on page 277, and "Defining VSAM file using PL/I dynamic allocation" on page 287.

**pathname**

The fully qualified HFS path name

Here is an example of using the OPEN statement in this manner with a z/OS DSN:

```
open file(Payroll) title('/June.Dat,append(n),recsize(52)');
```

Note the required leading forward slash in the TITLE option. This leading forward slash indicates that what follows is a file name (rather than a DD name). In this case, June.Dat refers to an MVS data set.

If June.Dat is an HFS file, the OPEN statement example is as follows:

```
open file(Payroll) title('/u/USER/June.Dat,append(n),recsize(52)');
```

Note the two forward slashes in the TITLE option: the first indicates that what follows is a file name (rather than a DD name), and the second is the start of the fully qualified HFS file name.
You can also specify relative HFS file names in place of fully qualified names. See the following example:

```
open file(Payroll) title(’./June.Dat,append(n),recsize(52)’);
```

The data set name June.Dat will be prefixed with the pathname of the current z/OS UNIX directory.

With this form, PL/I obtains all DD information either from the TITLE expression or from the ENVIRONMENT attribute of a file declaration - a DD_DDNAME environment variable is not referenced.

The following examples show how to use the OPEN statement with PL/I dynamic allocation support:

- For a z/OS data set:
  
  ```
  OPEN FILE(QSAM01) title(’DSN(USER.FILE.EXT),SHR’);
  ```

- For an HFS file:
  
  ```
  OPEN FILE(QSAM01) title(’PATH(/u/USER/sample.txt)’);
  ```

**Attempting to use files not associated with data sets**

If you attempt to use a file that has not been associated with a data set, (either through the use of the TITLE option of the OPEN statement or by establishing a DD_DDNAME environment variable), the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

The only exceptions are the files SYSIN and SYSPRINT; these default to stdin and stdout, respectively.

**How PL/I finds data sets**

PL/I establishes the path for creating new data sets or accessing existing data sets in one of the following ways:

- The current directory
- The paths as defined by the export DD_DDNAME environment variable

**Specifying characteristics using DD_DDNAME environment variables**

You use the export command to establish an environment variable that identifies the data set to be associated with a PL/I file, and, optionally, provide additional characteristics of that data set. This information provided by the environment variable is called data definition (or DD) information.

**DD_DDNAME syntax**

```
DD_DDNAME = "filespec", option
  DSN(asename), dsn_option
  PATH(pathname), dsn_option
```

Blanks are acceptable within the syntax. In addition, the syntax of the statement is not checked at the time the command is entered. It is verified when the data set is opened. If the syntax is wrong, UNDEFINEDFILE is raised with the oncode 96.
**DD_DDNAME**

The name of the environment variable

The DDNAME must be in uppercase and can be either the name of a file constant or an alternate DDNAME that you specify in the TITLE option of your OPEN statement. For more information, see "Using the TITLE option of the OPEN statement" on page 208.

If you use an alternate DDNAME that is longer than 31 characters, only the first 31 characters are used in forming the environment variable name.

**filespec**

The specifications of a file or the name of a device to be associated with the PL/I file

**option**

The options that you can specify as DD information

**dsname**

The fully-qualified MVS data set name

**pathname**

The fully-qualified HFS path name

The following topics describe the options that you can specify as DD information. Note that these options do not apply to the DSN() or PATH() formats.

**APPEND**

The APPEND option specifies whether an existing data set is to be extended or re-created.

```
APPEND—(Y|N)
```

- **Y** Specifies that new records are to be added to the end of a sequential data set, or inserted in a relative or indexed data set.
- **N** Specifies that, if the file exists, it is to be re-created.

The APPEND option applies only to OUTPUT files. APPEND is ignored under the following conditions:
- The file does not exist.
- The file does not have the OUTPUT attribute.
- The organization is REGIONAL(1).

**BUFSIZE**

The BUFSIZE option specifies the number of bytes for a buffer.

```
BUFSIZE—(n)
```

RECORD output is buffered by default and has a default value for BUFSIZE of 64k. STREAM output is buffered, but not by default; the default BUFSIZE value for STREAM output is zero.

If the value of BUFSIZE is zero, the number of bytes for buffering is equal to the value specified in the RECSIZE or LRECL option.
The BUFSIZE option is valid only for a consecutive binary file. If the file is used for terminal input, you should assign the value of zero to BUFSIZE for increased efficiency.

**CHARSET for record I/O**
This version of the CHARSET option applies only to consecutive files using record I/O. It allows the user to use ASCII data files as input files and specify the character set of output files.

Choose a suboption of CHARSET based on what form the file has (input) or what form you want the file to have (output).

**CHARSET for stream I/O**
This version of the CHARSET option applies for stream input and output files. It allows the user to use ASCII data files as input files and specify the character set of output files.

If you attempt to specify ASIS when using stream I/O, no error is issued and character sets are treated as EBCDIC.

Choose a suboption of CHARSET based on what form the file has (input) or what form you want the file to have (output).

**DELAY**
The DELAY option specifies the number of milliseconds to delay before the compiler retries an operation that fails when a file or record lock cannot be obtained by the system.

This option is applicable only to VSAM files.

**DELIMIT**
The DELIMIT option specifies whether the input file contains field delimiters.

A field delimiter is a blank or a user-defined character that separates the fields in a record. This is applicable for sort input files only.

The sort utility distinguishes text files from binary files with the presence of field delimiters. Input files that contain field delimiters are processed as text files;
otherwise, they are considered to be binary files. The library needs this information in order to pass the correct parameters to the sort utility.

**LRECL**
The LRECL option is the same as the RECSIZE option.

\[\text{LRECL} (n)\]

If LRECL is not specified and not implied by a LINESIZE value (except for TYPE(FIXED) files, the default is 1024.

**LRMSKIP**
The LRMSKIP option allows output to begin on the \(n\)th line of the first page for the first SKIP format item to be executed after a file is opened. \(n\) refers to the value specified with the SKIP option of the PUT or GET statement.

\[\text{LRMSKIP} (n)\]

If \(n\) is zero or 1, output begins on the first line of the first page.

**PROMPT**
The PROMPT option specifies whether colons should be visible as prompts for stream input from the terminal.

\[\text{PROMPT} (n)\]

**PUTPAGE**
The PUTPAGE option specifies whether the form feed character should be followed by a carriage return character. This option applies only to printer-destined files.

Printer-destined files are stream output files declared with the PRINT attribute, or record output files declared with the CTLASA environment option.

\[\text{PUTPAGE} (\text{NOCR})\]

**NOCR**
Indicates that the form feed character (‘0C’x) is not followed by a carriage return character (‘0D’x).

**CR**
Indicates that the carriage return character is appended to the form feed character. This option should be specified if output is sent to non-IBM printers.

**RECCOUNT**
The RECCOUNT option specifies the maximum number of records that can be loaded into a relative or regional data set that is created during the PL/I file opening process.

**Note:** The RECCOUNT option is not supported for 64-bit programs in PL/I V5.1.
The RECCOUNT option is ignored if PL/I does not create or re-create the data set.

The default for the RECCOUNT option is 50.

**Note:** Under z/OS, it is recommended that you omit the TITLE option with both the /filespec parameter and RECCOUNT parameter for improved functionality and performance of REGIONAL(1) data sets. In such a case, the number of records that will be loaded into the file depends on the space allocated to the first extent of the data set. See Chapter 13, “Defining and using regional data sets,” on page 275 for additional information.

**RECSIZE**
The RECSIZE option specifies the length of records in the data set. For regional and fixed-length data sets, RECSIZE specifies the length of each record in the data set; for all other data set types, RECSIZE specifies the maximum length that records can have.

**SAMELINE**
The SAMELINE option specifies whether the system prompt occurs on the same line as the statement that prompts for input.

The following examples show the results of certain combinations of the PROMPT and SAMELINE options.

**Example 1**
Given the statement PUT SKIP LIST('ENTER:');, output is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>prompt(y)</th>
<th>sameline(y)</th>
<th>ENTER: (cursor)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>prompt(y)</td>
<td>sameline(n)</td>
<td>ENTER:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(cursor)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>prompt(n)</td>
<td>sameline(y)</td>
<td>ENTER:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(cursor)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>prompt(n)</td>
<td>sameline(n)</td>
<td>ENTER:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(cursor)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example 2

Given the statement `PUT SKIP LIST('ENTER');`, output is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>prompt(y) sameline(y)</th>
<th>ENTER: (cursor)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>prompt(y) sameline(n)</td>
<td>ENTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(cursor)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>prompt(n) sameline(y)</td>
<td>ENTER (cursor)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>prompt(n) sameline(n)</td>
<td>ENTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(cursor)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SKIP0**

The SKIP0 option specifies where the line cursor moves when SKIP(0) statement is coded in the source program. SKIP0 applies to terminal files that are not linked as PM applications.

- **SKIP0(N)**
  - Specifies that the cursor moves to the beginning of the next line.

- **SKIP0(Y)**
  - Specifies that the cursor moves to the beginning of the current line.

The following example shows how you could make the output to the terminal skip zero lines so that the cursor moves to the beginning of the current output line:

```
export DD_SYSPRINT='stdout:,SKIP0(Y)
```

**TYPE**

The TYPE option specifies the format of records in a native file.

- **CRLF**
  - Specifies that records are delimited by the CR - LF character combination. ('CR' and 'LF' represent the ASCII values of carriage return and line feed, '0D'x and '0A'x, respectively. For an output file, PL/I places the characters at the end of each record; for an input file, PL/I discards the characters. For both input and output, the characters are not counted in consideration for RECSIZE.

  The data set must not contain any record that is longer than the value determined for the record length of the data set.

- **LF**
  - Specifies that records are delimited by the LF character combination. ('LF'
represents the ASCII values of feed or '0A'x.) For an output file, PL/I places the characters at the end of each record; for an input file, PL/I discards the characters. For both input and output, the characters are not counted in consideration for RECSIZE.

The data set must not contain any record that is longer than the value determined for the record length of the data set.

**TEXT**
Equivalent to LF.

**FIXED**
Specifies that each record in the data set has the same length. The length determined for records in the data set is used to recognize record boundaries.

All characters in a TYPE(FIXED) file are considered as data, including control characters if they exist. Make sure the record length you specify reflects the presence of these characters, or make sure the record length you specify accounts for all characters in the record.

**CRLFEOF**
Except for output files, this suboption specifies the same information as CRLF. When one of these files is closed for output, an end-of-file marker is appended to the last record.

**U**
Indicates that records are unformatted. These unformatted files cannot be used by any record or stream I/O statements except OPEN and CLOSE. You can read from a TYPE(U) file only by using the FILEREAD built-in function. You can write to a TYPE(U) file only by using the FILEWRITE built-in function.

The TYPE option applies only to CONSECUTIVE files, except that it is ignored for printer-destined files with ASA(N) applied.

If your program attempts to access an existing data set with TYPE(FIXED) in effect and the length of the data set is not a multiple of the logical record length you specify, PL/I raises the UNDEFINEDFILE condition.

When nonprint files with the TYPE(FIXED) attribute are used, SKIP is replaced by trailing blanks to the end of the line. If TYPE(LF) is being used, SKIP is replaced by LF with no trailing blanks.

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**Establishing data set characteristics**

A data set consists of records stored in a particular format that the operating system data management routines understand. When you declare or open a file in your program, you are describing to PL/I and to the operating system the characteristics of the records that file will contain.

You can also use JCL or an expression in the TITLE option of the OPEN statement to describe to the operating system the characteristics of the data in data sets or in the PL/I files associated with the data sets.

You do not always need to describe your data both within the program and outside it; often one description will serve for both data sets and their associated PL/I files. There are, in fact, advantages to describing the characteristics of your data in only one place.

To effectively describe your program data and the data sets you will be using, you need to understand how the operating system moves and stores data.
Blocks and records

The items of data in a data set are arranged in blocks separated by interblock gaps (IBG). (Some manuals refer to these as interrecord gaps.)

A block is the unit of data transmitted to and from a data set. Each block contains one record, part of a record, or several records. You can specify the block size in the BLKSIZE parameter of the DD statement or in the BLKSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

A record is the unit of data transmitted to and from a program. You can specify the record length in the LRECL parameter of the DD statement, in the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, or in the RECSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

When writing a PL/I program, you need consider only the records that you are reading or writing; but when you describe the data sets that your program will create or access, you must be aware of the relationship between blocks and records.

Blocking conserves storage space in a magnetic storage volume because it reduces the number of interblock gaps, and it can increase efficiency by reducing the number of input/output operations required to process a data set. Records are blocked and deblocked by the data management routines.

Information interchange codes

The normal code in which data is recorded is the Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC).

Each character in the ASCII code is represented by a 7-bit pattern and there are 128 such patterns. The ASCII set includes a substitute character (the SUB control character) that is used to represent EBCDIC characters having no valid ASCII code. The ASCII substitute character is translated to the EBCDIC SUB character, which has the bit pattern 00111111.

Record formats

The records in a data set have one of the following formats:

- Fixed-length
- Variable-length
- Undefined-length.

Records can be blocked if required. The operating system will deblock fixed-length and variable-length records, but you must provide code in your program to deblock undefined-length records.

You specify the record format in the RECFM parameter of the DD statement, in the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, or as an option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

Fixed-length records

You can specify the following formats for fixed-length records:

- F  Fixed-length, unblocked
- FB Fixed-length, blocked
- FS Fixed-length, unblocked, standard
- FBS Fixed-length, blocked, standard.
In a data set with fixed-length records, as shown in Figure 23, all records have the same length. If the records are blocked, each block usually contains an equal number of fixed-length records (although a block can be truncated). If the records are unblocked, each record constitutes a block.

Because it bases blocking and de-blocking on a constant record length, the operating system processes fixed-length records faster than variable-length records.

**Variable-length records**

You can specify the following formats for variable-length records:

- **V** Variable-length, unblocked
- **VB** Variable-length, blocked
- **VS** Variable-length, unblocked, spanned
- **VBS** Variable-length, blocked, spanned

V-format allows both variable-length records and variable-length blocks. A 4-byte prefix of each record and the first 4 bytes of each block contain control information for use by the operating system (including the length in bytes of the record or block). Because of these control fields, variable-length records cannot be read backward.

V-format signifies unblocked variable-length records. Each record is treated as a block containing only one record. The first 4 bytes of the block contain block control information, and the next 4 contain record control information.

VB-format signifies blocked variable-length records. Each block contains as many complete records as it can accommodate. The first 4 bytes of the block contain block control information, and a 4-byte prefix of each record contains record control information.

**Spanned Records**: A spanned record is a variable-length record in which the length of the record can exceed the size of a block. If this occurs, the record is divided into segments and accommodated in two or more consecutive blocks by specifying the record format as either VS or VBS. Segmentation and assembly are handled by the operating system. The use of spanned records allows you to select a block size, independently of record length, that will combine optimum use of auxiliary storage with maximum efficiency of transmission.
VS-format is similar to V-format. Each block contains only one record or segment of a record. The first 4 bytes of the block contain block control information, and the next 4 contain record or segment control information (including an indication of whether the record is complete or is a first, intermediate, or last segment).

VBS-format differs from VS-format in that each block contains as many complete records or segments as it can accommodate; each block is, therefore, approximately the same size (although there can be a variation of up to 4 bytes, because each segment must contain at least 1 byte of data).

**Undefined-length records**

U-format allows the processing of records that do not conform to F- and V-formats. The operating system and the compiler treat each block as a record; your program must perform any required blocking or deblocking.

**Data set organization**

The data management routines of the operating system can handle a number of types of data sets, which differ in the way data is stored within them and in the allowed means of access to the data.

The following table shows the three main types of non-VSAM data sets and the corresponding keywords describing their PL/I organization.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of data set</th>
<th>PL/I organization</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sequential</td>
<td>CONSECUTIVE or ORGANIZATION(consecutive)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indexed</td>
<td>INDEXED or ORGANIZATION(indexed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct</td>
<td>REGIONAL or ORGANIZATION(relative)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A fourth type, partitioned, has no corresponding PL/I organization.

PL/I also provides support for three types of VSAM data organization: ESDS, KSDS, and RRDS. For more information about VSAM data sets, see Chapter 14, “Defining and using VSAM data sets,” on page 287.

In a **sequential** (or CONSECUTIVE) data set, records are placed in physical sequence. Given one record, the location of the next record is determined by its physical position in the data set. Sequential organization can be selected for direct access devices.

An **indexed sequential** (or INDEXED) data set must reside on a direct access volume. An index or a set of indexes maintained by the operating system gives the location of certain principal records. This allows direct retrieval, replacement, addition, and deletion of records, as well as sequential processing.

A **direct** (or REGIONAL) data set must reside on a direct access volume. The data set is divided into regions, each of which contains one or more records. A key that specifies the region number allows direct access to any record; sequential processing is also possible.

In a **partitioned** data set, independent groups of sequentially organized data, each called a member, reside in a direct access data set. The data set includes a directory

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1. Do not confuse the terms sequential and direct with the PL/I file attributes SEQUENTIAL and DIRECT. The attributes refer to how the file is to be processed, and not to the way the corresponding data set is organized.
that lists the location of each member. Partitioned data sets are often called libraries. The compiler includes no special facilities for creating and accessing partitioned data sets. Each member can be processed as a CONSECUTIVE data set by a PL/I program. For more information about using partitioned data sets as libraries, see Chapter 9, “Using libraries,” on page 235.

Labels
The operating system uses internal labels to identify direct access volumes and to store data set attributes (for example, record length and block size). The attribute information must originally come from a DD statement or from your program.

IBM standard labels have two parts: the initial volume label and header labels. The initial volume label identifies a volume and its owner; the header labels precede and follow each data set on the volume. Header labels contain system information, device-dependent information (for example, recording technique), and data set characteristics.

Direct access volumes have IBM standard labels. Each volume is identified by a volume label, which is stored on the volume. This label contains a volume serial number and the address of a volume table of contents (VTOC). The table of contents, in turn, contains a label, called a data set control block (DSCB), for each data set stored on the volume.

Data Definition (DD) statement
A data definition (DD) statement is a job control statement that defines a data set to the operating system, and is a request to the operating system for the allocation of input/output resources. If the data sets are not dynamically allocated, each job step must include a DD statement for each data set that is processed by the step.

The z/OS MVS JCL User’s Guide describes the syntax of job control statements. The operand field of the DD statement can contain keyword parameters that describe the location of the data set (for example, volume serial number and identification of the unit on which the volume will be mounted) and the attributes of the data itself (for example, record format).

The DD statement enables you to write PL/I source programs that are independent of the data sets and input/output devices they will use. You can modify the parameters of a data set or process different data sets without recompiling your program.

The LEAVE and REREAD options of the ENVIRONMENT attribute allow you to use the DISP parameter to control the action taken when the end of a magnetic-tape volume is reached or when a magnetic-tape data set is closed. For information about the LEAVE and REREAD options, see “LEAVE | REREAD” on page 267.

Write validity checking, which was standard in PL/I Version 1, is no longer performed. Write validity checking can be requested through the OPTCD subparameter of the DCB parameter of the JCL DD statement. See the OS/VS2 Job Control Language manual.

Use of the conditional subparameters
If you use the conditional subparameters of the DISP parameter for data sets processed by PL/I programs, the step abend facility must be used.
The step abend facility is obtained as follows:

1. The ERROR condition should be raised or signaled whenever the program is to terminate execution after a failure that requires the application of the conditional subparameters.

2. The PL/I user exit must be changed to request an ABEND.

**Data set characteristics**

The DCB (data control block) parameter of the DD statement allows you to describe the characteristics of the data in a data set and the way it will be processed at run time. Whereas the other parameters of the DD statement deal chiefly with the identity, location, and disposal of the data set, the DCB parameter specifies information required for the processing of the records themselves.

The subparameters of the DCB parameter are described in the *OS/VS2 Job Control Language.*

The DCB parameter contains subparameters that describe the following data characteristics:

- The organization of the data set and how it will be accessed (CYLOFL, DSORG, LIMCT, NTM, and OPTCD subparameters)
- Device-dependent information such as the line spacing for a printer (CODE, FUNC, MODE, OPTCD=J, PRTSP, and STACK subparameters)
- The record format (BLKSIZE, KEYLEN, LRECL, and RECFM subparameters)
- The ASA control characters (if any) that will be inserted in the first byte of each record (RECFM subparameter)

You can specify BLKSIZE, LRECL, KEYLEN, and RECFM (or their equivalents) in the ENVIRONMENT attribute of a file declaration in your PL/I program instead of in the DCB parameter.

You cannot use the DCB parameter to override information already established for the data set in your PL/I program (by the file attributes declared and the other attributes that are implied by them). DCB subparameters that attempt to change information already supplied are ignored.

For a new data set, the attributes of the file defined in the program will be used if there is a conflict with the DD statement.

You might see message IEC225I with RC=4 issued when closing PDS files. This message can be safely ignored.

The following example of the DCB parameter specifies that fixed-length records, 40 bytes in length, are to be grouped together in a block 400 bytes long:

```
DCB=(RECFM=FB,BLKSIZE=400,LRECL=40)
```

**Using the TITLE option of the OPEN statement**

You can use the TITLE option of the OPEN statement to identify the data set to be associated with a PL/I file and, optionally, to provide additional characteristics of the data set.

**Related information:**

"Using the TITLE option of the OPEN statement" on page 208

You can use the TITLE option of the OPEN statement to identify the data set to be associated with a PL/I file, and, optionally, to provide additional characteristics of...
that data set.

**Associating PL/I files with data sets**

The execution of a PL/I OPEN statement associates a file with a data set. The execution of a PL/I CLOSE statement dissociates a file from the data set with which it was associated.

**Opening a file**

The execution of a PL/I OPEN statement associates a file with a data set. This requires merging of the information describing the file and the data set. If any conflict is detected between file attributes and data set characteristics, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

Subroutines of the PL/I library create a skeleton data control block for the data set. They use the file attributes from the DECLARE and OPEN statements and any attributes implied by the declared attributes, to complete the data control block as far as possible. (See Figure 24 on page 223) They then issue an OPEN macro instruction, which calls the data management routines to check that the correct volume is mounted and to complete the data control block.

The data management routines examine the data control block to see what information is still needed and then look for this information, first in the DD statement, and finally, if the data set exists and has standard labels, in the data set labels. For new data sets, the data management routines begin to create the labels (if they are required) and to fill them with information from the data control block.

For INPUT data sets, the PL/I program can override the DCB attributes as long as there is no conflict in attributes. For OUTPUT data sets, the PL/I program cannot override the DCB attributes. However, if any DCB attributes are missing from the data set when it is opened, they will be obtained from the PL/I program, if provided.

When the DCB fields are filled in from these sources, control returns to the PL/I library subroutines. If any fields still are not filled in, the PL/I OPEN subroutine provides default information for some of them. For example, if LRECL is not specified, it is provided from the value given for BLKSIZE.
Using system-determined block size:

If you use the system-determined block size function of the Data Facility Product on z/OS, DFP determines the optimal block size for the device type that is assigned.

When you create a new DASD data set, the system derives the optimum block size and saves it in the data set label when all of the following conditions are true:

- Block size is not available or specified from any source. BLKSIZE=0 can be specified.
- You specify LRECL, or it is in the data class. The data set does not have to be SMS managed.
- You specify RECFM, or it is in the data class. It must be fixed or variable.
- You specify DSORG as PS or PO, or if you omit DSORG, it is PS or PO in the data class.

When system-determined block size is active, DFP determines the block size and places it in the data set label before PL/I opens the file. Therefore, if the PL/I program specifies a block size with its ENVIRONMENT option, it must not be in conflict with the value from the system-determined block size.

For detailed information about system-determined block size, see z/OS DFSMS Using Data Sets.

Closing a file

The execution of a PL/I CLOSE statement dissociates a file from the data set with which it was associated.

The PL/I library subroutines first issue a CLOSE macro instruction; when control returns from the data management routines, the subroutines release the data.
control block that was created when the file was opened. The data management routines complete the writing of labels for new data sets and update the labels of existing data sets.

Specifying characteristics in the ENVIRONMENT attribute

You can use various options in the ENVIRONMENT attribute to specify data characteristics. Each type of file has different attributes and environment options.

The ENVIRONMENT attribute

You use the ENVIRONMENT attribute of a PL/I file declaration file to specify information about the physical organization of the data set associated with a file, and describe other related information. The format of this information must be a parenthesized option list.

►►ENVIRONMENT—(option-list)—◄◄

Abbreviation: ENV

You can specify the options in any order, separated by blanks or commas.

The following example illustrates the syntax of the ENVIRONMENT attribute in the context of a complete file declaration (the options specified are for VSAM).

DCL FILENAME FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL
   INPUT ENV(VSAM GENKEY);

Table 15 summarizes the ENVIRONMENT options and file attributes. Certain qualifications on their use are presented in the notes and comments in the table.

Table 15. Attributes of PL/I file declarations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data set type</th>
<th>Stream</th>
<th>Record</th>
<th>Legend:</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sequential</td>
<td>Direct</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Consecutive</td>
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Table 15. Attributes of PL/I file declarations
Those ENVIRONMENT options that apply to more than one data set organization are described in the topics that follow. In addition, in the following sections, each option is described with each data set organization to which it applies.

**Related information:**

Chapter 14, “Defining and using VSAM data sets,” on page 287

This chapter covers VSAM (the Virtual Storage Access Method) organization for record-oriented data transmission, VSAM ENVIRONMENT options, compatibility with other PL/I data set organizations, and the statements you use to load and access the three types of VSAM data sets that PL/I supports—entry-sequenced,
key sequenced, and relative record.

**Data set organization options:** The following options specify the data set organization:

- **CONSECUTIVE**
- **INDEXED**
- **REGIONAL**
- **VSAM**

Each option is described in the discussion of the data set organization to which it applies.

**Other ENVIRONMENT options:**

You can use a constant or variable with those ENVIRONMENT options that require integer arguments, such as block sizes and record lengths. The variable must not be subscripted or qualified, and must have attributes FIXED BINARY(31,0) and STATIC.

The following list shows ENVIRONMENT options and equivalent DCB parameters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ENVIRONMENT option</th>
<th>DCB subparameter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Record format</td>
<td>RECFM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RECSIZE</td>
<td>LRECL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLKSIZE</td>
<td>BLKSIZE</td>
</tr>
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<td>CTLASA</td>
<td>CTL360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KEYLENGTH</td>
<td>KEYLEN</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** VS must be specified as an ENVIRONMENT option, not in the DCB.

**Record formats for record-oriented data transmission**

Record formats supported depend on the data set organization.

- **F** unblocked
- **FB** blocked
- **FS** unblocked, standard
- **FBS** blocked, standard

Records can have one of the following formats:
### Variable-length

- V: unblocked
- VB: blocked
- VS: spanned
- VBS: blocked, spanned

### Undefined-length

- U: (cannot be blocked)

When U-format records are read into a varying-length string, PL/I sets the length of the string to the block length of the retrieved data.

These record format options do not apply to VSAM data sets. If you specify a record format option for a file associated with a VSAM data set, the option is ignored.

You can specify VS-format records only for data sets with consecutive organization.

#### Record formats for stream-oriented data transmission

For information about the record format options for stream-oriented data transmission, see "Using stream-oriented data transmission" on page 241.

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**RECSIZE option**

The RECSIZE option specifies the record length.

```
RECSIZE(record-length)
```

For files associated with VSAM data sets, `record-length` is the sum of the following:

1. The length required for data
   - For variable-length and undefined-length records, this is the maximum length.
2. Any control bytes required
   - Variable-length records require 4 (for the record-length prefix); fixed-length and undefined-length records do not require any.

For VSAM data sets, the maximum and average lengths of the records are specified to the Access Method Services utility when the data set is defined. If you include the RECSIZE option in the file declaration for checking purposes, you should specify the maximum record size. If you specify RECSIZE and it conflicts with the values defined for the data set, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

You can specify `record-length` as an integer or as a variable with attributes FIXED BINARY(31,0) STATIC.

The value is subject to the following conventions:

**Maximum:**

- Fixed-length, and undefined (except ASCII data sets): 32760
- V-format, and VS- and VBS-format with UPDATE files: 32756
- VS- and VBS-format with INPUT and OUTPUT files: 16777215
- ASCII data sets: 9999
- VSAM data sets: 32761
Note: For VS- and VBS-format records longer than 32,756 bytes, you must specify the length in the RECSIZE option of ENVIRONMENT, and for the DCB subparameter of the DD statement you must specify LRECL=X. If RECSIZE exceeds the allowed maximum for INPUT or OUTPUT, either a record condition occurs or the record is truncated. UPDATE files are not supported with LRECL=X.

Zero value:
A search for a valid value is made first in the DD statement for the data set associated with the file and second in the data set label:

If neither of these provides a value, the default action is taken (see “Record format, BLKSIZE, and RECSIZE defaults” on page 229).

Negative Value:
The UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

BLKSIZE option
The BLKSIZE option specifies the maximum block size on the data set.

\[ \text{BLKSIZE} = (\text{block-size}) \]

block-size is the sum of the following:
1. The total length(s) of one of the following:
   - A single record
   - A single record and either one or two record segments
   - Several records
   - Several records and either one or two record segments
   - Two record segments
   - A single record segment.
   For variable-length records, the length of each record or record segment includes the 4 control bytes for the record or segment length.
   The preceding list summarizes all the possible combinations of records and record segments options: fixed- or variable-length, blocked or unblocked, spanned or unspanned. When specifying a block size for spanned records, note that each record and each record segment requires 4 control bytes for the record length and that these quantities are in addition to the 4 control bytes required for each block.
2. Any further control bytes required
   - Variable-length blocked records require 4 (for the block size).
   - Fixed-length and undefined-length records do not require any further control bytes.
3. Any block prefix bytes required (ASCII data sets only)

block-size can be specified as an integer, or as a variable with attributes FIXED BINARY(31,0) STATIC.

The value is subject to the following conventions:

Maximum:
32760

Zero value:
If you set BLKSIZE to 0, under z/OS the Data Facility Product sets the block size. For more information, see “Record format, BLKSIZE, and RECSIZE defaults” on page 229.
Negative value:
The UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

The relationship of block size to record length depends on the record format:

**FB-format or FBS-format**
The block size must be a multiple of the record length.

**VB-format:**
The block size must be equal to or greater than the sum of the following:
1. The maximum length of any record
2. Four control bytes

**VS-format or VBS-format:**
The block size can be less than, equal to, or greater than the record length.

**Notes:**
- Use the BLKSIZE option with unblocked (F- or V-format) records in either of the following ways:
  - Specify the BLKSIZE option, but not the RECSIZE option. Set the record length equal to the block size (minus any control or prefix bytes), and leave the record format unchanged.
  - Specify both BLKSIZE and RECSIZE and ensure that the relationship of the two values is compatible with blocking for the record format you use. Set the record format to FB or VB, whichever is appropriate.
- If for FB-format or FBS-format records the block size equals the record length, the record format is set to F.
- The BLKSIZE option does not apply to VSAM data sets, and is ignored if you specify it for one.

**Record format, BLKSIZE, and RECSIZE defaults**
If you do not specify either the record format, block size, or record length for a non-VSAM data set, a default action is taken.

**Record format:**
A search is made in the associated DD statement or data set label. If the search does not provide a value, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised, except for files associated with dummy data sets or the foreground terminal, in which case the record format is set to U.

**Block size or record length:**
If one of these is specified, a search is made for the other in the associated DD statement or data set label. If the search provides a value, and if this value is incompatible with the value in the specified option, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised. If the search is unsuccessful, a value is derived from the specified option (with the addition or subtraction of any control or prefix bytes).

If neither is specified, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised, except for files associated with dummy data sets, in which case BLKSIZE is set to 121 for F-format or U-format records and to 129 for V-format records. For files associated with the foreground terminal, RECSIZE is set to 120.

If you are using z/OS with the Data Facility Product system-determined block size, DFP determines the optimum block size for the device type assigned. If you specify BLKSIZE(0) in either the DD assignment or the ENVIRONMENT statement, DFP calculates BLKSIZE by using the record length, record format, and device type.
**GENKEY option — key classification**

The GENKEY (generic key) option applies only to INDEXED and VSAM key-sequenced data sets. You can use this option to classify keys recorded in a data set and use a SEQUENTIAL KEYED INPUT or SEQUENTIAL KEYED UPDATE file to access records according to their key classes.

A generic key is a character string that identifies a class of keys; all keys that begin with the string are members of that class. For example, the recorded keys “ABCD”, “ABCE”, and “ABDF” are all members of the classes identified by the generic keys “A” and “AB”, and the first two are also members of the class “ABC”; and the three recorded keys can be considered to be unique members of the classes “ABCD”, “ABCE”, and “ABDF”, respectively.

The GENKEY option allows you to start sequential reading or updating of a VSAM data set from the first record that has a key in a particular class, and for an INDEXED data set from the first nondummy record that has a key in a particular class. You identify the class by including its generic key in the KEY option of a READ statement. Subsequent records can be read by READ statements without the KEY option. No indication is given when the end of a key class is reached.

Although you can retrieve the first record that has a key in a particular class by using a READ with the KEY option, you cannot obtain the actual key unless the records have embedded keys, because the KEYTO option cannot be used in the same statement as the KEY option.

In the following example, a key length of more than 3 bytes is assumed:

```pli
DCL IND FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL KEYED
   UPDATE ENV (GENKEY);
   .
   .
   READ FILE(IND) INTO(INFIELD)
      KEY ('ABC');
   .
   .
NEXT:   READ FILE (IND) INTO (INFIELD);
   .
   .
   GO TO NEXT;
```

The first READ statement causes the first nondummy record in the data set whose key begins with “ABC” to be read into INFIELD; each time the second READ statement is executed, the nondummy record with the next higher key is retrieved. Repeated execution of the second READ statement results in reading records from higher key classes, because no indication is given when the end of a key class is reached. It is your responsibility to check each key if you do not wish to read beyond the key class. Any subsequent execution of the first READ statement will reposition the file to the first record of the key class “ABC”.

If the data set contains no records with keys in the specified class, or if all the records with keys in the specified class are dummy records, the KEY condition is raised. The data set is then positioned either at the next record that has a higher key or at the end of the file.
The presence or absence of the GENKEY option affects the execution of a READ statement which supplies a source key that is shorter than the key length specified in the KEYLEN subparameter. This KEYLEN subparameter is found in the DD statement that defines the indexed data set. If you specify the GENKEY option, it causes the source key to be interpreted as a generic key, and the data set is positioned to the first nondummy record in the data set whose key begins with the source key. If you do not specify the GENKEY option, a READ statement’s short source key is padded on the right with blanks to the specified key length, and the data set is positioned to the record that has this padded key (if such a record exists). For a WRITE statement, a short source key is always padded with blanks.

Use of the GENKEY option does not affect the result of supplying a source key whose length is greater than or equal to the specified key length. The source key, truncated on the right if necessary, identifies a specific record (whose key can be considered to be the only member of its class).

**SCALARVARYING option — varying-length strings**

You use the SCALARVARYING option in the input/output of varying-length strings; you can use it with records of any format.

When storage is allocated for a varying-length string, the compiler includes a 2-byte prefix that specifies the current length of the string. For an element varying-length string, this prefix is included on output, or recognized on input, only if SCALARVARYING is specified for the file.

When you use locate mode statements (LOCATE and READ SET) to create and read a data set with element varying-length strings, you must specify SCALARVARYING to indicate that a length prefix is present, because the pointer that locates the buffer is always assumed to point to the start of the length prefix.

When you specify SCALARVARYING and element varying-length strings are transmitted, you must allow two bytes in the record length to include the length prefix.

A data set created with SCALARVARYING should be accessed only by a file that also specifies SCALARVARYING.

You must not specify SCALARVARYING and CTLASA/CTL360 for the same file, because this causes the first data byte to be ambiguous.

**KEYLENGTH option**

The KEYLENGTH option specifies the length of the recorded key for KEYED files. You can specify KEYLENGTH for INDEXED files.

$n$ Specifies the length of the recorded key for KEYED files

If you include the KEYLENGTH option in a VSAM file declaration for checking purposes, and if the key length you specify in the option conflicts with the value defined for the data set, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.
ORGANIZATION option
The ORGANIZATION option specifies the organization of the data set associated with the PL/I file.

CONSECUTIVE
Specifies that the file is associated with a consecutive data set. A consecutive file can be either a native data set or a VSAM, ESDS, RRDS, or KSDS data set.

RELATIVE
Specifies that the file is associated with a relative data set. RELATIVE specifies that the data set contains records that do not have recorded keys. A relative file is a VSAM direct data set. Relative keys range from 1 to nnnn.

Data set types used by PL/I record I/O
Data sets with the RECORD attribute are processed by record-oriented data transmission in which data is transmitted to and from auxiliary storage exactly as it appears in the program variables; no data conversion takes place. A record in a data set corresponds to a variable in the program.

Table 16 shows the facilities that are available with the various types of data sets that can be used with PL/I record I/O.

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>VSAM KSDS</th>
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<th>CONSECUTIVE</th>
<th>REGIONAL (1)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SEQUENCE</td>
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<td>Entry order</td>
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<td>Key order</td>
<td>Entry order</td>
<td>By region</td>
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<tr>
<td>DEVICES</td>
<td>DASD</td>
<td>DASD</td>
<td>DASD</td>
<td>DASD</td>
<td>DASD, card, etc.</td>
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ACCESS

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<td>12</td>
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How extended

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<th>At end</th>
<th>In empty slots</th>
<th>With new keys</th>
<th>At end</th>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes, 1</td>
<td>Yes, 2</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes, 1</td>
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DELETION

<table>
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<th>Space reusable</th>
<th>Space not reusable</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Yes, 1</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following sections describe how to use Record I/O data sets for different types of data sets:

- Chapter 10, “Defining and using consecutive data sets,” on page 241
Setting environment variables under z/OS UNIX
Some environment variables can be set and exported for use with z/OS UNIX. To set the environment variables system wide so all users have access to them, add the lines suggested in the subsections to the file /etc/profile. To set them for a specific user only, add them to the file .profile in the user's home directory.

The variables are set the next time the user logs on.

The following example illustrates how to set environment variables:

```
LANG=ja_JP
NLSPATH=/usr/lib/nls/msg/%L/%N:/usr/lib/nls/msg/prime/%N
LIBPATH=/home/joe/usr/lib:/home/joe/mylib:/usr/lib
export LANG NLSPATH LIBPATH
```

Rather than using the last statement in the previous example, you can add export to each of the preceding lines (export LANG=ja_JP...).

You can use the ECHO command to determine the current setting of an environment variable. To define the value of BYPASS, you can use either of the following two examples:

```
echo $LANG
```

```
echo $LIBPATH
```

PL/I standard files (SYSPRINT and SYSIN) under z/OS UNIX
SYSIN is read from stdin and SYSPRINT is directed to stdout by default. If you want either to be associated differently, you must use the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, or establish a DD_DDNAME environment variable naming a data set or another device.

Related information:

"Setting environment variables under z/OS UNIX"
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Redirecting standard input, output, and error devices under z/OS UNIX
You can redirect standard input, standard output, and standard error devices to a file.

For example, you can use redirection in the following program:

```
Hello2: proc options(main);
   put list('Hello!');
end;
```

After compiling and linking the program, you can invoke it from the command line by entering the following command:

```
hello2 > hello2.out
```

If you want to combine stdout and stderr in a single file, enter the following command:

```
hello2 > hello2.out 2>&1
```
As is true with display statements, the greater than sign redirects the output to the file that is specified after it, in this case hello2.out. This means that the word 'Hello' is written in the file hello2.out. Note also that the output includes printer control characters because the PRINT attribute is applied to SYSPRINT by default.

READ statements can also access data from stdin.
Chapter 9. Using libraries

Within the z/OS operating system, the terms partitioned data set, partitioned data set/extension, and library are synonymous and refer to a type of data set that can be used for the storage of other data sets (usually programs in the form of source, object, or load modules).

A library must be stored on direct access storage and be wholly contained in one volume. It contains independent, consecutively organized data sets, called members. Each member has a unique name, not more than 8 characters long, which is stored in a directory that is part of the library. All the members of one library must have the same data characteristics because only one data set label is maintained.

You can create members individually until there is insufficient space left for a new entry in the directory, or until there is insufficient space for the member itself. You can access members individually by specifying the member name.

Use DD statements or their conversational mode equivalent to create and access members.

You can delete members by using the IBM utility program IEHPROGM. This program deletes the member name from the directory so that the member can no longer be accessed, but you cannot use the space occupied by the member itself again unless you re-create the library or compress the unused space by using, for example, the IBM utility program IEBCOPY. If you attempt to delete a member by using the DISP parameter of a DD statement, it causes the whole data set to be deleted.

Types of libraries

Types of libraries include the system program library, the system procedure library, and private program libraries.

You can use the following types of libraries with a PL/I program:

- The system program library SYS1.LINKLIB or its equivalent
  This library can contain all system processing programs such as compilers and the linkage editor.
- Private program libraries
  These libraries usually contain user-written programs. It is often convenient to create a temporary private library to store the load module output from the linkage editor until it is executed by a later job step in the same job. The temporary library will be deleted at the end of the job. Private libraries are also used for automatic library call by the linkage editor and the loader.
- The system procedure library SYS1.PROCLIB or its equivalent
  This library contains the job control procedures that have been cataloged for your installation.

Using a library

A PL/I program can use a library directly.
If you are adding a new member to a library, its directory entry will be made by the operating system when the associated file is closed, using the member name specified as part of the data set name.

If you are accessing a member of a library, its directory entry can be found by the operating system from the member name that you specify as part of the data set name.

More than one member of the same library can be processed by the same PL/I program, but only one such file can be open as output at any one time. You access different members by giving the member name in a DD statement.

**Creating a library**

To create a library, include in your job step a DD statement containing the information required for creating a library.

See Table 17 for the information required when you create a library. The information required is similar to that for a consecutively organized data set (see “Defining files using record I/O” on page 264) except for the SPACE parameter.

**Table 17. Information required when you create a library**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Information required</th>
<th>Parameter of DD statement</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type of device that will be used</td>
<td>UNIT=</td>
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<tr>
<td>Serial number of the volume that will contain the library</td>
<td>VOLUME=SER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name of the library</td>
<td>DSNAME=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount of space required for the library</td>
<td>SPACE=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disposition of the library</td>
<td>DISP=</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**SPACE parameter**

You can use the SPACE parameter in a DD statement to specify the amount of space required for the library that you want to create.

The SPACE parameter in a DD statement that defines a library must always be of the form:

```
SPACE=(units,(quantity,increment,directory))
```

The third term (increment) is optional, and you can indicate its absence by a comma. The last term, which specifies the number of directory blocks to be allocated, is required.

The amount of auxiliary storage required for a library depends on the number and sizes of the members to be stored in it and on how often members will be added or replaced. (Space occupied by deleted members is not released.) The number of directory blocks required depends on the number of members and the number of aliases. You can specify an incremental quantity in the SPACE parameter that allows the operating system to obtain more space for the data set, if such is necessary at the time of creation or at the time a new member is added; the number of directory blocks, however, is fixed at the time of creation and cannot be increased.
Example

In the following example, the DD statement requests the job scheduler to allocate 5 cylinders of the DASD with a volume serial number 3412 for a new library name ALIB and to enter this name in the system catalog. The last term of the SPACE parameter requests that part of the space allocated to the data set be reserved for ten directory blocks.

```
// PDS DD UNIT=SYSDA, VOL=SER=3412,
// DSNAME=ALIB,
// SPACE=(CYL,(5,,10)),
// DISP=(,CATLG)
```

Creating and updating a library member

When you create and update library members, you must follow the guidelines in this topic.

The members of a library must have identical characteristics. Otherwise, you might later have difficulty retrieving them. Identical characteristics are necessary because the volume table of contents (VTOC) will contain only one data set control block (DSCB) for the library and not one for each member. When you use a PL/I program to create a member, the operating system creates the directory entry; you cannot place information in the user data field.

When you create a library and a member at the same time, your DD statement must include all the parameters listed under “Creating a library” on page 236 (although you can omit the DISP parameter if the data set is to be temporary). The DSNAME parameter must include the member name in parentheses. For example, DSNAME=ALIB(MEM1) names the member MEM1 in the data set ALIB. If the member is placed in the library by the linkage editor, you can use the linkage editor NAME statement or the NAME compile-time option instead of including the member name in the DSNAME parameter. You must also describe the characteristics of the member (such as, record format, and so on) either in the DCB parameter or in your PL/I program. These characteristics will also apply to other members added to the data set.

When creating a member to be added to an existing library, you do not need the SPACE parameter. The original space allocation applies to the whole of the library and not to an individual member. Furthermore, you do not need to describe the characteristics of the member, because these are already recorded in the DSCB for the library.

To add two more members to a library in one job step, you must include a DD statement for each member, and you must close one file that refers to the library before you open another.

Example: Creating new libraries for compiled object modules

This example uses the cataloged procedure IBMZC to compile a simple PL/I program and place the object module in a new library named EXLIB. The DD statement that defines the new library and names the object module overrides the DD statement SYSLIN in the cataloged procedure.

The PL/I program is a function procedure that, given two values in the form of the character string produced by the TIME built-in function, returns the difference in milliseconds.
Example: Placing a load module in an existing library

The example uses the cataloged procedure IBMZCL to compile and link-edit a PL/I program and place the load module in the existing library HPU8.CCLM.

```pli
//OPT10#1 JOB
//TR EXEC IBMZC
//PLI.SYSIN DD UNIT=SYSDA,DSNAME=HPUB.EXLIB(ELAPSE),
// SPACE=(TRK,(1,,1)),DISP=(NEW,CATLG)
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
ELAPSE: PROC(TIME1,TIME2);
DCL (TIME1,TIME2) CHAR(9),
   H1 PIC '99' DEF TIME1,
   M1 PIC '99' DEF TIME1 POS(3),
   MS1 PIC '99999' DEF TIME1 POS(5),
   H2 PIC '99' DEF TIME2,
   M2 PIC '99' DEF TIME2 POS(3),
   MS2 PIC '99999' DEF TIME2 POS(5),
   ETIME FIXED DEC(7);
IF H2<H1 THEN H2=H2+24;
ETIME=((H2*60+M2)*60000+MS2)-((H1*60+M1)*60000+MS1);
RETURN(ETIME);
END ELAPSE;
/*
Figure 25. Creating new libraries for compiled object modules
```

Example: Updating a library member

To use a PL/I program to add or delete one or more records within a member of a library, you must rewrite the entire member in another part of the library. This is rarely an economic proposition because the space originally occupied by the member cannot be used again. You must use two files in your PL/I program, but both can be associated with the same DD statement. The program shown in Figure 28 on page 239 updates the member created by the program in Figure 27 on page 239. It copies all the records of the original member...
extract those that contain only blanks.

```
//OPT10#3 JOB
//TREX EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
NMEM: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
   DCL IN FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL INPUT,
      OUT FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT,
      P POINTER,
      IOFIELD CHAR(80) BASED(P),
      EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B);
OPEN FILE(IN),FILE (OUT);
ON ENDFILE(IN) EOF='1'B;
READ FILE(IN) SET(P);
DO WHILE (~EOF);
   PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT (IOFIELD) (A);
WRITE FILE(OUT) FROM(IOFIELD);
READ FILE(IN) SET(P);
END;
CLOSE FILE(IN),FILE(OUT);
END NMEM;
/*
//GO.OUT DD UNIT=SYSDA,DSNAME=HPU8.ALIB(NMEM),
   Disp=(NEW,CATLG),Space=(TRK,(1,1,1)),
   DCB=(RECFM=FB,BLKSIZE=3600,LRECL=80)
//GO.IN DD *
MEM: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
   /* this is an incomplete dummy library member */
```

Figure 27. Creating a library member in a PL/I program

```
//OPT10#4 JOB
//TREX EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
UPDTM: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
   DCL (OLD,NEW) FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL,
      EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B),
      DATA CHAR(80);
ON ENDFILE(OLD) EOF = '1'B;
OPEN FILE(OLD) INPUT,FILE(NEW) OUTPUT TITLE('OLD');
READ FILE(OLD) INTO(DATA);
DO WHILE (~EOF);
   PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT (DATA) (A);
IF DATA= ' ' THEN ;
ELSE WRITE FILE(NEW) FROM(DATA);
READ FILE(OLD) INTO(DATA);
END;
CLOSE FILE(OLD),FILE(NEW);
END UPDTM;
/*
//GO.OLD DD DSNAME=HPUB.ALIB(NMEM),Disp=(OLD,KEEP)
```

Figure 28. Updating a library member

Extracting information from a library directory

The directory of a library is a series of records (entries) at the beginning of the data set. There is at least one directory entry for each member. Each entry contains a member name, the relative address of the member within the library, and a variable amount of user data.
User data is information inserted by the program that created the member. An entry that refers to a member (load module) written by the linkage editor includes user data in a standard format, described in the systems manuals.

If you use a PL/I program to create a member, the operating system creates the directory entry for you and you cannot write any user data. However, you can use assembler language macro instructions to create a member and write your own user data. The method for using macro instructions to do this is described in the data management manuals.
Chapter 10. Defining and using consecutive data sets

This chapter covers consecutive data set organization and the ENVIRONMENT options that define consecutive data sets for stream and record-oriented data transmission. It then covers how to create, access, and update consecutive data sets for each type of transmission.

In a data set with consecutive organization, records are organized solely on the basis of their successive physical positions; when the data set is created, records are written consecutively in the order in which they are presented. You can retrieve the records only in the order in which they were written. See Table 15 on page 224 for valid file attributes and ENVIRONMENT options for consecutive data sets.

Using stream-oriented data transmission

This section covers how to define data sets for use with PL/I files that have the STREAM attribute. It covers the ENVIRONMENT options you can use and how to create and access data sets. The essential parameters of the DD statements you use in creating and accessing these data sets are summarized in tables, and several examples of PL/I programs are included to illustrate the text.

Data sets with the STREAM attribute are processed by stream-oriented data transmission, which allows your PL/I program to ignore block and record boundaries and treat a data set as a continuous stream of data values in character or graphic form.

You create and access data sets for stream-oriented data transmission by using the list-, data-, and edit-directed input and output statements described in the PL/I Language Reference.

For output, PL/I converts the data items from program variables into character form if necessary, and builds the stream of characters or graphics into records for transmission to the data set.

For input, PL/I takes records from the data set and separates them into the data items requested by your program, converting them into the appropriate form for assignment to program variables.

You can use stream-oriented data transmission to read or write graphic data. There are terminals, printers, and data-entry devices that, with the appropriate programming support, can display, print, and enter graphics. You must be sure that your data is in a format acceptable for the intended device or for a print utility program.

Defining files using stream I/O

You can define files for stream-oriented data transmission by a file declaration.

DCL filename FILE STREAM
   INPUT | {OUTPUT [PRINT]}
   ENVIRONMENT(options);

For information about the default file attributes, see Table 15 on page 224. For information about the FILE attribute, see the PL/I Language Reference. For more
information about the PRINT attribute, see "Using PRINT files with stream I/O" on page 250. For information about the options of the ENVIRONMENT attribute, see "Specifying ENVIRONMENT options."

Defining stream files using PL/I dynamic allocation

To define the stream files, you can use a DD statement, an environment variable, or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

When an environment variable or the TITLE option is used, the name must be in uppercase. Specify the MVS data set in one of the following ways:

- **DSN(data-set-name)**
- **DSN(data-set-name(member-name))**

  *data-set-name* must be fully qualified and cannot be a temporary data set; for example, it must not start with &.

Specify the HFS file as follows:

**PATH(absolute-path-name)**

You can specify the following attributes in any order after the DSN keyword:

- NEW, OLD, SHR, or MOD
- TRACKS or CYL
- SPACE(n,m)
- VOL(volser)
- UNIT(type)
- KEEP, DELETE, CATALOG, orUNCATALOG
- STORCLASS(storageclass)
- MGMTCLASS(managementclass)
- DATACLASS(dataclass)

**Note:** You cannot create a PDS or PDSE by using an environment variable or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, but you can create a new member in an existing PDS or PDSE.

Specifying ENVIRONMENT options

This topic describes the ENVIRONMENT options that define consecutive data sets for stream and record-oriented data transmission.

Table 15 on page 224 summarizes the ENVIRONMENT options. The following options are applicable to stream-oriented data transmission:

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<td>“CONSECUTIVE” on page 243</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>FB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RECSIZE(record-length)</td>
<td>“RECSIZE” on page 244</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLKSIZE(block-size)</td>
<td>“BLKSIZE option” on page 228</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For information about how to specify these options for stream-oriented data transmission, see the following topics.
CONSECUTIVE

STREAM files must have CONSECUTIVE data set organization; however, it is not necessary to specify this in the ENVIRONMENT options because CONSECUTIVE is the default data set organization.

The CONSECUTIVE option for STREAM files is the same as that described in “Data set organization” on page 219.

Record format options

Although record boundaries are ignored in stream-oriented data transmission, record format is important when you create a data set. This is not only because record format affects the amount of storage space occupied by the data set and the efficiency of the program that processes the data, but also because the data set can later be processed by record-oriented data transmission.

Having specified the record format, you need not concern yourself with records and blocks as long as you use stream-oriented data transmission. You can consider your data set a series of characters or graphics arranged in lines, and you can use the SKIP option or format item (and, for a PRINT file, the PAGE and LINE options and format items) to select a new line.

Records can have one of the following formats, which are described in details in “Record formats” on page 217.

| Fixed-length | F | unblocked          |
|             | FB | blocked            |
|             | FS | unblocked, standard|
|             | FBS| blocked, standard  |

| Variable-length | V | unblocked |
|                | VB | blocked   |
|                | VS |          |
|                | VBS|          |

| Undefined-length | U | (cannot be blocked) |

Blocking and deblocking of records are performed automatically.
RECSIZE

RECSIZE for stream-oriented data transmission is the same as that described in “Specifying characteristics in the ENVIRONMENT attribute” on page 224. Additionally, a value specified by the LINESIZE option of the OPEN statement overrides a value specified in the RECSIZE option. LINESIZE is discussed in the PL/I Language Reference.

Additional record-size considerations for list- and data-directed transmission of graphics are given in the PL/I Language Reference.

Defaults for record format, BLKSIZE, and RECSIZE

If you do not specify the record format, BLKSIZE, or RECSIZE option in the ENVIRONMENT attribute, or in the associated DD statement or data set label, PL/I determines the default values.

- **Input files:**
  - Defaults are applied as for record-oriented data transmission, described in “Record format, BLKSIZE, and RECSIZE defaults” on page 229.
- **Output files:**
  - **Record format**
    - Set to VB-format.
  - **Record length**
    - The specified or default LINESIZE value is used:
      - PRINT files:
        - F, FB, FBS, or U: line size + 1
        - V or VB: line size + 5
      - Non-PRINT files:
        - F, FB, FBS, or U: linesize
        - V or VB: linesize + 4
  - **Block Size**
    - Files associated with SYSOUT:
      - F, FB, or FBS: record length
      - V or VB: record length + 4
    - New or temporary data set:
      - Optimum block size determined by DFP

GRAPHIC

Specify the GRAPHIC option for edit-directed I/O.

The ERROR condition is raised for list- and data-directed I/O if you have graphics in input or output data and do not specify the GRAPHIC option.

For edit-directed I/O, the GRAPHIC option specifies that left and right delimiters are added to DBCS variables and constants on output, and that input graphics will have left and right delimiters. If you do not specify the GRAPHIC option, left and right delimiters are not added to output data, and input graphics do not require left and right delimiters. When you do specify the GRAPHIC option, the ERROR condition is raised if left and right delimiters are missing from the input data.
Creating a data set with stream I/O

To create a data set, you must give the operating system certain information either in your PL/I program or in the DD statement that defines the data set.

For z/OS UNIX, use one of the following methods to provide the additional information:
- TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- DD_DDNAME environment variable
- ENVIRONMENT attribute

The following topics describe the essential information that you need to provide to create a data set and discuss some of the optional information you can supply.

Essential information

When your application creates a STREAM file, PL/I will derive a line-size value for that file.

PL/I derives the line-size value from one of the following sources in order of declining precedence.
- LINESIZE option of the OPEN statement
- RECSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute
- RECSIZE option of the TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- RECSIZE option of the DD_DDNAME environment variable
- PL/I-supplied default value

If a LINESIZE value is supplied but a RECSIZE value is not, PL/I derives the record-length value as follows:
- For a V-format PRINT file, the value is LINESIZE + 5.
- For a V-format non-PRINT file, the value is LINESIZE + 4.
- For a F-format PRINT file, the value is LINESIZE + 1.
- In all other cases, the value is LINESIZE.

If a LINESIZE value is not supplied but a RECSIZE value is, PL/I derives the line-size value from RECSIZE as follows:
- For a V-format PRINT file, the value is RECSIZE - 5.
- For a V-format non-PRINT file, the value is RECSIZE - 4.
- For a F-format PRINT file, the value is RECSIZE - 1.
- In all other cases, the value is RECSIZE.

If neither LINESIZE nor RECSIZE is supplied, PL/I determines a default line-size value based on the attributes of the file and the type of associated data set. If PL/I cannot supply an appropriate default line size, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

A default line-size value is supplied for an OUTPUT file under the following conditions:
- The file has the PRINT attribute. In this case, the value is obtained from the tab control table.
The associated data set is the terminal (stdout: or stderr:). In this case, the value is 120.

Note that if the LINESIZE option is specified (on the OPEN statement) and RECSIZE is also specified (in the ENVIRONMENT attribute, the TITLE option, or the DD statement), and if the record size value is too small to hold the LINESIZE (taking into account the record format and appropriate control byte overhead), the following occurs:

- If you are using Language Environment for z/OS 1.9 or earlier releases, for DD SYSOUT= files, the LINESIZE option will be used to determine a new record size that matches the given LINESIZE; for DD DSN= files and all other files, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition will be raised.
- If you are using Language Environment for z/OS releases subsequent to 1.9, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition will be raised for all files.

**Example: Creating a data set with stream-oriented data transmission**

This example shows how to use edit-directed stream-oriented data transmission to create a data set on a direct access storage device.

The data read from the input stream by the file SYSIN includes a field VREC that contains five unnamed 7-character subfields; the field NUM defines the number of these subfields that contain information. The output file WORK transmits to the data set the whole of the field FREC and only those subfields of VREC that contain information.
Example: Writing graphic data to a stream file
This example shows a program that uses list-directed output to write graphics to a stream file.

This example assumes that you have an output device that can print graphic data. The program reads employee records and selects persons living in a certain area. It then edits the address field, inserting one graphic blank between each address item, and prints the employee number, name, and address.
//EX7#3 JOB
//STEP1 EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
% PROCESS GRAPHIC;
XAMPLE1: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
  DCL INFILE FILE INPUT RECORD,
    OUTFILE FILE OUTPUT STREAM ENV(GRAPHIC);
  /* GRAPHIC OPTION MEANS DELIMITERS WILL BE INSERTED ON OUTPUT FILES. */
  DCL EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B);
  DCL ADDRWK G(20);
  ON ENDFILE (INFILE) EOF = '1'B;
  READ FILE(INFILE) INTO(IN);
  DO WHILE(¬EOF);
    DO;
      IF SUBSTR(ZIP,1,3)=300'
        THEN LEAVE;
      L=0;
      ADDRWK=DISTRICT;
      DO I=1 TO 5;
        IF SUBSTR(DISTRICT,I,1)= '<'
          THEN LEAVE; /* SUBSTR BIF PICKS 3P */
        L=L+I+1;
        SUBSTR(ADDRWK,L,5)=CITY;
        DO I=1 TO 5;
          IF SUBSTR(CITY,I,1)= '<'
            THEN LEAVE;
        END;
        L=L+I;
        SUBSTR(ADDRWK,L,8)=OTHER;
      END;
    END;
  END;
  READ FILE(INFILE) INTO (IN);
  /* END OF DO WHILE(¬EOF) */
END XAMPLE1;
/*
  //GO.OUTFILE DD SYSOUT=A,DCB=(RECFM=VB,LRECL=121,BLKSIZE=129)
  //GO.INFILE DD *
  ABCDEF<
  >300099< 3 3 3 3 3 3 3>
  ABCD <
  >300011< 3 3 3 3 >
*/

Figure 30. Writing graphic data to a stream file
Accessing a data set with stream I/O

A data set accessed through stream-oriented data transmission does not require to be created by stream-oriented data transmission, but it must have CONSECUTIVE organization, and all the data in it must be in character or graphic form. You can open the associated file for input, and read the records the data set contains; or you can open the file for output, and extend the data set by adding records at the end.

To access a data set, you must use one of the following ways to identify it:
- ENVIRONMENT attribute
- DD_DDNAME environment variable
- TITLE option of the OPEN statement

The following topics describe the essential information you must include in the DD statement and discuss some of the optional information you can supply. The discussions do not apply to data sets in the input stream.

Essential information

When your application accesses an existing STREAM file, PL/I must obtain a record-length value for that file.

If the data set does not have a record-length, the value can come from one of the following sources:
- The LINESIZE option of the OPEN statement
- The RECSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute
- The RECSIZE option of the DD_DDNAME environment variable
- The RECSIZE option of the TITLE option of the OPEN statement
- PL/I-supplied default value

If you are using an existing OUTPUT file, or if you supply a RECSIZE value, PL/I determines the record-length value as described in "Creating a data set with stream I/O" on page 245.

PL/I uses a default record-length value for an INPUT file under the following conditions:
- The file is SYSIN, value = 80
- The file is associated with the terminal (stdout: or stderr:), value = 120

Record format

When using stream-oriented data transmission to access a data set, you do not need to know the record format of the data set (except when you must specify a block size); each GET statement transfers a discrete number of characters or graphics to your program from the data stream.

If you do give record-format information, it must be compatible with the actual structure of the data set. For example, if a data set is created with F-format records, a record size of 600 bytes, and a block size of 3600 bytes, you can access the records as if they are U-format with a maximum block size of 3600 bytes; but if you specify a block size of 3500 bytes, your data will be truncated.

Example: Accessing a data set with stream-oriented data transmission

This example shows a program that accesses a data set with stream-oriented data transmission.
The program in Figure 31 reads the data set created by the program in Figure 29 on page 247 and uses the file SYSPRINT to list the data that it contains.

Each set of data is read, by the GET statement, into two variables: FREC, which always contains 45 characters; and VREC, which always contains 35 characters. At each execution of the GET statement, VREC consists of the number of characters generated by the expression 7*NUM, together with sufficient blanks to bring the total number of characters to 35. The DISP parameter of the DD statement could read simply DISP=OLD; if DELETE is omitted, an existing data set will not be deleted.

Using PRINT files with stream I/O

Both the operating system and the PL/I language include features that facilitate the formatting of printed output.

The operating system allows you to use the first byte of each record for a print control character. The control characters, which are not printed, cause the printer to skip to a new line or page. (Tables of print control characters are given in Figure 34 on page 266 and Table 19 on page 267.)

In a PL/I program, the use of a PRINT file provides a convenient means of controlling the layout of printed output from stream-oriented data transmission. The compiler automatically inserts print control characters in response to the PAGE, SKIP, and LINE options and format items.

You can apply the PRINT attribute to any STREAM OUTPUT file, even if you do not intend to print the associated data set directly. When a PRINT file is associated with a direct access data set, the print control characters have no effect on the layout of the data set, but appear as part of the data in the records.
PRINT files opened with FB or VB will cause the UNDEFINEDFILE condition to be raised. PRINT files should be opened with the "A" option, that is, FBA or VBA.

The compiler reserves the first byte of each record transmitted by a PRINT file for an American National Standard print control character, and inserts the appropriate characters automatically.

A PRINT file uses only the following five print control characters:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Character</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Space</td>
<td>1 line before printing (blank character)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>2 lines before printing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>3 lines before printing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+</td>
<td>No space before printing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Start new page</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The compiler handles the PAGE, SKIP, and LINE options or format items by padding the remainder of the current record with blanks and inserting the appropriate control character in the next record. If SKIP or LINE specifies more than a 3-line space, the compiler inserts sufficient blank records with appropriate control characters to accomplish the required spacing. In the absence of a print control option or format item, when a record is full, the compiler inserts a blank character (single line space) in the first byte of the next record.

If a PRINT file is being transmitted to a terminal, the PAGE, SKIP, and LINE options will never cause more than 3 lines to be skipped, unless formatted output is specified.

**Controlling printed line length**

You can limit the length of the printed line produced by a PRINT file either by specifying a record length in your PL/I program (ENVIRONMENT attribute) or in a DD statement, or by giving a line size in an OPEN statement (LINESIZE option).

The record length must include the extra byte for the print control character, that is, it must be 1 byte larger than the length of the printed line (5 bytes larger for V-format records). The value you specify in the LINESIZE option refers to the number of characters in the printed line; the compiler adds the print control character.

The blocking of records has no effect on the appearance of the output produced by a PRINT file, but it does result in more efficient use of auxiliary storage when the file is associated with a data set on a direct access device. If you use the LINESIZE option, ensure that your line size is compatible with your block size. For F-format records, block size must be an exact multiple of (line size+1); for V-format records, block size must be at least 9 bytes greater than line size.

Although you can vary the line size for a PRINT file during execution by closing the file and opening it again with a new line size, you must do so with caution if you are using the PRINT file to create a data set on a direct access device. You cannot change the record format that is established for the data set when the file is first opened. If the line size you specify in an OPEN statement conflicts with the record format already established, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised. To prevent this, either specify V-format records with a block size at least 9 bytes greater than the maximum line size you intend to use, or ensure that the first OPEN statement specifies the maximum line size. (Output destined for the printer...
can be stored temporarily on a direct access device, unless you specify a printer by using UNIT=, even if you intend it to be fed directly to the printer.)

Because PRINT files have a default line size of 120 characters, you need not give any record format information for them. In the absence of other information, the compiler assumes V-format records. The complete default information is as follows:

BLKSIZE=129
LRECL=125
RECFM=VBA

Example

Figure 32 on page 253 illustrates the use of a PRINT file and the printing options of stream-oriented data transmission statements to format a table and write it onto a direct access device for printing on a later occasion. The table comprises the natural sines of the angles from 0° to 359° 54' in steps of 6'.

The statements in the ENDPAGE ON-unit insert a page number at the bottom of each page, and set up the headings for the following page.

The DD statement defining the data set created by this program includes no record-format information. The compiler infers the following from the file declaration and the line size specified in the statement that opens the file TABLE:

Record format =
V (the default for a PRINT file)

Record size =
98 (line size + 1 byte for print control character + 4 bytes for record control field)

Block size =
102 (record length + 4 bytes for block control field)

The program in Figure 36 on page 273 uses record-oriented data transmission to print the table created by the program in Figure 32 on page 253.
Overriding the tab control table

Data-directed and list-directed output to a PRINT file are aligned on preset tabulator positions. For 31-bit programs, you can customize the tab control table. However, user-defined PLITAB is not supported for 64-bit programs, which means that you cannot override the tab control table.

See Figure 14 on page 167 and Figure 33 on page 254 for examples of declaring a tab table. The definitions of the fields in the table are as follows:

OFFSET OF TAB COUNT:
Halfword binary integer that gives the offset of Tab count, the field that indicates the number of tabs to be used

PAGESIZE:
Halfword binary integer that defines the default page size

Figure 32. Creating a print file via stream data transmission. The example in Figure 36 on page 273 will print the resultant file.
This page size is used for dump output to the PLIDUMP data set as well as for stream output.

LINESIZE:
Halfword binary integer that defines the default line size

PAGELENGTH:
Halfword binary integer that defines the default page length for printing at a terminal

FILLERS:
Three halfword binary integers, reserved for future use

TAB COUNT:
Halfword binary integer that defines the number of tab position entries in the table (maximum 255)

If tab count = 0, any specified tab positions are ignored.

Tab1–Tabn:
n halfword binary integers that define the tab positions within the print line

The first position is numbered 1, and the highest position is numbered 255. The value of each tab should be greater than that of the tab preceding it in the table; otherwise, it is ignored. The first data field in the printed output begins at the next available tab position.

You can override the default PL/I tab settings for your program by causing the linkage editor to resolve an external reference to PLITABS. To cause the reference to be resolved, supply a table with the name PLITABS, in the format described above.

To supply this tab table, include a PL/I structure in your source program with the name PLITABS, which you must declare to be STATIC EXTERNAL in your MAIN procedure or in a program linked with your MAIN procedure. An example of the PL/I structure is shown in Figure 33. This example creates three tab settings, in positions 30, 60, and 90, and uses the defaults for page size and line size. Note that TAB1 identifies the position of the second item printed on a line; the first item on a line always starts at the left margin. The first item in the structure is the offset to the NO_OF_TABS field. The FILL fields must not be omitted.

```
DCL 1 PLITABS STATIC EXT,
   2 (OFFSET INIT(14),
      PAGESIZE INIT(60),
      LINESIZE INIT(120),
      PAGELENGTH INIT(0),
      FILL1 INIT(0),
      FILL2 INIT(0),
      FILL3 INIT(0),
      NO_OF_TABS INIT(3),
      TAB1 INIT(30),
      TAB2 INIT(60),
      TAB3 INIT(90)) FIXED BIN(15,0);
```

Figure 33. PL/I structure PLITABS for modifying the preset tab settings
Using SYSIN and SYSPRINT files for 31-bit programs

If you code a GET statement without the FILE option in your program, the compiler inserts the file name SYSIN. If you code a PUT statement without the FILE option, the compiler inserts the name SYSPRINT.

If you do not declare SYSPRINT, the compiler gives the file the attribute PRINT in addition to the normal default attributes. Here is the complete set of attributes:
FILE STREAM OUTPUT PRINT EXTERNAL

Because SYSPRINT is a PRINT file, the compiler also supplies a default line size of 120 characters and a V-format record. You need give only a minimum of information in the corresponding DD statement; if your installation uses the usual convention that the system output device of class A is a printer, the following is sufficient:

//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A

Note: SYSIN and SYSPRINT are established in the User Exit during initialization. IBM-supplied defaults for SYSIN and SYSPRINT are directed to the terminal.

You can override the attributes given to SYSPRINT by the compiler by explicitly declaring or opening the file. For more information about the interaction between SYSPRINT and the z/OS Language Environment message file option, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

The compiler does not supply any special attributes for the input file SYSIN; if you do not declare it, it receives only the default attributes. The data set associated with SYSIN is usually in the input stream; if it is not in the input stream, you must supply full DD information.

Related information:
“SYSPRINT considerations for 31-bit programs” on page 170

Using SYSIN and SYSPRINT files for 64-bit programs

For 64-bit programs, SYSPRINT is equated to the C stdout file; and SYSIN is equated to the C stdin file.

Related information:
“SYSPRINT considerations for 64-bit programs” on page 186

For 64-bit programs, SYSPRINT is equated to the C stdout file. In addition, shared SYSPRINT is not supported.

Controlling input from the terminal

You can enter data at the terminal for an input file in your PL/I program if you do the following:

1. Declare the input file explicitly or implicitly with the CONSECUTIVE environment option (all stream files meet this condition).
2. Allocate the input file to the terminal.

You can usually use the standard default input file SYSIN because it is a stream file and can be allocated to the terminal.

You are prompted for input to stream files by a colon (:). You will see the colon each time a GET statement is executed in the program. The GET statement causes the system to go to the next line. You can then enter the required data. If you enter
a line that does not contain enough data to complete execution of the GET statement, a further prompt, which is a plus sign followed by a colon (+:), is displayed.

By adding a hyphen to the end of any line that is to continue, you can delay transmission of the data to your program until you enter two or more lines.

If you include output statements that prompt you for input in your program, you can inhibit the initial system prompt by ending your own prompt with a colon. For example, the GET statement could be preceded by a PUT statement as follows:

```
PUT SKIP LIST('ENTER NEXT ITEM:');
```

To inhibit the system prompt for the next GET statement, your own prompt must meet the following conditions:

1. It must be either list-directed or edit-directed, and if list-directed, must be to a PRINT file.
2. The file transmitting the prompt must be allocated to the terminal. If you are merely copying the file at the terminal, the system prompt is not inhibited.

Under TSO, there is support of an environment variable called TSO_INPUT_OPT to help control the input from a terminal in a more flexible way than the default way described above.

The syntax for the TSO_INPUT_OPT environment variable, which must be in uppercase, is as follows:

```
►► TSO_INPUT_OPT— =option—►◄
```

When you specify the options, which can be in uppercase or lowercase, blanks are not allowed. If more than one option is specified, they have to be separated by a comma. In addition, the syntax of the statement is not checked at the time the command is entered. It is verified when the data set is opened. If the syntax is wrong, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised with the oncode 96.

You can specify the following options:

**PROMPT**

The PROMPT option specifies whether a colon should be visible as prompts for stream input from the terminal.

```
PROMPT—(N Y)
```

**SAMELINE**

The SAMELINE option specifies whether the system prompt occurs on the same line as the statement that prompts for input.

```
SAMELINE—(N Y)
```

For more information about how these options affect your input and output to the terminal, see the examples in “SAMELINE” on page 214.
One way to specify this environment variable under TSO is through the PLIXOPT string. See the following example:

```pli
DCL PLIXOPT char(50) var ext static init('ENVAR("TSO_INPUT_OPT=PROMPT(Y),SAMELINE(Y)")');
```

## Format of data

The data you enter at the terminal should have exactly the same format as stream input data in batch mode, but there are a few variations.

- **Simplified punctuation for input**
  
  If you enter separate items of input on separate lines, there is no need to enter intervening blanks or commas; the compiler will insert a comma at the end of each line.
  
  For instance, in response to the statement:
  
  ```pli
  GET LIST(I,J,K);
  ```
  
  your terminal interaction could be as follows:
  
  ```
  : 
  1
  +:2
  +:3
  ```
  
  with a carriage return following each item. It would be equivalent to:
  
  ```
  : 
  1,2,3
  ```
  
  If you wish to continue an item onto another line, you must end the first line with a continuation character. Otherwise, for a GET LIST or GET DATA statement, a comma will be inserted, and for a GET EDIT statement, the item will be padded (see next paragraph).

- **Automatic padding for GET EDIT**
  
  There is no need to enter blanks at the end of a line of input for a GET EDIT statement. The item you enter will be padded to the correct length.
  
  For instance, consider the following PL/I statement:
  
  ```pli
  GET EDIT(NAME)(A(15));
  ```
  
  You can enter the five characters, SMITH, followed immediately by a carriage return. The item will be padded with 10 blanks, so that the program receives a string 15 characters long. If you want to continue an item on a second or subsequent line, you must add a continuation character to the end of every line except the last; the first line transmitted would otherwise be padded and treated as the complete data item.

- **SKIP option or format item**
  
  A SKIP in a GET statement asks the program to ignore data not yet entered. All uses of SKIP(n) where n is greater than one are taken to mean SKIP(1). SKIP(1) means that all unused data on the current line is ignored.

## Stream and record files

You can allocate both stream and record files to the terminal. However, no prompting is provided for record files.

If you allocate more than one file to the terminal and one or more of them is a record file, the output of the files will not necessarily be synchronized. The order
in which data is transmitted to and from the terminal is not guaranteed to be the same order in which the corresponding PL/I I/O statements are executed.

Also, record file input from the terminal is received in uppercase letters because of a TCAM restriction. To avoid problems, you should use stream files wherever possible.

**Defining QSAM files using PL/I dynamic allocation**

You can define QSAM or HFS files by using a DD statement, an environment variable, or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

When an environment variable or the TITLE option is used, the name must be in uppercase. Specify the MVS data set in one of the following ways:

- `DSN(data-set-name)`
- `DSN(data-set-name (member-name))`

`data-set-name` must be fully qualified and cannot be a temporary data set; for example, it must not start with `&`.

Specify the HFS file as follows:

- `PATH (absolute-path-name)`

The following attributes can be specified in any order after the DSN keyword:

- `NEW, OLD, SHR, or MOD`
- `TRACKS or CYL`
- `SPACE(n,m)`
- `VOL(volser)`
- `UNIT(type)`
- `KEEP, DELETE, CATALOG, or UNCATALOG`
- `STORCLAS(storageclass)`
- `MGMTCLAS(managementclass)`
- `DATACLAS(dataclass)`

**Note:** You cannot create a PDS or PDSE by using an environment variable or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement, but you can create a new member in an existing PDS or PDSE.

**Capital and lowercase letters**

For stream files, character strings are transmitted to the program as entered in lowercase or uppercase. For record files, all characters become uppercase.

**End-of-file**

The characters `/*` in positions one and two of a line that contains no other characters are treated as an end-of-file marker; that is, they raise the ENDFILE condition.

Under the USS environment, you can also use the key sequence ESC-D as the end-of-file marker. ESC is predefined as a specific character, and you need to use this predefined character in the sequence.
COPY option of GET statement

The GET statement can specify the COPY option; but if the COPY file, as well as the input file, is allocated to the terminal, no copy of the data will be printed.
Chapter 11. Controlling output to the terminal

At your terminal you can obtain data from a PL/I file that meets the following conditions:
1. The file is declared explicitly or implicitly with the CONSECUTIVE environment option. All stream files meet this condition.
2. The file is allocated to the terminal.

The standard print file SYSPRINT generally meets both these conditions.

Format of PRINT files

Data from SYSPRINT or other PRINT files is not normally formatted into pages at the terminal. Three lines are always skipped for PAGE and LINE options and format items. The ENDPAGE condition is normally never raised. SKIP(n) where n is greater than three causes only three lines to be skipped. SKIP(0) is implemented by backspacing, and should therefore not be used with terminals that do not have a backspace feature.

You can cause a PRINT file to be formatted into pages by inserting a tab control table in your program. The table must be called PLITABS, and its contents are explained in “Overriding the tab control table” on page 253. You must initialize the element PAGELENGTH to the length of page you require—that is, the length of the sheet of paper on which each page is to be printed, expressed as the maximum number of lines that could be printed on it. You must initialize the element PAGESIZE to the actual number of lines to be printed on each page. After the number of lines in PAGESIZE has been printed on a page, ENDPAGE is raised, for which standard system action is to skip the number of lines equal to PAGELENGTH minus PAGESIZE, and then start printing the next page. For other than standard layout, you must initialize the other elements in PLITABS to the values shown in Figure 14 on page 167. You can also use PLITABS to alter the tabulating positions of list-directed and data-directed output. You can use PLITABS for SYSPRINT when you need to format page breaks in ILC applications. Set PAGESIZE to 32767 and use the PUT PAGE statement to control page breaks.

Although some types of terminals have a tabulating facility, tabulating of list-directed and data-directed output is always achieved by transmission of blank characters.

Stream and record files

You can allocate both stream and record files to the terminal. However, if you allocate multiple files to the terminal among which one is SYSPRINT or a record file, the output of the files is not necessarily synchronized.

There is no guarantee that the order in which data is transmitted between the program and the terminal is the same as the order in which the corresponding PL/I output statements are executed.
Output from the PUT EDIT command

The format of the output from a PUT EDIT command to a terminal is line mode TPUTs with *Start of field* and *end of field* characters appearing as blanks on the screen.
Chapter 12. Using record-oriented data transmission

PL/I supports various types of data sets with the RECORD attribute. This section covers how to use consecutive data sets.

Table 18 lists the statements and options that you can use to create and access a consecutive data set using record-oriented data transmission.

Table 18. Statements and options allowed for creating and accessing consecutive data sets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File declaration</th>
<th>Valid statements with options you must specify</th>
<th>Other options you can specify</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT BUFFERED</td>
<td>WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference);</td>
<td>SET(pointer-reference)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LOCATE based-variable FILE(file-reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT</td>
<td>WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL INPUT BUFFERED</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) SET(pointer-reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL INPUT</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL UPDATE BUFFERED</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) SET(pointer-reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REWRITE FILE(file-reference);</td>
<td>FROM(reference)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 18. Statements and options allowed for creating and accessing consecutive data sets (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File declaration</th>
<th>Valid statement with options you must specify</th>
<th>Other options you can specify</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL UPDATE</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>REWRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:
1. The complete file declaration would include the attributes FILE, RECORD, and ENVIRONMENT.
2. The statement READ FILE (file-reference); is a valid statement and is equivalent to READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE (1);

Related information:
"Creating a data set with record I/O" on page 268
When you create a consecutive data set, you must open the associated file for SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT. You can use either the WRITE or LOCATE statement to write records.

Specifying record format

If you give record-format information, it must be compatible with the actual structure of the data set.

For example, if you create a data set with FB-format records, with a record size of 600 bytes and a block size of 3600 bytes, you can access the records as if they were U-format with a maximum block size of 3600 bytes. If you specify a block size of 3500 bytes, your data is truncated.

Defining files using record I/O

You define files for record-oriented data transmission by using a file declaration.

DCL filename FILE RECORD
  INPUT | OUTPUT | UPDATE
  SEQUENTIAL
  BUFFERED
  ENVIRONMENT(options);

For information about the default file attributes, see Table 15 on page 224. The file attributes are described in the PL/I Language Reference. For information about the options of the ENVIRONMENT attribute, see “Specifying ENVIRONMENT options.”

Specifying ENVIRONMENT options

This section describes the ENVIRONMENT options that are applicable to consecutive data sets.

The following ENVIRONMENT options are applicable to consecutive data sets:
CONSECUTIVE or ORGANIZATION(CONSECUTIVE)

See the following topics for information about these options.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ENVIRONMENT options</th>
<th>See these topics</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>FB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RECSIZE(record-length)</td>
<td>• “RECSIZE option” on page 227</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLKSIZE(block-size)</td>
<td>• “BLKSIZE option” on page 228</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCALARVARYING</td>
<td>• “SCALARVARYING option — varying-length strings” on page 231</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CONSECUTIVE</td>
<td>“CONSECUTIVE”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORGANIZATION(CONSECUTIVE)</td>
<td>“ORGANIZATION(CONSECUTIVE)”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CTLASA</td>
<td>CTL360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LEAVE</td>
<td>REREAD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Table 15 on page 224 to find which options you must specify, which are optional, and which are defaults.

CONSECUTIVE

The CONSECUTIVE option defines a file with consecutive data set organization.

CONSECUTIVE is the default.

Related information:

“Data set organization” on page 219

The data management routines of the operating system can handle a number of types of data sets, which differ in the way data is stored within them and in the allowed means of access to the data.

ORGANIZATION(CONSECUTIVE)

The ORGANIZATION(CONSECUTIVE) option specifies that the file is associated with a consecutive data set.
The file can be either a native data set or a VSAM data set.

**Related information:**

“ORGANIZATION option” on page 232

The ORGANIZATION option specifies the organization of the data set associated with the PL/I file.

**CTLASICTL360**

The printer control options CTLASA and CTL360 apply only to OUTPUT files associated with consecutive data sets. They specify that the first character of a record is to be interpreted as a control character.

**CTLASA**

The CTLASA option specifies American National Standard Vertical Carriage Positioning Characters or American National Standard Pocket Select Characters (Level 1). The CTL360 option specifies IBM machine-code control characters.

The American National Standard control characters, listed in [Figure 34](#), cause the specified action to occur before the associated record is printed or punched.

The machine code control characters differ according to the type of device. The IBM machine code control characters for printers are listed in [Table 19 on page 267](#).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>Space 1 line before printing (blank code)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Skip to channel 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Skip to channel 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Skip to channel 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Skip to channel 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Skip to channel 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Skip to channel 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Skip to channel 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Skip to channel 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Skip to channel 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Skip to channel 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Skip to channel 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Skip to channel 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V</td>
<td>Select stacker 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W</td>
<td>Select stacker 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 34. American National Standard print and card punch control characters (CTLASA)*
Table 19. IBM machine code print control characters (CTL360)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code byte</th>
<th>Print and Then Act</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Act immediately (no printing)</th>
<th>Code byte</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00000001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Print only (no space)</td>
<td>—</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00001001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Space 1 line</td>
<td>00010011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00010001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Space 2 lines</td>
<td>00010011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00011001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Space 3 lines</td>
<td>00011011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10001001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 1</td>
<td>10001011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10010001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 2</td>
<td>10010011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10011001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 3</td>
<td>10011011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10100001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 4</td>
<td>10100011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10101001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 5</td>
<td>10101011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10110001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 6</td>
<td>10110011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10111001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 7</td>
<td>10111011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11000001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 8</td>
<td>11000011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11001001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 9</td>
<td>11001011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11010001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 10</td>
<td>11010011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11011001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 11</td>
<td>11011011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11100001</td>
<td></td>
<td>Skip to channel 12</td>
<td>11100011</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

LEAVE/REREAD

The magnetic tape handling options LEAVE and REREAD specify the action to be taken when the end of a magnetic tape volume is reached, or when a data set on a magnetic tape volume is closed.

The LEAVE option prevents the tape from being rewound. The REREAD option rewinds the tape to allow reprocessing of the data set. If you do not specify either of these, the action at end-of-volume or on closing of a data set is controlled by the DISP parameter of the associated DD statement.

If a data set is first read or written forward and then read backward in the same program, specify the LEAVE option to prevent rewinding when the file is closed (or, with a multivolume data set, when volume switching occurs).

Table 20 summarizes the effects of the LEAVE and REREAD options.

Table 20. Effect of LEAVE and REREAD Options

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ENVIRONMENT option</th>
<th>DISP parameter</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>REREAD</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Positions the current volume to reprocess the data set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LEAVE</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Positions the current volume at the logical end of the data set.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 20. Effect of LEAVE and REREAD Options (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ENVIRONMENT option</th>
<th>DISP parameter</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Neither REREAD nor LEAVE</td>
<td>PASS</td>
<td>Positions the volume at the end of the data set.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DELETE</td>
<td>Rewinds the current volume.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>KEEP</td>
<td>Rewinds and unloads the current volume.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CATLG</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>UNCATLG</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Creating a data set with record I/O

When you create a consecutive data set, you must open the associated file for SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT. You can use either the WRITE or LOCATE statement to write records.

Table 18 on page 263 shows the statements and options for creating a consecutive data set.

When creating a data set, you must identify it to the operating system in a DD statement. Table 21 summarizes the essential information that you must include in the DD statement and the optional information that you can supply.

Table 21. Creating a consecutive data set with record I/O: essential parameters of the DD statement

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Storage device</th>
<th>When required</th>
<th>What you must state</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>All</td>
<td>Always</td>
<td>Output device</td>
<td>UNIT= or SYSOUT=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>VOLUME=REF=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Block size</td>
<td>DCB=(BLKSIZE=...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct access only</td>
<td>Always</td>
<td>Storage space required</td>
<td>SPACE=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Direct access</td>
<td>Data set to be used by another job step but not required at end of job</td>
<td>Disposition</td>
<td>DISP=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Data set to be kept after end of job</td>
<td>Disposition</td>
<td>DISP=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Name of data set</td>
<td>DSNAME=</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Data set to be on particular device</td>
<td>Volume serial number</td>
<td>VOLUME=SER=</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>VOLUME=REF=</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note:
1. Or you can specify the block size in your PL/I program by using the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

Essential information

When creating a data set, you must identify it to the operating system in a DD statement. This topic describes the essential information that you must include in the statement.

When you create a consecutive data set, you must specify the following essential information in the DD statement:

• The name of data set to be associated with your PL/I file
A data set with consecutive organization can exist on any type of device.

- The record length
  You can specify the record length by using the RECSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute, of the DD_DDNAME environment variable, or of the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.
  For files associated with the terminal device (stdout: or stderr:), PL/I uses a default record length of 120 when the RECSIZE option is not specified.

### Accessing and updating a data set with record I/O

After you create a consecutive data set, you can open the file that accesses it for sequential input, for sequential output, or, for data sets on direct access devices, for updating.

See Figure 35 on page 271 for an example of a program that accesses and updates a consecutive data set. If you open the file for output and extend the data set by adding records at the end, you must specify DISP=MOD in the DD statement. If you do not, the data set will be overwritten. If you open a file for updating, you can update only records in their existing sequence, and if you want to insert records, you must create a new data set. Table 18 on page 263 shows the statements and options for accessing and updating a consecutive data set.

When you access a consecutive data set by a SEQUENTIAL UPDATE file, you must retrieve a record with a READ statement before you can update it with a REWRITE statement; however, every record that is retrieved need not be rewritten. A REWRITE statement will always update the last record read.

Consider the following statement:

```
READ FILE(F) INTO(A);
.
.
READ FILE(F) INTO(B);
.
.
REWRITE FILE(F) FROM(A);
```

The REWRITE statement updates the record that was read by the second READ statement. The record that was read by the first statement cannot be rewritten after the second READ statement has been executed.

You cannot update a consecutive data set on magnetic tape except by adding records at the end. To replace or insert records, you must read the data set and write the updated records into a new data set.

You can read a consecutive data set on magnetic tape forward only. Reading backward is not supported.

To access a data set, you must identify it to the operating system in a DD statement. Table 22 on page 270 summarizes the DD statement parameters needed to access a consecutive data set.
Table 22. Accessing a consecutive data set with record I/O: essential parameters of the DD statement

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>What you must state</th>
<th>When required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DSNAME=</td>
<td>Name of data set</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISP=</td>
<td>Disposition of data set</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIT= or VOLUME=REF=</td>
<td>Input device</td>
<td>If data set not cataloged (all devices)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=SER=</td>
<td>Volume serial number</td>
<td>If data set not cataloged (direct access)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DCB=(BLKSIZE=</td>
<td>Block size</td>
<td>If data set does not have standard labels</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note:
1. Or you could specify the block size in your PL/I program by using the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

The following topics describe the essential information that you must include in the DD statement, and discuss some of the optional information that you can supply. The discussions do not apply to data sets in the input stream.

**Essential information**

If the data set is cataloged, you need to supply only the following information in the DD statement:

- The name of the data set (DSNAME parameter)
  - The operating system will locate the information describing the data set in the system catalog, and, if necessary, will request the operator to mount the volume containing it.
- Confirmation that the data set exists (DISP parameter)
  - If you open the data set for output with the intention of extending it by adding records at the end, code DISP=MOD; otherwise, opening the data set for output will result in it being overwritten.

If the data set is not cataloged, you must additionally specify the device that will read the data set, and for direct access devices, give the serial number of the volume that contains the data set (UNIT and VOLUME parameters).

**Example of consecutive data sets**

**Example: Merge Sort—creating and accessing a consecutive data set**

Figure 35 on page 271 illustrates creating and accessing consecutive data sets. The program merges the contents of two data sets, in the input stream, and writes them onto a new data set, &\&TEMP; each of the original data sets contains 15-byte fixed-length records arranged in EBCDIC collating sequence. The two input files, INPUT1 and INPUT2, have the default attribute BUFFERED, and locate mode is used to read records from the associated data sets into the respective buffers. Access of based variables in the buffers should not be attempted after the file has been closed.
MERGE: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
  DCL (INPUT1, /* FIRST INPUT FILE */
     INPUT2, /* SECOND INPUT FILE */
     OUT ) FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL; /* RESULTING MERGED FILE*/
  DCL SYSPRINT FILE PRINT; /* NORMAL PRINT FILE */
  DCL INPUT1_EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B); /* EOF FLAG FOR INPUT1 */
  DCL INPUT2_EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B); /* EOF FLAG FOR INPUT2 */
  DCL OUT_EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B); /* EOF FLAG FOR OUT */
  DCL TRUE BIT(1) INIT('1'B); /* CONSTANT TRUE */
  DCL FALSE BIT(1) INIT('0'B); /* CONSTANT FALSE */
  DCL ITEM1 CHAR(15) BASED(A); /* ITEM FROM INPUT1 */
  DCL ITEM2 CHAR(15) BASED(B); /* ITEM FROM INPUT2 */
  DCL INPUT_LINE CHAR(15); /* INPUT FOR READ INTO */
  DCL A POINTER; /* POINTER VAR */
  DCL B POINTER; /* POINTER VAR */

ON ENDFILE(INPUT1) INPUT1_EOF = TRUE;
ON ENDFILE(INPUT2) INPUT2_EOF = TRUE;
ON ENDFILE(OUT) OUT_EOF = TRUE;

OPEN FILE(INPUT1) INPUT,
     FILE(INPUT2) INPUT,
     FILE(OUT) OUTPUT;

READ FILE(INPUT1) SET(A); /* PRIMING READ */
READ FILE(INPUT2) SET(B);

DO WHILE ((INPUT1_EOF = FALSE) & (INPUT2_EOF = FALSE));
  IF ITEM1 > ITEM2 THEN DO;
    WRITE FILE(OUT) FROM(ITEM2);
    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT('1>2', ITEM1, ITEM2)
          (A(5),A,A);
    READ FILE(INPUT2) SET(B);
  END;
  ELSE DO;
    WRITE FILE(OUT) FROM(ITEM1);
    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT('1<2', ITEM1, ITEM2)
          (A(5),A,A);
    READ FILE(INPUT1) SET(A);
  END;
END;

Figure 35. Merge Sort—creating and accessing a consecutive data set
DO WHILE (INPUT1_EOF = FALSE); /* INPUT2 IS EXHAUSTED */
    WRITE FILE(OUT) FROM(ITEM1);
    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT('1', ITEM1) (A(2),A);
    READ FILE(INPUT1) SET(A);
END;

DO WHILE (INPUT2_EOF = FALSE); /* INPUT1 IS EXHAUSTED */
    WRITE FILE(OUT) FROM(ITEM2);
    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT('2', ITEM2) (A(2),A);
    READ FILE(INPUT2) SET(B);
END;

CLOSE FILE(INPUT1), FILE(INPUT2), FILE(OUT);
OPEN FILE(OUT) SEQUENTIAL INPUT;

READ FILE(OUT) INTO(INPUT_LINE); /* DISPLAY OUT FILE */
DO WHILE (OUT_EOF = FALSE);
    PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT(INPUT_LINE) (A);
    READ FILE(OUT) INTO(INPUT_LINE);
END;
CLOSE FILE(OUT);

END MERGE;
/*
//GO.INPUT1 DD *
AAAAAA
CCCCCC
EEEEEE
GGGGGG
IIIIII
/*
//GO.INPUT2 DD *
BBBBBB
DDDDDD
FFFFFFFF
HHHHHH
JJJJJJ
KKKKKK
/*
//GO.OUT DD DSN=&&TEMP,DISP=(NEW,DELETE),UNIT=SYSDA,
//    DCB=(RECFM=FB,BLKSIZE=150,LRECL=15),SPACE=(TRK,(1,1))
*/

Merge Sort—creating and accessing a consecutive data set (continued)

Example: Printing record-oriented data transmission

The program in Figure 36 on page 273 uses record-oriented data transmission to print the table created by the program in Figure 32 on page 253.
Figure 36. Printing record-oriented data transmission
Chapter 13. Defining and using regional data sets

This chapter covers regional data set organization, data transmission statements, and ENVIRONMENT options that define regional data sets. It also includes information about how to create and access regional data sets for each type of regional organization.

Note: Regional data sets are not supported for 64-bit programs in PL/I V5.1.

A data set with regional organization is divided into regions, each of which is identified by a region number, and each of which can contain one record or more than one record, depending on the type of regional organization. The regions are numbered in succession, beginning with zero, and a record can be accessed by specifying its region number, and perhaps a key, in a data transmission statement.

Regional data sets are confined to direct access devices.

Regional organization of a data set allows you to control the physical placement of records in the data set, and to optimize the access time for a particular application. Such optimization is not available with consecutive or indexed organization, in which successive records are written either in strict physical sequence or in logical sequence depending on ascending key values; neither of these methods takes full advantage of the characteristics of direct access storage devices.

You can create a regional data set in a manner similar to a consecutive or indexed data set, presenting records in the order of ascending region numbers; alternatively, you can use direct access, in which you present records in random sequence and insert them directly into preformatted regions. After you create a regional data set, you can access it by using a file with the attributes SEQUENTIAL or DIRECT as well as INPUT or UPDATE. You do not need to specify either a region number or a key if the data set is associated with a SEQUENTIAL INPUT or SEQUENTIAL UPDATE file. When the file has the DIRECT attribute, you can retrieve, add, delete, and replace records at random.

Records within a regional data set are either actual records containing valid data or dummy records.

The major advantage of regional organization over other types of data set organization is that it allows you to control the relative placement of records; by judicious programming, you can optimize record access in terms of device capabilities and the requirements of particular applications.

Direct access of regional data sets is quicker than that of indexed data sets, but regional data sets have the disadvantage that sequential processing can present records in random sequence; the order of sequential retrieval is not necessarily that in which the records were presented, nor need it be related to the relative key values.

Table 23 on page 276 lists the data transmission statements and options that you can use to create and access a regional data set.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File declaration</th>
<th>Valid statement with options you must include</th>
<th>Other options you can also include</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT</td>
<td>WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference) KEYFROM(expression); LOCATE based-variable FROM(file-reference) KEYFROM(expression);</td>
<td>SET(pointer-reference)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL INPUT</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference); READ FILE(file-reference) SET(pointer-reference); READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td>KEYTO(reference)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL UPDATE</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference); READ FILE(file-reference) SET(pointer-reference); READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(expression);</td>
<td>KEYTO(reference)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIRECT OUTPUT</td>
<td>WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference) KEYFROM(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIRECT INPUT</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference) KEY(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIRECT UPDATE</td>
<td>READ FILE(file-reference) INTO(reference) KEY(expression); REWRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference) KEY(expression); WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference) KEYFROM(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>DELETE FILE(file-reference) KEY(expression);</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Notes:**

1. The complete file declaration would include the attributes FILE, RECORD, and ENVIRONMENT; if you use any of the options KEY, KEYFROM, or KEYTO, you must also include the attribute KEYED.
2. The statement `READ FILE(file-reference);` is equivalent to the statement `READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(1);`.
3. When you create new data sets, the file must not have the UPDATE attribute.
Defining REGIONAL(1) data sets using PL/I dynamic allocation

You can define REGIONAL(1) data sets by using a DD statement, an environment variable, or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

When an environment variable or the TITLE option is used, the name must be in uppercase. Specify the MVS data set as follows:

```
DSN(data-set-name)
```

`data-set-name` must be fully qualified and cannot be a temporary data set; for example, it must not start with `&`.

You must specify one of the following attributes after the DSN keyword:

```
OLD
SHR
```

Defining files for a regional data set

You can use a file declaration to define a regional data set.

**Defining a sequential regional data set**

To define a sequential regional data set, use a file declaration with the following attributes:

```
DCL filename FILE RECORD
  INPUT | OUTPUT | UPDATE
  SEQUENTIAL
  BUFFERED
  [KEYED]
  ENVIRONMENT(options);
```

Because BUFFERED and UNBUFFERED will be treated the same for REGIONAL(1) data sets, you can specify either option in the ENVIRONMENT option. For example, the FROM option is not required on a REWRITE for a SEQUENTIAL UNBUFFERED file and the LOCATE statement is allowed for OUTPUT SEQUENTIAL data sets even if UNBUFFERED is specified.

**Defining a direct regional data set**

To define a direct regional data set, use a file declaration with the following attributes:

```
DCL filename FILE RECORD
  INPUT | OUTPUT | UPDATE
  DIRECT
  ENVIRONMENT(options);
```

For information about the default file attributes, see Table 15 on page 224. For detailed information about the file attributes, see the PL/I Language Reference. For information about the suboptions of the ENVIRONMENT option, see “Specifying ENVIRONMENT options.”

**Specifying ENVIRONMENT options**

This section describes ENVIRONMENT options that are applicable to regional data sets.

The following ENVIRONMENT options are applicable to regional data sets:
REGIONAL((1))
F
RECSIZE(record-length)
BLKSIZE(block-size)

REGIONAL
You can use the REGIONAL option to define a file with regional organization.

►►REGIONAL—(--I--)◄◄

1  Specifies REGIONAL(1).

REGIONAL(1)
  Specifies that the data set contains F-format records that do not have recorded keys. Each region in the data set contains only one record; therefore, each region number corresponds to a relative record within the data set (that is, region numbers start with 0 at the beginning of the data set).

 Although REGIONAL(1) data sets have no recorded keys, you can use REGIONAL(1) DIRECT INPUT or UPDATE files to process data sets that do have recorded keys.

RECSIZE(record-length)
BLKSIZE(block-size)
  If both RECSIZE and BLKSIZE are specified, they must specify the same value.

REGIONAL(1) organization is most suited to applications where there are no duplicate region numbers, and where most of the regions will be filled (reducing wasted space in the data set).

Using keys with REGIONAL data sets

There are two kinds of keys, recorded keys and source keys.

A recorded key is a character string that immediately precedes each record in the data set to identify that record; its length cannot exceed 255 characters. A source key is the character value of the expression that appears in the KEY or KEYFROM option of a data transmission statement to identify the record to which the statement refers. When you access a record in a regional data set, the source key gives a region number, and can also give a recorded key.

Unlike the keys for indexed data sets, recorded keys in a regional data set are never embedded within the record.

Using REGIONAL(1) data sets

In a REGIONAL(1) data set, because there are no recorded keys, the region number serves as the sole identification of a particular record.

The character value of the source key should represent an unsigned decimal integer that should not exceed 16777215, although the actual number of records allowed can be smaller, depending on a combination of record size, device capacity, and limits of your access method. For direct regional(1) files with fixed format records, the maximum number of tracks that can be addressed by relative track addressing is 65536. If the region number exceeds this figure, it is treated as modulo 16777216; for instance, 16777226 is treated as 10. Only the characters 0 through 9 and the blank character are valid in the source key; leading blanks are
interpreted as zeros. Embedded blanks are not allowed in the number; the first embedded blank, if any, terminates the region number. If more than 8 characters appear in the source key, only the rightmost 8 are used as the region number; if there are fewer than 8 characters, blanks (interpreted as zeros) are inserted on the left.

**Dummy Records**

Records in a REGIONAL(1) data set are either actual records containing valid data or dummy records. A dummy record in a REGIONAL(1) data set is identified by the constant (8)’1’B in its first byte.

Although such dummy records are inserted in the data set either when it is created or when a record is deleted, they are not ignored when the data set is read; your PL/I program must be prepared to recognize them. You can replace dummy records with valid data. Note that if you insert (8)’1’B in the first byte, the record can be lost if you copy the file onto a data set that has dummy records that are not retrieved.

**Creating a REGIONAL(1) data set**

You can create a REGIONAL(1) data set either sequentially or by direct access.

Table 23 on page 276 shows the statements and options for creating a regional data set.

When you use a SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file to create the data set, the opening of the file causes all tracks on the data set to be cleared, and a capacity record to be written at the beginning of each track to record the amount of space available on that track. You must present records in ascending order of region numbers; any region you omit from the sequence is filled with a dummy record. If there is an error in the sequence, or if you present a duplicate key, the KEY condition is raised. When the file is closed, any space remaining at the end of the current extent is filled with dummy records.

If you use a DIRECT OUTPUT file to create the data set, the whole primary extent allocated to the data set is filled with dummy records when the file is opened. You can present records in random order; if you present a duplicate, the existing record will be overwritten.

For sequential creation, the data set can have up to 15 extents, which can be on more than one volume. For direct creation, the data set can have only one extent, and can therefore reside on only one volume.

**Example**

Figure 37 on page 280 illustrates how to create a REGIONAL(1) data set. The data set is a list of telephone numbers with the names of the subscribers to whom they are allocated. The telephone numbers correspond with the region numbers in the data set, the data in each occupied region being a subscriber’s name.
Accessing and updating a REGIONAL(1) data set

After you create a REGIONAL(1) data set, you can open the file that accesses it for SEQUENTIAL INPUT or UPDATE, or for DIRECT INPUT or UPDATE. You can open it for OUTPUT only if the existing data set is to be overwritten.

Figure 37. Creating a REGIONAL(1) data set
Table 23 on page 276 shows the statements and options for accessing a regional data set.

**Sequential access**
To open a SEQUENTIAL file that is used to process a REGIONAL(1) data set, use either the INPUT or UPDATE attribute.

You must not include the KEY option in data transmission statements, but the file can have the KEYED attribute, because you can use the KEYTO option. If the target character string referenced in the KEYTO option has more than 8 characters, the value returned (the 8-character region number) is padded on the left with blanks. If the target string has fewer than 8 characters, the value returned is truncated on the left.

Sequential access is in the order of ascending region numbers. All records are retrieved, whether dummy or actual, and you must ensure that your PL/I program recognizes dummy records.

Using sequential input with a REGIONAL(1) data set, you can read all the records in ascending region-number sequence, and in sequential update you can read and rewrite each record in turn.

The rules governing the relationship between READ and REWRITE statements for a SEQUENTIAL UPDATE file that accesses a REGIONAL(1) data set are identical to those for a consecutive data set.

**Related information:**
Chapter 10, “Defining and using consecutive data sets,” on page 241
This chapter covers consecutive data set organization and the ENVIRONMENT options that define consecutive data sets for stream and record-oriented data transmission. It then covers how to create, access, and update consecutive data sets for each type of transmission.

**Direct access**
To open a DIRECT file that is used to process a REGIONAL(1) data set, you can use either the INPUT or the UPDATE attribute. All data transmission statements must include source keys; the DIRECT attribute implies the KEYED attribute.

Use DIRECT UPDATE files to retrieve, add, delete, or replace records in a REGIONAL(1) data set according to the following conventions:

**Retrieval**
All records, whether dummy or actual, are retrieved. Your program must recognize dummy records.

**Addition**
A WRITE statement substitutes a new record for the existing record (actual or dummy) in the region specified by the source key.

**Deletion**
The record you specify by the source key in a DELETE statement is converted to a dummy record.

**Replacement**
The record you specify by the source key in a REWRITE statement, whether dummy or actual, is replaced.

**Example**
This example illustrates how to update a REGIONAL(1) data set.
The program shown in Figure 38 updates the data set and lists its contents. Before each new or updated record is written, the existing record in the region is tested to ensure that it is a dummy; this is necessary because a WRITE statement can overwrite an existing record in a REGIONAL(1) data set even if it is not a dummy. Similarly, during the sequential reading and printing of the contents of the data set, each record is tested and dummy records are not printed.

```
//EX10  JOB
//STEP2  EXEC  IBMZCBG,PARM.PLLI='NOP,MAR(1,72)',PARM.BIND='LIST'
//PLI.SYSIN  DO *
ACR1:  PROC  OPTIONS(MAIN);
   /*  UPDATING A REGIONAL(1) DATA SET - PHONE DIRECTORY  */
   DCL  NOS  FILE  RECORD  KEYED  ENV(REGIONAL(1));
   DCL  SYSIN  FILE  INPUT  RECORD;
   DCL  (SYSIN_REC,NOS_REC)  BIT(1)  INIT('1'B);
   DCL  1  CARD,
        2  NAME  CHAR(20),
        2  (NEWNO,OLDNO)  CHAR( 2),
        2  CARD_1  CHAR( 1),
        2  CODE  CHAR( 1),
        2  CARD_2  CHAR(54);
   DCL  IOFIELD  CHAR(20);
   DCL  BYTE  CHAR(1)  DEF  IOFIELD;

   ON  ENDFILE(SYSIN)  SYSIN_REC  =  '0'B;
   OPEN  FILE  (NOS)  DIRECT  UPDATE;
   READ  FILE(SYSIN)  INTO(CARD);
   DO  WHILE(SYSIN_REC);
      SELECT(CODE);
      WHEN('A','C')  DO;
         IF  CODE  =  'C'  THEN
            DELETE  FILE(NOS)  KEY(OLDNO);
            READ  FILE(NOS)  KEY(NEWNO)  INTO(IOFIELD);
            IF  UNSPEC(BYTE)  =  (8)'1'B
               THEN  WRITE  FILE(NOS)  KEYFROM(NEWNO)  FROM(NAME);
            ELSE  PUT  FILE(SYSPRINT)  SKIP  LIST  ('DUPLICATE:','NAME');
            END;
         WHEN('D')  DELETE  FILE(NOS)  KEY(OLDNO);
         OTHERWISE  PUT  FILE(SYSPRINT)  SKIP  LIST  ('INVALID  CODE:','NAME');
      END;
      READ  FILE(SYSIN)  INTO(CARD);
   END;

   CLOSE  FILE(SYSIN),FILE(NOS);
   PUT  FILE(SYSPRINT)  PAGE;
   OPEN  FILE(NOS)  SEQUENTIAL  INPUT;
   ON  ENDFILE(NOS)  NOS_REC  =  '0'B;
   READ  FILE(NOS)  INTO(IOFIELD)  KEYTO(NEWNO);
   DO  WHILE(NOS_REC);
      IF  UNSPEC(BYTE)  =  (8)'1'B
         THEN  PUT  FILE(SYSPRINT)  SKIP  EDIT  (NEWNO,IOFIELD)(A(2),X(3),A);
      PUT  FILE(SYSPRINT)  SKIP  EDIT  (IOFIELD)  (A);
      READ  FILE(NOS)  INTO(IOFIELD)  KEYTO(NEWNO);
   END;
   CLOSE  FILE(NOS);
   END  ACR1;
/*

Figure 38. Updating a REGIONAL(1) data set
```
Essential information for creating and accessing regional data sets

To create a regional data set, in your PL/I program or in the DD statement, you must give the operating system certain information that defines the data set.

You must supply the following information when creating a regional data set:

- Device that will write your data set (UNIT or VOLUME parameter of DD statement)
- Block size
  
  You can specify the block size either in your PL/I program (in the BLKSIZE option of the ENVIRONMENT attribute) or in the DD statement (BLKSIZE subparameter). If you do not specify a record length, unblocked records are the default and the record length is determined from the block size. If you do specify a record length, it must be equal to the block size.

If you want to keep a data set (that is, you do not want the operating system to delete it at the end of your job), the DD statement must name the data set and indicate how it is to be disposed of (DSNAME and DISP parameters). The DISP parameter alone will suffice if you want to use the data set in a later step but do not need it after the end of your job.

If you want your data set stored on a particular direct access device, you must indicate the volume serial number in the DD statement (SER or REF subparameter of VOLUME parameter). If you do not supply a serial number for a data set that you want to keep, the operating system allocates one, informs the operator, and prints the number on your program listing.

Table 24 on page 284 summarizes all the essential parameters required in a DD statement to create a regional data set. Table 25 on page 285 lists the DCB subparameters that are needed. See your z/OS MVS JCL User’s Guide for a description of the DCB subparameters.

You cannot place a regional data set on a system output (SYSOUT) device.

In the DCB parameter, if you specify the DSORG parameter, you must specify the data set organization as direct by coding DSORG=DA. You cannot specify the
DUMMY or DSN=NULLFILE parameters in a DD statement for a regional data set. Using DSORG=DA might cause message IEC225I to be issued. This message can be safely ignored.

Table 24. Creating a regional data set: essential parameters of the DD statement

<table>
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<th>Parameters</th>
<th>What you must state</th>
<th>When required</th>
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<tr>
<td>UNIT=</td>
<td>Output device</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=REF=</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPACE=</td>
<td>Storage space required</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DCB=</td>
<td>Data control block information</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISP=</td>
<td>Disposition</td>
<td>Data set to be used in another job step but not required in another job</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISP=</td>
<td>Disposition</td>
<td>Data set to be kept after end of job</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSNAME=</td>
<td>Name of data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=SER=</td>
<td>Volume serial number</td>
<td>Data set to be on particular volume</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=REF=</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:
1. Regional data sets are confined to direct access devices.
2. For sequential access, the data set can have up to 15 extents, which can be on more than one volume. For creation with DIRECT access, the data set can have only one extent.

To access a regional data set, you must identify it to the operating system in a DD statement. The following paragraphs indicate the minimum information you must include in the DD statement; this information is summarized in Table 26 on page 285.

If the data set is cataloged, you need to supply only the following information in your DD statement:

- The name of the data set (DSNAME parameter)
  The operating system locates the information that describes the data set in the system catalog and, if necessary, requests the operator to mount the volume that contains it.
- Confirmation that the data set exists (DISP parameter)

If the data set is not cataloged, you must, in addition, specify the device that will read the data set and give the serial number of the volume that contains the data set (UNIT and VOLUME parameters).

When opening a multiple-volume regional data set for sequential update, the ENDFILE condition is raised at the end of the first volume.
Table 25. DCB subparameters for a regional data set

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subparameters</th>
<th>To specify</th>
<th>When required</th>
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<tr>
<td>RECFM=F</td>
<td>Record format(^1)</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLKSIZE=</td>
<td>Block size(^1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSORG=DA</td>
<td>Data set organization</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\)Or you can specify the block size in the ENVIRONMENT attribute.

Table 26. Accessing a regional data set: essential parameters of the DD statement

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameters</th>
<th>What you must state</th>
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<tr>
<td>DSNAME=</td>
<td>Name of data set</td>
<td>Always</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISP=</td>
<td>Disposition of data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIT=</td>
<td>Input device</td>
<td>If data set not cataloged</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=REF=</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOLUME=SER=</td>
<td>Volume serial number</td>
<td></td>
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</table>
Chapter 14. Defining and using VSAM data sets

This chapter covers VSAM (the Virtual Storage Access Method) organization for record-oriented data transmission, VSAM ENVIRONMENT options, compatibility with other PL/I data set organizations, and the statements you use to load and access the three types of VSAM data sets that PL/I supports—entry-sequenced, key-sequenced, and relative record.

The chapter is concluded by a series of examples showing the PL/I statements, Access Method Services commands, and JCL statements necessary to create and access VSAM data sets.

Enterprise PL/I provides no support for ISAM datasets.

For additional information about the facilities of VSAM, the structure of VSAM data sets and indexes, the way in which they are defined by Access Method Services, and the required JCL statements, see the VSAM publications for your system.

Defining VSAM file using PL/I dynamic allocation

You can define VSAM data sets by using a DD statement, an environment variable, or the TITLE option of the OPEN statement.

When an environment variable or the TITLE option is used, the name must be in uppercase. Specify the MVS data set as follows:

```
DSN(data-set-name)
```

`data-set-name` must be fully qualified and cannot be a temporary data set; for example, it must not start with &.

You must specify one of the following attributes after the DSN keyword:

```
OLD
SHR
```

Using VSAM data sets

If your program needs to use VSAM data sets, you must specify a DD statement to give the program access to the data sets. Your program can also access key sequenced and entry sequenced data sets through alternate index paths.

Running a program with VSAM data sets

To allow your program to access VSAM data sets, you must provide certain information in your DD statement.

Before you execute a program that accesses a VSAM data set, you need to know the following information:

- The name of the VSAM data set
- The name of the PL/I file
- Whether you intend to share the data set with other users

Then you can write the required DD statement to access the data set:
//filename DD DSNAME=dsname,DISP=OLD|SHR

For example, if your file is named PL1FILE, your data set is named VSAMDS, and you want exclusive control of the data set, enter the following statement:

//PL1FILE DD DSNAME=VSAMDS,DISP=OLD

To share your data set, use DISP=SHR.

Enterprise PL/I has no support for ISAM data sets.

To optimize VSAM's performance by controlling the number of VSAM buffers used for your data set, see the VSAM publications.

**Pairing an alternate index path with a file**

When using an alternate index, you simply specify the name of the path in the DSNAME parameter of the DD statement associating the base data set/alternate index pair with your PL/I file.

Before using an alternate index, you must be aware of the restrictions on processing; these are summarized in [Table 30 on page 293](#).

Given a PL/I file called PL1FILE and the alternate index path called PERSALPH, the DD statement required is as follows:

//PL1FILE DD DSNAME=PERSALPH,DISP=OLD

**VSAM organization**

There are three types of VSAM data sets. Each type roughly corresponds to a PL/I data set organization. All three types of VSAM data sets are ordered, and they can all have keys associated with their records. Both sequential and keyed access are possible with all three types.

**Table 27. Types of VSAM data sets and corresponding PL/I data set organization**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>VSAM data set type</th>
<th>Corresponding PL/I data set organization</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Key-sequenced data sets (KSDS)</td>
<td>Indexed data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry-sequenced data sets (ESDS)</td>
<td>Consecutive data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative record data sets (RRDS)</td>
<td>Regional data set</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Although only key-sequenced data sets have keys as part of their logical records, keyed access is also possible for entry-sequenced data sets (using relative-byte addresses) and relative record data sets (using relative record numbers).

All VSAM data sets are held on direct access storage devices, and a virtual storage operating system is required to use them.

The physical organization of VSAM data sets differs from those used by other access methods. VSAM does not use the concept of blocking, and, except for relative record data sets, records need not be of a fixed length. In data sets with VSAM organization, the data items are arranged in control intervals, which are in turn arranged in control areas. For processing purposes, the data items within a control interval are arranged in logical records. A control interval can contain one or more logical records, and a logical record can span two or more control intervals. Concern about blocking factors and record length is largely removed by
VSAM, although records cannot exceed the maximum specified size. VSAM allows access to the control intervals, but this type of access is not supported by PL/I.

VSAM data sets can have two types of indexes—prime and alternate. A prime index is the index to a KSDS that is established when you define a data set; it always exists and can be the only index for a KSDS. You can have one or more alternate indexes on a KSDS or an ESDS. Defining an alternate index for an ESDS enables you to treat the ESDS, in general, as a KSDS. An alternate index on a KSDS enables a field in the logical record different from that in the prime index to be used as the key field. Alternate indexes can be either nonunique, in which duplicate keys are allowed, or unique, in which they are not. The prime index can never have duplicate keys.

Any change in a data set that has alternate indexes must be reflected in all the indexes if they are to remain useful. This activity is known as index upgrade, and is done by VSAM for any index in the index upgrade set of the data set. (For a KSDS, the prime index is always a member of the index upgrade set.) However, you must avoid making changes in the data set that would cause duplicate keys in the prime index or in a unique alternate index.

Before using a VSAM data set for the first time, you need to define it to the system with the DEFINE command of Access Method Services, which you can use to completely define the type, structure, and required space of the data set. This command also defines the data set’s indexes (together with their key lengths and locations) and the index upgrade set if the data set is a KSDS or has one or more alternate indexes. A VSAM data set is thus “created” by Access Method Services.

The operation of writing the initial data into a newly created VSAM data set is referred to as loading in this publication.

Use the three different types of data sets according to the following purposes:

- Use entry-sequenced data sets for data that you primarily access in the order in which it was created (or the reverse order).
- Use key-sequenced data sets when you normally access records through keys within the records (for example, a stock-control file where the part number is used to access a record).
- Use relative record data sets for data in which each item has a particular number, and you normally access the relevant record by that number (for example, a telephone system with a record associated with each number).

You can access records in all types of VSAM data sets either directly by a key, or sequentially (backward or forward). You can also use a combination of the two ways: Select a starting point with a key and then read forward or backward from that point.

You can create alternate indexes for key-sequenced and entry-sequenced data sets. You can then access your data in many sequences or by one of many keys. For example, you could take a data set held or indexed in order of employee number and index it by name in an alternate index. Then you could access it in alphabetic order, in reverse alphabetic order, or directly by using the name as a key. You could also access it in the same kind of combinations by employee number.

Table 28 on page 290 shows how the same data could be held in the three different types of VSAM data sets and illustrates their respective advantages and disadvantages.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data set type</th>
<th>Method of loading</th>
<th>Method of reading</th>
<th>Method of updating</th>
<th>Pros and cons</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Key-Sequenced</td>
<td>Sequentially in order or prime index which must be unique</td>
<td>KEYED by specifying key of record in prime index</td>
<td>KEYED specifying a unique key in any index</td>
<td><strong>Advantages:</strong> Complete access and updating</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>SEQUENTIAL backward or forward in order of any index</td>
<td>SEQUENTIAL following positioning by unique key</td>
<td><strong>Disadvantages:</strong> Records must be in order of prime index before loading</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Positioning by key followed by sequential reading either backward or forward</td>
<td>Record deletion allowed</td>
<td><strong>Uses:</strong> For uses where access will be related to key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Record insertion allowed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry-Sequenced</td>
<td>Sequentially (forward only)</td>
<td>SEQUENTIAL backward or forward</td>
<td>New records at end only</td>
<td><strong>Advantages:</strong> Simple fast creation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>KEYED using RBA</td>
<td>Existing records cannot have length changed</td>
<td><strong>Disadvantages:</strong> No requirement for a unique index</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Positioning by key followed by sequential either backward or forward</td>
<td>Record deletion not allowed</td>
<td><strong>Uses:</strong> Limited updating facilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative Record</td>
<td>Sequentially starting from slot 1</td>
<td>KEYED specifying numbers as key</td>
<td>Sequentially starting at a specified slot and continuing with next slot</td>
<td><strong>Advantages:</strong> Speedy access to record by number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Sequential forward or backward omitting empty records</td>
<td>Keyed specifying numbers as key</td>
<td><strong>Disadvantages:</strong> Structure tied to numbering sequences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Record deletion allowed</td>
<td>Fixed length records</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Record insertion into empty slots allowed</td>
<td><strong>Uses:</strong> For use where records will be accessed by number</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Keys for VSAM data sets

All VSAM data sets can have keys associated with their records.

For key-sequenced data sets, and for entry-sequenced data sets accessed through an *alternate index*, the key is a defined field within the logical record. For entry-sequenced data sets, the key is the *relative byte address* (RBA) of the record. For relative-record data sets, the key is a *relative record number*.

### Keys for indexed VSAM data sets

Keys for key-sequenced data sets and for entry-sequenced data sets that are accessed through an *alternate index* are part of the logical records recorded on the data set. You define the length and location of the keys when you create the data set.
For information about how you can reference the keys in the KEY, KEYFROM, and KEYTO options, see the topics about the KEY(expression) option, KEYFROM(expression) option, and KEYTO(reference) option in the *PL/I Language Reference*.

**Relative byte addresses (RBA)**

Relative byte addresses allow you to use keyed access on an ESDS associated with a KEYED SEQUENTIAL file.

The RBAs, or keys, are character strings of length 4, and their values are defined by VSAM. You cannot construct or manipulate RBAs in PL/I; you can, however, compare their values in order to determine the relative positions of records within the data set. RBAs are not normally printable.

You can obtain the RBA for a record by using the KEYTO option, either on a WRITE statement when you are loading or extending the data set, or on a READ statement when the data set is being read. You can subsequently use an RBA obtained in either of these ways in the KEY option of a READ or REWRITE statement.

Do not use an RBA in the KEYFROM option of a WRITE statement.

VSAM allows use of the relative byte address as a key to a KSDS, but this use is not supported by PL/I.

**Relative record numbers**

Records in an RRDS are identified by a relative record number that starts at 1 and increments by 1 for each succeeding record. You can use these relative record numbers as keys for keyed access to the data set.

Keys used as relative record numbers are character strings of length 8. The character value of a source key you use in the KEY or KEYFROM option must represent an unsigned integer. If the source key is not 8 characters long, it is truncated or padded with blanks (interpreted as zeros) on the left. The value returned by the KEYTO option is a character string of length 8, with leading zeros suppressed.

### Choosing a data set type

When you plan your program, you must first decide which type of data set to use. There are three types of VSAM data sets and five types of non-VSAM data sets available to you.

VSAM data sets can provide all the function of the other types of data sets, plus additional functions available only in VSAM. VSAM can usually match other data set types in performance, and often improve upon it. However, VSAM is more subject to performance degradation through misuse of function.

For a comparison of all eight types of data sets, see **Table 16 on page 232** however, many factors in the choice of data set type for a large installation are beyond the scope of this document.

When choosing between the VSAM data set types, you should base your choice on the most common sequence in which you will require your data. You can use the following procedure to help ensure a combination of data sets and indexes that provide the function you require.
1. Determine the type of data and how it will be accessed.
   a. Primarily sequentially — favors ESDS.
   b. Primarily by key — favors KSDS.
   c. Primarily by number — favors RRDS.
2. Determine how you will load the data set. Note that you must load a KSDS in key sequence; thus an ESDS with an alternate index path can be a more practical alternative for some applications.
3. Determine whether you require access through an alternate index path. These are only supported on KSDS and ESDS. If you require an alternate index path, determine whether the alternate index will have unique or nonunique keys. Use of nonunique keys can limit key processing. However, it might also be impractical to assume that you will use unique keys for all future records; if you attempt to insert a record with a nonunique key in an index that you have created for unique keys, it will cause an error.
4. When you have determined the data sets and paths that you require, ensure that the operations you have in mind are supported. Table 29 might be helpful.

Do not try to access a dummy VSAM data set, because you will receive an error message indicating that you have an undefined file.

Table 29 shows the compatible file attribute combinations based on the type of VSAM data sets.

*Table 29. VSAM data sets and allowed file attributes*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>SEQUENTIAL</th>
<th>KEYED SEQUENTIAL</th>
<th>DIRECT</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>INPUT</strong></td>
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<td>ESDS</td>
<td>ESDS</td>
<td>KSDS</td>
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<td>KSDS</td>
<td>RRDS</td>
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<td>RRDS</td>
<td>RRDS</td>
<td>Path(U)</td>
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<td>Path(N)</td>
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<td><strong>OUTPUT</strong></td>
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<td>ESDS</td>
<td>ESDS</td>
<td>KSDS</td>
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<td>KSDS</td>
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<td>RRDS</td>
<td>Path(U)</td>
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<td><strong>UPDATE</strong></td>
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<td>Path(U)</td>
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Table 29. VSAM data sets and allowed file attributes (continued)

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<th>Key:</th>
<th>SEQUENTIAL</th>
<th>KEYED</th>
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<tr>
<td>ESDS</td>
<td>Entry-sequenced data set</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KSDS</td>
<td>Key-sequenced data set</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RRDS</td>
<td>Relative record data set</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Path(N)
Alternate index path with nonunique keys

Path(U)
Alternate index path with unique keys

Notes:
- You can combine the attributes on the left with those at the top of the figure for the data sets and paths shown. For example, only an ESDS and an RRDS can be SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT.
- PL/I does not support dummy VSAM data sets.

Table 30. Processing allowed on alternate index paths

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Base cluster type</th>
<th>Alternate index key type</th>
<th>Processing</th>
<th>Restrictions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KSDS</td>
<td>Unique key</td>
<td>As normal KSDS</td>
<td>Cannot modify key of access.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Nonunique key</td>
<td>Limited keyed access</td>
<td>Cannot modify key of access.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESDS</td>
<td>Unique key</td>
<td>As KSDS</td>
<td>No deletion.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Nonunique key</td>
<td>Limited keyed access</td>
<td>No deletion.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Related information:
- [“Entry-sequenced data sets” on page 298](#)
- [“Key-sequenced and indexed entry-sequenced data sets” on page 302](#)
- [“Relative-record data sets” on page 316](#)

Defining files for VSAM data sets

This topic describes the file declaration that you can use to define a sequential or direct VSAM data set.
Defining sequential VSAM data set

You define a sequential VSAM data set by using a file declaration with the following attributes:

```
DCL filename FILE RECORD
   INPUT | OUTPUT | UPDATE
   SEQUENTIAL
   BUFFERED
   [KEYED]
   ENVIRONMENT(options);
```

Defining direct VSAM data set

You define a direct VSAM data set by using a file declaration with the following attributes:

```
DCL filename FILE RECORD
   INPUT | OUTPUT | UPDATE
   DIRECT
   [KEYED]
   ENVIRONMENT(options);
```

Table 15 on page 224 shows the default attributes. The file attributes are described in the PL/I Language Reference. For information about the options of the ENVIRONMENT attribute, see “Specifying ENVIRONMENT options.”

Some combinations of the file attributes INPUT, OUTPUT, or UPDATE and DIRECT, SEQUENTIAL, or KEYED SEQUENTIAL are allowed only for certain types of VSAM data sets. Table 29 on page 292 shows the compatible combinations.

Specifying ENVIRONMENT options

This section describes the ENVIRONMENT options that are applicable to VSAM data sets.

Many of the options of the ENVIRONMENT attribute affecting data set structure are not needed for VSAM data sets. If you specify them, they are either ignored or used for checking purposes. If those that are checked conflict with the values defined for the data set, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised when an attempt is made to open the file.

You can use the following ENVIRONMENT options for VSAM data sets:

- BKWD
- BUFND (n)
- BUFNI (n)
- BUFSP (n)
- GENKEY
- PASSWORD (password-specification)
- REUSE
- SCALARVARYING
- SKIP
- VSAM

GENKEY and SCALARVARYING options have the same effect as they do when you use them for non-VSAM data sets. Note that under VSAM RLS, options BUFND, BUFNI, and BUFSP are ignored.
The options that are checked for a VSAM data set are RECSIZE and, for a key-sequenced data set, KEYLENGTH and KEYLOC. Table 15 on page 224 shows which options are ignored for VSAM. Table 15 on page 224 also shows the required and default options.

For VSAM data sets, you specify the maximum and average lengths of the records to the Access Method Services utility when you define the data set. If you include the RECSIZE option in the file declaration for checking purposes, specify the maximum record size. If the RECSIZE value that you specify conflicts with the values defined for the data set, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

**BKWD**

The BKWD option specifies backward processing for a SEQUENTIAL INPUT or SEQUENTIAL UPDATE file associated with a VSAM data set.

Sequential reads (that is, reads without the KEY option) retrieve the previous record in sequence. For indexed data sets, the previous record is, in general, the record with the next lower key. However, if you are accessing the data set through a nonunique alternate index, records with the same key are recovered in their normal sequence. For example, consider the following records, where C1, C2, and C3 have the same key:

A B C1 C2 C3 D E

The records are recovered in the following sequence:

E D C1 C2 C3 B A

When a file with the BKWD option is opened, the data set is positioned at the last record. ENDFILE is raised in the normal way when the start of the data set is reached.

Do not specify the BKWD option with either the REUSE option or the GENKEY option. Also, the WRITE statement is not allowed for files declared with the BKWD option.

**BUFND**

The BUFND option specifies the number of data buffers required for a VSAM data set.

```
  BUFND (n)
```

*n* Specifies an integer, or a variable with attributes FIXED BINARY(31) STATIC.

Multiple data buffers help performance when the file has the SEQUENTIAL attribute and you are processing long group of contiguous records sequentially.

**BUFNI**

The BUFNI option specifies the number of index buffers required for a VSAM key-sequence data set.

```
  BUFNI (n)
```

*n* Specifies an integer, or a variable with attributes FIXED BINARY(31) STATIC.
Multiple index buffers help performance when the file has the KEYED attribute. Specify at least as many index buffers as there are levels in the index.

**BUFSP**
The BUFSP option specifies, in bytes, the total buffer space required for a VSAM data set (for both the data and index components).

```
BUFSP—(n)
```

*n* Specifies an integer, or a variable with attributes FIXED BINARY(31) STATIC.

It is usually preferable to specify the BUFNI and BUFND options rather than BUFSP.

**GENKEY**
The GENKEY (generic key) option applies only to INDEXED and VSAM key-sequenced data sets. You can use this option to classify keys recorded in a data set and use a SEQUENTIAL KEYED INPUT or SEQUENTIAL KEYED UPDATE file to access records according to their key classes.

For detailed information, see "GENKEY option — key classification" on page 230.

**PASSWORD**
When you define a VSAM data set to the system (by using the DEFINE command of Access Method Services), you can associate READ and UPDATE passwords with it. From that point on, you must include the appropriate password in the declaration of any PL/I file that you use to access the data set.

```
PASSWORD—(—password-specification—)
```

*password-specification*
Specifies a character constant or character variable that specifies the password for the type of access your program requires. If you specify a constant, it must not contain a repetition factor; if you specify a variable, it must be level-1, element, static, and unsubscripted.

The character string is padded or truncated to 8 characters and passed to VSAM for inspection. If the password is incorrect, the system operator is given a number of chances to specify the correct password. You specify the number of chances to be allowed when you define the data set. After this number of unsuccessful tries, the UNDEFINEDFILE condition is raised.

**REUSE**
The REUSE option specifies that an OUTPUT file associated with a VSAM data set is to be used as a work file.

```
REUSE
```

The data set is treated as an empty data set each time the file is opened. Any secondary allocations for the data set are released, and the data set is treated exactly as if it were being opened for the first time.

Do not associate a file that has the REUSE option with a data set that has alternate indexes or the BKWD option, and do not open it for INPUT or UPDATE.
The REUSE option takes effect only if you specify REUSE in the Access Method Services DEFINE CLUSTER command.

**SKIP**
The SKIP option specifies that the VSAM OPTCD "SKP" is to be used whenever possible. It is applicable to key-sequenced data sets that you access by means of a KEYED SEQUENTIAL INPUT or UPDATE file.

You should specify this option for the file if your program accesses individual records scattered throughout the data set, but does so primarily in ascending key order.

Omit this option if your program reads large numbers of records sequentially without the use of the KEY option, or if it inserts large numbers of records at specific points in the data set (mass sequential insert).

It is never an error to specify (or omit) the SKIP option; its effect on performance is significant only in the circumstances described.

**VSAM**
You must specify the VSAM option for VSAM data sets.

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**Performance options**
You can specify the buffer options in the AMP parameter of the DD statement; they are explained in your Access Method Services manual.

**Defining files for alternate index paths**
VSAM allows you to define alternate indexes on key sequenced and entry sequenced data sets.

Using alternate indexes, you can access key sequenced data sets in a number of ways other than from the prime index; you can also index and access entry sequenced data sets by key or sequentially in order of the keys. Consequently, data created in one form can be accessed in a large number of different ways. For example, an employee file might be indexed by personnel number, by name, and also by department number.

When an alternate index has been built, you actually access the data set through a third object known as an alternate index path that acts as a connection between the alternate index and the data set.

Two types of alternate indexes are allowed—unique key and nonunique key. For a unique key alternate index, each record must have a different alternate key. For a nonunique key alternate index, any number of records can have the same alternate key. In the example suggested above, the alternate index using the names can be a unique key alternate index (provided each person had a different name). The alternate index using the department number would be a nonunique key alternate index because more than one person would be in each department.
In most respects, you can treat a data set accessed through a unique key alternate index path like a KSDS accessed through its prime index. You can access the records by key or sequentially, you can update records, and you can add new records. If the data set is a KSDS, you can delete records, and alter the length of updated records. Restrictions and allowed processing are shown in Table 30 on page 293. When you add or delete records, all indexes associated with the data set are by default altered to reflect the new situation.

In data sets accessed through a nonunique key alternate index path, the record accessed is determined by the key and the sequence. The key can be used to establish positioning so that sequential access can follow. The use of the key accesses the first record with that key. When the data set is read backwards, only the order of the keys is reversed. The order of the records with the same key remains the same whichever way the data set is read.

### Defining VSAM data sets

You can use the DEFINE CLUSTER command of Access Method Services to define and catalog VSAM data sets.

To use the DEFINE command, you need to know the following information:

- The name and password of the master catalog if the master catalog is password protected
- The name and password of the VSAM private catalog you are using if you are not using the master catalog
- Whether VSAM space for your data set is available
- The type of VSAM data set you are going to create
- The volume on which your data set is to be placed
- The average and maximum record size in your data set
- The position and length of the key for an indexed data set
- The space to be allocated for your data set
- How to code the DEFINE command
- How to use the Access Method Services program

When you have the information, you can code the DEFINE command and then define and catalog the data set by using Access Method Services.

### Entry-sequenced data sets

This topic describes the statements and options that are allowed for files associated with an entry-sequenced data set (ESDS).

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<th>Valid statements with options you must include</th>
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<tr>
<td>SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT BUFFERED</td>
<td>WRITE FILE(file-reference) FROM(reference);</td>
<td>KEYTO(reference)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LOCATE based-variable FILE(file-reference);</td>
<td>SET(pointer-reference)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 31. Statements and options allowed for loading and accessing VSAM entry-sequenced data sets (continued)

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<th>File declaration</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SEQUENTIAL INPUT BUFFERED</strong></td>
<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference)</strong> INTO(reference);**</td>
<td><strong>KEYTO(reference) or KEY(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference)</strong> SET(pointer-reference);</td>
<td><strong>KEYTO(reference) or KEY(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference);</strong></td>
<td><strong>IGNORE(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>SEQUENTIAL UPDATE BUFFERED</strong></td>
<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference)</strong> INTO(reference);</td>
<td><strong>KEYTO(reference) or KEY(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference)</strong> SET(pointer-reference);</td>
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<td><strong>READ FILE(file-reference)</strong></td>
<td><strong>IGNORE(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>WRITE FILE(file-reference)</strong> FROM(reference);</td>
<td><strong>KEYTO(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>REWRITE FILE(file-reference);</strong></td>
<td><strong>FROM(reference) and/or KEY(expression)</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:
1. The complete file declaration would include the attributes FILE, RECORD, and ENVIRONMENT; if you use either of the options KEY or KEYTO, it must also include the attribute KEYED.
2. The statement **READ FILE(file-reference);** is equivalent to the statement **READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE (1);**
3. The expression used in the KEY option must be a relative byte address, previously obtained by the KEYTO option.

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**Loading an ESDS**

When an ESDS is being loaded, the associated file must be opened for **SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT**. The records are retained in the order in which they are presented.

You can use the KEYTO option to obtain the relative byte address of each record as it is written. You can subsequently use these keys to achieve keyed access to the data set.

**Using a SEQUENTIAL file to access an ESDS**

You can open a SEQUENTIAL file that is used to access an ESDS with either the INPUT or the UPDATE attribute. If you use either of the options KEY or KEYTO, the file must also have the KEYED attribute.

Sequential access is in the order that the records were originally loaded into the data set. You can use the KEYTO option on the READ statements to recover the RBAs of the records that are read. If you use the KEY option, the record that is recovered is the one with the RBA you specify. Subsequent sequential access continues from the new position in the data set.

For an UPDATE file, the WRITE statement adds a new record at the end of the data set. With a REWRITE statement, the record rewritten is the one with the
specified RBA if you use the KEY option; otherwise, it is the record accessed on the previous READ. You must not attempt to change the length of the record that is being replaced with a REWRITE statement.

The DELETE statement is not allowed for entry-sequenced data sets.

**Defining and loading an ESDS**

This topic shows an example PL/I program that defines and loads an entry-sequenced data set (ESDS). The program writes to the data set by using a SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file.

In the program shown in [Figure 39 on page 301](#), the data set is defined with the DEFINE CLUSTER command and given the name PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE. The NONINDEXED keyword causes an ESDS to be defined.

The PL/I program writes to the data set by using a SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file and a WRITE FROM statement. The DD statement for the file contains the DSNAME of the data set given in the NAME parameter of the DEFINE CLUSTER command.

You can obtain the RBA of the records as keys in a KEYED file for subsequent use. To do this, you must declare a suitable variable to hold the key and use the WRITE...KEYTO statement. See the following example:

```pli
DCL CHARS CHAR(4);
WRITE FILE(FAMFILE) FROM (STRING)
   KEYTO(CHARS);
```

Note that the keys would not normally be printable, but could be retained for subsequent use.

The cataloged procedure IBMZCBG is used. Because the same program (in [Figure 39 on page 301](#)) can be used for adding records to the data set, it is retained in a library. For more information about the procedure of adding records, see the example in [“Updating an ESDS” on page 301](#).
This topic shows an example of adding a new record at the end of an ESDS.

This example is based on the PL/I program shown in Figure 39. That program can also be used for adding records to the data set. In the program, the data set PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE is defined with the DEFINE CLUSTER command.

Figure 40 on page 302 shows the addition of a new record at the end of the ESDS. A SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file is used, and the data set associated with it, PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE, is specified in the DSNAMES parameter.
You can rewrite existing records in an ESDS, provided that the length of the record is not changed. You can use a SEQUENTIAL or KEYED SEQUENTIAL update file to do this. If you use keys, they can be the RBAs or keys of an alternate index path.

Delete statements are not allowed for ESDS.

**Key-sequence and indexed entry-sequenced data sets**

An indexed data set can be a key-sequenced data set (KSDS) with its prime index; it can also be a KSDS or an entry-sequenced data set (ESDS) with an alternate index. This topic describes the statements and options that are allowed for files associated with indexed VSAM data sets.

Except where otherwise stated, the description in Table 32 applies to all indexed VSAM data sets.

**Table 32. Statements and options allowed for loading and accessing VSAM indexed data sets**

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<td>FROM(reference) and/or KEY(expression)</td>
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<td>DELETE FILE(file-reference)</td>
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### Table 32. Statements and options allowed for loading and accessing VSAM indexed data sets (continued)

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### Notes:
1. The complete file declaration would include the attributes FILE and RECORD. If you use any of the options KEY, KEYFROM, or KEYTO, you must also include the attribute KEYED in the declaration.
2. The statement `READ FILE(file-reference);` is equivalent to the statement `READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(1);`.
3. Do not associate a SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file with a data set accessed through an alternate index.
4. Do not associate a DIRECT file with a data set accessed through a nonunique alternate index.
5. DELETE statements are not allowed for a file associated with an ESDS accessed through an alternate index.

### Loading a KSDS or indexed ESDS

When a KSDS is being loaded, you must open the associated file for KEYED SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT. You must present the records in ascending key order, and you must use the KEYFROM option.

Note that you must use the prime index for loading the data set; you cannot load a VSAM data set through an alternate index.

If a KSDS already contains some records and you open the associated file with the SEQUENTIAL and OUTPUT attributes, you can add records only at the end of the data set. The rules given in the previous paragraph apply; in particular, the first record you present must have a key greater than the highest key present on the data set.

**Figure 41 on page 305** shows the DEFINE command used to define a KSDS. The data set is given the name PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE and defined as a KSDS because of the use of the INDEXED operand. The position of the keys within the record is defined in the KEYS operand.

Within the PL/I program, a KEYED SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file is used with a WRITE...FROM...KEYFROM statement. The data is presented in ascending key order. A KSDS must be loaded in this manner.

The file is associated with the data set by a DD statement that uses the name given in the DEFINE command as the DSNAME parameter.
DEFINE CLUSTER -
(NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE) -
VOLUMES(nnnnnn) -
INDEXED -
TRACKS(3 1) -
KEYS(20 0) -
RECORDSIZE(23 80))

DCL DIREC FILE RECORD SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT KEYED ENV(VSAM),
CARD CHAR(80),
NAME CHAR(20) DEF CARD POS(1),
NUMBER CHAR(3) DEF CARD POS(21),
OUTREC CHAR(23) DEF CARD POS(1),
EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B);

ON ENDFILE(SYSIN) EOF='1'B;

OPEN FILE(DIREC) OUTPUT;

GET FILE(SYSIN) EDIT(CARD)(A(80));
DO WHILE (~EOF);
WRITE FILE(DIREC) FROM(OUTREC) KEYFROM(NAME);
GET FILE(SYSIN) EDIT(CARD)(A(80));
END;

CLOSE FILE(DIREC);

END TELNOS;

/*
//GO.DIREC DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE,DISP=OLD
//GO.SYSIN DD *
ACTION,G. 162
BAKER,R. 152
BRAMLEY,O.H. 248
CHEESEMAN,D. 141
CORY,G. 336
ELLIOTT,D. 875
FIGGINS,S. 413
HARVEY,C.D.W. 205
HASTINGS,G.M. 391
KENDALL,J.G. 294
LANCASTER,W.R. 624
MILES,R. 233
NEWMAN,M.W. 450
PITT,W.H. 515
ROLF,D.E. 114
SHEERS,C.D. 241
SUTCLIFFE,M. 472
TAYLOR,G.C. 407
WILTON,L.W. 404
WINSTONE,E.M. 307

Figure 41. Defining and loading a key-sequenced data set (KSDS)
Using a SEQUENTIAL file to access a KSDS or indexed ESDS

You can open a SEQUENTIAL file that is used to access a KSDS with either the INPUT or the UPDATE attribute.

For READ statements without the KEY option, the records are recovered in ascending key order (or in descending key order if the BKWD option is used). You can obtain the key of a record recovered in this way by using the KEYTO option.

If you use the KEY option, the record recovered by a READ statement is the one with the specified key. Such a READ statement positions the data set at the specified record; subsequent sequential reads will recover the following records in sequence.

WRITE statements with the KEYFROM option are allowed for KEYED SEQUENTIAL UPDATE files. You can make insertions anywhere in the data set, without respect to the position of any previous access. If you are accessing the data set through a unique index, the KEY condition is raised if an attempt is made to insert a record with the same key as a record that already exists on the data set. For a nonunique index, subsequent retrieval of records with the same key is in the order that they were added to the data set.

REWRITE statements with or without the KEY option are allowed for UPDATE files. If you use the KEY option, the record that is rewritten is the first record with the specified key; otherwise, it is the record that was accessed by the previous READ statement. When you rewrite a record by using an alternate index, do not change the prime key of the record.

Using a DIRECT file to access a KSDS or indexed ESDS

You can open a DIRECT file that is used to access an indexed VSAM data set with the INPUT, OUTPUT, or UPDATE attribute. Do not use a DIRECT file to access the data set through a nonunique index.

If you use a DIRECT OUTPUT file to add records to the data set, and if an attempt is made to insert a record with the same key as a record that already exists, the KEY condition is raised.

If you use a DIRECT INPUT or DIRECT UPDATE file, you can read, write, rewrite, or delete records in the same way as for a KEYED SEQUENTIAL file.

Figure 42 on page 307 shows one method to update a KSDS by using the prime index.
Figure 42. Updating a KSDS
Updating a KSDS (continued)

A DIRECT update file is used and the data is altered according to a code that is passed in the records in the file SYSIN:
A Add a new record
C Change the number of an existing name
D Delete a record

At the label NEXT, the name, number, and code are read in and action taken according to the value of the code. A KEY ON-unit is used to handle any incorrect keys. When the updating is finished (at the label PRINT), the file DIREC is closed and reopened with the attributes SEQUENTIAL INPUT. The file is then read sequentially and printed.

The file is associated with the data set by a DD statement that uses the DSNAME PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE defined in the Access Method Services DEFINE CLUSTER command in Figure 41 on page 305.

Updating a KSDS

There are a number of methods of updating a KSDS. For mass sequential insertion, use a KEYED SEQUENTIAL UPDATE file.

This method gives faster performance because the data is written onto the data set only when strictly necessary and not after every write statement, and also because the balance of free space within the data set is retained.

You can use the following statements to achieve effective mass sequential insertion:

DCL DIREC KEYED SEQUENTIAL UPDATE
ENV(VSAM);
WRITE FILE(DIREC) FROM(OUTREC)
KEYFROM(NAME);

The PL/1 input/output routines detect that the keys are in sequence and make the correct requests to VSAM. If the keys are not in sequence, this too is detected and no error occurs, although the performance advantage is lost.

The example shown in Figure 42 on page 307 uses a DIRECT file to update a KSDS. This method is suitable for the data as is shown in the example.
Alternate indexes for KSDSs or indexed ESDSs

Alternate indexes allow you to access KSDSs or indexed ESDSs in various ways, by using either unique or nonunique keys.

Creating unique key alternate index path for ESDS

This topic provides an example that illustrates how to create a unique key alternate index path for an ESDS.

Figure 43 shows the creation of a unique key alternate index path for the ESDS defined and loaded in Figure 39 on page 301. Using this path, the data set is indexed by the name of the child in the first 15 bytes of the record.

The following Access Method Services commands are used:

DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX

Defines the alternate index as a data set to VSAM.

BLDINDEX

Places the pointers to the relevant records in the alternate index.

DEFINE PATH

Defines an entity that can be associated with a PL/I file in a DD statement.

DD statements are required for the INFILE and OUTFILE operands of BLDINDEX and for the sort files. Ensure that the correct names are specified at the various points.

```
//OPT9#9 JOB
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSIN DD *
  DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX -
    (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC1.ALPHIND) -
    VOLUMES(nnnnnn) -
    TRACKS(4 1) -
    KEYS(15 0) -
    RECORDSIZE(20 40) -
    UNIQUEKEY -
    RELATE(PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE))
/*
//STEP2 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//DD1 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE,DISP=SHR
//DD2 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC1.ALPHIND,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSIN DD *
  BLDINDEX INFILE(DD1) OUTFILE(DD2)
  DEFINE PATH -
    (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC1.ALPHPATH) -
    PATHENTRY(PLIVSAM.AJC1.ALPHIND))
```

Creating nonunique key alternate index path for ESDS

This topic provides an example that illustrates how to create a nonunique key alternate index path for an ESDS.

Figure 44 on page 310 shows the creation of a nonunique key alternate index path for an ESDS. The alternate index enables the data to be selected by the gender of
the children. This enables the girls or the boys to be accessed separately and every member of each group to be accessed by use of the key.

The following Access Method Services commands are used:

**DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX**
Defines the alternate index as a data set to VSAM.

**BLDINDEX**
Places the pointers to the relevant records in the alternate index.

**DEFINE PATH**
Defines an entity that can be associated with a PL/I file in a DD statement.

DD statements are required for the INFILE and OUTFILE operands of BLDINDEX and for the sort files. Ensure that the correct names are specified at the various points.

In this example, the NONUNIQUEKEY operand specifies that the index has nonunique keys. When creating an index with nonunique keys, ensure that the RECORDSIZE you specify is large enough. In a nonunique alternate index, each alternate index record contains pointers to all the records that have the associated index key. The pointer takes the form of an RBA for an ESDS and the prime key for a KSDS. When a large number of records might have the same key, a large record is required.

```
//OPT9#10 JOB
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSIN DD *
/* care must be taken with recordsize */
DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX -
   (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC1.SEXIND) -
    VOLUMES(nnnnnn) -
    TRACKS(4 1) -
    KEYS(1 37) -
    RECORDSIZE(20 400) -
    NONUNIQUEKEY -
    RELATE(PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE))
/*
//STEP2 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//DD1 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE,DISP=SHR
//DD2 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC1.SEXIND,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSIN DD *
BLDINDEX INFILE(DD1) OUTFILE(DD2)
DEFINE PATH -
   (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC1.SEPATH) -
    PATHENTRY(PLIVSAM.AJC1.SEXIND))
```

**Figure 44. Creating a nonunique key alternate index path for an ESDS**

**Creating unique key alternate index path for KSDS**
This topic provides an example that illustrates how to create a unique key alternate index path for a KSDS.

**Figure 45 on page 311** shows the creation of a unique key alternate index path for a KSDS. The data set is indexed by the telephone number, enabling the number to be
used as a key to discover the name of the person on that extension. Also, the data set can be listed in numerical order to show which numbers are not used.

In this example, the UNIQUEKEY operand specifies that keys are unique.

The following Access Method Services commands are used:

**DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX**

Defines the data set that will hold the alternate index data.

**BLDINDEX**

Places the pointer to the relevant records in the alternate index.

**DEFINE PATH**

Defines the entity that can be associated with a PL/I file in a DD statement.

DD statements are required for the INFILE and OUTFILE of BLINDEX and for the sort files. Be careful not to confuse the names involved.

---

```plaintext
//OPT9#14 JOB
//STEP1 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYIN DD *
DEFINE ALTERNATEINDEX -
  (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC2.NUMIND) -
    VOLUMES(nn) -
    TRACKS(4 4) -
    KEYS(3 20) -
    RECORDSIZE(24 48) -
    UNIQUEKEY -
    RELATE(PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE))
/*
//STEP2 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//DD1 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC2.BASE,DISP=SHR
//DD2 DD DSNAME=PLIVSAM.AJC2.NUMIND,DISP=SHR
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYIN DD *
BLINDEX INFILE(DD1) OUTFILE(DD2)
DEFINE PATH -
  (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC2.NUMPATH) -
    PATHENTRY(PLIVSAM.AJC2.NUMIND))
//
```

_Figure 45. Creating a unique key alternate index path for a KSDS_

When creating an alternate index with a unique key, ensure that no further records could be included with the same alternate key. In practice, a unique key alternate index would not be entirely satisfactory for a telephone directory as it would not allow two people to have the same number. Similarly, the prime key would prevent one person having two numbers. A solution would be to have an ESDS with two nonunique key alternate indexes, or to restructure the data format to allow more than one number per person and to have a nonunique key alternate index for the numbers.

**Detecting nonunique alternate index keys**

If you are accessing a VSAM data set through an alternate index path, the presence of nonunique keys can be detected by the SAMEKEY built-in function.
After each retrieval, SAMEKEY indicates whether any further records exist with the same alternate index key as the record just retrieved. Hence, it is possible to stop at the last of a series of records with nonunique keys without having to read beyond the last record. SAMEKEY (file-reference) returns '1' if the input/output statement has completed successfully and the accessed record is followed by another with the same key; otherwise, it returns '0'.

### Using alternate indexes with ESDSs

Figure 46 on page 313 shows the use of alternate indexes and backward reading on an ESDS. The program has four files:

- **BASEFLE**
  - Reads the base data set forward.

- **BACKFLE**
  - Reads the base data set backward.

- **ALPHFLE**
  - Is the alphabetic alternate index path indexing the children by name.

- **SEXFILE**
  - Is the alternate index path that corresponds to the gender of the children.

There are DD statements for all the files. They connect BASEFLE and BACKFLE to the base data set by specifying the name of the base data set in the DSNAME parameter, and connect ALPHFLE and SEXFILE by specifying the names of the paths given in Figure 43 on page 309 and Figure 44 on page 310.

The program uses SEQUENTIAL files to access the data and print it first in the normal order, then in the reverse order. At the label AGEQUERY, a DIRECT file is used to read the data associated with an alternate index key in the unique alternate index.

Finally, at the label SPRINT, a KEYED SEQUENTIAL file is used to print a list of the females in the family, using the nonunique key alternate index path. The SAMEKEY built-in function is used to read all the records with the same key. The names of the females will be accessed in the order in which they were originally entered. This will happen whether the file is read forward or backward. For a nonunique key path, the BKWD option only affects the order in which the keys are read; the order of items with the same key remains the same as it is when the file is read forward.

At the end of the example, the Access Method Services DELETE command is used to delete the base data set. When this is done, the associated alternate indexes and paths will also be deleted.

### Using alternate indexes with KSDSs

Figure 47 on page 314 shows the use of a path with a unique alternate index key to update a KSDS and then to access and print it in the order of the alternate index.

The alternate index path is associated with the PL/I file by a DD statement that specifies the name of the path (PLIVSAM.AJC2.NUMPATH, given in the DEFINE PATH command in Figure 45 on page 311) as the DSNAME.

In the first section of the program, a DIRECT OUTPUT file is used to insert a new record by using the alternate index key. Note that any alteration made with an
alternate index must not alter the prime key or the alternate index key of access of an existing record. Also, the alternation must not add a duplicate key in the prime index or in any unique key alternate index.

In the second section of the program (at the label PRINTIT), the data set is read in the order of the alternate index keys by using a SEQUENTIAL INPUT file. It is then printed onto SYSPRINT.

```plaintext
//OPT9#15  JOB
//STEP1  EXEC  IBMZCLG
//PLI.SYSIN  DD *
READIT:  PROC  OPTIONS(MAIN);
  DCL  BASEFLE  FILE  SEQUENTIAL  INPUT  ENV(VSAM),
       BACKFLE  FILE  SEQUENTIAL  INPUT  ENV(VSAM  BKWD),
       ALPHFLE  FILE  DIRECT  INPUT  ENV(VSAM),
       SEXFILE  FILE  KEYED  SEQUENTIAL  INPUT  ENV(VSAM),
       STRING  CHAR(80),
       1  STRUC  DEF(STRING),
          2  NAME  CHAR(25),
          2  DATE_OF_BIRTH  CHAR(2),
          2  FILL  CHAR(10),
          2  SEX  CHAR(1);
  DCL  NAMEHOLD  CHAR(25),SAMEKEY  BUILTIN;
  DCL  EOF  BIT(1)  INIT('0'B);
/*Print out the family eldest first*/
  ON  ENDFILE(BASEFLE)  EOF='1'B;
  PUT  EDIT('FAMILY  ELDEST  FIRST')(A);
  READ  FILE(BASEFLE)  INTO(STRING);
  DO  WHILE(~EOF);
    PUT  SKIP  EDIT(STRING)(A);
    READ  FILE(BASEFLE)  INTO(STRING);
  END;
  CLOSE  FILE(BASEFLE);
  PUT  SKIP(2);
  /*Close before using data set from other file not necessary but good practice to prevent potential problems*/
  EOF='0'B;
  ON  ENDFILE(BACKFLE)  EOF='1'B;
  PUT  SKIP(3)  EDIT('FAMILY  YOUNGEST  FIRST')(A);
  READ  FILE(BACKFLE)  INTO(STRING);
  DO  WHILE(~EOF);
    PUT  SKIP  EDIT(STRING)(A);
    READ  FILE(BACKFLE)  INTO(STRING);
  END;
  CLOSE  FILE(BACKFLE);
  PUT  SKIP(2);
/*Print date of birth of child specified in the file SYSIN*/
  ON  KEY(ALPHFLE)  BEGIN;
    PUT  SKIP  EDIT(  '
      NAMEHOLD,
      '  NOT  A  MEMBER  OF  THE  SMITH  FAMILY')(A);
    GO  TO  SPRINT;
  END;

Figure 46. Alternate index paths and backward reading with an ESDS

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AGEQUERY:
  EOF='0'B;
  ON ENDFILE(SYSIN) EOF='1'B;
  GET SKIP EDIT(NAMEHOLD)(A(25));
  DO WHILE(¬EOF);
    READ FILE(ALPHFLE) INTO (STRING) KEY(NAMEHOLD);
    PUT SKIP (2) EDIT(NAMEHOLD,' WAS BORN IN ' ,
                                  DATE_OF_BIRTH)(A,X(1),A,X(1),A);
    GET SKIP EDIT(NAMEHOLD)(A(25));
  END;

SPRINT:
  CLOSE FILE(ALPHFLE);
  PUT SKIP(1);
/*Use the alternate index to print out all the females in the
family*/
  ON ENDFILE(SEXFILE) GOTO FINITO;
  PUT SKIP(2) EDIT('ALL THE FEMALES')(A);
  READ FILE(SEXFILE) INTO (STRING) KEY('F');
  PUT SKIP EDIT(STRING)(A);
  DO WHILE(SAMEKEY(SEXFILE));
      READ FILE(SEXFILE) INTO (STRING);
      PUT SKIP EDIT(STRING)(A);
  END;

FINITO:
  END;
/*
//GO.BASEFLE DD DSN=PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE,DISP=SHR
//GO.BACKFLE DD DSN=PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE,DISP=SHR
//GO.ALPHFLE DD DSN=PLIVSAM.AJC1.ALPHPATH,DISP=SHR
//GO.SEXFILE DD DSN=PLIVSAM.AJC1.SEXPATH,DISP=SHR
//GO.SYSIN DD *

//STEP2 EXEC PGM=IDCAMS,REGION=512K
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//SYSSIN DD *
//DELETE -
    PLIVSAM.AJC1.BASE
*/

Alternate Index Paths and Backward Reading with an ESDS (continued)
Figure 47. Using a unique alternate index path to access a KSDS
Relative-record data sets

This topic describes the statements and options that are allowed for files associated with VSAM relative-record data sets (RRDS).

### Table 33. Statements and options allowed for loading and accessing VSAM relative-record data sets

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**Notes:**

1. The complete file declaration would include the attributes FILE and RECORD. If you use any of the options KEY, KEYFROM, or KEYTO, your declaration must also include the attribute KEYED.

   The UNLOCK statement for DIRECT UPDATE files is ignored if you use it for files associated with a VSAM RRDS.

2. The statement `READ FILE(file-reference);` is equivalent to the statement `READ FILE(file-reference) IGNORE(1);`.

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### Loading an RRDS

When an RRDS is being loaded, you must open the associated file for OUTPUT. Use either a DIRECT or a SEQUENTIAL file.

For a DIRECT OUTPUT file, each record is placed in the position specified by the relative record number (or key) in the KEYFROM option of the WRITE statement (see “Keys for VSAM data sets” on page 290).

For a SEQUENTIAL OUTPUT file, use WRITE statements with or without the KEYFROM option. If you specify the KEYFROM option, the record is placed in the specified slot; if you omit it, the record is placed in the slot following the current position. There is no requirement for the records to be presented in ascending relative record number order. If you omit the KEYFROM option, you can obtain the relative record number of the written record by using the KEYTO option.

If you want to load an RRDS sequentially, without use of the KEYFROM or KEYTO options, your file is not required to have the KEYED attribute.

It is an error to attempt to load a record into a position that already contains a record: if you use the KEYFROM option, the KEY condition is raised; if you omit it, the ERROR condition is raised.

In [Figure 48 on page 319](#) the data set is defined with a DEFINE CLUSTER command and given the name PLIVSAM.AJC3.BASE. The fact that it is an RRDS is determined by the NUMBERED keyword. In the PL/I program, it is loaded with a DIRECT OUTPUT file and a WRITE...FROM...KEYFROM statement is used.
If the data had been in order and the keys in sequence, it would have been possible to use a SEQUENTIAL file and write into the data set from the start. The records would then have been placed in the next available slot and given the appropriate number. The number of the key for each record could have been returned by using the KEYTO option.

The PL/I file is associated with the data set by the DD statement, which uses as the DSNAME the name given in the DEFINE CLUSTER command.
DEFINE CLUSTER -
   (NAME(PLIVSAM.AJC3.BASE) -
   VOLUMES(nnnnnn) -
   NUMBERED -
   TRACKS(2 2) -
   RECORDSIZE(20 20))

/*
//STEP2 EXEC IBMZCGB
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
CRR1: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
   DCL NOS FILE RECORD OUTPUT DIRECT KEYED ENV(VSAM),
       CARD CHAR(80),
       NAME CHAR(20) DEF CARD,
       NUMBER CHAR(2) DEF CARD POS(21),
       IOFIELD CHAR(20),
       EOF BIT(1) INIT(‘0’B);
   ON ENDFILE (SYSIN) EOF=’1’B;
   OPEN FILE(NOS);
   GET FILE(SYSIN) EDIT(CARD)(A(80));
   DO WHILE (~EOF);
       PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT (CARD) (A);
       IOFIELD=NAME;
       WRITE FILE(NOS) FROM(IOFIELD) KEYFROM(NUMBER);
   END;
   CLOSE FILE(NOS);
END CRR1;
/*
//GO.NOS DD DSN=PLIVSAM.AJC3.BASE,DISP=OLD
//GO.SYSIN DD *
ACTION,G.  12
BAKER,R.  13
BRAMLEY,O.H.  28
CHEESNAME,L.  11
CORY,G.  36
ELLIOIT,D.  85
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Figure 48. Defining and loading a relative-record data set (RRDS)
Using a SEQUENTIAL file to access an RRDS

You can open a SEQUENTIAL file that is used to access an RRDS with either the INPUT or the UPDATE attribute. If you use any of the options KEY, KEYTO, or KEYFROM, your file must also have the KEYED attribute.

For READ statements without the KEY option, the records are recovered in ascending relative record number order. Any empty slots in the data set are skipped.

If you use the KEY option, the record recovered by a READ statement is the one with the relative record number you specify. Such a READ statement positions the data set at the specified record; subsequent sequential reads will recover the following records in sequence.

WRITE statements with or without the KEYFROM option are allowed for KEYED SEQUENTIAL UPDATE files. You can make insertions anywhere in the data set, regardless of the position of any previous access. For WRITE with the KEYFROM option, the KEY condition is raised if an attempt is made to insert a record with the same relative record number as a record that already exists on the data set. If you omit the KEYFROM option, an attempt is made to write the record in the next slot, relative to the current position. The ERROR condition is raised if this slot is not empty.

You can use the KEYTO option to recover the key of a record that is added by means of a WRITE statement without the KEYFROM option.

REWRITE statements, with or without the KEY option, are allowed for UPDATE files. If you use the KEY option, the record that is rewritten is the record with the relative record number you specify; otherwise, it is the record that was accessed by the previous READ statement.

You can use DELETE statements, with or without the KEY option, to delete records from the data set.

Using a DIRECT file to access an RRDS

A DIRECT file used to access an RRDS can have the OUTPUT, INPUT, or UPDATE attribute. You can read, write, rewrite, or delete records exactly as though a KEYED SEQUENTIAL file were used.

Figure 49 on page 321 shows an RRDS being updated. A DIRECT UPDATE file is used and new records are written by key. There is no need to check for the records being empty, because the empty records are not available under VSAM.

In the second half of the program, starting at the label PRINT, the updated file is printed out. Again there is no need to check for the empty records as there is in REGIONAL.(1).

The PL/I file is associated with the data sets by a DD statement that specifies the DSNAMETLIVSAM.AJC3.BASE, the name given in the DEFINE CLUSTER command in Figure 49 on page 321.

At the end of the example, the DELETE command is used to delete the data set.
/* NOTE: WITH A WRITE STATEMENT AFTER THE DELETE FILE STATEMENT, */
/* A DUPLICATE MESSAGE IS EXPECTED FOR CODE 'C' ITEMS */
/* WHOSE NEWNO CORRESPONDS TO AN EXISTING NUMBER IN THE LIST, */
/* FOR EXAMPLE, ELLIOT. */
/* WITH A REWRITE STATEMENT AFTER THE DELETE FILE STATEMENT, */
/* A NOT FOUND MESSAGE IS EXPECTED FOR CODE 'C' ITEMS */
/* WHOSE NEWNO DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO AN EXISTING NUMBER IN */
/* THE LIST, FOR EXAMPLE, NEWMAN AND BRAMLEY. */

//OPT9#18 JOB
//STEP1 EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
ACR1: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
DCL NOS FILE RECORD KEYED ENV(VSAM), NAME CHAR(20),
(NEWNO, OLDNO) CHAR(2), CODE CHAR(1), IOFIELD CHAR(20),
BYTE CHAR(1) DEF IOFIELD, EOF BIT(1) INIT('0'B),
ONCODE BUILTIN;
ON ENDFILE(SYSIN) EOF='1'B;
OPEN FILE(NOS) DIRECT UPDATE;
ON KEY(NOS) BEGIN;
IF ONCODE=51 THEN PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT
('NOT FOUND:', NAME)(A(15),A);
IF ONCODE=52 THEN PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT
('DUPLICATE:', NAME)(A(15),A);
END;
GET FILE(SYSIN) EDIT(NAME, NEWNO, OLDNO, CODE)
(COLUMN(1), A(20), A(2), A(2), A(1));
DO WHILE (~EOF);
PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT (' ', NAME, ' ', NEWNO, OLDNO, ' ', CODE)
(A(1), A(20), A(1), 2(A(2)), X(5), 2(A(1)));
SELECT(CODE);
  WHEN('A') WRITE FILE(NOS) KEYFROM(NEWNO) FROM(NAME);
  WHEN('C') DO;
    DELETE FILE(NOS) KEY(OLDNO);
    WRITE FILE(NOS) KEYFROM(NEWNO) FROM(NAME);
  END;
  WHEN('D') DELETE FILE(NOS) KEY(OLDNO);
  OTHERWISE PUT FILE(SYSPRINT) SKIP EDIT
('INVALID CODE: ', NAME)(A(15),A);
END;

Figure 49. Updating an RRDS
Using files defined for non-VSAM data sets

Using shared data sets

PL/I allows cross-region or cross-system sharing of data sets. The support for this type of sharing is provided by VSAM.

For details about the support, see the following DFSMS manuals:

- DFSMS: Using Data Sets
- DFSMS: Access Method Services for Catalogs
Part 3. Improving your program
Chapter 15. Improving performance

Many considerations for improving the speed of your program are independent of the compiler that you use and the platform on which it runs. This chapter, however, identifies those considerations that are unique to the PL/I compiler and the code it generates.

Selecting compiler options for optimal performance

The compiler options you choose can greatly improve the performance of the code generated by the compiler; however, like most performance considerations, there are trade-offs associated with these choices.

Fortunately, you can weigh the trade-offs associated with compiler options without editing your source code because these options can be specified on the command line or in the configuration file.

If you want to avoid details, the least complex way to improve the performance of generated code is to specify the following (nondefault) compiler options:

OPT(2) or OPT(3)
DFT(REORDER)

The following topics describe, in more detail, performance improvements and trade-offs associated with specific compiler options.

OPTIMIZE

You can specify the OPTIMIZE option to improve the speed of your program; otherwise, the compiler makes only basic optimization efforts.

Choosing OPTIMIZE(2) directs the compiler to generate code for better performance. Usually, the resultant code is shorter than when the program is compiled under NOOPTIMIZE. Sometimes, however, a longer sequence of instructions runs faster than a shorter sequence. This occurs, for instance, when a branch table is created for a SELECT statement where the values in the WHEN clauses contain gaps. The increased number of instructions generated is usually offset by the execution of fewer instructions in other places.

Choosing OPTIMIZE(3) directs the compiler to generate even better code. However, when you specify the OPTIMIZE(3) option, the compilation will take longer (and sometimes much, much longer) than when you specify OPTIMIZE(2).

GONUMBER

You can specify the GONUMBER option to generate a statement number table that is used for debugging.

This added information can be extremely helpful when you debug, but including statement number tables increases the size of your executable file. Larger executable files can take longer to load.
ARCH
You can use the highest value in the ARCH option to instruct the compiler to select from the largest set of instructions available under z/OS. This allows the compiler to generate the most optimal code.

REDUCE
The REDUCE option specifies that the compiler is permitted to reduce an assignment of a null string to a structure into a simple copy operation - even if that means padding bytes might be overwritten.

The REDUCE option will cause fewer lines of code to be generated for an assignment of a null string to a structure, and that will usually mean your compilation will be quicker and your code will run much faster. However, padding bytes might be zeroed out.

For instance, in the following structure, there is one byte of padding between field11 and field12.

dcl 1 sample ext,
     5 field10 bin fixed(31),
     5 field11 dec fixed(13),
     5 field12 bin fixed(31),
     5 field13 bin fixed(31),
     5 field14 bit(32),
     5 field15 bin fixed(31),
     5 field16 bit(32),
     5 field17 bin fixed(31);

Now consider the assignment sample = '';.

Under the NOREDUCE option, eight assignments will be generated, but the padding byte will be unchanged.

However, under REDUCE, the assignment will be reduced to three operations.

RULES
Most of the RULES suboptions affect only the severity with which certain coding practices, such as not declaring variables, are flagged and have no impact on performance. However, these suboptions do have an impact on performance.

IBM/ANS
When you use the RULES(IBM) option, the compiler supports scaled FIXED BINARY and, what is more important for performance, generates scaled FIXED BINARY results in some operations.

Under RULES(ANS), scaled FIXED BINARY is not supported and scaled FIXED BINARY results are never generated. This means that the code generated under RULES(ANS) always runs at least as fast as the code generated under RULES(IBM), and sometimes runs faster.

For example, consider the following code fragment:

dcl (i,j,k) fixed bin(15);
.
.
i = j / k;
Under RULES(IBM), the result of the division has the attributes FIXED BIN(31,16). This means that a shift instruction is required before the division and several more instructions are needed to perform the assignment.

Under RULES(ANS), the result of the division has the attributes FIXED BIN(15,0). This means that a shift is not needed before the division, and no extra instructions are needed to perform the assignment.

(NO)LAXCTL
Under RULES(LAXCTL), a CONTROLLED variable can be declared with constant extents and yet allocated with different extents. However, this coding practice severely impacts performance. It is recommended that you use the RULES(NOLAXCTL) option to disallow such practice.

For instance, under RULES(LAXCTL), you can declare a structure as follows:

```plaintext
dcl
  1 a controlled,
  2 b char(17),
  2 c char(29);
```

However, you can then allocate it as follows:

```plaintext
allocate
  1 a,
  2 b char(170),
  2 c char(290);
```

Whenever the compiler sees a reference to the structure A or to any member of that structure, the compiler is forced to assume that it knows nothing about the lengths, dimensions, or offsets of the fields in the structure. This can severely degrade performance.

Under RULES(NOLAXCTL), if you want to allocate a CONTROLLED variable with a variable extent, that extent must be declared either with an asterisk or with a nonconstant expression. Consequently, under RULES(NOLAXCTL), when a CONTROLLED variable is declared with constant extents, the compiler can generate much better code for any reference to that variable.

PREFIX
The PREFIX option determines whether selected PL/I conditions are enabled by default. The default suboptions for PREFIX are set to conform to the PL/I language definition; however, overriding the defaults can have a significant effect on the performance of your program.

These are the default suboptions:

- CONVERSION
- INVALIDOP
- FIXEDOVERFLOW
- OVERFLOW
- INVALIDOP
- NOSIZE
- NOSTRINGRANGE
- NOSTRINGSIZE
- NOSUBSCRIPTRANGE
- UNDERFLOW
- ZERODIVIDE
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By specifying the SIZE, STRINGRANGE, STRINGSIZE, or SUBSCRIPTRANGE suboptions, the compiler generates extra code that helps you pinpoint various problem areas in your source that would otherwise be hard to find. This extra code, however, can slow program performance significantly.

CONVERSION

When you disable the CONVERSION condition, some character-to-numeric conversions are done inline and without checking the validity of the source; therefore, specifying NOCONVERSION also affects program performance.

FIXEDOVERFLOW

On some platforms, the FIXEDOVERFLOW condition is raised by the hardware and the compiler does not need to generate any extra code to detect it.

DEFAULT

Using the DEFAULT option, you can select attribute defaults. As is true with the PREFIX option, the suboptions for DEFAULT are set to conform to the PL/I language definition. Changing the defaults in some instances can affect performance.

Some of the suboptions, such as IBM/ANS and ASSIGNABLE/NONASSIGNABLE, have no effect on program performance. But other suboptions can affect performance to varying degrees and, if applied inappropriately, can make your program invalid. The following topics provide more information about some suboptions of more importance.

BYADDR or BYVALUE

When the DEFAULT(BYADDR) option is in effect, arguments are passed by reference (as required by PL/I) unless an attribute in an entry declaration indicates otherwise. As arguments are passed by reference, the address of the argument is passed from one routine (calling routine) to another (called routine) as the variable itself is passed. Any change made to the argument while in the called routine is reflected in the calling routine when it resumes execution.

Program logic often depends on passing variables by reference. Passing a variable by reference, however, can hinder performance in two ways:

1. Every reference to that parameter requires an extra instruction.
2. Because the address of the variable is passed to another routine, the compiler is forced to make assumptions about when that variable might change and generate very conservative code for any reference to that variable.

Consequently, you should pass parameters by value using the BYVALUE suboption whenever your program logic allows. Even if you use the BYADDR attribute to indicate that one parameter should be passed by reference, you can use the DEFAULT(BYVALUE) option to ensure that all other parameters are passed by value.

A BYVALUE argument should be one that could reasonably be passed in a register. Hence its type should be one of the following:
- REAL FIXED BIN
- REAL FLOAT
- POINTER
• OFFSET
• HANDLE
• LIMITED ENTRY
• FILE
• ORDINAL
• CHAR(1)
• WCHAR(1)
• ALIGNED BIT(n) with n less than or equal to 8

Moreover, when using BYVALUE parameters with assembler code, you must note that any BYVALUE parameter that does not require a multiple of 4 bytes will be widened so that 4 bytes are used in the parameter list.

If a procedure receives and modifies only one parameter that is passed by BYADDR, consider converting the procedure to a function that receives that parameter by value. The function would then end with a RETURN statement containing the updated value of the parameter.

**Procedure with BYADDR parameter**

```assembly
a: proc( parm1, parm2, ..., parmN );

   dcl parm1 byaddr ...;
   dcl parm2 byvalue ...;
   ...;
   dcl parmN byvalue ...;

   /* program logic */

end;
```

**Faster, equivalent function with BYVALUE parameter**

```assembly
a: proc( parm1, parm2, ..., parmN )
returns( ... /* attributes of parm1 */ );

   dcl parm1 byvalue ...;
   dcl parm2 byvalue ...;
   ...;
   dcl parmN byvalue ...;

   /* program logic */

   return( parm1 );

end;
```

**(NON)CONNECTED**

The DEFaulT(NONCONNECTED) option indicates that the compiler assumes that any aggregate parameters are NONCONNECTED. References to elements of NONCONNECTED aggregate parameters require the compiler to generate code to access the parameter's descriptor, even if the aggregate is declared with constant extents.
The compiler does not generate these instructions if the aggregate parameter has 
constant extents and is CONNECTED. Consequently, if your application never 
passes nonconnected parameters, your code is more optimal if you use the 
DEF(AULT(CONNECTED)) option.

(NO)DESCRIPTOR
The DEF(AULT(DESCRIPTOR)) option indicates that, by default, a descriptor is 
passed for any string, area, or aggregate parameter; however, the descriptor is used 
only if the parameter has nonconstant extents or if the parameter is an array with 
the NONCONNECTED attribute.

In this case, the instructions and space required to pass the descriptor provide no 
benefit and incur substantial cost (the size of a structure descriptor is often greater 
than size of the structure itself). Consequently, by specifying 
DEF(AULT(NODESCRIPTOR)) and using OPTIONS(DESCRIPTOR) only as needed 
on PROCEDURE statements and ENTRY declarations, your code runs more 
optimally.

(NO)INLINE
The NOINLINE suboption indicates that procedures and begin blocks should not 
be inlined. Inlining occurs only when you specify optimization.

Inlining user code eliminates the overhead of the function call and linkage, and 
also exposes the function's code to the optimizer, resulting in faster code 
performance. Inlining produces the best results when the overhead for the function 
is nontrivial, for example, when functions are called within nested loops. Inlining 
is also beneficial when the inlined function provides additional opportunities for 
optimization, such as when constant arguments are used.

For programs containing many procedures that are not nested, consider the 
following information:

- If the procedures are small and only called from a few places, you can increase 
  performance by specifying INLINE.
- If the procedures are large and called from several places, inlining duplicates 
  code throughout the program. This increase in the size of the program might 
  offset any increase of speed. In this case, you might prefer to leave NOINLINE 
  as the default and specify OPTIONS(INLINE) only on individually selected 
  procedures.

When you use inlining, you need more stack space. When a function is called, its 
local storage is allocated at the time of the call and freed when it returns to the 
calling function. If that same function is inlined, its storage is allocated when the 
function that calls it is entered, and is not freed until that calling function ends. 
Ensure that you have enough stack space for the local storage of the inlined 
functions.

LINKAGE
This LINKAGE suboption specifies the default linkage that the compiler should 
use when the LINKAGE suboption of the OPTIONS attribute or option for an 
entry has not been specified. The compiler supports various linkages, each with its 
unique performance characteristics.

When you invoke an ENTRY provided by an external entity (such as an operating 
system), you must use the linkage previously defined for that ENTRY.
As you create your own applications, however, you can choose the linkage convention. The OPTLINK linkage is strongly recommended because it provides significantly better performance than other linkage conventions.

(RE)ORDER
The DEFAULT(ORDER) option indicates that the ORDER option is applied to every block, meaning that variables in that block referenced in ON-units (or blocks dynamically descendant from ON-units) have their latest values. This effectively prohibits almost all optimization on such variables.

Consequently, if your program logic allows, use DEFAULT(REORDER) to generate superior code.

NOOVERLAP
The DEFAULT(NOOVERALP) option lets the compiler assume that the source and target in an assignment do not overlap, and it can therefore generate smaller and faster code.

However, if you use this option, you must ensure that the source and target in assignment do not overlap. For example, under the DEFAULT(NOOVERALP) option, the assignment in this example is invalid:

```
dcl c char(20);
substr(c,2,5) = substr(c,1,5);
```

RETURNS(BYVALUE) or RETURNS(BYADDR)
When the DEFAULT(RETURNS(BYVALUE)) option is in effect, the BYVALUE attribute is applied to all RETURNS description lists that do not specify BYADDR. This means that these functions return values in registers, when possible, in order to produce the most optimal code.

Summary of compiler options that improve performance

In summary, the following options (if appropriate for your application) can improve performance:

- OPTIMIZE(3)
- ARCH(11)
- REDUCE
- RULES(ANS NOLAXCTL)
- DEFAULT with the following suboptions
  - BYVALUE
  - CONNECTED
  - NODESCRIPTOR
  - INLINE
  - LINKAGE(OPTLINK)
  - REORDER
  - NOOVERLAP
  - RETURNS(BYVALUE)

Coding for better performance

As you write code, there is generally more than one correct way to accomplish a given task. Many important factors influence the coding style you choose, including readability and maintainability. The following topics discuss choices that you can make while coding that potentially affect the performance of your program.
DATA-directed input and output

Using GET DATA and PUT DATA statements for debugging can prove very helpful. When you use these statements, however, you generally pay the price of decreased performance. This cost to performance is usually very high when you use either GET DATA or PUT DATA without a variable list.

Many programmers use PUT DATA statements in their ON ERROR code as illustrated in the following example:

```
on error
   begin;
      on error system;
      ...
      put data;
      ...
   end;
```

In this case, the program would perform more optimally by including a list of selected variables with the PUT DATA statement.

The ON ERROR block in the previous example contained an ON ERROR system statement before the PUT DATA statement. This prevents the program from getting caught in an infinite loop if an error occurs in the PUT DATA statement (which could occur if any variables to be listed contained invalid FIXED DECIMAL values) or elsewhere in the ON ERROR block.

Input-only parameters

If a procedure has a BYADDR parameter that it uses as input only, it is best to declare that parameter as NONASSIGNABLE (rather than letting it get the default attribute of ASSIGNABLE). If that procedure is later called with a constant for that parameter, the compiler can put that constant in static storage and pass the address of that static area.

This practice is particularly useful for strings and other parameters that cannot be passed in registers (input-only parameters that can be passed in registers are best declared as BYVALUE).

In the following declaration, for instance, the first parameter to getenv is an input-only CHAR VARYINGZ string:

```
dcl getenv          entry( char(*) varyingz nonasgn byaddr,
                      pointer byaddr )
                 returns( native fixed bin(31) optional )
                 options( nodescriptor );
```

If this function is invoked with the string IBM OPTIONS, the compiler can pass the address of that string rather than assigning it to a compiler-generated temporary storage area and passing the address of that area.

GOTO statements

A GOTO statement that uses either a label in another block or a label variable severely limits optimizations that the compiler might perform.
If a label array is initialized and declared AUTOMATIC, either implicitly or explicitly, any GOTO to an element of that array will hinder optimization. However, if the array is declared as STATIC, the compiler assumes the CONSTANT attribute for it and no optimization is hindered.

String assignments

When one string is assigned to another, the compiler ensures that the target has the correct value even if the source and target overlap, and that the source string is truncated if it is longer than the target. This assurance comes at the cost of some extra instructions.

The compiler attempts to generate these extra instructions only when necessary, but often you, as the programmer, know they are not necessary when the compiler cannot be sure. For instance, if the source and target are based character strings and you know they cannot overlap, you could use the PLIMOVE built-in function to eliminate the extra code the compiler would otherwise be forced to generate.

In the following example, faster code is generated for the second assignment statement:

dcl based_Str  char(64) based( null() );
dcl target_Addr pointer;
dcl source_Addr pointer;

target_Addr->based_Str = source_Addr->based_Str;
call plimove( target_Addr, source_Addr, stg(based_Str) );

If you have any doubts about whether the source and target might overlap or whether the target is big enough to hold the source, you should not use the PLIMOVE built-in.

Loop control variables

Program performance improves if you define your loop control variables appropriately.

For better program performance, use one of the following types for your loop control variables. You should rarely, if ever, use other types of variables.
- FIXED BINARY with zero scale factor
- FLOAT
- ORDINAL
- HANDLE
- POINTER
- OFFSET

Performance also improves if loop control variables are not members of arrays, structures, or unions. The compiler issues a warning message when they are. Loop control variables that are AUTOMATIC and not used for any other purpose give you the optimal code generation.

If a loop control variable is a FIXED BINARY, performance is best if it has precision 31 and is SIGNED.

Performance is decreased if your program depends not only on the value of a loop control variable, but also on its address. For example, the performance is decreased if the ADDR built-in function is applied to the variable or if the variable is passed by reference (BYADDR) to another routine.
PACKAGEs versus nested PROCEDUREs

Calling nested procedures requires that an extra hidden parameter (the backchain pointer) is passed. As a result, the fewer nested procedures that your application contains, the faster it runs.

To improve the performance of your application, you can convert a mother-daughter pair of nested procedures into level-1 sister procedures inside of a package. This conversion is possible if your nested procedure does not rely on any of the automatic and internal static variables declared in its parent procedures.

If procedure b in “Example with nested procedures” does not use any of the variables declared in a, you can improve the performance of both procedures by reorganizing them into the package illustrated in “Example with packaged procedures.”

Example with nested procedures

```pli
a: proc;
   dcl (i,j,k) fixed bin;
   dcl ib based fixed bin;
   ...
   call b( addr(i) );
   ...

b: proc( px );
   dcl px pointer;
   display( px->ib );
end;
end;
```

Example with packaged procedures

```pli
p: package exports( a );
   dcl ib based fixed bin;

a: proc;
   dcl (i,j,k) fixed bin;
   ...
   call b( addr(i) );
   ...

b: proc( px );
   dcl px pointer;
   display( px->ib );
end;
end;
end p;
```

REDUCIBLE functions

REDUCIBLE indicates that a procedure or an entry need not be invoked multiple times if the argument(s) stays unchanged, and that the invocation of the procedure has no side effects.
For example, a user-written function that computes a result based on unchanging data should be declared REDUCIBLE. A function that computes a result based on changing data, such as a random number or time of day, should be declared IRREDUCIBLE.

In the following example, \( f \) is invoked only once because REDUCIBLE is part of the declaration. If IRREDUCIBLE had been used in the declaration, \( f \) would be invoked twice.

```pli
dcl (f) entry options( reducible ) returns( fixed bin );
select;
  when( f(x) < 0 )
    .
    .
  when( f(x) > 0 )
    .
    .
  otherwise
    .
    .
end;
```

### DESCLOCATOR or DESCLIST

When the DEFAULT(DSCLOCATOR) option is in effect, the compiler passes arguments requiring descriptors (such as strings and structures) through a descriptor locator in much the same way that the old compiler did.

This option allows you to invoke an entry point that is not always passed all of the arguments that it declares.

This option also allows you to continue the somewhat unwise programming practice of passing a structure and receiving it as a pointer.

However, the code generated by the compiler for DEFAULT(DSCLOCATOR) might, in some situations, perform less well than that for DEFAULT(DSCLIST).

**Related information:**

Chapter 25, “PL/I descriptors,” on page 493

This chapter describes PL/I parameter passing conventions between PL/I routines at run time.

### DEFINED versus UNION

The UNION attribute is more powerful than the DEFINED attribute and provides more functions. In addition, the compiler generates better code for union references.

In the following example, the pair of variables \( b3 \) and \( b4 \) perform the same function as \( b1 \) and \( b2 \), but the compiler generates more optimal code for the pair in the union.

```pli
dcl b1 bit(32);
dcl b2 bit(16) def b1;

dcl
  1 * union,
  2 b3 bit(32),
  2 b4 bit(16);
```
Code that uses UNIONs instead of the DEFINED attribute is subject to less misinterpretation. Variable declarations in unions are in a single location making it easy to realize that when one member of the union changes, all of the others change also. This dynamic change is less obvious in declarations that use DEFINED variables because the declare statements can be several lines apart.

**Named constants versus static variables**

You can define named constants by declaring a variable with the VALUE attribute. If you use static variables with the INITIAL attribute and you do not alter the variable, you should declare the variable a named constant by using the VALUE attribute. The compiler does not treat NONASSIGNABLE scalar STATIC variables as true named constants.

The compiler generates better code whenever expressions are evaluated during compilation, so you can use named constants to produce efficient code with no loss in readability. For example, identical object code is produced for the two usages of the VERIFY built-in function in the following example:

```pli
dcl numeric char value('0123456789');

jx = verify( string, numeric );

jx = verify( string, '0123456789' );
```

The following examples illustrate how you can use the VALUE attribute to get optimal code without sacrificing readability.

**Example with optimal code but no meaningful names**

```pli
dcl x bit(8) aligned;

select( x );
  when( '01'b4 )
  .
  .
  when( '02'b4 )
  .
  .
  when( '03'b4 )
  .
  .
end;
```

**Example with meaningful names but not optimal code**

```pli
dcl (a1 init('01'b4)
  ,a2 init('02'b4)
  ,a3 init('03'b4)
  ,a4 init('04'b4)
  ,a5 init('05'b4)
) bit(8) aligned static nonassignable;

dcl x bit(8) aligned;

select( x );
  when( a1 )
  .
  .
  when( a2 )
  .
```
Example with optimal code and meaningful names

dcl ( a1 value( '01'b4) 
    ,a2 value( '02'b4) 
    ,a3 value( '03'b4) 
    ,a4 value( '04'b4) 
    ,a5 value( '05'b4) 
  ) bit(8);

dcl x bit(8) aligned;

select( x );
  when( a1 )
    .
  when( a2 )
    .
  when( a3 )
    .
end;

Avoiding calls to library routines

The bitwise operations (prefix NOT, infix AND, infix OR, and infix EXCLUSIVE OR) are often evaluated by calls to library routines.

These operations are, however, handled without a library call if either of the following conditions is true:
  • Both operands are bit(1).
  • Both operands are aligned and have the same constant length.

For certain assignments, expressions, and built-in function references, the compiler generates calls to library routines. If you avoid these calls, your code generally runs faster.

To help you determine when the compiler generates such calls, the compiler generates a message whenever a conversion is done by a library routine.

When your code refers to a member of a BASED structure with REFER, the compiler often has to generate one or more calls to a library routine to map the structure at run time. These calls can be expensive, and so when the compiler makes these calls, it will issue a message so that you can locate these potential hot-spots in your code.

If you do have code that uses BASED structures with REFER, which the compiler flags with this message, you might get better performance by passing the structure to a subroutine that declares a corresponding structure with * extents. This will cause the structure to be mapped once at the CALL statement, but there will no further remappings when it is accessed in the called subroutine.
Coding for better performance

Preloading library routines

The PL/I library contains one RMODE 24 routine, IBMPOIOA, that is used for low-level system i/o functions. If your code does RECORD i/o or uses SYSPRINT as a STREAM OUTPUT file (without compiling with the STDSYS option), you will significantly improve your performance if you preload this routine or put it into the (E)LPA.
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The compiler provides an interface called PLISR$\text{Rx}$ ($x = A, B, C, \text{ or } D$) that allows you to make use of the IBM-supplied Sort programs.

To use the Sort program with PLISR$\text{Rx}$, you must do the following:

1. Include a call to one of the entry points of PLISR$\text{Rx}$, passing it the information on the fields to be sorted. This information includes the length of the records, the maximum amount of storage to use, the name of a variable to be used as a return code, and other information required to carry out the sort.
2. Specify the data sets required by the Sort program in JCL DD statements.

When used from PL/I, the Sort program sorts records of all normal lengths on a large number of sorting fields. Data of most types can be sorted into ascending or descending order. The source of the data to be sorted can be either a data set or a user-written PL/I procedure that the Sort program will call each time a record is required for the sort. Similarly, the destination of the sort can be a data set or a PL/I procedure that handles the sorted records.

Using PL/I procedures allows processing to be done before or after the sort itself, thus allowing a complete sorting operation to be handled completely by a call to the sort interface. It is important to understand that the PL/I procedures handling input or output are called from the Sort program itself and will effectively become part of it.

PL/I can operate with DFSORT or a program with the same interface. DFSORT is a release of the program product 5740-SM1. DFSORT has many built-in features you can use to eliminate the need for writing program logic (for example, INCLUDE, OMIT, OUTREC, and SUM statement plus the many ICETOOL operators). See DFSORT Application Programming Guide for details and Getting Started with DFSORT for a tutorial.

The following information applies to DFSORT. Because you can use programs other than DFSORT, the actual capabilities and restrictions vary. For these capabilities and restrictions, see DFSORT Application Programming Guide or the equivalent publication for your sort product.

To use the Sort program, you must include the correct PL/I statements in your source program and specify the correct data sets in your JCL.

Preparing to use Sort

Before using Sort, you must determine the type of sort you require, the length and format of the sorting fields in the data, the length of your data records, and the amount of auxiliary and main storage you will allow for sorting.

To determine the PLISR$\text{Rx}$ entry point that you will use, you must decide the source of your unsorted data, and the destination of your sorted data. You must choose between data sets and PL/I subroutines. Using data sets is simpler to understand and gives faster performance. Using PL/I subroutines gives you more flexibility and more function, enabling you to manipulate or print the data before it
is sorted, and to make immediate use of it in its sorted form. If you decide to use an input or output handling subroutine, see “Data input and output handling routines” on page 352.

The entry points and the source and destination of data are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry point</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Destination</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTA</td>
<td>Data set</td>
<td>Data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTB</td>
<td>Subroutine</td>
<td>Data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTC</td>
<td>Data set</td>
<td>Subroutine</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTD</td>
<td>Subroutine</td>
<td>Subroutine</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Having determined the entry point you are using, you must now determine these about your data set:

- The position of the sorting fields; these can be either the complete record or any part or parts of it
- The type of data these fields represent, for example, character or binary
- Whether you want the sort on each field to be in ascending or descending order
- Whether you want equal records to be retained in the order of the input, or whether their order can be altered during sorting

Specify these options on the SORT statement, which is the first argument to PLISRTx. Then, you must determine these about the records to be sorted:

- Whether the record format is fixed or varying
- The length of the record, which is the maximum length for varying

Specify these on the RECORD statement, which is the second argument to PLISRTx.

Finally, you must decide on the amount of main and auxiliary storage you will allow for the Sort program. For further details, see “Determining storage needed for Sort” on page 347.

Choosing the type of Sort

In your PL/I program, you specify a sort by using a CALL statement to the sort interface subroutine PLISRTx. This subroutine has four entry points: \(x=A, B, C, \) and \(D\). Each specifies a different source for the unsorted data and destination for the data when it has been sorted.

For example, a call to PLISRTA specifies that the unsorted data (the input to sort) is on a data set, and that the sorted data (the output from sort) is to be placed on another data set. The CALL PLISRTx statement must contain an argument list giving the Sort program information about the data set to be sorted, the fields on which it is to be sorted, the amount of space available, the name of a variable into which Sort will place a return code indicating the success or failure of the sort, and the name of any output or input handling procedure that can be used.

The sort interface routine builds an argument list for the Sort program from the information supplied by the PLISRTx argument list and the choice of PLISRTx entry point. Control is then transferred to the Sort program. If you have specified an output- or input-handling routine, this will be called by the Sort program as many times as is necessary to handle each of the unsorted or sorted records. When the sort operation is complete, the Sort program returns to the PL/I calling
procedure communicating its success or failure in a return code, which is placed in one of the arguments passed to the interface routine. The return code can then be tested in the PL/I routine to discover whether processing should continue. Figure 50 on page 344 is a simplified flowchart showing this operation.
Within the Sort program itself, the flow of control between the Sort program and input- and output-handling routines is controlled by return codes. The Sort...
program calls these routines at the appropriate point in its processing. (Within the Sort program, and its associated documentation, these routines are known as user exits. The routine that passes input to be sorted is the E15 sort user exit. The routine that processes sorted output is the E35 sort user exit.) From the routines, Sort expects a return code indicating either that it should call the routine again, or that it should continue with the next stage of processing.

You must remember the following important points about Sort:
- It is a self-contained program that handles the complete sort operation.
- It communicates with the caller, and with the user exits that it calls, through return codes.

**Specifying the sorting field**

This topic describes the required PL/I statements that you must specify to use Sort from PL/I. The SORT statement is the first argument to PLISRTx.

The syntax of the SORT statement must be a character string expression that takes the form:

'\texttt{bSORTbFIELDS=(start1,length1,form1,seq1, ...startn,lengthn,formn,seqn),other options}b'

See the following example:

' \texttt{SORT FIELDS=(1,10,CH,A)} \texttt{b} ' 

b Represents one or more blanks. Blanks shown are mandatory. No other blanks are allowed.

\texttt{start, length, form, seq}

Defines a sorting field. You can specify any number of sorting fields, but there is a limit on the total length of the fields. If more than one field is to be sorted on, the records are sorted first according to the first field, and then those that are of equal value are sorted according to the second field, and so on. If all the sorting values are equal, the order of equal records will be arbitrary unless you use the EQUALS option. (See later in this definition list.) Fields can overlay each other.

For DFSORT (5740-SM1), the maximum total length of the sorting fields is restricted to 4092 bytes and all sorting fields must be within 4092 bytes of the start of the record. Other sort products might have different restrictions.

\texttt{start}

Specifies the starting position within the record. Specify the value in bytes except for binary data where you can use a "byte.bit" notation. The first byte in a string is considered to be byte 1, and the first bit is bit 0. (Thus the second bit in byte 2 is referred to as 2.1.) For varying length records, you must include the 4-byte length prefix, making 5 the first byte of data.

\texttt{length}

Specifies the length of the sorting field. Specify the value in bytes except for binary where you can use "byte.bit" notation. The length of sorting fields is restricted according to their data type.

\texttt{form}

Specifies the format of the data. This is the format assumed for the purpose of sorting. All data passed between PL/I routines and Sort must be in the form of character strings. The main data types and the restrictions on their length are shown below. Additional data types are available for special-purpose sorts. See the DFSORT Application Programming Guide or the equivalent publication for your sort product.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Data type and length</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CH</td>
<td>Character 1–4096</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ZD</td>
<td>Zoned decimal, signed 1–32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PD</td>
<td>Packed decimal, signed 1–32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FI</td>
<td>Fixed point, signed 1–256</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BI</td>
<td>Binary, unsigned 1 bit to 4092 bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FL</td>
<td>Floating-point, signed 1–256</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The sum of the lengths of all fields must not exceed 4092 bytes.

**seq**

Specifies the sequence in which the data will be sorted:

- **A** Ascending (that is, 1,2,3,...)
- **D** Descending (that is, ...,3,2,1)

**Note:** You cannot specify **E**, because PL/I does not provide a method of passing a user-supplied sequence.

**other options**

You can specify a number of other options, depending on your Sort program. You must separate them from the FIELDS operand and from each other by commas. Do not place blanks between operands.

**FILSZ=y**

Specifies the number of records in the sort and allows for optimization by Sort. If y is only approximate, E should precede y.

**SKIPREC=y**

Specifies that y records at the start of the input file are to be ignored before Sort starts sorting the remaining records.

**CKPT or CHKPT**

Specifies that checkpoints are to be taken. If you use this option, you must provide a SORTCKPT data set. In addition, when you install DFSORT, you must specify the 16NCKPT=NO installation option.

**EQUALS|NOEQUALS**

Specifies whether the order of equal records will be preserved as it was in the input (EQUALS) or will be arbitrary (NOEQUALS). You could improve sort performance by using the NOEQUALS. The default option is chosen when Sort is installed. The IBM-supplied default is NOEQUALS.

**DYNALLOC=(d,n)**

(OS/VS Sort only) Specifies that the program dynamically allocates intermediate storage.

- **d** Specifies the device type (3380, and so on).
- **n** Specifies the number of work areas.

### Specifying the records to be sorted

This topic describes the required PL/I statements that you must specify to use Sort from PL/I. The RECORD statement is the second argument to PLISRtX.

The syntax of the RECORD statement must be a character string expression, which, when evaluated, takes the following syntax:

'bRECORDbTYPE=rectype[,LENGTH=(L1,[,,L4,L5])]b'
See the following example:

```
RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80)
```

b Represents one or more blanks. Blanks shown are mandatory. No other blanks are allowed.

**TYPE**

Specifies the type of record as follows:

- **F** Fixed length
- **V** Varying length EBCDIC
- **D** Varying length ASCII

Even when you use input and output routines to handle the unsorted and sorted data, you must specify the record type as it applies to the work data sets used by Sort.

If varying length strings are passed to Sort from an input routine (E15 exit), you should normally specify V as a record format. However, if you specify F, the records are padded to the maximum length with blanks.

**LENGTH**

Specifies the length of the record to be sorted. You can omit LENGTH if you use PLISRTA or PLISRTC, because the length will be taken from the input data set. Note that there is a restriction on the maximum and minimum length of the record that can be sorted. For varying length records, you must include the 4-byte prefix.

- **L1** Specifies the length of the record to be sorted. For VSAM data sets sorted as varying records, it is the maximum record size + 4.
- **L4** Specifies the minimum length of record when varying length records are used. If supplied, it is used by Sort for optimization purposes.
- **L5** Specifies the modal (most common) length of record when varying length records are used. If supplied, it is used by Sort for optimization purposes.

**Maximum record lengths:** The length of a record can never exceed the maximum length specified by the user. The maximum record length for variable length records is 32756 bytes, and for fixed length records, it is 32760 bytes.

### Determining storage needed for Sort

Sort requires both main and auxiliary storage.

**Main storage**

The minimum main storage for DFSORT is 88K bytes, but for best performance, more storage (on the order of 1 megabyte or more) is recommended. DFSORT can take advantage of storage above 16M virtual or extended architecture processors. Under z/OS, DFSORT can also take advantage of expanded storage. You can specify that Sort use the maximum amount of storage available by passing a storage parameter in the following manner:

```
DCL MAXSTOR FIXED BINARY (31,0);
UNSPEC(MAXSTOR) = '00000000' B||UNSPEC('MAX');
CALL PLISRTA
   ( 'SORT FIELDS=(1,80,CH,A) ',
```

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If files are opened in E15 or E35 exit routines, enough residual storage should be allowed for the files to open successfully.

**Auxiliary storage**

Calculating the minimum auxiliary storage for a particular sorting operation is a complicated task. To achieve maximum efficiency with auxiliary storage, use direct access storage devices (DASDs) whenever possible. For more information about improving program efficiency, see the *DFSORT Application Programming Guide*, particularly the information about dynamic allocation of workspace that allows DFSORT to determine the auxiliary storage needed and allocate it for you.

If you are interested only in providing enough storage to ensure that the sort will work, make the total size of the SORTWK data sets large enough to hold three sets of the records being sorted. (You will not gain any advantage by specifying more than three if you have enough space in three data sets.)

However, because this suggestion is an approximation, it might not work, so you should check the sort manuals. If this suggestion does work, you will probably have wasted space.

### Calling the Sort program

You should write the CALL PLISRTx statement with some care. This topic lists the entry points and arguments that you can use.

*Table 34. The entry points and arguments to PLISRTx (x = A, B, C, or D)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry points</th>
<th>Arguments</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTA</td>
<td>(sort statement, record statement, storage, return code, [data set prefix, message level, sort technique])</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort input: data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort output: data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTB</td>
<td>(sort statement, record statement, storage, return code, input routine, [data set prefix, message level, sort technique])</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort input: PL/I subroutine</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort output: data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTC</td>
<td>(sort statement, record statement, storage, return code, output routine, [data set prefix, message level, sort technique])</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort input: data set</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort output: PL/I subroutine</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PLISRTD</td>
<td>(sort statement, record statement, storage, return code, input routine, output routine, [data set prefix, message level, sort technique])</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort input: PL/I subroutine</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort output: PL/I subroutine</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort statement</td>
<td>Character string expression containing the Sort program SORT statement. Describes sorting fields and format. See “Specifying the sorting field” on page 345.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Record statement</td>
<td>Character string expression containing the Sort program RECORD statement. Describes the length and record format of data. See “Specifying the records to be sorted” on page 346.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage</td>
<td>Fixed binary expression giving maximum amount of main storage to be used by the Sort program. Must be &gt;88K bytes for DFSORT. See also “Determining storage needed for Sort” on page 347.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 34. The entry points and arguments to PLISRTx (x = A, B, C, or D) (continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Entry points</th>
<th>Arguments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Return code</td>
<td>Fixed binary variable of precision (31,0) in which Sort places a return code when it has completed. The meaning of the return code is: 0=Sort successful 16=Sort failed 20=Sort message data set missing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input routine</td>
<td>(PLISRTB and PLISRTD only.) Name of the PL/I external or internal procedure used to supply the records for the Sort program at sort exit E15.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output routine</td>
<td>(PLISRTC and PLISRTD only.) Name of the PL/I external or internal procedure to which Sort passes the sorted records at sort exit E35.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data set prefix</td>
<td>Character string expression of four characters that replaces the default prefix of 'SORT' in the names of the sort data sets SORTIN, SORTOUT, SORTWKnn and SORTCNTL, if used. Thus if the argument is &quot;TASK&quot;, the data sets TASKIN, TASKOUT, TASKWKnn, and TASKCNTL can be used. This facility enables multiple invocations of Sort to be made in the same job step. The four characters must start with an alphabetic character and must not be one of the reserved names PEER, BALN, CRCX, OSCL, POLY, DIAG, SYSC, or LIST. You must code a null string for this argument if you require either of the following arguments but do not require this argument.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message level</td>
<td>Character string expression of two characters indicating how Sort's diagnostic messages are to be handled, as follows: NO No messages to SYSOUT AP All messages to SYSOUT CP Critical messages to SYSOUT SYSOUT will normally be allocated to the printer, hence the use of the mnemonic letter &quot;P&quot;. Other codes are also allowed for certain of the Sort programs. For further details on these codes, see DFSORT Application Programming Guide. You must code a null string for this argument if you require the following argument but you do not require this argument.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sort technique</td>
<td>(This is not used by DFSORT; it appears for compatibility reasons only.) Character string of length 4 that indicates the type of sort to be carried out, as follows: PEER Peerage sort BALN Balanced CRCX Criss-cross sort OSCL Oscillating POLY Polyphase sort Normally the Sort program will analyze the amount of space available and choose the most effective technique without any action from you. You should use this argument only as a bypass for sorting problems or when you are certain that performance could be improved by another technique. See DFSORT Application Programming Guide for further information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The following examples indicate the form that the CALL PLISRTx statement normally takes.

**Example 1**

This example shows a call to PLISRTA, sorting 80-byte records from SORTIN to SORTOUT, using 1048576 (1 megabyte) of storage and a return code, RETCODE, declared as FIXED BINARY (31,0).
CALL PLISRTA (' SORT FIELDS=(1,80,CH,A) ',' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',' 1048576, RETCODE);

Example 2
This example is the same as example 1 except that the input, output, and work data sets are called TASKIN, TASKOUT, TASKWK01, and so forth.

This might occur if Sort was being called twice in one job step.
CALL PLISRTA (' SORT FIELDS=(1,80,CH,A) ',' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',' 1048576, RETCODE, 'TASK');

Example 3
This example is the same as example 1 except that the sort is to be undertaken on two fields (first, bytes 1 to 10, which are characters, and then, if these are equal, bytes 11 and 12, which contain a binary field).

Both fields are to be sorted in ascending order.
CALL PLISRTA (' SORT FIELDS=(1,10,CH,A,11,2,BI,A) ',' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',' 1048576, RETCODE);

Example 4
This example shows a call to PLISR>T.

The input is to be passed to Sort by the PL/I routine PUTIN. The sort is to be carried out on characters 1 to 10 of an 80-byte fixed length record.
CALL PLISR>T (' SORT FIELDS=(1,10,CH,A) ',' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',' 1048576, RETCODE, PUTIN);

Example 5
This example shows a call to PLISR>T.

The input is to be supplied by the PL/I routine PUTIN and the output is to be passed to the PL/I routine PUTOUT. The record to be sorted is 84 bytes varying (including the length prefix). It is to be sorted on bytes 1 through 5 of the data in ascending order, then if these fields are equal, on bytes 6 through 10 in descending order. (Note that the 4-byte length prefix is included so that the actual values used are 5 and 10 for the starting points.) If both these fields are the same, the order of the input is to be retained. (The EQUALS option does this.)
CALL PLISR>T (' SORT FIELDS=(5,5,CH,A,10,5,CH,D),EQUALS ',' RECORD TYPE=V,LENGTH=(84) ',' 1048576, RETCODE, PUTIN, /*input routine (sort exit E15)*/ PUTOUT); /*output routine (sort exit E35)*/
Determining whether the Sort was successful

When the sort is completed, Sort sets a return code in the variable named in the fourth argument of the call to PLISRtX.

It then returns control to the statement that follows the CALL PLISRtX statement. The value returned indicates the success or failure of the sort as follows:

- 0 Sort successful
- 16 Sort failed
- 20 Sort message data set missing

You must declare the variable to which the return code is passed as FIXED BINARY (31,0). It is standard practice to test the value of the return code after the CALL PLISRtX statement and take appropriate action according to the success or failure of the operation.

See the following example (assuming that the return code is called RETCODE):

```plaintext
IF RETCODE=0 THEN DO;
   PUT DATA(RETCODE);
   SIGNAL ERROR;
END;
```

If the job step that follows the sort depends on the success or failure of the sort, you should set the value returned in the Sort program as the return code from the PL/I program. This return code is then available for the following job step. The PL/I return code is set by a call to PLIRETC. You can call PLIRETC with the value returned from Sort:

```plaintext
CALL PLIRETC(RETCODE);
```

You should not confuse this call to PLIRETC with the calls made in the input and output routines, where a return code is used for passing control information to Sort.

Establishing data sets for Sort

If DFSORT is installed in a library not known to the system, you must specify the DFSORT library in a JOBLIB or STEPLIB DD statement.

When you call Sort, the following sort data sets must not be open:

- **SYSOUT**
  A data set (normally the printer) on which messages from the Sort program will be written.

**Sort work data sets: SORTWK01–SORTWK32**

**Note:** If you specify more than 32 sort work data sets, DFSORT will only use the first 32.

- ****WK01–****WK32
  From 1 to 32 working data sets that are used in the sorting process. These must be direct access. For a discussion of space required and number of data sets, see “Determining storage needed for Sort” on page 347.

- **** represents the four characters that you can specify as the data set prefix argument in calls to PLISRtX. This allows you to use data sets
with prefixes other than SORT. They must start with an alphabetic character and must not be the names PEER, BALN, CRCX, OSCL, POLY, SYSC, LIST, or DIAG.

Input data set: SORTIN

****IN
The input data set that is used when PLISRTA and PLISRTC are called
See ****WK01–****WK32 for a detailed description.

Output data set: SORTOUT

****OUT
The output data set that is used when PLISRTA and PLISRTB are called
See ****WK01–****WK32 for a detailed description.

Checkpoint data set: SORTCKPT
Data set that is used to hold checkpoint data, if the CKPT or CHKPT option is used in the SORT statement argument and the DFSORT 16NCKPT=NO installation option is specified
For information about this program DD statement, see DFSORT Application Programming Guide.

DFSPARM SORTCNTL
Data set from which additional or changed control statements can be read (optional)
For additional information about this program DD statement, see DFSORT Application Programming Guide.
See ****WK01–****WK32 for a detailed description.

Sort data input and output

The source of the data to be sorted is provided either directly from a data set or indirectly by a routine (Sort Exit E15) written by the user. Similarly, the destination of the sorted output is either a data set or a routine (Sort Exit E35) provided by the user.

PLISRTA is the simplest of all of the interfaces because it sorts from data set to data set. For an example of a PLISRTA program, see Figure 54 on page 357. Other interfaces require the input handling routine, the output handling routine, or both.

Data input and output handling routines

The input handling and output handling routines are called by Sort when PLISRTB, PLISRTC, or PLISRTD is used.

The routines must be written in PL/I, and can be either internal or external procedures. If they are internal to the routine that calls PLISRTx, they behave in the same way as ordinary internal procedures in respect of scope of names. The input and output procedure names must themselves be known in the procedure that makes the call to PLISRTx.

The routines are called individually for each record required by Sort or passed from Sort. Therefore, each routine must be written to handle one record at a time. Variables declared as AUTOMATIC within the procedures will not retain their
values between calls. Consequently, items such as counters, which need to be retained from one call to the next, should either be declared as STATIC or be declared in the containing block.

The E15 and E35 sort exits must not be MAIN procedures.

**E15—Input handling routine (Sort Exit E15)**

Input routines are normally used to process the data in some way before it is sorted.

You can use input routines to print the data, as shown in Figure 55 on page 358 and Figure 57 on page 360, or to generate or manipulate the sorting fields to achieve the correct results.

The input handling routine is used by Sort when a call is made to either PLISRTE or PLISRTD. When Sort requires a record, it calls the input routine, which should return a record in character string format, with return code 12. This return code means that the record passed is to be included in the sort. Sort continues to call the routine until return code 8 is passed. Return code 8 means that all records have already been passed, and that Sort is not to call the routine again. If a record is returned when the return code is 8, it is ignored by Sort.

The data returned by the routine must be a character string. It can be fixed or varying. If it is varying, you should normally specify V as the record format in the RECORD statement, which is the second argument in the call to PLISRTx. However, you can specify F, in which case the string will be padded to its maximum length with blanks. The record is returned with a RETURN statement, and you must specify the RETURNS attribute in the PROCEDURE statement. The return code is set in a call to PLIRETC. A flowchart for a typical input routine is shown in “E15—Input handling routine (Sort Exit E15).”
Skeletal code for a typical input routine is shown in Figure 52 on page 355.
For examples of an input routine, see Figure 55 on page 358 and Figure 57 on page 360.

In addition to return codes 12 (include current record in sort) and 8 (all records sent), Sort allows the use of return code 16 (Sort failed). This return code ends the sort and causes Sort to return to your PL/I program with return code 16.

Note: A call to PLIRETC sets a return code that will be passed by your PL/I program, and will be available to any job steps that follow it. When an output handling routine has been used, it is good practice to reset the return code with a call to PLIRETC after the call to PLISRTR to avoid receiving a nonzero completion code. By calling PLIRETC with the return code from Sort as the argument, you can make the PL/I return code reflect the success or failure of the sort. This practice is shown in Figure 56 on page 359.
E35—Output handling routine (Sort Exit E35)

Output handling routines are normally used for any processing that is necessary after the sort.

For example, you can use output handling routines to print the sorted data, as shown in Figure 56 on page 359 and Figure 57 on page 360, or to use the sorted data to generate further information. The output handling routine is used by Sort when a call is made to PLISRTC or PLISRTD. When the records have been sorted, Sort passes them, one at a time, to the output handling routine. The output routine then processes them as required. When all the records have been passed, Sort sets up its return code and returns to the statement after the CALL PLISR Tx statement. Sort does not indicate to the output handling routine that the last record has been reached. Any end-of-data handling must therefore be done in the procedure that calls PLISR Tx.

The record is passed from Sort to the output routine as a character string, and you must declare a character string parameter in the output handling subroutine to receive the data. The output handling subroutine must also pass return code 4 to Sort to indicate that it is ready for another record. You set the return code by a call to PLIRETC.

To stop the sort, pass return code 16 to Sort. This will result in Sort returning to the calling program with return code 16—Sort failed.

The record passed to the routine by Sort is a character string parameter. If you specify the record type as F in the second argument in the call to PLISR Tx, you should declare the parameter with the length of the record. If you specify the record type as V, you should declare the parameter as adjustable, as in the following example:

```pli
DCL STRING CHAR(*);
```

Figure 58 on page 361 shows a program that sorts varying length records.

A flowchart for a typical output handling routine is given in “E15—Input handling routine (Sort Exit E15)” on page 353. Skeletal code for a typical output handling routine is shown in Figure 53.

```pli
E35: PROC(STRING); /*The procedure must have a character string parameter to receive the record from Sort*/

DCL STRING CHAR(80); /*Declaration of parameter*/

(Your code goes here)

CALL PLIRETC(4); /*Pass return code to Sort indicating that the next sorted record is to be passed to this procedure.*/

END E35; /*End of procedure returns control to Sort*/
```

Figure 53. Skeletal code for an output handling procedure

You should note that a call to PLIRETC sets a return code that will be passed by your PL/I program, and will be available to any job steps that follow it. When you have used an output handling routine, it is good practice to reset the return code with a call to PLIRETC after the call to PLISR Tx to avoid receiving a nonzero completion code. By calling PLIRETC with the return code from Sort as the
argument, you can make the PL/I return code reflect the success or failure of the sort. This practice is shown in the examples that follow this topic.

**Calling PLISR T A example**

This topic shows an example of a PLISR T A program.

After each time that the PL/I input- and output-handling routines communicate the return code information to the Sort program, the return code field is reset to zero; therefore, it is not used as a regular return code other than its specific use for the Sort program.

For details on handling conditions, especially those that occur during the input- and output-handling routines, see z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

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```plaintext
//OPT14#7 JOB ...
//STEP1 EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
EX106: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
  DCL RETURN_CODE FIXED BIN(31,0);
  CALL PLISR T A (' SORT FIELDS=(7,74,CH,A) ',
                   ' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',
                   1048576
                 RETURN_CODE);
  SELECT (RETURN_CODE);
    WHEN(0) PUT SKIP EDIT
      ('SORT COMPLETE RETURN_CODE 0') (A);
    WHEN(16) PUT SKIP EDIT
      ('SORT FAILED, RETURN_CODE 16') (A);
    WHEN(20) PUT SKIP EDIT
      ('SORT MESSAGE DATASET MISSING ') (A);
    OTHER   PUT SKIP EDIT
      ('INVALID SORT RETURN_CODE = ', RETURN_CODE) (A,F(2));
  END /* select */;
  CALL PLIRETC(RETURN_CODE);
  /*set PL/I return code to reflect success of sort*/
END EX106;
//GO.SORTIN DD *
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000931FOREST, IVER, BUCKS
/*
//GO.SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SORTOUT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SORTWK01 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,2)
/*
```

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*Figure 54. PLISR T A—sorting from input data set to output data set*

**Calling PLISR T B example**

This topic shows an example of a PLISR T B program, which calls an input routine to get data and places sorted records on a data set.
Calling PLISRTC example

This topic shows an example of a PLISRTC program, which sorts records in an input data set and calls an output handling routine to print sorted data.
Calling PLISRTD example

This topic shows an example of a PLISRTD program, which calls the input handling routine to print unsorted data and calls the output handling routine to print sorted data.
//OPT14#10 JOB ...
//STEP1 EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *

EX109: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
    DCL RETURN_CODE FIXED BIN(31,0);
    CALL PLISRDT (' SORT FIELDS=(7,74,CH,A) ',
                    ' RECORD TYPE=F,LENGTH=(80) ',
                    1048576
                     RETURN_CODE,
                     E15X,
                     E35X);

    SELECT(RETURN_CODE);
    WHEN(0) PUT SKIP EDIT
                      ('SORT COMPLETE RETURN_CODE 0' ) (A);
    WHEN(20) PUT SKIP EDIT
                      ('SORT MESSAGE DATASET MISSING ') (A);
    OTHER PUT SKIP EDIT
                      ('INVALID RETURN_CODE = ', RETURN_CODE) (A,F(2));
    END /* select */;

    CALL PLIRETC(RETURN_CODE);
    /*set PL/I return code to reflect success of sort*/

E15X: /* Input handling routine prints input before sorting*/
    PROC RETURNS(CHAR(80));
        DCL INFIELD CHAR(80);
        ON ENDFILE(SYSIN) BEGIN;
            PUT SKIP(3) EDIT
                 ('END OF SORT PROGRAM INPUT. ',
                  'SORTED OUTPUT SHOULD FOLLOW') (A);
            CALL PLIRETC(8); /* Signal end of input to sort*/
            INFIELD = ' ';  /* Set flag for end of input */
        GOTO ENDE15;  /* End of input handling routine*/
    END;

    GET FILE (SYSIN) EDIT (INFIELD) (A(80));
    PUT SKIP EDIT (INFIELD) (A);
    CALL PLIRETC(12); /*Input to sort continues*/
    ENDE15:
        RETURN(INFIELD);
        END E15X;

E35X:  /* Output handling routine prints the sorted records*/
    PROC (INREC);
        DCL INREC CHAR(80);
        PUT SKIP EDIT (INREC) (A);
        NEXT: CALL PLIRETC(4); /* Request next record from sort*/
    END EX109;
    /*
    //GO.SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=A
    //GO.SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
    //GO.SORTWK01 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,1)
    //GO.SORTWK02 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,1)
    //GO.SORTWK03 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,1)
    //GO.SYSIN DD *
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    /*

Figure 57. PLISRDT—sorting from input handling routine to output handling routine
Sorting variable-length records example

This example shows a program that sorts varying length records.

```pli
//OPT14#11 JOB ...
//STEP1 EXEC IBMZCBG
//PLI.SYSIN DD *
/* PL/I EXAMPLE USING PLISRDT TO SORT VARIABLE-LENGTH RECORDS */

EX1306: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
DCL RETURN_CODE SORT BIN(31,0);
CALL PLISRDT(' SORT FIELDS=(11,14,CH,A) ',
' RECORD TYPE=V,LENGTH=(84,,,24,44) ',
/*NOTE THAT LENGTH IS MAX AND INCLUDES 4 BYTE LENGTH PREFIX*/
1048576
RETURN_CODE,
PUTIN,
PUTOUT);

SELECT(RETURN_CODE);
WHEN(0) PUT SKIP EDIT ( 'SORT COMPLETE RETURN_CODE 0' ) (A);
WHEN(16) PUT SKIP EDIT ( 'SORT FAILED, RETURN_CODE 16' ) (A);
WHEN(20) PUT SKIP EDIT ( 'SORT MESSAGE DATASET MISSING ' ) (A);
OTHER PUT SKIP EDIT ( 'INVALID RETURN CODE = ', RETURN_CODE )
(A,F(2));
END /* SELECT */;

CALL PLIRETC(RETURN_CODE);
/*SET PL/I RETURN CODE TO REFLECT SUCCESS OF SORT*/
PUTIN: PROC RETURNS (CHAR(80) VARYING);
/*OUTPUT HANDLING ROUTINE*/
/*NOTE THAT VARYING MUST BE USED ON RETURNS ATTRIBUTE
WHEN USING VARYING LENGTH RECORDS*/
DCL STRING CHAR(80) VAR;
ON ENDFILE(SYSIN) BEGIN;
PUT SKIP EDIT ('END OF INPUT')(A);
CALL PLIRETC(8);
STRING = ' ';
GOTO ENDPUT;
END;

GET EDIT(STRING)(A(80));
I=INDEX(STRING[1] ' ' )-1;/*RESET LENGTH OF THE*/
STRING = SUBSTR(STRING,1,I); /* STRING FROM 80 TO */
/* LENGTH OF TEXT IN */
/* EACH INPUT RECORD */
```

Figure 58. Sorting varying-length records using input and output handling routines
PUT SKIP EDIT(I,STRING) (F(2),X(3),A);  
CALL PLIRETC(12);
ENDPUT: RETURN(STRING);
END;

PUTOUT:PROC(STRING);
/*OUTPUT HANDLING ROUTINE OUTPUT SORTED RECORDS*/
DCL STRING CHAR (*);
/*NOTE THAT FOR VARYING RECORDS THE STRING
   PARAMETER FOR THE OUTPUT-HANDLING ROUTINE
   SHOULD BE DECLARED ADJUSTABLE BUT CANNOT BE
   DECLARED VARYING*/
PUT SKIP EDIT(STRING)(A); /*PRINT THE SORTED DATA*/
CALL PLIRETC(4);
END; /*ENDS PUTOUT*/
END;

/*GO.SYSIN DD *
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073872HOME TAVERNS, WESTLEIGH
000931FOREST, IVER, BUCKS
/*
//GO.SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SORTOUT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=A
//GO.SORTWK01 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,1)
//GO.SORTWK02 DD UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(CYL,1)
/*

_Sorting varying-length records using input and output handling routines (continued)_
Chapter 17. ILC with C

This chapter describes some aspects of InterLanguage Communication (ILC) between PL/I and C. The examples illustrate how to use many of the data types common to both languages and help you write PL/I code that either calls or is called by C.

Equivalent data types

This topic lists the common C and PL/I data type equivalents.

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<td>wchar(...) varyingz</td>
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<td>fixed bin(7)</td>
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<td>unsigned fixed bin(8)</td>
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<td>unsigned fixed bin(16)</td>
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<td>fixed bin(63)</td>
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<td>unsigned fixed bin(64)</td>
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<td>float bin(21)</td>
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<td>define union</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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Simple type equivalence

This example illustrates the translation of the simple typedef for time_t from the C header file time.h.

```c
typedef long time_t;
define alias time_t fixed bin(31);
```

Figure 59. Simple type equivalence
Struct type equivalence
This example illustrates the translation of the simple struct for tm from the C header file time.h.

```
struct tm {
  int tm_sec;
  int tm_min;
  int tm_hour;
  int tm_mday;
  int tm_mon;
  int tm_year;
  int tm_wday;
  int tm_yday;
  int tm_isdst;
};

define structure
tm
  ,2 tm_sec  fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_min  fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_hour fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_mday fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_mon  fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_year fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_wday fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_yday fixed bin(31)
  ,2 tm_isdst fixed bin(31)

Figure 60. Sample struct type equivalence
```

Enum type equivalence
This example illustrates the translation of the simple enum __device_t from the C header file stdio.h.

```
File type equivalence

A C file declaration depends on the platform, but it often starts as follows:

```c
typedef enum {
    __disk = 0,
    __terminal = 1,
    __printer = 2,
    __tape = 3,
    __tdq = 5,
    __dummy = 6,
    __memory = 8,
    __hfs = 9,
    __hiperspace = 10
} __device_t;

define ordinal __device_t {
    __disk value(0),
    __terminal value(1),
    __printer value(2),
    __tape value(3),
    __tdq value(4),
    __dummy value(5),
    __memory value(8),
    __hfs value(9),
    __hiperspace value(10)
};
```

Figure 61. Sample enum type equivalence

Using C functions

Suppose the programmer wants to write a program to read a file and dump it as formatted hex, by using the C functions `fopen` and `fread`.

The code for this program is straightforward:
Most of the declarations in the INCLUDE file `filedump` are obvious:

```pli
filedump:
  proc(fn) options(noexecops main);
  dcl fn char(*) var;
  %include filedump;
  file = fopen( fn, 'rb' );
  if file = sysnull() then do;
    display( 'file could not be opened' );
    return;
  end;
  do forever;
    unspec(buffer) = ''b;
    read_In = fread( addr(buffer), 1, stg(buffer), file );
    if read_In = 0 then leave;
    display( heximage(addr(buffer),16,' ') || ' ' || translate(buffer,(32)'.'),unprintable ) ;
    if read_In < stg(buffer) then leave;
  end;
  call fclose( file );
end filedump;
```

**Figure 64. Sample code to use fopen and fread to dump a file**

Most of the declarations in the INCLUDE file `filedump` are obvious:

```pli
define struct 1 file;
define alias file_Handle handle file;
define alias size_t unsigned fixed bin(32);
define alias int signed fixed bin(31);
dcl file type(file_Handle);
dcl read_In fixed bin(31);
dcl buffer char(16);
dcl unprintable char(32) value( substr(collate(),1,32) );
```

**Figure 65. Declarations for filedump program**

**Matching simple parameter types**

It would be easy to mistranslate the declarations for the C functions. For instance, the declaration for the C function `fread` shown in [Figure 66 on page 367](#) can be translated to the declaration as shown in [Figure 67 on page 367](#).
On some platforms, this would not link successfully because C names are case sensitive. In order to prevent this kind of linker problem, it is best to specify the name in mixed case by using the extended form of the external attribute. So, for instance, the declaration for `fread` would be better as follows:

```c
size_t fread( void *,
             size_t,
             size_t,
             FILE *);
```

*Figure 66. C declaration of fread*

```c
dcl fread ext
    entry( pointer,
           type size_t,
           type size_t,
           type file_Handle )
    returns( type size_t );
```

*Figure 67. First incorrect declaration of fread*

On some platforms, this would not link successfully because C names are case sensitive. In order to prevent this kind of linker problem, it is best to specify the name in mixed case by using the extended form of the external attribute. So, for instance, the declaration for `fread` would be better as follows:

```c
dcl fread ext('fread')
    entry( pointer,
           type size_t,
           type size_t,
           type file_Handle )
    returns( type size_t );
```

*Figure 68. Second incorrect declaration of fread*

But this would not run right, because while PL/I parameters are byaddr by default, C parameters are byvalue by default. To fix this issue, add the byvalue attribute to the parameters:

```c
dcl fread ext('fread')
    entry( pointer byvalue,
           type size_t byvalue,
           type size_t byvalue,
           type file_Handle byvalue )
    returns( type size_t );
```

*Figure 69. Third incorrect declaration of fread*

But note how the return value is set in Figure 70 on page 368 a fourth parameter (the address of the temporary _temp5) is passed to the function `fread`, which is then expected to place the return code in the integer at that address. This is the convention for how values are returned when the byaddr attribute applies to returns, and PL/I uses this convention by default.
This would not run right, because C return values are byvalue. To fix this error, add one more byvalue attribute.

```
dcl fread  ext('fread')
  entry( pointer byvalue,
           type size_t byvalue,
           type size_t byvalue,
           type file_Handle byvalue )
  returns( type size_t byvalue );
```

This would not run right, because C return values are byvalue. To fix this error, add one more byvalue attribute.

```
* read_In = fread( addr(buffer), 1, stg(buffer), file );

* L  r2,FILE(,r13,176)
  L  r1,fread(,r5,12)
  LA r2,_temp5(,r13,420)
  LA r8,BUFFER(,r13,184)
  L  r15,&EPA_WSAM(,r1,8)
  L  r0,&EPA_WSAM(,r1,12)
  ST r0,CEECAA (,r12,500)
  LA r1,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
  ST r8,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
  LA r8,1
  ST r8,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,156)
  ST r7,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,160)
  ST r4,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,164)
  ST r2,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,168)
  BALR r14,r15
  L  r0,_temp5(,r13,420)
  ST r0,READ_IN(,r13,180)
```

```c
read_In = fread( addr(buffer), 1, stg(buffer), file );
```

Figure 70. Code generated for RETURNS BYADDR

Note how the return value is set now in Figure 72: no extra address is passed, and the return value is simply returned in register 15.

```
* read_In = fread( addr(buffer), 1, stg(buffer), file );

* L  r2,FILE(,r13,176)
  L  r1,fread(,r5,12)
  LA r2,_temp5(,r13,420)
  LA r8,BUFFER(,r13,184)
  L  r15,&EPA_WSAM(,r1,8)
  L  r0,&EPA_WSAM(,r1,12)
  ST r0,CEECAA (,r12,500)
  LA r1,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
  ST r8,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
  LA r8,1
  ST r8,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,156)
  ST r7,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,160)
  ST r4,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,164)
  ST r2,#MX_TEMP1(,r13,168)
  BALR r14,r15
  L  r0,_temp5(,r13,420)
  ST r0,READ_IN(,r13,180)
```

Figure 72. Code generated for RETURNS BYVALUE
Matching string parameter types

Now that `fread` is translated correctly, suppose a programmer tries this translation for `fopen`:

```plaintext
dcl fopen  ext('fopen')
    entry( char(*) varyingz byvalue,
           char(*) varyingz byvalue )
    returns( byvalue type file_handle );
```

*Figure 73. First incorrect declaration of fopen*

But C has no strings, only pointers, and these pointers would be passed by value (byvalue); so the strings should be by reference (byaddr):

```plaintext
dcl fopen  ext('fopen')
    entry( char(*) varyingz byaddr,
           char(*) varyingz byaddr )
    returns( byvalue type file_handle );
```

*Figure 74. Second incorrect declaration of fopen*

But PL/I passes descriptors with strings and C does not understand them, so they must be suppressed. To suppress the descriptors, add `options(nodescriptor)` to the declaration:

```plaintext
dcl fopen  ext('fopen')
    entry( char(*) varyingz byaddr,
           char(*) varyingz byaddr )
    returns( byvalue type file_handle )
    options ( nodescriptor );
```

*Figure 75. Correct declaration of fopen*

This will work, but is not optimal because the parameters are input-only; if the parameter is a constant, the nonassignable attribute will prevent a copy being made and passed. Hence, the best translation of the declaration of `fopen` is as follows:

```plaintext
dcl fopen  ext('fopen')
    entry( char(*) varyingz nonasgn byaddr,
           char(*) varyingz nonasgn byaddr )
    returns( byvalue type file_handle )
    options ( nodescriptor );
```

*Figure 76. Optimal, correct declaration of fopen*

At this point, the declare for the `fclose` function presents few surprises except perhaps for the `optional` attribute in the `returns` specification. This attribute allows you to invoke the `fclose` function through a `CALL` statement and not have to dispose of the return code. But note that if the file were an output file, the return code on `fclose` should always be checked because the last buffer is written
out only when the file is closed and that write could fail for lack of space.

```pli

dcl fclose  ext('fclose')
  entry( type file_handle byvalue )
  returns( optional type int byvalue )
  options ( nodescriptor );
```

**Figure 77. Declaration of fclose**

Now, on z/OS UNIX, you can compile and run the programs with the commands:

```pli
pli -qdisplay=std filedump.pli
filedump filedump.pli
```

**Figure 78. Commands to compile and run filedump**

This will produce the following output:

```
15408689 938584A4 94977A40 97999683  .filedump: proc
40869550 409697A3 89969542 40959685  (fn) options(noe
A7858396 97A24094 8189955D 5E151540  xecops main);..```

**Figure 79. Output of running filedump**

**Functions returning ENTRYs**

The C quicksort function `qsort` takes a compare routine. For instance, to sort an array of integers, the following function (which use the byvalue attribute twice) could be used:

```pli
comp2:
  proc( key, element )
  returns( fixed bin(31) byvalue );
  dcl (key, element) pointer byvalue;
  dcl word based fixed bin(31);
  select;
  when( key->word < element->word )
    return( -1 );
  when( key->word = element->word )
    return( 0 );
  otherwise
    return( +1 );
  end;
end;
```

**Figure 80. Sample compare routine for C qsort function**

And the C `qsort` function could be used with this compare routine to sort an array of integers, as in the following code fragment:
But because C function pointers are not the same as PL/I ENTRY variables, the C `qsort` function must not be declared simply as follows:

```
... dcl qsort ext('qsort')
... entry( pointer,
... fixed bin(31),
... fixed bin(31),
... entry returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
... )
... options( byvalue nodescriptor );
```

Recall that a PL/I ENTRY variable might point to a nested function (and thus requires a backchain address as well as an entry point address). But a C function pointer is limited in pointing to a non-nested function only, and so a PL/I ENTRY variable and a C function pointer do not even use the amount of storage.

However, a C function pointer is equivalent to the PL/I type LIMITED ENTRY. Therefore, the C `qsort` function could be declared as follows:

```
... dcl qsort ext('qsort')
... entry( pointer,
... fixed bin(31),
... fixed bin(31),
... limited entry
... returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
... )
... options( byvalue nodescriptor );
```

### Linkages

On z/OS, there are two crucial facts about linkages:
- IBM C, JAVA and Enterprise PL/I use the same linkage by default.
- This linkage is not the system linkage.

For a traditional PL/I application where all parameters are byaddr, the differences between the code generated when a function has the default linkage and the code generated when the function has the system linkage would usually not matter. But if the parameters are byvalue (as they usually are in C and JAVA), the differences can break your code.
In fact, there is only a small difference if the parameters are byaddr. In Figure 84, the only difference between the code generated for a function with the default linkage and for one with the system linkage is that the high-order bit is turned on for the last parameter of the system linkage call.

This difference is transparent to most programs.

```
dcl dfxa ext entry( fixed bin(31) byaddr ,fixed bin(31) byaddr );
dcl sysa ext entry( fixed bin(31) byaddr ,fixed bin(31) byaddr )
options( linkage(system) );
*   call dfxa( n, m );
   *
   LA r0,M(,r13,172)
   LA r2,N(,r13,168)
   L r15,=V(DFTV)(,r3,126)
   LA r1,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
   ST r2,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
   ST r0,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,156)
   BALR r14,r15
*
*   call sysa( n, m );
*
   LA r0,M(,r13,172)
   LA r2,N(,r13,168)
   O r0,=X’80000000’
   L r15,=V(SYSV){,r3,130)
   LA r1,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
   ST r2,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,152)
   ST r0,=MX_TEMP1(,r13,156)
   BALR r14,r15
```

Figure 84. Code when parameters are BYADDR

But, there is a big difference if the parameters are byvalue rather than byaddr. In Figure 85 on page 373 for the function with the default linkage, register 1 points to the values of the integers passed, while for the function with the system linkage, register 1 points to the addresses of those values.

This difference is not transparent to most programs.
Sharing output and input

This section provides information about sharing output and input with a C program by specifying the STDSYS option.

For more information and limitations about the STDSYS option, see the following information:

- Stream I/O with unprintable characters in Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Compiler and Run-Time Migration Guide.

Sharing output

If you want to share SYSPRINT with a C program, you must compile your PL/I code with the STDSYS option.

By default, DISPLAY statements use WTO’s to display their output. If you specify the DISPLAY(STD) compiler option, DISPLAY statements will use the C `puts` function to display their output. This can be particularly useful under z/OS UNIX.

Behavior of the standard C stream for sharing output under MVS batch, TSO batch, IMS batch, and IMS interactive is as follows:

1. stdout goes first to DD:SYSPRINT.
2. If DD:SYSPRINT does not exist, stdout looks for DD:SYSTERM.
3. If neither DD:SYSTERM nor DD:SYSERR exists, the library opens a sysout=* data set by using DD SYSPRINT and sends the stdout stream to it.

Sharing input
To share SYSIN with a C program, you must compile the application with the STDSYS option and open SYSIN as an input stream file. Avoid using the DD names that are reserved by the C Library.

You can also copy SYSIN to a temporary data set in a prior job step and use that as SYSIN in your PL/I job step; it can be shared when it is not allocated to an instream file.

An input stream file can be opened only once when it is allocated to the SYSIN DD in JCL.

Behavior of the standard C stream for sharing input under MVS batch, TSO batch, IMS batch, and IMS interactive is as follows:
1. stdin goes to DD:SYSIN.
2. If DD:SYSIN does not exist, all read operations from stdin fail.

Using the ATTACH statement
The ATTACH statement in a PL/I program uses the underlying pthread library to perform thread management. When the ATTACH statement is issued, the pthread library tries to allocate standard C stream files.

After the ATTACH statement is issued, any attempt to open SYSIN by the application fails when SYSIN is an instream file that is allocated to the SYSIN DD in JCL (for example, //SYSIN DD * or //SYSIN DD DATA). A SYSIN OPEN FAILED error is issued.

Redirecting C standard streams
Use the STDSYS option in all mixed PL/I and C applications and all multithreading applications.

If you compile your program with the NOSTDSYS option, it might conflict with the use of the SYSIN DD name and the SYSPRINT DD name in C.

For example, if your program has the ATTACH statement, it starts the C environment directly. Starting the C environment causes the SYSIN and SYSPRINT streams to be opened and closed independent of your PL/I application programs. In some cases, SYSIN might fail to open, or the SYSPRINT data set might be overwritten.

Summary
This topic provides a summary of the key points described in this section.
• C is case sensitive.
• Parameters should be BYVALUE.
• Return values should be BYVALUE.
• String parameters should be BYADDR.
• Arrays and structures should also be BYADDR.
• No descriptors should be passed.
• Input-only strings should be NONASSIGNABLE.
• C function pointers map to LIMITED ENTRYs.
• The IBM C compilers and the IBM PL/I compilers use the same default linkage (and it matters).
Chapter 18. Interfacing with Java

This chapter gives a brief description of Java™ and the Java Native Interface (JNI) and explains why you might be interested in using it with PL/I.

This chapter describes a simple Java-PL/I application and provides information about compatibility between the two languages. Instructions on how to build and run the Java-PL/I sample applications assume that the work is being done in the z/OS UNIX System Services environment of z/OS.

Before you can communicate with Java from PL/I, you need to have Java installed on your z/OS system. Contact your local System Administrator for more information about how to set up your z/OS Java environment.

These sample programs have been compiled and tested with Java JRE Version 1.6.0. To determine the level of Java in your z/OS UNIX System Services environment, enter this command from the command line:

```
java -version
```

The active Java version is then displayed, as in the following example:

```
java version "1.6.0"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build pmz3160_26sr1-20111114_01(SR1))
IBM J9 VM (build 2.6, JRE 1.6.0 z/OS s390-31 20111113_94967 (JIT enabled, AOT enabled)
```

Java Native Interface (JNI)

Java is an object-oriented programming language invented by Sun Microsystems and provides a powerful way to make Internet documents interactive. The Java Native Interface (JNI) is the Java interface to native programming languages and is part of the Java Development Kits.

By writing programs that use JNI, you can ensure that your code is portable across many platforms.

The JNI allows Java code that runs within a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) to operate with applications and libraries written in other languages, such as PL/I. In addition, the Invocation API allows you to embed a Java Virtual Machine into your PL/I applications.

Java is a fairly complete programming language; however, there are situations in which you want to call a program written in another programming language. You can do this from Java with a method call to a native language, known as a native method.

These are some reasons to use native methods:
- The native language has a special capability that your application needs and that the standard Java class libraries lack.
- You already have many existing applications in your native language and you wish to make them accessible to a Java application.
- You want to implement an intensive series of complicated calculations in your native language and have your Java applications call these functions.
• You or your programmers have a broader skill set in your native language and you do not wish to lose this advantage.

Programming through the JNI lets you use native methods to do many different operations:
• A native method can utilize Java objects in the same way that a Java method uses these objects.
• A native method can create Java objects, including arrays and strings, and then inspect and use these objects to perform its tasks.
• A native method can inspect and use objects created by Java application code.
• A native method can update Java objects that it created or were passed to it, and these updated objects can then be made available to the Java application.

Finally, native methods can also easily call already existing Java methods, capitalizing on the functionality already incorporated in the Java programming framework. In these ways, both the native language side and the Java side of an application can create, update, and access Java objects and then share these objects between them.

Calling PL/I program from Java

When a PL/I program is called from a Java program, all files opened in PL/I must be explicitly closed in PL/I before PL/I returns control to Java for the last time.

Similarly, all modules that are fetched in the PL/I program must be released.

JNI sample program #1 - 'Hello World'

The first sample program is another variation of the "Hello World!" program. The "Hello World!" program has one Java class, callingPLI.java. The native method, written in PL/I, is contained in hiFromPLI.pli.

Here is a brief overview of the steps to create this sample program:
1. Write a Java program that defines a class containing a native method, loads the native load library, and calls the native method.
2. Compile the Java program to create a Java class.
3. Write a PL/I program that implements the native method and displays the "Hello!" text.
4. Compile and link the PL/I program.
5. Run the Java program that calls the native method in the PL/I program.

Step 1: Writing the Java program

Procedure
1. Declare the native method.
   All methods, whether Java methods or native methods, must be declared within a Java class. The only difference in the declaration of a Java method and a native method is the keyword native. The native keyword tells Java that the implementation of this method will be found in a native library that will be loaded during the execution of the program. You can declare the native method as follows:
   ```java
   public native void callToPLI();
   ```
In the above statement, the `void` means that there is no return value expected from this native method call. The empty parentheses in the method name `callToPLI()` means that there are no parameters being passed on the call to the native method.

2. Load the native library so that the native library will be loaded at execution time.
   You can use the following Java statement to load the native library:
   ```java
   static {
       System.loadLibrary("hiFromPLI");
   }
   ```
   In the above statement, the Java System method `System.loadLibrary(...)` is called to find and load the native library. The PL/I shared library, `libhiFromPLI.so`, will be created during the step that compiles and links the PL/I program.

3. Write the Java Main method.
   The `callingPLI` class also includes a `main` method to instantiate the class and call the native method. The `main` method instantiates `callingPLI` and calls the `callToPLI()` native method.
   The complete definition of the `callingPLI` class, including all the points addressed above in this topic, is as follows:
   ```java
   public class callingPLI {
       public native void callToPLI();
       static {
           System.loadLibrary("hiFromPLI");
       }
       public static void main(String[] argv) {
           callingPLI callPLI = new callingPLI();
           callPLI.callToPLI();
           System.out.println("And Hello from Java, too!");
       }
   }
   ```

**Step 2: Compiling the Java program**

**Procedure**

Use the Java compiler to compile the `callingPLI` class into an executable form. You can use the following command:

```
javac callingPLI.java
```

**Step 3: Writing the PL/I Program**

The PL/I implementation of the native method looks much like any other PL/I subroutine.

**Useful PL/I compiler options**

The sample program contains a series of `*PROCESS` statements that define the important compiler options.

```
*Process Limits( Extname( 100 ) ) Margins( 1, 100 );
*Process Display(Std) Dllinit Extrn(Short);
*Process Rent Default( ASCII IEEE );
```

Here is a brief description of them and why they are useful:
Extname(100)
   Allows for longer, Java style, external names.

Margins(1,100)
   Extending the margins gives you more room for Java style names and identifiers.

Display(Std)
   Writes the "Hello World" text to stdout, not through WTOs. In the z/OS UNIX environment WTOs would not be seen by the user.

Dllinit
   Includes the initialization code needed for creating a DLL.

Extrn(Short)
   EXTRNs are emitted only for those constants that are referenced. This option is necessary for Enterprise PL/I V3R3 and later.

Default( ASCII IEEE );
   ASCII specifies that CHARACTER and PICTURE data is held in ASCII - the form in which it is held by JAVA.
   IEEE specifies that FLOAT data is held in IEEE format - the form in which it is held by JAVA.

RENT
   Ensures that code is reentrant even if it writes on static variables.

Correct form of PL/I procedure name and procedure statement

The PL/I procedure name must conform to the Java naming convention in order to be located by the Java Class Loader at execution time. The Java naming scheme consists of three parts. The first part identifies the routine to the Java environment, the second part is the name of the Java class that defines the native method, and the third part is the name of the native method itself.

Here is a breakdown of PL/I procedure name Java_callingPLI_callToPLI in the sample program:

Java
   All native methods resident in dynamic libraries must begin with Java.

_callingPLI
   The name of the Java class that declares the native method.

_callToPLI
   The name of the native method itself.

Note: There is an important difference between coding a native method in PL/I and in C. The javah tool, which is supplied with the JDK, generates the form of the external references required for C programs. When you write your native methods in PL/I and follow the rules above for naming your PL/I external references, performing the javah step is not necessary for PL/I native methods.

In addition, the following options must be specified in the OPTIONS option on the PROCEDURE statement:
   - FromAlien
   - NoDescriptor
   - ByValue
The complete procedure statement for the sample program is as follows:

```pli
Java_callingPLI_callToPLI:
    Proc( JNIEnv, MyJObject )
    External( "Java_callingPLI_callToPLI" )
    Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );
```

**JNI include file**

The two PL/I include files that contain the PL/I definitions of the Java Native interface are `ibmzjni.inc`, which in turn includes `ibmzjnim.inc`. These include files are included with this statement:

```pli
#include ibmzjni;
```

The `ibmzjni` and `ibmzjnim` include files are provided in the PL/I SIBMZSAM data set.

**The complete PL/I procedure**

For completeness, here is the entire PL/I program that defines the native method:

```pli
*Process Limits( Extname( 100 ) ) Margins( 1, 100 );
*Process Display(Std) Dllinit Extrn(Short);
*Process Rent Default( ASCII IEEE );
PliJava_Demo: Package Exports(*);

Java_callingPLI_callToPLI:
    Proc( JNIEnv, MyJObject )
    External( "Java_callingPLI_callToPLI" )
    Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );

#include ibmzjni;

Dcl myJObject Type jObject;

Display('Hello from Enterprise PL/I!');

End;
```

**Step 4: Compiling and linking the PL/I program**

**Procedure**
1. Compile the PL/I sample program with the following command:
   ```bash
   pli -c hiFromPLI.pli
   ```
2. Link the resulting PL/I object deck into a shared library with this command:
   ```bash
   c89 -o libhiFromPLI.so hiFromPLI.o
   ```
   Ensure to include the `lib` prefix on the name of the PL/I shared library; otherwise, the Java class loader cannot find it.

**Step 5: Running the sample program**

**Procedure**

Run the Java-PL/I sample program with this command:

```bash
java callingPLI
```

The output of the sample program is as follows:

```
Hello from Enterprise PL/I!
And Hello from Java, too!
```
The first line written from the PL/I native method. The second line is from the calling Java class after returning from the PL/I native method call.

**JNI sample program #2 - Passing a string**

This sample program passes a string back and forth between Java and PL/I.

See [Figure 86 on page 383](#) for the complete listing of the jPassString.java program. The Java portion has one Java class, jPassString.java. The native method, written in PL/I, is contained in passString.pli. Much of the information from [“JNI sample program #1 - ‘Hello World’” on page 378](#) applies to this sample program as well. The following topics discuss only new or different aspects for this sample program.

### Step 1: Writing the Java program

**Procedure**

1. Declare the native method.
   ```java
   public native void pliShowString();
   ```
2. Load the native library.
   ```java
   static {
     System.loadLibrary("passString");
   }
   ```
3. Write the Java Main method.
   The jPassString class also includes a main method to instantiate the class and call the native method. The main method instantiates jPassString and calls the pliShowString() native method.
   This sample program prompts the user for a string and reads that value in from the command line. This is done within a try/catch statement as shown in [Figure 86 on page 383](#).
Step 2: Compiling the Java program

Procedure

Use the Java compiler to compile the Java code. You can use the following command:
Step 3: Writing the PL/I program

All of the information about writing the PL/I "Hello World" sample program, as described in “Step 3: Writing the PL/I Program” on page 379, applies to this program as well.

Correct form of PL/I procedure name and procedure statement

The PL/I procedure name for this program is Java_jPassString_pliShowString.

The complete procedure statement for the sample program is as follows:

```plaintext
Java_jPassString_pliShowString:
  Proc( JNIEnv, myjobject )
  external( "Java_jPassString_pliShowString" )
  Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );
```

JNI include file

The two PL/I include files that contain the PL/I definitions of the Java Native interface are ibmzjni.inc, which in turn includes ibmzjnim.inc. These include files are included with this statement:

```plaintext
#include ibmzjni;
```

The ibmzjni and ibmzjnim include files are provided in the PL/I SIBMZSAM data set.

The complete PL/I procedure

The complete PL/I program is shown in Figure 87 on page 385. This sample PL/I program makes several calls through JNI.

Upon entry, a reference to the calling Java Object, myObject is passed into the PL/I procedure. The PL/I program uses this reference to get information from the calling object. The first piece of information is the Class of the calling object, which is retrieved through the GetObjectClass JNI function. This Class value is then used by the GetFieldID JNI function to get the identity of the Java string field in the Java object. This Java field is further identified by the name of the field, myString, and the JNI field descriptor, Ljava/lang/String; which identifies the field as a Java String field. The value of the Java string field is then retrieved by the GetObjectField JNI function. Before PL/I can use the Java string value, it must be unpacked into a form that PL/I can understand. The GetStringUTFChars JNI function converts the Java string into a PL/I varyingz string, which is then displayed by the PL/I program.

After displaying the retrieved Java string, the PL/I program prompts the user for a PL/I string to be used to update the string field in the calling Java object. The PL/I string value is converted to a Java string by the NewString JNI function. This new Java string is then used to update the string field in the calling Java object by the SetObjectField JNI function.

When the PL/I program ends, control is returned to Java, where the newly updated Java string is displayed by the Java program.
plijava_demo: package exports(*);

Java_passString_pliShowString:
Proc( JNIEnv , myJObject )
  external( "Java_jPassString_pliShowString" )
  Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );

%include ibmzjni;
Dcl myBool Type jBoolean;
Dcl myClazz Type jclass;
Dcl myFID Type jFieldID;
Dcl myJObject Type jObject;
Dcl myJString Type jString;
Dcl newJString Type jString;
Dcl myID Char(9) Varz static init( 'myString' );
Dcl mySig Char(18) Varz static
  init( 'Ljava/lang/String;' );
Dcl pliStr Char(132) Varz Based(pliStrPtr);
Dcl pliReply Char(132) Varz;
Dcl pliStrPtr Pointer;
Dcl nullPtr Pointer;

Display( ' ');
/* Get information about the calling Class *
myClazz = GetObjectClass(JNIEnv, myJObject);

/* Get Field ID for String field from Java *
myFID = GetFieldID(JNIEnv, myClazz, myID, mySig);

/* Get the Java String in the string field *
myJString = GetObjectField(JNIEnv, myJObject, myFID);

/* Convert the Java String to a PL/I string *
pliStrPtr = GetStringUTFChars(JNIEnv, myJString, myBool);

Display('From PLI: String retrieved from Java is: ' || pliStr);
Display('From PLI: Enter a string to be returned to Java: ') reply(pliReply);

/* Convert the new PL/I string to a Java String *
newJString = NewString(JNIEnv, trim(pliReply), length(pliReply));

/* Change the Java String field to the new string value *
nullPtr = SetObjectField(JNIEnv, myJObject, myFID, newJString);

End;
end;

Figure 87. PL/I sample program #2 - Passing a string
Step 4: Compiling and linking the PL/I program

Procedure
1. Compile the PL/I sample program with the following command:
   ```
   pli -c passString.pli
   ```
2. Link the resulting PL/I object deck into a shared library with this command:
   ```
   c89 -o libpassString.so passString.o
   ```
   Ensure to include the lib prefix on the name; otherwise, the PL/I shared library or the Java class loader cannot find it.

Step 5: Running the sample program

Procedure
Run the Java-PL/I sample program with this command:
```java
java jPassString
```

The output of the sample program, complete with the prompts for user input from both Java and PL/I, is as follows:
```
>java jPassString

From Java: Enter a string or 'quit' to quit.
Java Prompt > A string entered in Java

From PLI: String retrieved from Java is: A string entered in Java
From PLI: Enter a string to be returned to Java:
A string entered in PL/I

From Java: String set by PL/I is: A string entered in PL/I
From Java: Enter a string or 'quit' to quit.
Java Prompt > quit
> 
```

JNI sample program #3 - Passing an integer

This sample program passes an integer back and forth between Java and PL/I.

See Figure 88 on page 388 for the complete listing of the jPassInt.java program. The Java portion has one Java class, jPassInt.java. The native method, written in PL/I, is contained in passInt.pli. Much of the information from "JNI sample program #1 - 'Hello World" on page 378 applies to this sample program as well. The following topics discuss only new or different aspects for this sample program.

Step 1: Writing the Java program

Procedure
1. Declare the native method.
   ```java
   public native void pliShowInt();
   ```
2. Load the native library.
   ```java
   static {
     System.loadLibrary("passInt");
   }
   ```
3. Write the Java Main method.

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The jPassInt class also includes a *main* method to instantiate the class and call the native method. The *main* method instantiates *jPassInt* and calls the *pliShowInt()* native method.

This sample program prompts the user for an integer and reads that value in from the command line. This is done within a *try/catch* statement as shown in [Figure 88 on page 388](#).
// Read an integer, call PL/I, display new integer upon return
import java.io.*;
import java.lang.*;

public class jPassInt{

    /* Fields to hold Java string and int */
    int myInt;
    String myString;

    /* Load the PL/I native library */
    static {
        System.loadLibrary("passInt");
    }

    /* Declare the PL/I native method */
    public native void pliShowInt();

    /* Main Java class */
    public static void main(String[] arg) {

        System.out.println(" ");

        /* Instantiate Java class and initialize string */
        jPassInt pInt = new jPassInt();
        pInt.myInt = 1024;
        pInt.myString = " ";

        /* Prompt user for an integer */
        try {
            BufferedReader in = new BufferedReader( new InputStreamReader(System.in));
            /* Process until 'quit' received */
            while (!pInt.myString.equalsIgnoreCase("quit")) {
                System.out.println( "From Java: Enter an Integer or 'quit' to quit.");
                System.out.print("Java Prompt > ");
                /* Get string from command line */
                pInt.myString = in.readLine();
                if (!pInt.myString.equalsIgnoreCase("quit")) {
                    /* Set int to integer value of String */
                    pInt.myInt = Integer.parseInt( pInt.myString );
                    /* Call PL/I native method */
                    pInt.pliShowInt();
                    /* Return from PL/I and display new string */
                    System.out.println(" ");
                    System.out.println(" From Java: Integer set by PL/I is: " + pInt.myInt );
                }
            }
            catch (IOException e) {
                
            }
        }
    }
}

Figure 88. Java sample program #3 - Passing an integer
Step 2: Compiling the Java program

Procedure

Use the Java compiler to compile the Java code. You can use the following command:

javac jPassInt.java

Step 3: Writing the PL/I program

All of the information about writing the PL/I "Hello World" sample program, as described in “Step 3: Writing the PL/I Program” on page 379, applies to this program as well.

Correct form of PL/I procedure name and procedure statement

The PL/I procedure name for this program is Java_jPassInt_pliShowInt.

The complete procedure statement for the sample program is as follows:

Java_passNum_pliShowInt:
Proc( JNIEnv, myjobject )
  external( "Java_jPassInt_pliShowInt" )
  Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );

JNI include file

The two PL/I include files that contain the PL/I definitions of the Java native interface are ibmzjni.inc, which in turn includes ibmzjnim.inc. These include files are included with this statement:

%include ibmzjni;

The ibmzjni and ibmzjnim include files are provided in the PL/I SIBMZSAM data set.

The complete PL/I procedure

The complete PL/I program is shown in Figure 89 on page 390. This sample PL/I program makes several calls through the JNI.

Upon entry, a reference to the calling Java object, myObject, is passed into the PL/I procedure. The PL/I program uses this reference to get information from the calling object. The first piece of information is the Class of the calling object, which is retrieved by the GetObjectClass JNI function. This Class value is then used by the GetFieldID JNI function to get the identity of the Java integer field in the Java object. This Java field is further identified by the name of the field, myInt, and the JNI field descriptor, I, which identifies the field as an integer field. The value of the Java integer field is then retrieved by the GetIntField JNI function, which is then displayed by the PL/I program.

After displaying the retrieved Java integer, the PL/I program prompts the user for a PL/I integer to be used to update the integer field in the calling Java object. The PL/I integer value is then used to update the integer field in the calling Java object by the SetIntField JNI function.
When the PL/I program ends, control is returned to Java, where the newly updated Java integer is displayed by the Java program.

```
plijava_demo: package exports(*);

Java_passNum_pliShowInt:
Proc( JNIEnv , myjobject )
  external( "Java_jPassInt_pliShowInt" )
  Options( FromAlien NoDescriptor ByValue );

%include ibmzjni;

Dcl myClazz Type jClass;
Dcl myFID Type jFieldID;
Dcl myJInt Type jInt;
Dcl rtnJInt Type jInt;
Dcl myJObject Type jObject;
Dcl pliReply Char(132) Varz;
Dcl nullPtr Pointer;

Display(' ');

/* Get information about the calling Class */
myClazz = GetObjectClass(JNIEnv, myJObject);

/* Get Field ID for int field from Java */
myFID = GetFieldID(JNIEnv, myClazz, "myInt", "I");

/* Get Integer value from Java */
myJInt = GetIntField(JNIEnv, myJObject, myFID);

display('From PLI: Integer retrieved from Java is: ' || trim(myJInt));
display('From PLI: Enter an integer to be returned to Java:');
reply(pliReply);

rtnJInt = pliReply;

/* Set Integer value in Java from PL/I */
nullPtr = SetIntField(JNIEnv, myJObject, myFID, rtnJInt);

End;
end;
```

Figure 89. PL/I sample program #3 - Passing an integer

**Step 4: Compiling and linking the PL/I program**

**Procedure**

1. Compile the PL/I sample program with the following command:
   ```
   pli -c passInt.pli
   ```
2. Link the resulting PL/I object deck into a shared library with this command:
   ```
   c89 -o libpassInt.so passInt.o
   ```
   Ensure to include the lib prefix on the name; otherwise, the PL/I shared library or the Java class loader cannot find it.
Step 5: Running the sample program

Procedure

Run the Java-PL/I sample program with this command:

```
java jPassInt
```

The output of the sample program, complete with the prompts for user input from both Java and PL/I, is as follows:

```
>java jPassInt

From Java: Enter an Integer or 'quit' to quit.
Java Prompt > 12345

From PL/I: Integer retrieved from Java is: 12345
From PL/I: Enter an integer to be returned to Java:
54321

From Java: Integer set by PL/I is: 54321
From Java: Enter an Integer or 'quit' to quit.
Java Prompt > quit
```

JNI sample program #4 - Java invocation API

This sample program is a little different from the previous samples. In this sample, PL/I invokes Java first through the Java invocation API, creating an embedded Java Virtual Machine (JVM). PL/I then calls a Java method, passing to it a string that the Java method then displays.

The PL/I sample program is named createJVM.pli and the Java method it calls is contained in javaPart.java.

Step 1: Writing the Java program

About this task

Because this sample does not use a PL/I native method, there is no need to declare one. Instead, the Java portion for this sample is just a simple Java method.

Procedure

Write the Java Main method.
The javaPart class contains only one statement. This statement prints out a short 'Hello World...' from Java, and then appends the string that was passed to it from the PL/I program. The entire class is shown in Figure 90.

```java
// Receive a string from PL/I then display it after saying "Hello"
public class javaPart {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("From Java - Hello World... " + args[0]);
    }
}
```

Figure 90. Java sample program #4 - Receiving and printing a string
Step 2: Compiling the Java program

Procedure

Use the Java compiler to compile the Java code. You can use the following command:

javac javaPart.java

Step 3: Writing the PL/I program

Most of the information about writing the PL/I "Hello World" sample program, as described in "Step 3: Writing the PL/I Program" on page 379, applies to this program as well. However, because in this sample PL/I is calling Java, there are some additional points to consider.

Correct form of PL/I procedure name and procedure statement

Because in this sample the PL/I program is calling Java, the PL/I program is MAIN. There is no need to be concerned about the external name of this PL/I program because it is not referenced.

The complete procedure statement for the sample program is as follows:

createJVM: Proc Options(Main);

JNI include file

The two PL/I include files that contain the PL/I definitions of the Java native interface are ibmzjni.inc, which in turn includes ibmzjnim.inc. Even though in this sample PL/I is calling Java, these include files are still necessary. These include files are included with this statement:

#include ibmzjni;

The ibmzjni and ibmzjnim include files are provided in the PL/I SIBMZSAM data set.

Linking the PL/I program with the Java library

Because this PL/I sample program calls Java, the program must link to the Java library. The Java libraries are linked with XPLINK and the PL/I modules are not. PL/I can still link to and call XPLINK libraries but you must use the PLIXOPT variable to specify the XPLINK=ON runtime option. You can declare the PLIXOPT variable as follows:

Dcl PLIXOPT Char(40) Varying Ext Static Init( 'XPLINK(ON)'

For a description of PLIXOPT, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide.

Using the Java invocation API

This PL/I sample program calls the Java invocation API JNI_CreateJavaVM to create its own embedded JVM. This API requires certain structures to be set up and initialized correctly as shown in Figure 91 on page 394

1. JNI_GetDefaultJavaVMInitArgs is called to get the default initialization options.
2. These default options are modified with the addition of the java.class.path information.

3. JNI_CreateJavaVM is called to create the embedded JVM.

**The complete PL/I program**

The complete PL/I program is shown in Figure 91 on page 394. This sample PL/I program makes several calls through the JNI.

In this sample, the reference to the Java object, a newly created JVM in this case, is not passed in but is instead returned from the call to the JNI_CreateJavaVM API. The PL/I program uses this reference to get information from the JVM. The first piece of information is the Class containing the Java method to call. This Class is found by the FindClass JNI function. The Class value is then used by the GetStaticMethodID JNI function to get the identity of the Java method that will be called.

Before calling this Java method, convert the PL/I string into a format that Java understands. The PL/I program holds the string in ASCII format. Java strings are stored in UTF format. In addition, Java strings are not really strings as PL/I programmers understand them but are themselves a Java class and can only be modified through methods. To create a Java string, use the NewStringUTF JNI function. This function returns a Java object called myJString that contains the PL/I string converted to UTF. Next create a Java object array by calling the NewObjectArray JNI function, passing to it the reference to the myJString object. This function returns a reference to a Java object array containing the string for the Java method to display.

Now the Java method can be called by the CallStaticVoidMethod JNI function and will then display the string passed to it. After displaying the string, the PL/I program destroys the embedded JVM by using the DestroyJavaVM JNI function and the PL/I program completes.

The complete source of the PL/I program is shown in Figure 91 on page 394.
*Process Limits( Extname( 100 ) ) Margins( 1, 100 );
*Process Display(STD) Rent;
*Process Default( ASCII ) Or('|');
createJVM: Proc Options(Main);

%include ibmzjni;

dcl myJObjArray Type jobjectArray;
dcl myClass Type jclass;
dcl myMethodID Type jmethodID;
dcl myJString Type jstring;
dcl myRC Fixed Bin(31) Init(0);
dcl myPLIStr Char(50) Varz
  Init('... a PLI string in a Java Virtual Machine!');
dcl OptStr1 char(1024) varz;
dcl OptStr2 char(1024) varz;
dcl myNull Pointer;
dcl VM_Args Like JavaVMInitArgs;
dcl myOptions Like JavaVMOption;
dcl PLIXOPT Char(40) Varying Ext Static Init( 'XPLINK(ON)'e );

Display('From PL/I - Beginning execution of createJVM...');
VM_Args.version = JNI_VERSION_1_6;
myRC = JNI_GetDefaultJavaVMInitArgs(addr(VM_Args));
OptStr1 = '-Djava.class.path=.:';
OptStr2 = '-Djava.compiler=NONE';

myOptions(1).theOptions = addr(OptStr1);
myOptions(2).theOptions = addr(OptStr2);
VM_Args.nOptions = 2;
VM_Args.JavaVMOption = addr(myOptions);

/* Create the Java VM */
myrc = JNI_CreateJavaVM([jvm_ptr],
  addr(JNIEnv),
  addr(VM_Args));

/* Get the Java Class for the javaPart class */
myClass = FindClass(JNIEnv, "javaPart");
/* Get static method ID */
myMethodID = GetStaticMethodID(JNIEnv, myClass,"main",
  "([Ljava/lang/String;)V");
/* Create a Java String Object from the PL/I string. */
myJString = NewStringUTF(JNIenv, myPLIStr);
myJObjArray = NewObjectArray(JNIEnv, 1, FindClass(JNIEnv,"java/lang/String"), myJString);
Display('From PL/I - Calling Java method in new JVM from PL/I...');
Display(' ');
myNull = CallStaticVoidMethod(JNIEnv, myClass, myMethodID, myJObjArray);
/* destroy the Java VM */
Display(' ');
Display('From PL/I - Destroying the new JVM from PL/I...');
myRC = DestroyJavaVM( JavaVM );
end;

Figure 91. PL/I sample program #4 - Calling the Java invocation API
Step 4: Compiling and linking the PL/I program

Procedure
1. Compile the PL/I sample program with the following command:
   ```
   pli -c createJVM.pli
   ```
2. Link the resulting PL/I object deck into a shared library with this command:
   ```
   c89 -o createJVM createJVM.o $JAVA_HOME/bin/classic/libjvm.x
   ```
   Notice the reference to the $JAVA_HOME environment variable. This variable should point to the directory where your Java 1.4 product is installed. For example, to set up this variable in your environment, you can use the following command:
   ```
   export JAVA_HOME="/usr/lpp/java/J6.0"
   ```
   In this case, the Java 1.4 product is assumed to be installed in /usr/lpp/java/J6.0.

Step 5: Running the sample program

Procedure

Run the Java-PL/I sample program with this command:
   ```
   createJVM
   ```

The output of the sample program is as follows:

From PL/I - Beginning execution of createJVM...
From PL/I - Calling Java method in new JVM from PL/I...
From Java - Hello World... ... a PLI string in a Java Virtual Machine!
From PL/I - Destroying the new JVM from PL/I...

Attaching programs to an existing Java VM

You can use the Java invocation API to attach your program to an existing Java VM that was not created by your program.

About this task

When your PL/I application is running within an IMS JMP (Java messaging processing) region, IMS already created a Java VM. You can take the following steps to attach your program to the Java VM. Then you can call any functions that you need through the Java native interface.

Procedure
1. Locate the Java VM instance to attach your program to by using the `JNI_GetCreatedJavaVMs` API. In this IMS environment, only one Java VM is created, so you ask for only one Java VM pointer to be returned. You can code the call as follows:
   ```
   rc = JNI_GetCreatedJavaVMs( jvm_ptr, 1, nVMs );
   ```
   `jvm_ptr`
   Is a pointer to a Java VM and is declared in the IBMZJNI include file.
   Java returns the address of the Java VM in this variable when the call returns successfully.

   `nVMs`
   Is a fixed bin(31) variable that Java updates with the number of Java VM addresses when it returns. `nVMs` is 1 if the call is successful.
2. Acquire JNI environment pointer for the Java VM. You can use the `JGetEnv` function in the `JNIInvokeInterface_structure` that is declared in the IBMZJNI include file:

```c
rc = JGetEnv( jvm_ptr, JNIEnv, JNI_VERSION_1_6 );
```

- **jvm_ptr**: Is the pointer to the Java VM instance.
- **JNIEnv**: Is a pointer that Java sets to the JNI environment pointer for the Java VM instance.
- **JNI_VERSION_1_6**: Is a constant holding the value of an interface version number, which is also declared in the IBMZJNI include file.

**Results**

Now that you have the JNI environment pointer for the Java VM, you can make calls to any of the JNI functions through the Java native interface.

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**Determining equivalent Java and PL/I data types**

When you communicate with Java from PL/I, you need to match the data types between the two programming languages.

This table shows Java primitive types and their PL/I equivalents.

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<th>Java type</th>
<th>PL/I type</th>
<th>Size in Bits</th>
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<td>jboolean</td>
<td>8, unsigned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>byte</td>
<td>jbyte</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>char</td>
<td>jchar</td>
<td>16, unsigned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short</td>
<td>jshort</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>jint</td>
<td>32</td>
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Part 5. Specialized programming tasks
Chapter 19. Using the PLISAXA and PLISAXB XML parsers

The PLISAXx (x = A or B) built-in subroutines provide basic XML parsing capability, which allows programs to consume inbound XML documents, check them for well-formedness, and react to their contents.

These subroutines do not provide XML generation, which must instead be accomplished by the PL/I program logic or by using the XMLCHAR built-in function.

PLISAXA and PLISAXB have no special environmental requirements. They execute in all the principal runtime environments, including CICS, IMS, MQ Series, z/OS batch, and TSO.

PLISAXA and PLISAXB do have some important limits:

- They have no support for XML name spaces.
- They have no support for Unicode UTF-8 documents.
- They require that the entire XML document be passed to them (either in a buffer or a file) before they do any parsing of it.

The PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines do not have these limits.

Related information:

Chapter 20, “Using the PLISAXC and PLISAXD XML parsers,” on page 429

The PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines provide basic XML parsing capability, which allows programs to consume inbound XML documents, check them for well-formedness, and react to their contents.

Overview

There are two major types of interfaces for XML parsing: event-based and tree-based.

For an event-based API, the parser reports events to the application through callbacks. Such events include the start of the document, the beginning of an element, and so on. The application provides handlers to deal with the events reported by the parser. The Simple API for XML (SAX) is an example of an industry-standard event-based API.

For a tree-based API such as the Document Object Model (DOM), the parser translates the XML into an internal tree-based representation. Interfaces are provided to navigate the tree.

IBM PL/I provides a SAX-like event-based interface for parsing XML documents. The parser invokes an application-supplied handler for parser events, passing references to the corresponding document fragments.

The parser has the following characteristics:

- It provides high-performance, but nonstandard interfaces.
- It supports XML files encoded in either Unicode UTF-16 or any of several single-byte code pages listed in "Coded character sets for XML documents" on page 405.
The parser is nonvalidating, but does partially check well-formedness, and generates exception events if it discovers any.

XML documents have two levels of conformance: well-formedness and validity, both of which are defined in the XML standard, which you can find at http://www.w3c.org/XML/. Recapitulating these definitions, an XML document is well-formed if it complies with the basic XML grammar, and with a few specific rules, such as the requirement that the names on start and end element tags must match. A well-formed XML document is also valid if it has an associated document type declaration (DTD) and if it complies with the constraints expressed in the DTD.

For each parser event, you must provide a PL/I function that accepts the appropriate parameters and returns the appropriate return value - as in the example code shown in Figure 92 on page 401. Note in particular that the return value must be returned by value (BYVALUE). Also, these functions must all use the OPTLINK linkage. You can use the DEFAULT(LINKAGE(OPTLINK)) option to specify this linkage, or you can specify it on the individual PROCEDUREs and ENTRYs through the OPTIONS(LINKAGE(OPTLINK)) attribute.

The PLISAXA built-in subroutine

You can use the PLISAXA built-in subroutine to invoke the XML parser for an XML document that is in a buffer in your program.

PLISAXA(e,p,x,n,c)

e An event structure
p A pointer value or "token" that the parser will pass back to the event functions
x The address of the buffer containing the input XML
n The number of bytes of data in that buffer
c A numeric expression specifying the purported codepage of that XML

Notes:
• If the XML is contained in a CHARACTER VARYING or WIDECHAR VARYING string, you must use the ADDRDATA built-in function to obtain the address of the first data byte.
• If the XML is contained in a WIDECHAR string, the value for the number of bytes is twice the value returned by the LENGTH built-in function.

The PLISAXB built-in subroutine

You can use the PLISAXB built-in subroutine to invoke the XML parser for an XML document in a file.

PLISAXB(e,p,x,c)

e An event structure
p A pointer value or "token" that the parser will pass back to the event functions
x A character string expression specifying the input file

c A numeric expression specifying the purported codepage of that XML

Under batch, the character string specifying the input file should have the form
file://dd:ddname, where ddname is the name of the DD statement specifying the
file.

Under z/OS UNIX, the character string specifying the input file should have the
form file://filename, where filename is the name of a z/OS UNIX file.

Under both batch and z/OS UNIX, the character string specifying the input file
should have no leading or trailing blanks.

The input XML file must be less than 2G in size. Moreover, because the parser will
read the entire file into memory, the REGION for your program must be large
enough for the parser to obtain a piece of storage that can contain all of the
document.

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The SAX event structure

The event structure is a structure consisting of 24 LIMITED ENTRY variables that
point to functions that the parser will invoke for various "events".

All these ENTRYS must use the OPTLINK linkage.

The library routines that support the XML parsers recognize whether an event in
any of the PLISAX event structures is set to null (through the NULLENTRY
built-in function or through use of UNSPEC), and do not call it in that case. This
allows you to limit your XML parsing code to only the events in which you are
interested and to improve the performance of the overall parse at the same time.

```
xmlDocument =
    '<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>'
    '<!--This document is just an example-->'
    '<sandwich>'
    '<bread type="baker\"s best"/>
    '<spread please use real mayonnaise ?>'
    '<meat=Ham & turkey</meat>'
    '<filling=Cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.</filling>'
    '<![CDATA[We should add a <relish> element in future!]]></'
    '</sandwich>'
    'junk';
```

Figure 92. Sample XML document

In the order of their appearance in this structure, the parser might recognize the
following events:

Note: The descriptions of each event refer to the example of an XML document in
Figure 92. In these descriptions, the term XML text refers to the string based on the
pointer and length passed to the event.

**start_of_document**

This event occurs once, at the beginning of parsing the document. The parser
passes the address and length of the entire document, including any line-control
characters, such as LF (Line Feed) or NL (New Line). For the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 the document is 305 characters in length.

**version_information**

This event occurs within the optional XML declaration for the version information. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the version value (1.0 for the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401).

**encoding_declaration**

This event occurs within the XML declaration for the optional encoding declaration. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the encoding value.

**standalone_declaration**

This event occurs within the XML declaration for the optional standalone declaration. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the standalone value (yes for the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401).

**document_type_declaration**

This event occurs when the parser finds a document type declaration. Document type declarations begin with the character sequence `<!DOCTYPE` and end with a `>` character, with some fairly complicated grammar rules describing the content in between. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the entire declaration, including the opening and closing character sequences, and it is the only event where XML text includes the delimiters. The example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 does not have a document type declaration.

**end_of_document**

This event occurs once, when document parsing has completed.

**start_of_element**

This event occurs once for each element start tag or empty element tag. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the element name. For the first start_of_element event during parsing of the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 this is the string sandwich.

**attribute_name**

This event occurs for each attribute in an element start tag or empty element tag after the parser recognizes a valid name. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the attribute name. The only attribute name in the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 is type.

**attribute_characters**

This event occurs for each fragment of an attribute value. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the fragment. An attribute value normally consists of a single string only, even if it is split across lines:

```xml
<element attribute="This attribute value is split across two lines"/>
```

The attribute value might consist of multiple pieces, however. For instance, the value of the type attribute in the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 consists of three fragments: the string baker, the single character ′, and the string s best.
The parser passes these fragments as three separate events. It passes each string, baker and s best, as attribute_characters events, and the single character ' as an attribute_predefined_reference event.

**Related information:**

```
"attribute_predefined_reference"
```

**attribute_predefined_reference**

This event occurs in attribute values for the five predefined entity references &,' , >, <, and ". The parser passes a CHAR(1) or WIDECHAR(1) value that contains one of &,' , >, <, or " respectively.

**attribute_character_reference**

This event occurs in attribute values for numeric character references (Unicode code points or "scalar values") of the form &##dd; or &##hh;, where d represents decimal digits and h represents hexadecimal digits. The parser passes a FIXED BIN(31) value that contains the corresponding integer value.

**end_of_element**

This event occurs once for each element end tag or empty element tag when the parser recognizes the closing angle bracket of the tag. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the element name.

**start_of_CDATA_section**

This event occurs at the start of a CDATA section. CDATA sections begin with the string <![CDATA[ and end with the string ]]> , and are used to "escape" blocks of text containing characters that would otherwise be recognized as XML markup. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the opening characters <![CDATA[]. The parser passes the content of a CDATA section between these delimiters as a single content-characters event. For the example shown in [Figure 92 on page 401](#), the content-characters event is passed the text We should add a <relish> element in future!.

**end_of_CDATA_section**

This event occurs when the parser recognizes the end of a CDATA section. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the closing character sequence, ]]> .

**content_characters**

This event represents the "heart" of an XML document: the character data between element start and end tags. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the data, which usually consists of a single string only, even if it is split across lines:

```
<element1>This character content is
    split across two lines</element1>
```

If the content of an element includes any references or other elements, the complete content might comprise several segments. For instance, the content of the meat element in the example shown in [Figure 92 on page 401](#) consists of the string Ham, the character &, and the string turkey. Notice the trailing and leading spaces, respectively, in these two string fragments. The parser passes these three content fragments as separate events. It passes the string content fragments, Ham and turkey, as content_characters events, and the single & character as a
content_predefined_reference event. The parser also uses the content_characters event to pass the text of CDATA sections to the application.

**content_predefined_reference**
This event occurs in element content for the five pre-defined entity references & ', >, <, and " respectively. The parser passes a CHAR(1) or WIDECHAR(1) value that contains one of the entity references.

**content_character_reference**
This event occurs in element content for numeric character references (Unicode code points or "scalar values") of the form &#dd; or &#xhh; respectively. The parser passes a FIXED BIN(31) value that contains the corresponding integer value.

**processing_instruction**
Processing instructions (PIs) allow XML documents to contain special instructions for applications. This event occurs when the parser recognizes the name following the PI opening character sequence, <?. The event also covers the data following the processing instruction (PI) target, up to but not including the PI closing character sequence, ?>. Trailing but not leading white space characters in the data are included. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the target, spread in the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401, and passes the address and length of the text containing the data (please use real mayonnaise in the example).

**comment**
This event occurs for any comments in the XML document. The parser passes the address and length of the text between the opening comment delimiter <!-- and the closing comment delimiter -->. In the example shown in Figure 92 on page 401 the text of the only comment is This document is just an example.

**unknown_attribute_reference**
This event occurs within attribute values for entity references other than the five predefined entity references, listed for the event attribute_predefined_character. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the entity name.

**unknown_content_reference**
This event occurs within element content for entity references other than the five predefined entity references listed for the content_predefined_character event. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the entity name.

**start_of_prefix_mapping**
This event is currently not generated.

**end_of_prefix_mapping**
This event is currently not generated.

**exception**
The parser generates this event when it detects an error in processing the XML document.
Parameters to the event functions

All of these functions must return a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) value that is a return code to the parser. For the parser to continue normally, this value should be zero.

All of these functions will be passed as the first argument a BYVALUE POINTER that is the token value passed originally as the second argument to the built-in function.

With the following exceptions, all of the functions will also be passed a BYVALUE POINTER and a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that supply the address and length of the text element for the event. The following functions and events are different:

end_of_document
   No argument other than the user token is passed.

attribute_predefined_reference
   In addition to the user token, one additional argument is passed: a BYVALUE CHAR(1), or, for a UTF-16 document, a BYVALUE WIDECHAR(1) that holds the value of the predefined character.

content_predefined_reference
   In addition to the user token, one additional argument is passed: a BYVALUE CHAR(1), or, for a UTF-16 document, a BYVALUE WIDECHAR(1) that holds the value of the predefined character.

attribute_character_reference
   In addition to the user token, one additional argument is passed: a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that holds the value of the numeric reference.

content_character_reference
   In addition to the user token, one additional argument is passed: a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that holds the value of the numeric reference.

processing_instruction
   In addition to the user token, four additional arguments are passed:
   1. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the target text
   2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the target text
   3. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the data text
   4. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the data text

exception
   In addition to the user token, three additional arguments are passed:
   1. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the offending text
   2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the byte offset of the offending text within the document
   3. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the value of the exception code

Coded character sets for XML documents

The PLISAX built-in subroutine supports only XML documents in WIDECHAR encoded in Unicode UTF-16, or in CHARACTER encoded in one of the explicitly supported single-byte character sets listed in this section.

The parser uses up to three sources of information about the encoding of your XML document, and signals an exception XML event if it discovers any conflicts between these sources:
1. The parser determines the basic encoding of a document by inspecting its initial characters.

2. If step 1 succeeds, the parser then looks for any encoding declaration.

3. Finally, it refers to the codepage value on the PLISAX built-in subroutine call. If this parameter was omitted, it defaults to the value provided by the CODEPAGE compiler option value that you specified explicitly or by default.

If the XML document begins with an XML declaration that includes an encoding declaration specifying one of the supported code pages listed in this section, the parser honors the encoding declaration if it does not conflict with either the basic document encoding or the encoding information from the PLISAX built-in subroutine. If the XML document does not have an XML declaration at all, or if the XML declaration omits the encoding declaration, the parser uses the encoding information from the PLISAX built-in subroutine to process the document, as long as it does not conflict with the basic document encoding.

**Supported EBCDIC code pages**

In the following table, the first number is for the Euro Country Extended Code Page (ECECP), and the second is for Country Extended Code Page (CECP).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CCSID</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01047</td>
<td>Latin 1 / Open Systems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01140, 00037</td>
<td>USA, Canada, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01141, 00273</td>
<td>Austria, Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01142, 00277</td>
<td>Denmark, Norway</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01143, 00278</td>
<td>Finland, Sweden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01144, 00280</td>
<td>Italy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01145, 00284</td>
<td>Spain, Latin America (Spanish)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01146, 00285</td>
<td>UK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01147, 00297</td>
<td>France</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01148, 00500</td>
<td>International</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01149, 00871</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Supported ASCII code pages**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CCSID</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00813</td>
<td>ISO 8859-7 Greek / Latin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00819</td>
<td>ISO 8859-1 Latin 1 / Open Systems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00920</td>
<td>ISO 8859-9 Latin 5 (ECMA-128, Turkey TS-5881)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Specifying the code page**

If your document does not include an encoding declaration in the XML declaration, or if it does not have an XML declaration at all, the parser uses the encoding information provided by the PLISAX built-in subroutine call together with the basic encoding of the document.
You can also specify the encoding information for the document in the XML declaration, with which most XML documents begin. The following example is an XML declaration that includes an encoding declaration:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ibm-1140"?>
```

If your XML document includes an encoding declaration, ensure that it is consistent with the encoding information provided by the PLISAX built-in subroutine and with the basic encoding of the document. If there is any conflict between the encoding declaration, the encoding information provided by the PLISAX built-in subroutine, and the basic encoding of the document, the parser signals an exception XML event.

You can specify the encoding declaration by using a number or an alias.

**Specifying the encoding declaration using a number**

You can specify the CCSID number (with or without any number of leading zeroes), prefixed by any of the following (in any mixture of uppercase or lowercase characters).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IBM_</th>
<th>CP</th>
<th>CCSID_</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IBM-</td>
<td>CP_</td>
<td>CCSID-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CP</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Specifying the encoding declaration using an alias**

You can use any of the following supported aliases (in any mixture of lowercase and uppercase characters).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code page</th>
<th>Supported aliases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>037</td>
<td>EBCDIC-CP-US, EBCDIC-CP-CA, EBCDIC-CP-WT, EBCDIC-CP-NL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>EBCDIC-CP-BE, EBCDIC-CP-CH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>813</td>
<td>ISO-8859-7, ISO_8859-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>819</td>
<td>ISO-8859-1, ISO_8859-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>920</td>
<td>ISO-8859-9, ISO_8859-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1200</td>
<td>UTF-16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Exceptions**

For most exceptions, the XML text contains the part of the document that was parsed up to including the point where the exception was detected. For encoding conflict exceptions, which are signaled before parsing begins, the length of the XML text is zero, or the XML text contains just the encoding declaration value from the document.

The example shown in **Figure 92 on page 401** contains one item that causes an exception event, the superfluous junk following the sandwich element end tag.

There are two kinds of exceptions:
1. Exceptions that allow you to continue parsing optionally
Continuable exceptions have exception codes in the range 1 through 99, 100001 through 165535, or 200001 through 265535. The exception event in the example has an exception number of 1 and thus is continuable.

2. Fatal exceptions, which do not allow continuation
   Fatal exceptions have exception codes greater than 99 (but less than 100000).

Returning from the exception event function with a nonzero return code normally causes the parser to stop processing the document, and return control to the program that invoked the PLISAXA or PLISAXB built-in subroutine.

For continuable exceptions, returning from the exception event function with a zero return code requests the parser to continue processing the document, although further exceptions might subsequently occur. See “Continuable exception codes” on page 420 for details of the actions that the parser takes when you request continuation.

A special case applies to exceptions with exception numbers in the ranges 100001 through 165535 and 200001 through 265535. These ranges of exception codes indicate that the document's CCSID (determined by examining the beginning of the document, including any encoding declaration) is not identical to the CCSID value provided (explicitly or implicitly) by the PLISAXA or PLISAXB built-in subroutine, even if both CCSIDs are for the same basic encoding, EBCDIC or ASCII.

For these exceptions, the exception code passed to the exception event contains the document's CCSID, plus 100000 for EBCDIC CCSIDs, or 200000 for ASCII CCSIDs. For instance, if the exception code contains 101140, the document's CCSID is 01140. The CCSID value provided by the PLISAXA or PLISAXB built-in subroutine is set either explicitly as the last argument on the call or implicitly when the last argument is omitted and the value of the CODEPAGE compiler option is used.

Depending on the value of the return code after returning from the exception event function for these CCSID conflict exceptions, the parser takes one of three actions:

1. If the return code is zero, the parser proceeds using the CCSID provided by the built-in subroutine.
2. If the return code contains the document's CCSID (that is, the original exception code value minus 100000 or 200000), the parser proceeds using the document's CCSID. This is the only case where the parser continues after a nonzero value is returned from one of the parsing events.
3. Otherwise, the parser stops processing the document, and returns control to the PLISAXA or PLISAXB built-in subroutine, which will raise the ERROR condition.

Example

This example illustrates the use of the PLISAXA built-in subroutine.

The example uses the example XML document shown in Figure 92 on page 401.
saxtest: package exports(saxtest);

define alias event
    limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31) )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_end_of_document
    limited entry( pointer )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_predefined_ref
    limited entry( pointer, char(1) )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) nodescriptor );

define alias event_character_ref
    limited entry( pointer, fixed bin(31) )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_pi
    limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
                   pointer, fixed bin(31) )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_exception
    limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
                   fixed bin(31) )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

Figure 93. PLISAXA coding example - type declarations
saxtest: proc options( main );

dcl
  1 eventHandler static
    ,2 e01 type event
      init( start_of_document )
    ,2 e02 type event
      init( version_information )
    ,2 e03 type event
      init( encoding_declaration )
    ,2 e04 type event
      init( standalone_declaration )
    ,2 e05 type event
      init( document_type_declaration )
    ,2 e06 type event_end_of_document
      init( end_of_document )
    ,2 e07 type event
      init( start_of_element )
    ,2 e08 type event
      init( attribute_name )
    ,2 e09 type event
      init( attribute_characters )
    ,2 e10 type event_predefined_ref
      init( attribute_predefined_reference )
    ,2 e11 type event_character_ref
      init( attribute_character_reference )
    ,2 e12 type event
      init( end_of_element )
    ,2 e13 type event
      init( start_of_CDATA )
    ,2 e14 type event
      init( end_of_CDATA )
    ,2 e15 type event
      init( content_characters )
    ,2 e16 type event_predefined_ref
      init( content_predefined_reference )
    ,2 e17 type event_character_ref
      init( content_character_reference )
    ,2 e18 type event_pi
      init( processing_instruction )
    ,2 e19 type event
      init( comment )
    ,2 e20 type event
      init( unknown_attribute_reference )
    ,2 e21 type event
      init( unknown_content_reference )
    ,2 e22 type event
      init( start_of_prefix_mapping )
    ,2 e23 type event
      init( end_of_prefix_mapping )
    ,2 e24 type event_exception
      init( exception )
  ;

Figure 94. PLISAXA coding example - event structure
dcl token char(8);

dcl xmlDocument char(4000) var;

xmlDocument =
'<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>
<!--This document is just an example-->
<sandwich>
<bread type="baker's best"/>
<?spread please use real mayonnaise ?>
<meat>Ham & turkey</meat>
<filling>Cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.</filling>
<![CDATA[We should add a <relish> element in future!]]>.
</sandwich>
' |> junk;

|>
call plisaxa( eventHandler,
|> addr(token),
|> addrdata(xmlDocument),
|> length(xmlDocument) );

end;

Figure 95. PLISAXA coding example - main routine
Figure 96. PLISAXA coding example - event routines
standalone_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' '<' || subst(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );
  return(0);
end;

document_type_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' '<' || subst(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );
  return(0);
end;

document_type_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' '<' || subst(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );
  return(0);
end;

end_of_document:
  proc( userToken )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) );
  return(0);
end;

PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)
**start of element:**

```pli
proc(userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
options(byvalue linkage(optlink));

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list(lowercase(procname())
|| '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>
); return(0);
end;
```

**attribute name:**

```pli
proc(userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
options(byvalue linkage(optlink));

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list(lowercase(procname())
|| '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>
); return(0);
end;
```

**attribute characters:**

```pli
proc(userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
options(byvalue linkage(optlink));

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list(lowercase(procname())
|| '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>
); return(0);
end;
```

**PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)**
attribute_predefined_reference:
  proc( userToken, reference )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) nodescriptor );

  dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl reference char(1);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
    || ' ' || hex(reference ) );

  return(0);
end;

attribute_character_reference:
  proc( userToken, reference )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl reference fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
    || '<' || hex(reference ) );

  return(0);
end;

dcl xmlToken pointer;

dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
    || '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)
start_of_CDATA:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl xmlToken pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
                  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

end_of_CDATA:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl xmlToken pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
                  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

content_characters:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl xmlToken pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
                  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)
content_predefined_reference:
    proc(userToken, reference)
    returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
    options(byvalue linkage(optlink) nodescriptor);

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl reference char(1);

put skip list(lowercase(procname()) || '' || hex(reference));

return(0);
end;

content_character_reference:
    proc(userToken, reference)
    returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
    options(byvalue linkage(optlink));

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl reference fixed bin(31);

put skip list(lowercase(procname()) || '<' || hex(reference));

return(0);
end;

processing_instruction:
    proc(userToken, piTarget, piTargetLength, piData, piDataLength)
    returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
    options(byvalue linkage(optlink));

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl piTarget pointer;
dcl piTargetLength fixed bin(31);
dcl piData pointer;
dcl piDataLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list(lowercase(procname()) || '<' || subst(piTarget->chars,1,piTargetLength) || '>');

return(0);
end;

PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)
comment:
proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

return(0);
end;

unknown_attribute_reference:
proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

return(0);
end;

unknown_content_reference:
proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
  || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

return(0);
end;

PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)
PLISAXA coding example - event routines (continued)

The preceding program produces the following output:
Continuable exception codes

This topic describes the exception codes and the action that the parser takes when you request it to continue after the exception.

In the following table, each value of the exception code parameter passed to the exception event is listed in the Number column. For each exception code, a description is provided along with the actions that the parser takes when you request it to continue after the exception. In these descriptions, the term XML text refers to the string based on the pointer and length passed to the event.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Parser action on continuation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character while scanning white spaces outside element content.</td>
<td>The parser generates a content_characters event with the XML text containing the (single) invalid character. Parsing continues at the character after the invalid character.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Parser action on continuation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
<td>------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid start of a processing instruction, element, comment, or document type declaration outside element content.</td>
<td>The parser generates a content_characters event with the XML text containing the 2- or 3-character invalid initial character sequence. Parsing continues at the character after the invalid sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>The parser found a duplicate attribute name.</td>
<td>The parser generates an attribute_name event with the XML text containing the duplicate attribute name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>The parser found the markup character &lt; in an attribute value.</td>
<td>Before generating the exception event, the parser generates an attribute_characters event for any part of the attribute value preceding the &lt; character. After the exception event, the parser generates an attribute_characters event with the XML text containing &lt;. Parsing then continues at the character after the &lt;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>The start and end tag names of an element did not match.</td>
<td>The parser generates an end_of_element event with the XML text containing the mismatched end name.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in element content.</td>
<td>The parser includes the invalid character in the XML text for the subsequent content_characters event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid start of an element, comment, processing instruction, or CDATA section in element content.</td>
<td>Before generating the exception event, the parser generates a content_characters event for any part of the content preceding the &lt; markup character. After the exception event, the parser generates a content_characters event with the XML text containing 2 characters: the &lt; followed by the invalid character. Parsing continues at the character after the invalid character.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>The parser found in element content the CDATA closing character sequence ]]&gt; without the matching opening character sequence &lt;![CDATA[.</td>
<td>Before generating the exception event, the parser generates a content_characters event for any part of the content preceding the ]]&gt; character sequence. After the exception event, the parser generates a content_characters event with the XML text containing the 3-character sequence ]]&gt;&gt;. Parsing continues at the character after this sequence.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in a comment.</td>
<td>The parser includes the invalid character in the XML text for the subsequent comment event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>The parser found in a comment the character sequence -- not followed by &gt;.</td>
<td>The parser assumes that the -- character sequence terminates the comment, and generates a comment event. Parsing continues at the character after the -- sequence.</td>
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<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in a processing instruction data segment.</td>
<td>The parser includes the invalid character in the XML text for the subsequent processing_instruction event.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>A processing instruction target name was xml in lowercase, uppercase, or mixed-case.</td>
<td>The parser generates a processing_instruction event with the XML text containing xml in the original case.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number</td>
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<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid digit in a hexadecimal character reference (of the form <code>&amp;#xddd;</code>).</td>
<td>The parser generates an attribute_characters or content_characters event with the XML text containing the invalid digit. Parsing of the reference continues at the character after this invalid digit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid digit in a decimal character reference (of the form <code>&amp;#dddd;</code>).</td>
<td>The parser generates an attribute_characters or content_characters event with the XML text containing the invalid digit. Parsing of the reference continues at the character after this invalid digit.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>The encoding declaration value in the XML declaration did not begin with lowercase or uppercase A through Z.</td>
<td>The parser generates the encoding event with the XML text containing the encoding declaration value as it was specified.</td>
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<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>A character reference did not refer to a legal XML character.</td>
<td>The parser generates an attribute_character_reference event or a content_character_reference event with XML-NTEXT containing the single Unicode character specified by the character reference.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in an entity reference name.</td>
<td>The parser includes the invalid character in the XML text for the subsequent unknown_attribute_reference or unknown_content_reference event.</td>
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<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in an attribute value.</td>
<td>The parser includes the invalid character in the XML text for the subsequent attribute_characters event.</td>
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<tr>
<td>50</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document encoding declaration did not specify a recognizable encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<tr>
<td>51</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the document encoding declaration specified a supported EBCDIC encoding, but the parser does not support the code page specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the document encoding declaration.</td>
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<td>52</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document encoding declaration specified an ASCII encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>53</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document encoding declaration specified a supported Unicode encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document encoding declaration specified a Unicode encoding that the parser does not support.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>55</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document encoding declaration specified an encoding that the parser does not support.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>56</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document encoding declaration did not specify a recognizable encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>57</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the document encoding declaration specified a supported ASCII encoding, but the parser does not support the code page specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the document encoding declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>58</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document encoding declaration specified a supported EBCDIC encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>59</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document encoding declaration specified a supported Unicode encoding.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document encoding declaration specified an encoding that the parser does not support.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
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<tr>
<td>61</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, and the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document encoding declaration specified an encoding that the parser does not support.</td>
<td>The parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100001 through 165535</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC; the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option and the encoding specified by the document encoding declaration are both supported EBCDIC code pages, but are not the same. The exception code contains the CCSID for the encoding declaration plus 100000.</td>
<td>If you return zero from the exception event, the parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option. If you return the CCSID from the document encoding declaration (by subtracting 100000 from the exception code), the parser uses this encoding.</td>
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<tr>
<td>200001 through 265535</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII; the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option and the encoding specified by the document encoding declaration are both supported ASCII code pages, but are not the same. The exception code contains the CCSID for the encoding declaration plus 200000.</td>
<td>If you return zero from the exception event, the parser uses the encoding specified by the CODEPAGE compiler option. If you return the CCSID from the document encoding declaration (by subtracting 200000 from the exception code), the parser uses this encoding.</td>
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# Terminating exception codes

This topic describes the terminating exception codes.

Table 38. Terminating exceptions

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<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning the start of the XML declaration.</td>
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<td>101</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the end of the XML declaration.</td>
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<td>102</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the root element.</td>
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<td>103</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the version information in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>104</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the version information value in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>106</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the encoding declaration value in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>108</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while looking for the standalone declaration value in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>109</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning an attribute name.</td>
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<tr>
<td>110</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning an attribute value.</td>
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<tr>
<td>111</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a character reference or an entity reference in an attribute value.</td>
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<td>112</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning an empty element tag.</td>
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<td>113</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning the root element name.</td>
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<td>114</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning an element name.</td>
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<td>115</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning character data in element content.</td>
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<td>116</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a processing instruction in element content.</td>
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<tr>
<td>117</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a comment or CDATA section in element content.</td>
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<td>118</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a comment in element content.</td>
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<td>119</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a CDATA section in element content.</td>
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<td>120</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning a character reference or an entity reference in element content.</td>
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<tr>
<td>121</td>
<td>The parser reached the end of the document while scanning after the close of the root element.</td>
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<tr>
<td>122</td>
<td>The parser found a possible invalid start of a document type declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>123</td>
<td>The parser found a second document type declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>124</td>
<td>The first character of the root element name was not a letter, underscore, or colon.</td>
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<td>125</td>
<td>The first character of the first attribute name of an element was not a letter, underscore, or colon.</td>
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<td>126</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character either in or following an element name.</td>
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<td>127</td>
<td>The parser found a character other than * following an attribute name.</td>
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<td>128</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid attribute value delimiter.</td>
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<td>130</td>
<td>The first character of an attribute name was not a letter, _, or :.</td>
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<td>131</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character either in or following an attribute name.</td>
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<tr>
<td>132</td>
<td>An empty element tag was not terminated by a &gt; following the /.</td>
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<td>133</td>
<td>The first character of an element end tag name was not a letter, _, or :.</td>
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<td>134</td>
<td>An element end tag name was not terminated by a &gt;.</td>
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<td>135</td>
<td>The first character of an element name was not a letter, _, or :.</td>
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<td>136</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid start of a comment or CDATA section in element content.</td>
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<td>137</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid start of a comment.</td>
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<td>138</td>
<td>The first character of a processing instruction target name was not a letter, _, or :.</td>
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<td>139</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character in or following a processing instruction target name.</td>
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<tr>
<td>140</td>
<td>A processing instruction was not terminated by the closing character sequence ?&gt;.</td>
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<td>141</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character following &amp; in a character reference or an entity reference.</td>
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<tr>
<td>142</td>
<td>The version information was not present in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>143</td>
<td>'version' in the XML declaration was not followed by a =.</td>
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<tr>
<td>144</td>
<td>The version declaration value in the XML declaration is either missing or improperly delimited.</td>
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<td>145</td>
<td>The version information value in the XML declaration specified a bad character, or the start and end delimiters did not match.</td>
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<tr>
<td>146</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character following the version information value closing delimiter in the XML declaration.</td>
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<td>147</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid attribute instead of the optional encoding declaration in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>148</td>
<td>encoding in the XML declaration was not followed by a =.</td>
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<td>149</td>
<td>The encoding declaration value in the XML declaration is either missing or improperly delimited.</td>
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<td>150</td>
<td>The encoding declaration value in the XML declaration specified a bad character, or the start and end delimiters did not match.</td>
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<td>151</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character following the encoding declaration value closing delimiter in the XML declaration.</td>
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<td>152</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid attribute instead of the optional standalone declaration in the XML declaration.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>153</td>
<td>'standalone' in the XML declaration was not followed by a =.</td>
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<td>154</td>
<td>The standalone declaration value in the XML declaration is either missing or improperly delimited.</td>
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<td>155</td>
<td>The standalone declaration value was neither yes nor no only.</td>
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<td>156</td>
<td>The standalone declaration value in the XML declaration specified a bad character, or the start and end delimiters did not match.</td>
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<td>157</td>
<td>The parser found an invalid character following the standalone declaration value closing delimiter in the XML declaration.</td>
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<tr>
<td>158</td>
<td>The XML declaration was not terminated by the proper character sequence ?&gt;, or contained an invalid attribute.</td>
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<td>159</td>
<td>The parser found the start of a document type declaration after the end of the root element.</td>
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<td>160</td>
<td>The parser found the start of an element after the end of the root element.</td>
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<td>300</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page.</td>
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<td>301</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option specified Unicode.</td>
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<tr>
<td>302</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option specified an unsupported code page.</td>
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<tr>
<td>303</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option is unsupported and the document encoding declaration was either empty or contained an unsupported alphabetic encoding alias.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>304</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option is unsupported and the document did not contain an encoding declaration.</td>
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<td>305</td>
<td>The document was encoded in EBCDIC, but the CODEPAGE compiler option is unsupported and the document encoding declaration did not specify a supported EBCDIC encoding.</td>
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<td>306</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but the CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page.</td>
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<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but the CODEPAGE compiler option specified Unicode.</td>
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<td>308</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but the CODEPAGE compiler option did not specify a supported EBCDIC code page, ASCII, or Unicode.</td>
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<td>309</td>
<td>The CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported ASCII code page, but the document was encoded in Unicode.</td>
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<td>The CODEPAGE compiler option specified a supported EBCDIC code page, but the document was encoded in Unicode.</td>
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<td>311</td>
<td>The CODEPAGE compiler option specified an unsupported code page, but the document was encoded in Unicode.</td>
</tr>
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<td>312</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but both the encoding provided externally and the encoding specified by the document encoding declaration are unsupported.</td>
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<td>313</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but the CODEPAGE compiler option is unsupported and the document did not contain an encoding declaration.</td>
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<td>314</td>
<td>The document was encoded in ASCII, but the CODEPAGE compiler option is unsupported and the document encoding declaration did not specify a supported ASCII encoding.</td>
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<tr>
<td>315</td>
<td>The document was encoded in UTF-16 Little Endian, which the parser does not support on this platform.</td>
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<td>316</td>
<td>The document was encoded in UCS4, which the parser does not support.</td>
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<td>317</td>
<td>The parser cannot determine the document encoding. The document may be damaged.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>318</td>
<td>The document was encoded in UTF-8, which the parser does not support.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>319</td>
<td>The document was encoded in UTF-16 Big Endian, which the parser does not support on this platform.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>501, 502, 503</td>
<td>An internal error occurred in PLISAX(A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>Memory allocation failed for the PLISAXA internal data structures. Increase the amount of storage available to the application program.</td>
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Table 38. Terminating exceptions  (continued)

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<td>Memory allocation failed for the PLISAXB internal data structures. Increase the amount of storage available to the application program.</td>
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<tr>
<td>521</td>
<td>An internal error occurred in PLISAX(A</td>
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<tr>
<td>523</td>
<td>PLISAXB encountered a file I/O error.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>524</td>
<td>Memory allocation failed in PLISAXB while attempting to cache the XML document from the file system. Increase the amount of storage available to the application program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>525</td>
<td>An unsupported URI scheme was specified to PLISAXB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>526</td>
<td>The XML document provided to PLISAXB was less than the minimum of 4 characters or was too large.</td>
</tr>
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<td>527, 560</td>
<td>An internal error occurred in PLISAX(A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>561</td>
<td>No event handler was specified to either PLISAX(A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>562, 563, 580, 581</td>
<td>An internal error occurred in PLISAX(A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>600 through 99999</td>
<td>Internal error. Report the error to your service representative.</td>
</tr>
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Chapter 20. Using the PLISAXC and PLISAXD XML parsers

The PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines provide basic XML parsing capability, which allows programs to consume inbound XML documents, check them for well-formedness, and react to their contents.

The XML parser used by PLISAXC is non-validating, but does partially check for well-formedness errors, and generates exception events if it discovers any.

The PLISAXD built-in subroutine provides XML parsing with validation capability. It determines whether an inbound XML documentation conforms to a set of rules specified in an inbound XML schema.

The PLISAXC and PLISAXD subroutines do not provide XML generation, which must instead be accomplished by the PL/I program logic or by the XMLCHAR built-in function.

PLISAXC and PLISAXD have no special environmental requirements except that it is not supported in AMODE 24. It executes in all the principal runtime environments, including CICS, IMS, MQ Series, z/OS batch, and TSO.

Because the PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines and the PLISAXA and PLISAXB built-in subroutines do have much similarity, some information in this section repeats information in Chapter 19, “Using the PLISAXA and PLISAXB XML parsers,” on page 399.

Overview

There are two major types of interfaces for XML parsing: event-based and tree-based.

For an event-based API, the parser reports events to the application through callbacks. Such events include the start of the document, the beginning of an element, and so on. The application provides handlers to deal with the events reported by the parser. The Simple API for XML (SAX) is an example of an industry-standard event-based API.

For a tree-based API such as the Document Object Model (DOM), the parser translates the XML into an internal tree-based representation. Interfaces are provided to navigate the tree.

IBM PL/I compiler provides, by using PLISAXC or PLISAXD, a SAX-like event-based interface for parsing XML documents. The parser invokes an application-supplied handler for parser events, passing references to the corresponding document fragments.

The parser has the following characteristics:

- It provides high-performance, but nonstandard interfaces.
- It supports XML files encoded in either Unicode UTF-16, UTF-8 or any of several single-byte code pages listed in “Coded character sets for XML documents” on page 437.
XML documents have two levels of conformance: well-formedness and validity, both of which are defined in the XML standard, which you can find at http://www.w3c.org/XML/. Recapitulating these definitions, an XML document is well-formed if it complies with the basic XML grammar, and with a few specific rules, such as the requirement that the names on start and end element tags must match. A well-formed XML document is also valid if it has an associated document type declaration (DTD) and if it complies with the constraints expressed in the DTD.

For each parser event, you must provide a PL/I function that accepts the appropriate parameters and returns the appropriate return value - as in the example code shown in Figure 98 on page 431.

Notes:
• For these functions, the return value must be returned by value (BYVALUE).
• For these functions, the linkage used must be the OPTLINK linkage. You can use the DEFAULT(LINKAGE(OPTLINK)) option to specify this linkage, or you can specify it on the individual PROCEDUREs and ENTRYs by using the OPTIONS(LINKAGE(OPTLINK)) attribute.

The PLISAXC built-in subroutine

The PLISAXC built-in subroutine allows you to invoke the XML parser for an XML document that is in one or more buffers in your program.

```
PLISAXC(e, p, x, n, c)
```

- **e** An event structure
- **p** A pointer value or "token" that the parser will pass back to the event functions
- **x** The address of the initial buffer containing the input XML
- **n** The number of bytes of data in that buffer
- **c** A numeric expression specifying the codepage of that XML

Notes:
• If the XML is contained in a CHARACTER VARYING or WIDECHAR VARYING string, you must use the ADDRDATA built-in function to obtain the address of the first data byte.
• If the XML is contained in a WIDECHAR string, the value for the number of bytes is twice the value returned by the LENGTH built-in function.

The PLISAXD built-in subroutine

The PLISAXD built-in subroutine allows you to invoke the XML parser with the validation capability. Both the XML document and the Optimized Schema Representation (OSR) file are in one or more buffers in your program.

```
PLISAXD(e, p, x, n, o, c)
```

- **e** An event structure
A pointer value or "token" that the parser passes back to the event functions
The address of the initial buffer containing the input XML
The number of bytes of data in that buffer
The address of the buffer containing the input OSR
A numeric expression specifying the codepage of the XML document

Note:
- If the XML is contained in a CHARACTER VARYING or WIDESTRUCTURE VARYING string, you must use the ADDRDA built-in function to obtain the address of the first data byte.
- If the XML is contained in a WIDESTRUCTURE string, the value for the number of bytes is twice the value returned by the LENGTH built-in function.
- An OSR is the preprocessed version of a schema. For more information about OSR, see XML System Services User's Guide and Reference.

**The SAX event structure**

The event structure is a structure consisting of 19 LIMITED ENTRY variables, which point to functions that the parser invokes for various "events".

All of these ENTRYs must use the OPTLINK linkage.

The library routines that support the XML parsers recognize if an event in any of the PLISAX event structures is set to null (through the NULLENTRY built-in function or through use of UNSPEC) and do not call it in that case. This allows you to limit your XML parsing code to only the events in which you are interested and to improve the performance of the overall parse at the same time.

All of these ENTRYs have a first (and sometimes the only) parameter: the user token passed by the program to PLISAXC and PLISAXD.

In this section, the descriptions of these 19 events refer to the example of an XML document in [Figure 98](#). In these descriptions, the term XML text refers to the string based on the pointer and length passed to the event.

```
xmldocument =
    '<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>
    <!--This document is just an example-->
    <sandwich>
        <bread type="baker's best/>
        <spread please use real mayonnaise ?>
        <meat>Ham & turkey</meat>
        <filling>Cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.</filling>
        <![[CDATA[We should add a <relish> element in future!]]]>
    </sandwich>
```

*Figure 98. Sample XML document*

Depending on the contents of the XML documents, the parser might recognize the following events:
**start_of_document**

This event occurs once, at the beginning of parsing the document. The parser passes no parameters to this event (except the user token).

**version_information**

This event occurs within the optional XML declaration for the version information. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the version value (1.0 for the example shown in [Figure 98 on page 431](#)).

**encoding_declaration**

This event occurs within the XML declaration for the optional encoding declaration. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the encoding value.

**standalone_declaration**

This event occurs within the XML declaration for the optional standalone declaration. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the standalone value (yes for the example shown in [Figure 98 on page 431](#)).

**document_type_declaration**

This event occurs when the parser finds a document type declaration. Document type declarations begin with the character sequence `<!DOCTYPE` and end with a `>` character, with some fairly complicated grammar rules describing the content in between. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the entire declaration, including the opening and closing character sequences, and it is the only event where XML text includes the delimiters. The example shown in [Figure 98 on page 431](#) does not have a document type declaration.

**end_of_document**

This event occurs once, when document parsing has completed. The parser passes no parameters to this event (except the user token).

**start_of_element**

This event occurs once for each element start tag or empty element tag. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the element name as well as any applicable namespace information. For the first start_of_element event during parsing of the example shown in [Figure 98 on page 431](#), this is the string sandwich.

**attribute_name**

This event occurs for each attribute in an element start tag or empty element tag after the parser recognizes a valid name. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the attribute name as well as any applicable namespace information. The only attribute name in the example shown in [Figure 98 on page 431](#) is type.

**attribute_characters**

This event occurs for each attribute value. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the fragment. An attribute value normally consists of a single string only, even if it is split across lines:

```
<element attribute="This attribute value is split across two lines"/>
```
The parser also passes a flag byte, which indicates whether the next event provides additional characters that form part of the content. This can be true when there is a lot of data between the start and end tags.

**end_of_element**

This event occurs once for each element end tag or empty element tag when the parser recognizes the closing angle bracket of the tag. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the element name as well as any applicable namespace information.

**start_of_CDATA_section**

This event occurs at the start of a CDATA section. CDATA sections begin with the string `<![CDATA[` and end with the string `]]>`, and are used to "escape" blocks of text containing characters that would otherwise be recognized as XML markup. The parser passes no parameters to this event (except the user token). After this event, the parser passes the content of the CDATA section between these delimiters as one or more content-characters events. For the example shown in Figure 98 on page 431, the content-characters event is passed the text `We should add a <relish> element in future!`.

**end_of_CDATA_section**

This event occurs when the parser recognizes the end of a CDATA section. The parser passes no parameters to this event (except the user token).

**content_characters**

This event represents the "heart" of an XML document: the character data between element start and end tags. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the data, which usually consists of a single string only, even if it is split across lines:

```xml
<element1>This character content is split across two lines</element1>
```

The parser also passes a flag byte, which indicates if the next event provides additional characters that form part of the content. This can be true when there is a lot of data between the start and end tags.

The parser also uses the content_characters event to pass the text of CDATA sections to the application.

**processing_instruction**

Processing instructions (PIs) allow XML documents to contain special instructions for applications. This event occurs when the parser recognizes the name following the PI opening character sequence `<?`. The event also covers the data following the processing instruction (PI) target, up to but not including the PI closing character sequence `?>`. Trailing but not leading white space characters in the data are included. The parser passes the address and length of the text containing the target, spread in the example shown in Figure 98 on page 431, and passes the address and length of the text containing the data (please use real mayonnaise in the example).

The parser also passes a flag byte, which indicates whether the next event provides additional characters that form part of the content. This can be true when there is a lot of data between the start and end tags.
comment
This event occurs for any comments in the XML document. The parser passes the address and length of the text between the opening comment delimiter <!-- and the closing comment delimiter -->. In the example shown in Figure 98 on page 431, the text of the only comment is This document is just an example.

The parser also passes a flag byte, which indicates whether the next event provides additional characters that form part of the content. This can be true when there is a lot of data between the start and end tags.

namespace_declare
This event occurs for any namespace declarations in the XML document. The parser passes the address and length of the namespace prefix (if any) as well as the address and length of the namespace uri. If there is no namespace prefix, the passed length will be zero and the value of the address should not be used. There is no corresponding event in the PLIXSAXA and PLISAXB built-in subroutines.

end_of_input
This event occurs whenever the parser reaches the end of the current input buffer. The parser passes (along with the BYVALUE user token) two BYADDR parameters: the address and length of the next buffer for it to process. Note that this and the content character events are the only events that have any BYADDR parameters, but this is the only event that has parameters that the called event should change. There is no corresponding event in the PLIXSAXA and PLISAXB built-in subroutines, and it is this event that allows PLISAXC and PLISAXD to parse an XML document of arbitrary size.

unresolved_reference
This event occurs for any unresolved references in the XML document. The parser passes the address and length of the unresolved reference.

exception
The parser generates this event when it detects an error in processing the XML document.

Parameters to the event functions
All of these functions must return a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) value that is a return code to the parser. If any value other than zero is returned, the parser will terminate.

All of these functions are passed a BYVALUE POINTER as the first argument. This pointer is the token value that is passed originally as the second argument to the built-in function.

With the following exceptions, all of the functions will also be passed a BYVALUE POINTER and a BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that supply the address and length of the text element for the event. The following functions and events are different:

start_of_document
No argument other than the user token is passed.

end_of_document
No argument other than the user token is passed.
No argument other than the user token is passed.

In addition to the usual three parameters, four additional arguments are passed:
1. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the namespace prefix
2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the namespace prefix
3. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the namespace uri
4. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the namespace uri

In addition to the usual three parameters, one additional argument is passed:
• a BYVALUE ALIGNED BIT(8) flag byte that indicates the following information:
  • Whether more content characters will be presented in the next event - this is true if the first bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '80'BX is nonnull
  • Whether there are no characters that need to be escaped if converted back to XML - this is true if the second bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '40'BX is nonnull

Note that this entry must also be declared with OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR).

In addition to the user token, four additional arguments passed:
1. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the namespace prefix
2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the namespace prefix
3. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the namespace uri
4. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the namespace uri

In addition to the usual three parameters, one additional argument is passed:
• A BYVALUE ALIGNED BIT(8) flag byte that indicates the following information:
- Whether more content characters will be presented in the next event - this is true if the first bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '80'BX is nonnull
- Whether there are no characters that need to be escaped if converted back to XML - this is true if the second bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '40'BX is nonnull

Note that this entry must also be declared with OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR).

**end_of_input**

In addition to the user token, two additional arguments are passed:
1. A BYADDR POINTER that is the address of the next input buffer
2. A BYADDR FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the next input buffer

**processing_instruction**

In addition to the user token, five additional arguments are passed:
1. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the target text
2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the target text
3. A BYVALUE POINTER that is the address of the data text
4. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the length of the data text
5. A BYVALUE ALIGNED BIT(8) flag byte that indicates the following information:
   - Whether more content characters will be presented in the next event - this is true if the first bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '80'BX is nonnull
   - Whether there are no characters that need to be escaped if converted back to XML - this is true if the second bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '40'BX is nonnull

Note that this entry must also be declared with OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR).

**comment**

In addition to the usual three parameters, one additional argument is passed:
- A BYVALUE ALIGNED BIT(8) flag byte that indicates the following information:
  - Whether more content characters will be presented in the next event - this is true if the first bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '80'BX is nonnull
  - Whether there are no characters that need to be escaped if converted back to XML - this is true if the second bit is on, that is, this is true if this field anded with '40'BX is nonnull

Note that this entry must also be declared with OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR).

**exception**

In addition to the user token, three additional arguments are passed:
1. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the byte offset of the offending text within the document
2. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the return code for the exception
3. A BYVALUE FIXED BIN(31) that is the reason code for the exception

**Differences in the events**

The following events are part of the PLISAXA and PLISAXB event structure, but are not in PLISAXC and PLISAXD:
• attribute_predefined_reference
• attribute_character_reference
• content_predefined_reference
• content_character_reference
• unknown_attribute_reference
• unknown_content_reference
• start_of_prefix_mapping
• end_of_prefix_mapping

The following events are not part of the PLISAXA and PLISAXB event structure, but are in PLISAXC and PLISAXD:
• namespace_declare
• unresolved_reference
• end_of_input

Some of the events that are common to PLISAXA and PLISAXB, PLISAXC and PLISAXD are passed different parameters (apart from the omnipresent user token):

- **start_of_document**
  is passed no parameters

- **start_of_element**
  is passed namespace data as well

- **end_of_element**
  is passed namespace data as well

- **attribute_name**
  is passed namespace data as well

- **attribute_characters**
  is passed a flag byte as well

- **start_of_cdata**
  is passed no parameters

- **end_of_cdata**
  is passed no parameters

- **content_characters**
  is passed a flag byte as well

- **processing_instruction**
  is passed a flag byte as well

- **comment**
  is passed a flag byte as well

- **exception**
  is passed a return and reason code instead of an error id

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**Coded character sets for XML documents**

The PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines support only XML documents in WIDECHAR encoded in Unicode UTF-16 or in CHARACTER encoded in either UTF-8 or one of the explicitly supported single-byte character sets listed in this section.
The parser uses up to three sources of information about the encoding of your XML document, and signals an exception XML event if it discovers any conflicts between these sources:

1. The parser determines the basic encoding of a document by inspecting its initial characters.
2. If step 1 succeeds, the parser then looks for any encoding declaration.
3. Finally, it refers to the codepage value on the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine call. If this parameter was omitted, it defaults to the value provided by the CODEPAGE compiler option value that you specified explicitly or by default.

If the XML document begins with an XML declaration that includes an encoding declaration specifying one of the supported code pages, the parser honors the encoding declaration if it does not conflict with either the basic document encoding or the encoding information from the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine. If the XML document does not have an XML declaration at all, or if the XML declaration omits the encoding declaration, the parser uses the encoding information from the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine to process the document, as long as it does not conflict with the basic document encoding.

**Supported code pages**

In the following table, the first number is for the Euro Country Extended Code Page (ECECP), and the second is for Country Extended Code Page (CECP).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CCSID</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01208</td>
<td>Unicode UTF-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01047</td>
<td>Latin 1 / Open Systems</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01140, 00037</td>
<td>USA, Canada, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01141, 00273</td>
<td>Austria, Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01142, 00277</td>
<td>Denmark, Norway</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01143, 00278</td>
<td>Finland, Sweden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01144, 00280</td>
<td>Italy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01145, 00284</td>
<td>Spain, Latin America (Spanish)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01146, 00285</td>
<td>UK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01147, 00297</td>
<td>France</td>
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<tr>
<td>01148, 00500</td>
<td>International</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01149, 00871</td>
<td>Iceland</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Specifying the code page**

If your document does not include an encoding declaration in the XML declaration, or if it does not have an XML declaration at all, the parser uses the encoding information provided by the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine call along with the basic encoding of the document.

You can also specify the encoding information for the document in the XML declaration, with which most XML documents begin. The following example is an XML declaration that includes an encoding declaration:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ibm-1140"?>
```
If your XML document includes an encoding declaration, ensure that it is consistent with the encoding information provided by the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine and with the basic encoding of the document. If there is any conflict between the encoding declaration, the encoding information provided by the PLISAXC or PLISAXD built-in subroutine, and the basic encoding of the document, the parser signals an exception XML event.

You can specify the encoding declaration by using a number or an alias.

**Specifying the encoding declaration using a number**

You can specify the CCSID number (with or without any number of leading zeroes), prefixed by any of the following (in any mixture of uppercase or lowercase characters):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IBM_</th>
<th>CB</th>
<th>CCSDS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
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<td>CP</td>
<td>CCSID</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CP_</td>
<td></td>
<td>CCSID-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CP-</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Specifying the encoding declaration using an alias**

You can use any of the following supported aliases (in any mixture of lowercase and uppercase characters).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code page</th>
<th>Supported aliases</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>037</td>
<td>EBCDIC-CP-US, EBCDIC-CP-CA, EBCDIC-CP-WT, EBCDIC-CP-NL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500</td>
<td>EBCDIC-CP-BE, EBCDIC-CP-CH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>813</td>
<td>ISO-8859-7, ISO_8859-7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>819</td>
<td>ISO-8859-1, ISO_8859-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>920</td>
<td>ISO-8859-9, ISO_8859-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1200</td>
<td>UTF-16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Exceptions**

If an exception event occurs, the reason and return codes passed to it are those from the XML System Services parser, and the documentation provided with that parser explains what these return and reason codes mean.

**Parsing XML documents with validation**

The PLISAXD built-in subroutine not only parses XML documents in the same manner as PLISAXC, but also determines whether an inbound XML document conforms to a set of rules specified in an inbound XML schema.

When you use the PLISAXD built-in subroutine, the inbound schema used for XML validation must be in a preprocessed format known as an Optimized Schema Representation (OSR).

The following topics contain the description of the XML schema and the way to build an OSR for an XML schema. For an example of using PLISAXD built-in
subroutine to parse XML documents with validation, see “Example of using the PLISAXD built-in subroutine” on page 451.

XML schema

An XML schema is a mechanism, defined by the W3C, for describing and constraining the structure and content of XML documents.

Through its support for datatypes and namespaces, an XML schema has the potential to provide the standard structure for XML elements and attributes. Therefore, an XML schema, which is itself expressed in XML, can effectively define a class of XML documents of a given type, for example, stock item.

The following sample XML document describes an item for stock keeping purposes:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>
<!--Document for stock keeping example-->
<stockItem itemNumber="453-SR">
  <itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  <quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
</stockItem>
```

The stock keeping example document is both well formed and valid according to the following schema called stock.xsd. (The numbers that precede each line are not part of the schema, but are used in the explanation after the schema.)

```xml
1. <xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
2. 3. <xsd:element name="stockItem" type="stockItemType"/>
4. 5. <xsd:complexType name="stockItemType">
6. 7. <xsd:sequence>
7. 8. <xsd:element name="itemName" type="xsd:string" minOccurs="0"/>
8. 9. <xsd:element name="quantityOnHand"/>
9. 10. <xsd:simpleType>
11. 12. <xsd:restriction base="xsd:nonNegativeInteger">
13. 14. <xsd:maxExclusive value="100"/>
15. </xsd:restriction>
16. </xsd:simpleType>
17. </xsd:element>
18. </xsd:complexType>
19. <xsd:simpleType name="SKU">
20. <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
21. <xsd:pattern value="\d{3}-[A-Z]\{2}="/>
22. </xsd:restriction>
23. </xsd:simpleType>
24. </xsd:schema>
```

The schema declares (line 3) that the root element is stockItem, which has a mandatory itemNumber attribute (line 16) of type SKU, and includes a sequence (lines 6 - 15) of other elements:

- An optional itemName element of type string (line 7)
- A required quantityOnHand element that has a constrained range of 1 - 99 based on the type nonNegativeInteger (lines 8 - 14)

Type declarations can be inline and unnamed, as in lines 9 - 13, which includes the maxExclusive facet to specify the legal values for the quantityOnHand element.
For the itemNumber attribute, by contrast, the named type SKU is declared separately in lines 19 - 23, which includes a pattern facet that uses regular expression syntax to specify that the legal values for that type consist of (in order) 3 digits, a hyphen-minus, and then two uppercase letters.

Creating an OSR
To generate a schema in the OSR format from a text-form schema, use the z/OS UNIX command xsdosrg, which invokes the OSR generator provided by z/OS UNIX System Services.

For example, to convert the text-form schema in the stock.xsd file to a schema in preprocessed format in the stock.osr file, you can use the following z/OS UNIX command:

```
xsdosrg -v -o /u/HLQ/xml/stock.osr /u/HLQ/xml/stock.xsd
```

/u/HLQ/xml/ is the directory where the stock.osr and stock.xsd files are located.

If you want to copy the generated OSR file into a PDS, use the z/OS UNIX cp command. To specify an MVS data set name, precede the name with double slashes (//). For example, to copy the HFS file stock.osr into a fixed block record format PDS called HLQ.XML.OSR with record length 80, you can use the following command:

```
cp -p /u/HLQ/xml/stock.osr "//HLQ.XML.OSR(STOCK)"
```

To omit the fully qualified name of the PDS, you can eliminate the single quotation mark in the cp statement such as follows:

```
cp -p /u/HLQ/xml/stock.osr "//XML.OSR(STOCK)"
```

For more information, see the XML System Services User’s Guide and Reference.

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Example with a simple document
This section contains two examples that illustrate the use of the PLISAXC and PLISAXD built-in subroutines.

Example of using the PLISAXC built-in subroutine
This example illustrates the use of the PLISAXC built-in subroutine.

The example uses the example XML document shown in Figure 98 on page 431. This example does not use namespaces, and all the input is passed when PLISAXC is first invoked (and as a result, the end_of_input event should not be invoked).
saxtest: package exports(saxtest);

define alias event
   limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31) )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_with_flag
   limited entry( 'pointer', pointer, fixed bin(31),
                  bit(8) aligned )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( nodescriptor byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_with_namespace
   limited entry( 'pointer', pointer, fixed bin(31),
                  pointer, fixed bin(31),
                  pointer, fixed bin(31) )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_without_data
   limited entry( 'pointer' )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_pi
   limited entry( 'pointer', pointer, fixed bin(31),
                  pointer, fixed bin(31) )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_namespace_dcl
   limited entry( 'pointer', pointer, fixed bin(31),
                  pointer, fixed bin(31) )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_exception
   limited entry( 'pointer', fixed bin(31),
                  fixed bin(31),
                  fixed bin(31) )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_end_of_input
   limited entry( 'pointer',
                  pointer byaddr,
                  fixed bin(31) byaddr )
   returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
   options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

Figure 99. PLISAXC coding example - type declarations
saxtest: proc options(main);

dcl 1 eventHandler static

  ,2 e01 type event_without_data
      init( start_of_document )

  ,2 e02 type event
      init( version_information )

  ,2 e03 type event
      init( encoding_declaration )

  ,2 e04 type event
      init( standalone_declaration )

  ,2 e05 type event
      init( document_type_declaration )

  ,2 e06 type event_without_data
      init( end_of_document )

  ,2 e07 type event_with_namespace
      init( start_of_element )

  ,2 e08 type event_with_namespace
      init( attribute_name )

  ,2 e09 type event_with_flag
      init( attribute_characters )

  ,2 e10 type event_with_namespace
      init( end_of_element )

  ,2 e11 type event_without_data
      init( start_of_CDATA )

  ,2 e12 type event_without_data
      init( end_of_CDATA )

  ,2 e13 type event_with_flag
      init( content_characters )

  ,2 e14 type event_pi
      init( processing_instruction )

  ,2 e15 type event_with_flag
      init( comment )

  ,2 e16 type event_namespace_dcl
      init( namespace_declare )

  ,2 e17 type event_end_of_input
      init( end_of_input )

  ,2 e18 type event
      init( unresolved_reference )

  ,2 e19 type event_exception
      init( exception )

;
dcl token char(8);

dcl xmlDocument char(4000) var;

xmlDocument =
'<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>'
'<!--This document is just an example-->'
'<sandwich>'
'<bread type="baker's best"/>
'<?spread please use real mayonnaise ?>'
'<meat>Ham & turkey</meat>'
'<filling>Cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.</filling>'
'<![CDATA[We should add a <relish> element in future!]]>'
'</sandwich>'
;

call plisxc( eventHandler,
              addr(token),
              addrdata(xmlDocument),
              length(xmlDocument) );
end;

Figure 101. PLISAXC coding example - main routine
dcl chars char(32000) based;

start_of_document:
  proc( userToken )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken    pointer;
    dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
        || ' length=' || tokenLength );

    return(0);
  end;

version_information:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken    pointer;
    dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
        || '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

    return(0);
  end;

encoding_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken    pointer;
    dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
        || '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

    return(0);
  end;

standalone_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken    pointer;
    dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
        || '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

    return(0);
  end;

Figure 102. PLISAXC coding example - event routines
document_type_declaration:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
                     || ' ' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

    return(0);
end;

namespace_declare:
    proc( userToken, nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength, nsUri, nsUriLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;
dcl nsPrefix pointer;
dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
dcl nsUri pointer;
dcl nsUriLength fixed bin(31);

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) );
    put skip list( 'prefix = ' || ' ' || substr(nsPrefix->chars,1,nsPrefixLength ) || '>' );
    put skip list( 'Uri = ' || ' ' || substr(nsUri->chars,1,nsUriLength ) || '>' );

    return(0);
end;

doc_end_of_document:
    proc( userToken )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) );

    return(0);
end;

PLISAXC coding example - event routines (continued)
start_of_element:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength,
      nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength,
      nsUri, nsUriLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
dcl nsPrefix     pointer;
dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
dcl nsUri        pointer;
dcl nsUriLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
      || ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

attribute_name:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength,
      nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength,
      nsUri, nsUriLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
dcl nsPrefix     pointer;
dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
dcl nsUri        pointer;
dcl nsUriLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
      || ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

end_of_element:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength,
      nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength,
      nsUri, nsUriLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
dcl nsPrefix     pointer;
dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
dcl nsUri        pointer;
dcl nsUriLength  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
      || ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

  return(0);
end;

PLISAXC coding example - event routines (continued)
content_characters:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( nodelist, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
dcl flags        bit(8) aligned;

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
     || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

  if flags = 'b' then;
  else
    put skip list( '!!flags = ' || flags );
  
  return(0);
end;

attribute_characters:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( nodelist, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;
dcl xmlToken     pointer;
dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
dcl flags        bit(8) aligned;

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
     || ' ' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength ) || '>' );

  if flags = 'b' then;
  else
    put skip list( '!!flags = ' || flags );
  
  return(0);
end;

start_of_CDATA:
  proc( userToken )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) );

  return(0);
end;

d_end_of_CDATA:
  proc( userToken )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken    pointer;

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) );

  return(0);
end;

PLISAXC coding example - event routines (continued)
processing_instruction:
    proc( userToken, 
        piTarget, piTargetLength, 
        piData, piDataLength, 
        flags )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;

dcl piTarget pointer;

dcl piTargetLength fixed bin(31);

dcl piData pointer;

dcl piDataLength fixed bin(31);

dcl flags bit(8) aligned;

put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) 
      || ' '<' || substr(piTarget->chars,1,piTargetLength ) || '>' );

if flags = 'b' then;
else
    put skip list( '!!flags = ' || flags );

return(0);
end;

comment:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;

dcl xmlToken pointer;

dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

dcl flags bit(8) aligned;

put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) 
      || ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

if flags = 'b' then;
else
    put skip list( '!!flags = ' || flags );

return(0);
end;

unresolved_reference:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken pointer;

dcl xmlToken pointer;

dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) 
      || ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );

return(0);
end;

PLISAXC coding example - event routines (continued)
exception:
  proc( userToken, currentOffset, return_code, reason_code )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken  pointer;
dcl currentOffset fixed bin(31);
dcl return_code  fixed bin(31);
dcl reason_code  fixed bin(31);

  put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
      || ' return_code =' || hex(return_code)
      || ', reason_code =' || hex(reason_code)
      || ', offset=' || currentOffset );

  return(0);
end;

end_of_input:
  proc( userToken, addr_xml, length_xml )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

dcl userToken  pointer;
dcl addr_xml byaddr pointer;
dcl length_xml byaddr fixed bin(31);

  return(1);
end;
end;

PLISAXC coding example - event routines (continued)

The preceding program produces the following output:
Example of using the PLISAXD built-in subroutine

This example illustrates the use of the PLISAXD built-in subroutine.

The example uses the example XML document shown in Figure 98 on page 431 and the XML schema cited in the examples in “Example of using the PLISAXC built-in subroutine” on page 441.

This example includes the validation of 8 different XML files against the same stock.osr schema. In the following output, you can see which XML documents in the saxdtest program fail validation against the schema.

The PLISAXD built-in subroutine requires the XML schema file to be read into a buffer. The OSR file in the following example is in a PDS. The initial size of the OSR buffer is set to 4096. If you have a larger OSR file, you can increase the initial size of the OSR buffer accordingly.
If the inbound schema file were in an HFS file instead, you could use the following code to read the OSR file into the buffer:

dcl osrin file input stream environment(u);
dcl fileddint builtin;
dcl fileread builtin;

/* Read the HFS OSR file into buffer*/

open file(osrin);

osr_length = fileddint(osrin, 'filesize');
osr_ptr = allocate(osr_length);
rc = fileread(osrin, osr_ptr, osr_length);

To run a program by using an OSR in a PDS, you can specify the following DD statement in the JCL:

//OSRIN DD DSN=HLQ.XML.OSR(STOCK),DISP=SHR

If the associated ddname OSRIN is an HFS file, use the following JCL statement instead:

//OSRIN DD PATH="/u/HLQ/xml/stock.osr"

---

saxdtest: package exports(saxdtest);

/*****************************/
/* saxdtest: Test PL/I XML validation support */
/* expected output: */
x
/* */
/* SAXDTEST: PL/I XML Validation sample */
/* SAXDTEST: Document Successfully parsed */
/* SAXDTEST: Document Successfully parsed */
/* Invalid: missing attribute itemNumber. */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8613 */
/* Invalid: unexpected attribute warehouse. */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8612 */
/* Invalid: illegal attribute value 123-Ab. */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8809 */
/* Invalid: missing element quantityOnHand. */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8611 */
/* Invalid: unexpected element comment. */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8607 */
/* Invalid: out-of-range element value 100 */
/* exception return_code =00000018, reason_code =8803 */
/* */
/* *****************************/

define alias event
limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31) )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_with_flag
limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
bit(8) aligned )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( nodescriptor byvalue linkage(optlink) );

Figure 104. PLISAXD coding example - event routines
define alias event_with_namespace
limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
pointer, fixed bin(31),
pointer, fixed bin(31) )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_without_data
limited entry( pointer )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_pi
limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
pointer, fixed bin(31) )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_namespace_dcl
limited entry( pointer, pointer, fixed bin(31),
pointer, fixed bin(31) )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_exception
limited entry( pointer, fixed bin(31),
fixed bin(31),
fixed bin(31) )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

define alias event_end_of_input
limited entry( pointer,
pointer byaddr,
fixed bin(31) byaddr )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
saxdtest: proc options( main );

dcl
  1 eventHandler static
    ,2 e01 type event without_data
      init( start_of_document )
    ,2 e02 type event
      init( version_information )
    ,2 e03 type event
      init( encoding_declaration )
    ,2 e04 type event
      init( standalone_declaration )
    ,2 e05 type event
      init( document_type_declaration )
    ,2 e06 type event without_data
      init( end_of_document )
    ,2 e07 type event with_namespace
      init( start_of_element )
    ,2 e08 type event with_namespace
      init( attribute_name )
    ,2 e09 type event with_flag
      init( attribute_characters )
    ,2 e10 type event with_namespace
      init( end_of_element )
    ,2 e11 type event without_data
      init( start_of_CDATA )
    ,2 e12 type event without_data
      init( end_of_CDATA )
    ,2 e13 type event with_flag
      init( content_characters )
    ,2 e14 type pi
      init( processing_instruction )
    ,2 e15 type event with_flag
      init( comment )
    ,2 e16 type namespace_dcl
      init( namespace_declare )
    ,2 e17 type event_end_of_input
      init( end_of_input )
    ,2 e18 type event
      init( unresolved_reference )
    ,2 e19 type event_exception
      init( exception )
  ;

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
dcl token char(45);

dcl rc fixed bin(31);
dcl i fixed bin(31);
dcl xml_document(8) char(300) var;
dcl xml_valid_msg(8) char(45) var;
dcl osr_ptr pointer;
dcl record char(80);
dcl osr_index fixed bin;
dcl osr_buf_tail fixed bin;
dcl temp_osr pointer;
dcl buf_size fixed bin(31) init(4096);
dcl rec_size fixed bin(31);
dcl osr_length fixed bin(31);
dcl buf_length fixed bin(31);
dcl eof fixed bin(31) init(0);
dcl osrin file input;

on endfile(osrin) begin;
    eof = 1;
end;

/* read the entire PDS osr file into the buffer */

put skip list ('SAXDTEST: PL/I XML Validation sample ');

    osr_length = buf_size;
    osr_index = 0;
    osr_buf_tail = 0;
    rec_size = length(record);

    osr_ptr = allocate(osr_length);

do while (eof = 0 );

    read file(osrin) into(record);
    osr_buf_tail += rec_size;
    if osr_buf_tail > buf_size then do;
        buf_length = osr_length;
        osr_length += buf_size;
        temp_osr = allocate(osr_length);

        call plimove(temp_osr, osr_ptr, buf_length);
        call pilfree(osr_ptr);
        osr_ptr = temp_osr;
        osr_buf_tail = rec_size;

        call plimove(osr_ptr+osr_index, addr(record), rec_size);
        osr_index += rec_size;
    end;
    else do;
        call plimove(osr_ptr+osr_index, addr(record), rec_size);
        osr_index += rec_size;
    end;

end;

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
/* Valid XMLFILE */
xml_document(1) = '<stockItem itemNumber="453-SR">
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(1) = 'Valid XMLFILE';

/* Valid: the ITEMNAME element can be omitted */
xml_document(2) = '<stockItem itemNumber="453-SR">
  '<quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(2) = 'Valid: the ITEMNAME element can be omitted.';

/* Invalid: missing attribute itemNumber */
xml_document(3) = '<stockItem>
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(3) = 'Invalid: missing attribute itemNumber.';

/* Invalid: unexpected attribute warehouse */
xml_document(4) = '<stockItem itemNumber="453-SR" warehouse="NY">
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(4) = 'Invalid: unexpected attribute warehouse.';

/* Invalid: illegal attribute value 123-Ab */
xml_document(5) = '<stockItem itemNumber="123-Ab">
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>23</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(5) = 'Invalid: illegal attribute value 123-Ab.';

/* Invalid: missing element quantityOnHand */
xml_document(6) = '<stockItem itemNumber="074-UN">
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(6) = 'Invalid: missing element quantityOnHand.';

/* Invalid: unexpected element comment */
xml_document(7) = '<stockItem itemNumber="453-SR">
  '<itemName>Stainless steel rope thimbles</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>1</quantityOnHand>
  '<comment>Nylon bristles</comment>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(7) = 'Invalid: unexpected element comment.';

/* Invalid: out-of-range element value 100 */
xml_document(8) = '<stockItem itemNumber="123-AB">
  '<itemName>Paintbrush</itemName>
  '<quantityOnHand>100</quantityOnHand>
 '</stockItem>';

xml_valid_msg(8) = 'Invalid: out-of-range element value 100';

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
do i = 1 to hbound(xml_document);
  token = xml_valid_msg(i);
  call plisaxd(eventHandler,
               addr(token),
               addrd(data(xml_document(i)),
               length(xml_document(i)),
               osr_ptr,
               37);
end;

close file(osrin);
call plifree(osr_ptr);
end;

start_of_document:
  proc( userToken )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
  dcl userToken      pointer;
  return(0);
end;

version_information:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
  dcl userToken      pointer;
  dcl xmlToken       pointer;
  dcl tokenLength    fixed bin(31);
  return(0);
end;

encoding_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
  dcl userToken      pointer;
  dcl xmlToken       pointer;
  dcl tokenLength    fixed bin(31);
  return(0);
end;

standalone_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
  dcl userToken      pointer;
  dcl xmlToken       pointer;
  dcl tokenLength    fixed bin(31);
  return(0);
end;

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
document_type_declaration:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken  pointer;
  dcl xmlToken   pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);

  return(0);
end;

end_of_document:
  proc( userToken )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken  pointer;

  put skip list( 'SAXDTEST: Document Successfully parsed ');

  return(0);
end;

start_of_element:
  proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength,
        nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength,
        nsUri, nsUriLength )
  returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
  options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

  dcl userToken  pointer;
  dcl xmlToken   pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);
  dcl nsPrefix   pointer;
  dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
  dcl nsUri     pointer;
  dcl nsUriLength fixed bin(31);

  return(0);
end;
attribute_name:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, tokenLength, 
          nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength, 
          nsUri, nsUriLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken     pointer;
    dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
    dcl nsPrefix     pointer;
    dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
    dcl nsUri       pointer;
    dcl nsUriLength fixed bin(31);

    return(0);
end;

attribute_characters:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken     pointer;
    dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
    dcl flags        bit(8) aligned;

    put skip list( lowercase( procname() ) |
                   '"' '<' || substr(xmltoken->chars,1,tokenlength) || ' />' );

    if flags = "'b then;
    else
      put skip list( '!!flags = ' || flags );
    
    return(0);
end;

end_of_element:
    proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, 
          nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength, 
          nsUri, nsUriLength )
    returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
    options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );

    dcl userToken    pointer;
    dcl xmlToken     pointer;
    dcl tokenLength  fixed bin(31);
    dcl nsPrefix     pointer;
    dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
    dcl nsUri       pointer;
    dcl nsUriLength fixed bin(31);

    return(0);
end;

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
```
start_of_CDATA:
  proc(userToken)
  returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
  options(byvalue linkage(optlink));
  
dcl userToken pointer;
  return(0);
end;
end_of_CDATA:
  proc(userToken)
  returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
  options(byvalue linkage(optlink));
  
dcl userToken pointer;
  return(0);
end;

content_characters:
  proc(userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags)
  returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
  options(nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink));
  
dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl xmlToken pointer;
  dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31); 
  dcl flags bit(8) aligned;
  
  if flags = ''b then; 
  else
    
    return(0);
  end;

processing_instruction:
  proc(userToken, piTarget, piTargetLength, piData, piDataLength, flags)
  returns(byvalue fixed bin(31))
  options(nodescriptor, byvalue linkage(optlink));
  
dcl userToken pointer;
  dcl piTarget pointer;
  dcl piTargetLength fixed bin(31);
  dcl piData pointer;
  dcl piDataLength fixed bin(31);
  dcl flags bit(8) aligned;
  
  put skip list(lowercase(procname())
  | | ' ' | | substr(piTarget->chars,1,piTargetLength) | | '>' );
  
  if flags = ''b then; 
  else
    put skip list('!!flags = ' | | flags);
  
  return(0);
end;
```

**PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)**
comment:
proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength, flags )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( nodelector, byvalue linkage(optlink) );
dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);
dcl flags bit(8) aligned;
put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
|| ' '<' || substr(xmlToken->chars,1,tokenLength ) || '>' );
if flags = ''b then;
else
  put skip list( '!flags = ' || flags );
return(0);
end;

namespace_declare:
proc( userToken, nsPrefix, nsPrefixLength, nsUri, nsUriLength )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
dcl userToken pointer;
dcl nsPrefix pointer;
dcl nsPrefixLength fixed bin(31);
dcl nsUri pointer;
dcl nsUriLength fixed bin(31);
return(0);
end;

unresolved_reference:
proc( userToken, xmlToken, TokenLength )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
dcl userToken pointer;
dcl xmlToken pointer;
dcl tokenLength fixed bin(31);
return(0);
end;

exception:
proc( userToken, currentOffset, return_code, reason_code )
returns( byvalue fixed bin(31) )
options( byvalue linkage(optlink) );
dcl userToken pointer;
dcl currentOffset fixed bin(31);
dcl return_code fixed bin(31);
dcl reason_code fixed bin(31);
dcl validmsg char(45) based;
put skip list( userToken -> validmsg);
put skip list( lowercase( procname() )
|| ' return_code ='' || hex(return_code)
|| ', reason_code ='' || substr(hex(reason_code),5,4));
return(0);
end;

PLISAXD coding example - event routines (continued)
The following output shows the result of the sample program. For those documents that are not valid, the PLISAXD built-in subroutine invokes the XML exception event with the return code and reason code listed. For a detailed description of each return code and reason code, see XML System Services User’s Guide and Reference.

**Figure 105. Output from PLISAXD sample**
Chapter 21. Using PLIDUMP

This section provides information about dump options and the syntax used to call PLIDUMP, and describes PL/I-specific information included in the dump that can help you debug your routine.

Note: PLIDUMP conforms to National Language Support standards.

Figure 106 shows an example of a PL/I routine calling PLIDUMP to produce a z/OS Language Environment dump. In this example, the main routine PLIDMP calls PLIDMPA, which then calls PLIDMPB. The call to PLIDUMP is made in routine PLIDMPB.

```
$PROCESS MAP SOURCE SIG LIST OFFSET LC(101);
PLIDMP: PROC OPTIONS(MAIN);
   Declare (H,I) Fixed bin(31) Auto;
   Declare Names Char(17) Static init('Bob Teri Bo Jason');
   H = 5; I = 9;
   Put skip list('PLIDMP Starting');
   Call PLIDMPA;

   PLIDMPA: PROC;
      Declare (a,b) Fixed bin(31) Auto;
      a = 1; b = 3;
      Put skip list('PLIDMPA Starting');
      Call PLIDMPB;

   PLIDMPB: PROC;
      Declare 1 Name auto,
      2 First Char(12) Varying,
      2 Last Char(12) Varying;
      First = 'Teri';
      Last = 'Gillispy';
      Put skip list('PLIDMPB Starting');
      Call PLIDUMP('TBFC','PLIDUMP called from procedure PLIDMPB');
      Put Data;
      End PLIDMPB;
   End PLIDMPA;
End PLIDMP;
```

Figure 106. Example PL/I routine calling PLIDUMP

The syntax and options for PLIDUMP are as follows:

►►PLIDUMP—(character-string-expression 1, character-string-expression 2)◄◄

**character-string-expression 1**

A dump options character string consisting of one or more of the following options:

A Requests information relevant to all tasks in a multitasking program.

B BLOCKS (PL/I hexadecimal dump).
Continue. The routine continues after the dump.

Exit from current task of a multitasking program. The program continues to run after the requested dump is completed.

FILES.

STORAGE.

This includes all Language Environment storage, and hence all the BASED and CONTROLLED storage acquired through ALLOCATE statements.

Note: A ddname of CEESNAP should be specified with the H option to produce a SNAP dump of a PL/I routine, but if this is omitted, Language Environment will issue a message but still produce a dump with much very useful information.

BLOCKS (when running under CICS). The Transaction Work Area is included.

NOBLOCKS.

NOFILES.

NOSTORAGE.

NOBLOCKS (when running under CICS).

NOTRACEBACK.

Only information relevant to the current task in a multitasking program.

Stop. The enclave is terminated with a dump.

TRACEBACK.

T, F, and C are the default options.

character-string-expression 2

A user-identified character string up to 80 characters long that is printed as the dump header.

PLIDUMP usage notes

If you use PLIDUMP, the following considerations apply:

- If a routine calls PLIDUMP a number of times, use a unique user-identifier for each PLIDUMP invocation. This simplifies identifying the beginning of each dump.
- A DD statement with the ddname PLIDUMP, PL1DUMP, or CEEDUMP can be used to define the data set for the dump.
- The data set defined by the PLIDUMP, PL1DUMP, or CEEDUMP DD statement should specify a logical record length (LRECL) of at least 133 to prevent dump records from wrapping. If SYSOUT is used as the target in any one of these DDs, you must specify MSGFILE(SYSOUT,FBA,133,0) or MSGFILE(SYSOUT,VBA,137,0) to ensure that the lines are not wrapped.
- When you specify the H option in a call to PLIDUMP, the PL/I library issues an OS SNAP macro to obtain a dump of virtual storage. The first invocation of PLIDUMP results in a SNAP identifier of 0. For each successive invocation, the ID is increased by one to a maximum of 256, after which the ID is reset to 0.
• Support for SNAP dumps using PLIDUMP is only provided under z/OS. SNAP dumps are not produced in a CICS environment.
  – If the SNAP is not successful, the CEE3DMP DUMP file displays the message:
    Snap was unsuccessful
  – If the SNAP is successful, CEE3DMP displays the message:
    Snap was successful; snap ID = nnn
    where nnn corresponds to the SNAP identifier described above. An unsuccessful SNAP does not increment the identifier.

• If you want the program unit name, program unit address, and program unit offset to be listed correctly in the dump traceback table, ensure that your PL/I program unit is compiled with a compile-time option other than TEST(NONE,NOSYM). For example, you can specify the option as TEST(NOSYM,NOHOOK,BLOCK).

If you want to ensure portability across system platforms, use PLIDUMP to generate a dump of your PL/I routine.

Locating variables in the PLIDUMP output

To find variables in the PLIDUMP output, you should compile your program with the MAP option. The MAP option will cause the compiler to add to the listing a table showing the offset within AUTOMATIC and STATIC storage of all level-1 variables that are AUTOMATIC or STATIC.

To find a variable that is an element in a structure, it is also useful if you compile your program with the AGGREGATE option. This option will cause the compiler to add to the listing a table showing the offsets of all the elements of all the structures in your program.

Locating AUTOMATIC variables

To find an AUTOMATIC variable in the dump, you should find its offset within automatic using the output from the MAP option (and if necessary the AGGREGATE option).

If PLIDUMP has been invoked with the B option, the dump output will contain a hex dump of the dynamic save area (DSA) for each block. This is the automatic storage for that block.

For example, consider the following simple program:

Compiler Source
Line.File
  2.0  test: proc options(main);
  3.0
  4.0  dcl a fixed bin(31);
  5.0  dcl b fixed bin(31);
  6.0
  7.0  on error
  8.0     begin;
  9.0     call plidump('TFBC');
10.0     end;
11.0
12.0  a = 0;
13.0  b = 29;
14.0  b = 17 / a;
The result of the compiler MAP option for this program looks like this, except that there is actually one more column on the right and the columns are actually spaced much further apart:

```
* * * * * S T O R A G E  O F F S E T  L I S T I N G  * * * * *
IDENTIFIER DEFINITION ATTRIBUTES
  A  1-0:4  Class = automatic, Location = 160 : 0xA0(r13),
  B  1-0:5  Class = automatic, Location = 164 : 0xA4(r13),
```

So, A is located at hex A0 off of register 13 and B is located at hex A4 off of register 13, where register 13 points to the DSA.

Because in this program PLIDUMP is called with the B option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of automatic storage for each block in the current calling chain. This will look like the following (again with the right columns cutoff):

```
Dynamic save area (TEST): OA963C8
 +000000 OA963C8 10000000 OA96188 00000000 00000000
 +000020 OA963E8 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
 +000040 OA96408 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0AD9618
 +000060 OA96428 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
 +000080 OA96448 = +00009F OA96467 same as above
 +0000A0 OA96468 00000000 00000000 00100000 00000000
 +0000C0 OA96488 0B300000 0A700930 OA963C8 00000000
 +0000E0 OA964A8 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
 +000100 OA964C8 0AA47810 0A70E6D0 OA96540 OA966F0
 +000120 OA964E8 00000001 0A70F4F8 OA96318 00000000
 +000140 OA96508 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

Because A is at hex offset A0 and B is at hex offset A4 in AUTOMATIC, the dump shows that A and B have the (expected) hex values of 00000000 and 0000001D respectively.

Note that under the compiler options OPT(2) and OPT(3), some variables, particularly FIXED BIN and POINTER scalar variables, might never be allocated storage and thus could not be found in the dump output.

**Locating STATIC variables**

If you compiled your code with the RENT option, static variables are located in the Writeable Static Area (WSA) for the current load module.

The offset of a variable within the WSA can be found from the output of the MAP option, and the WSA is held in the Language Environment control block called the CAA. The value of the WSA is also listed in the Language Environment dump.

However, if you compiled your code with the NORENT option, EXTERNAL STATIC is found as usual (using the linker listing and the output of the compiler’s MAP option). INTERNAL STATIC will be dumped as part of the Language Environment dump (if PLIDUMP was called with the B option).

Note that unlike the older PL/I compilers, the address of static is not dedicated to any one register.

For example, consider the program above with the variables changed to STATIC:

```
Compiler Source
 Line.File
  2.0 test: proc options(main);
  3.0
  4.0 dcl a fixed bin(31) static;
```
When the program is compiled with the NORENT option, the result of the compiler MAP option for this program looks like this, except that there is actually one more column on the right and the columns are actually spaced much further apart:

```
* * * * * S T O R A G E   O F F S E T   L I S T I N G   * * * * *
IDENTIFIER   DEFINITION   ATTRIBUTES
A   1-0:4   Class = static, Location = 0 : 0x0 + CSECT ***TEST2
B   1-0:5   Class = static, Location = 4 : 0x4 + CSECT ***TEST2
```

So, A is located at hex offset 00 into the static CSECT for the compilation unit TEST while B is located at hex offset 04.

Because in this program PLIDUMP is called with the B option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of static storage for each compilation in the current calling chain. This will look like (again with the right columns cutoff):

```
Static for procedure TEST   Timestamp: 2004.08.12
+000000 0FC00AA0 00000000 0000001D 0FC00DC8 0FC00AC0
+000020 0FC00AC0 0FC00AAB 00444042 00A3AE01 0FC008C8
+000040 0FC008E0 6E3BFFE0 00000000 00000000 00000000
+000060 0FC00B00 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
+000000 0AD963C8 10000000 0AD96188 00000000 00000000
```

So, A at hex offset 00 has the (expected) hex value 00000000, and B at hex offset 04 has the (also expected) hex value 0000001D or the decimal value 29.

### Locating CONTROLLED variables

CONTROLLED variables are essentially LIFO stacks, and each CONTROLLED variable has an "anchor" that points to the top of that stack. The key to locating a CONTROLLED variable is to locate this anchor, and its location depends on the compiler options.

In the rest of this discussion of CONTROLLED variables, the program source is the same program as in Figure 106 on page 463 but with the storage class changed to CONTROLLED:

```
Compiler Source
Line.File
2.0   test: proc options(main);
3.0
4.0   dcl a fixed bin(31) controlled;
5.0   dcl b fixed bin(31) controlled;
6.0
7.0   on error
8.0   begin;
9.0   call plidump('TFBHC');
10.0  end;
11.0
```
allocate a, b;

a = 0;
b = 29;
b = 17 / a;

Under NORENT WRITABLE

The result of the compiler MAP option looks like this, except that again there is actually one more column on the right and the columns are actually spaced much further apart:

* * * * * S T O R A G E  O F F S E T  L I S T I N G  * * * * *

IDENTIFIER DEFINITION ATTRIBUTES

A 1-0:4 Class = static, Location = 8 : 0x8 + CSECT ***TEST2
B 1-0:5 Class = static, Location = 12 : 0xC + CSECT ***TEST2

Note that these lines describe the location of the anchors for A and B (not the location of A and B themselves). So the anchor for A is located at hex 08 into the static CSECT for the compilation unit TEST, and the anchor for B is located at hex 0C.

If PLIDUMP is called with the B option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of static storage for each compilation in the current calling chain. This will look like (again with the right columns cutoff):

Static for procedure TEST  Timestamp: ...

+000000 0FC00A88 0FC00B00 0FC00A88 102B8A30 102B8A50
+000020 0FC00A88 0FC00A88 00444042 00A3AE01 0FC009B0
+000040 0FC00AC8 6E3BFFE0 00000000 00000000 00000000

So the anchor for A is at 102B8A30 and the anchor for B is at 102B8A50. But because these are CONTROLLED variables, their storage was obtained through ALLOCATE statements, and hence these addresses point into heap storage. But if PLIDUMP is called with the H option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of heap storage. This will look like (again with the right columns cutoff):

Enclave Storage:
  Initial (User) Heap
  +000000 102B7018 CBC1D5C3 0FC0F990 0FC0F990 00000000
  .
  +001A00 102B8A18 102B7018 00000020 0FC0A90 00000014
  00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
  +001A20 102B8A38 102B7018 00000020 0FC0A94 00000014
  00000000 00000000 0000001D 00000000

Because the anchor for A was at 102B8A30, A has the hex value 00000000, and because the anchor for B was at 102B8A50, B has the (expected) hex value 0000001D.

Under NORENT NOWRITEABLE(FWS)

The result of the compiler MAP option under these options looks like this, except that again there is actually one more column on the right and the columns are actually spaced much further apart:

* * * * * S T O R A G E  O F F S E T  L I S T I N G  * * * * *

IDENTIFIER DEFINITION ATTRIBUTES

A 1-0:4 Class = automatic, Location = 236 : 0xEC(r13)
B 1-0:5 Class = automatic, Location = 240 : 0xF0(r13)
Note: Under these options, there is an extra level of indirection in locating CONTROLLED variables, and hence the lines above describe the locations of the addresses of the anchors for A and B. So the address of the anchor for A is located at hex EC into the automatic for the block TEST, and the anchor for B is located at hex F0.

Because PLIDUMP is called with the B option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of automatic storage for each block in the current calling chain. This will look like (again with the right columns cutoff):

```
Dynamic save area (TEST): 102973C8
+000000 102973C8 10000000 10297188 00000000 8FC007DA
....
+0000E0 102974A8 0FC00998 00000000 00000000 102B8A40
102B8A28 10297030 10297700 8FD3D7E
```

So the address of the anchor for A is 102B8A40 and the address of the anchor for B is 102B8A28.

Because PLIDUMP was also called with the H option, it will include a hexadecimal dump of heap storage. This will look like (again with the right columns cutoff):

```
Enclave Storage:
Initial (User) Heap
+000000 102B7018 C8C1D5C3 00000000
....
+001A00 102B8A18 102B7018 00000018 00000000 00000000
102B8A00 00000000 102B7018 00000018
+001A20 102B8A38 102B8A20 0FC009A74 102B8A60 00000000
102B7018 00000020 102B8A40 00000014
+001A40 102B8A58 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
102B7018 00000020 102B8A28 00000014
+001A60 102B8A78 00000000 00000000 0000001D 00000000
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

Because the address of the anchor for B was at 102B8A28, the anchor for B is at 102B8A80, and B has, as expected, the hex value 0000001D or decimal 29.

**Under NORENT NOWRITABLE(PRV)**

The MAP listing when the program is compiled with these options would look like this:

```
* * * * *  S T O R A G E  O F F S E T  L I S T I N G  * * * * *
IDENTIFIER DEFINITION ATTRIBUTES

***TEST3   1-0:4 Class = ext def, Location = CSECT ***TEST3
***TEST4   1-0:5 Class = ext def, Location = CSECT ***TEST4
_PRV_OFFSETS 1-0:1 Class = static, Location = 8 : 0x8 + CSECT ***TEST2
```

The key here is the last line in this output: _PRV_OFFSETS is a static table that holds the offset into the PRV table for each CONTROLLED variable. This static table is generated only if the MAP option is specified.

To interpret this table, the compiler will also produce, immediately after the block names table, another, usually small, listing, which for our program would look like this:

```
PRV Offsets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Offset Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```
This table lists the hex offset within the runtime _PRV_OFFSETS table for each of the named CONTROLLED variables. The block number (in the first column) can be used to distinguish variables with the same name but declared in different blocks.

Because the _PRV_OFFSETS table is in static storage (at hex offset 8) and because PLIDUMP was called with the B option, it will appear in the dump output, which would look like this:

```
Static for procedure TEST  Timestamp: . . .
  +000000 10908EC8 02020240 00000005 60D709E5 60D6C6C6
     00000000 00000004 D00000A0 00100000
  +000020 10908EE8 6E3BFFE0 00000000 00000000 00000000
     00000000 90010000 00000000 00000000
```

So the offset of A in the PRV table is 0, and the offset of B in the PRV table is 4. Note also the eyecatcher "_PRV_OFF" that occupies the first 8 bytes of the _PRV_OFFSETS table.

The PRV table is always located at offset 4 within the CAA, which, because PLIDUMP was called with the H option, will be in the dump output. The CAA looks like this:

```
Control Blocks Associated with the Thread:
  CAA: 0A7107D0
         +000000 0A7107D0 00000800 0ADB7DE0 0AD97018 0ADB7018
         00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

So the address of the PRV table is 0ADB7DE0, and it will also be in the dump output amongst the HEAP storage:

```
Enclave Storage:
  Initial (User) Heap
     +000000 102B7018 C8C1D5C3 0FC0F990 0FC0F990 00000000
     +0000C0 0ADB7D08 00000000 00000000 0ADB8A38 0ADB8A58
        0ADB7018 00000488 00000000 00000000
     +000100 0ADB8A18 00000000 00000000 0ADB7018 00000020
        00000000 00000014 0A7107D4 00000000
     +000120 0ADB8A38 00000000 00000000 0ADB7018 00000020
        00000004 00000014 0A7107D4 00000000
     +000140 0ADB8A58 0000001D 00000000 00000000 00000000
        00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

So the PRV table contains 0ADB8A38 0ADB8A58 and so on, and because, as derived from the _PRV_OFFSETS table, the offset of A into the PRV table is 0 and the offset of B is 4, these are also the addresses of A and B respectively.

These addresses will also appear in the HEAP storage in the dump:

```
Enclave Storage:
  Initial (User) Heap
     +000000 102B7018 C8C1D5C3 0FC0F990 0FC0F990 00000000
        . . .
     +001A00 0ADB8A18 00000000 00000000 0ADB7018 00000020
        00000000 00000014 0A7107D4 00000000
     +001A20 0ADB8A38 00000000 00000000 0ADB7018 00000020
        00000004 00000014 0A7107D4 00000000
     +001A40 0ADB8A58 0000001D 00000000 00000000 00000000
        00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
```

So because the address of A is 0ADB8A38, the hex value of A is, as expected, 00000000, and because the address of B is 0ADB8A58, the hex value of B is, also as expected, 0000001D.
Saved compilation data

During a compilation, the compiler saves various information about the compilation in the load module. This information can be very useful in debugging and in future migration efforts. This section describes the information saved.

Copyright

If you specify the COPYRIGHT compiler option, the compiler will save the COPYRIGHT string as a CHARACTER VARYING string placed immediately before the timestamp data in the object.

This string will be followed by as many blanks as necessary so that the string plus these blanks will occupy a multiple of 4 bytes.

Timestamp

The compiler saves in every load module a timestamp, which is a 20-byte character string of the form YYYYMMDDHHMISSVNRNML, which records the date and time of the compilation as well as the version of the compiler that produced this string.

The elements of the string have the following meanings:

YYYY
  The year of the compilation
MM
  The month of the compilation
DD
  The day of the compilation
HH
  The hour of the compilation
MI
  The minute of the compilation
SS
  The second of the compilation
VN
  The version number of the compiler
RN
  The release number of the compiler
ML
  The maintenance level of the compiler

The timestamp can be located from the PPA2: at offset 12 in the PPA2 is a four-byte integer giving the offset (possibly negative) to the timestamp from the address of the PPA2.

The PPA2, in turn, can be located from the PPA1: at offset 4 in the PPA1 is a four-byte integer giving the offset (possibly negative) to the PPA2 from the entry point address corresponding to that PPA1.

You can locate the PPA1 as follows:

- If the code was compiled with LP(32), you can locate the PPA1 from the entry point address for a block: at offset 12 from the entry point address is a four-byte integer giving the offset (possibly negative) to the PPA1 from the entry point address.
- If the code was compiled with LP(64), the offset to the PPA1 is in the fullword eight bytes in front of each entry point address.
**Saved options string**

The compiler stores in the load module a 32-byte string that records the compiler options used in building the load module.

The declaration for the saved options string is provided in the include file `ibmsos` in the samples data set SIBMZSAM.

For most of the fields in the structure, the meaning of the field is obvious given its name, but a few of the fields need some explanation:

- `sos_words` holds the number of the bytes in the structure divided by 4.
- `sos_version` is the version number for this structure. It is not a compiler version number.
- The size of the structure and what fields have been set depends on the version number.

The saved options string is located after the timestamp in one of two ways:

1. If the service option has been specified, the string specified in the service option follows immediately after the timestamp as a character varying string. Then the saved options string follows after the service string as a second character varying string.
2. If the service option has not been specified, the saved options string follows immediately after the timestamp as a character varying string.

The length of the varying string that holds the saved options string might be longer than the size of the saved options string itself.

The presence (or absence) of the service string is indicated in the PPA2 by the flag byte at decimal offset 20 in the PPA2: if the result of anding this byte with '20'bx is not zero, then the service string is present.

In some earlier releases of the PL/I compiler, the compiler did not place a saved options string in the load module. The presence (or absence) of the saved options string is indicated in the PPA2 by the flag byte at decimal offset 20 in the PPA2: if the result of anding this byte with '02'bx is not zero, the saved options string is present.
Chapter 22. Interrupts and attention processing

To enable a PL/I program to recognize attention interrupts, two operations must be possible:

- You must be able to create an interrupt. This is done in different ways depending upon both the terminal you use and the operating system.
- Your program must be prepared to respond to the interrupt. You can write an ON ATTENTION statement in your program so that the program receives control when the ATTENTION condition is raised.

Note: If the program has an ATTENTION ON-unit that you want invoked, you must compile the program with either of the following options:
  - The INTERRUPT option (supported only in TSO)
  - A TEST option other than NOTEST or TEST(NONE,NOSYM)
    Compiling this way causes INTERRUPT(ON) to be in effect, unless you explicitly specify INTERRUPT(OFF) in PLIXOPT.

You can find the procedure used to create an interrupt in the IBM instruction manual for the operating system and terminal that you are using.

There is a difference between the interrupt (the operating system recognized your request) and the raising of the ATTENTION condition.

An interrupt is your request that the operating system notify the running program. If a PL/I program was compiled with the INTERRUPT compile-time option, instructions are included that test an internal interrupt switch at discrete points in the program. The internal interrupt switch can be set if any program in the load module was compiled with the INTERRUPT compile-time option.

The internal switch is set when the operating system recognizes that an interrupt request was made. The execution of the special testing instructions (polling) raises the ATTENTION condition. If a debugging tool hook (or a CALL PLITEST) is encountered before the polling occurs, the debugging tool can be given control before the ATTENTION condition processing starts.

Polling ensures that the ATTENTION condition is raised between PL/I statements, rather than within the statements.

Figure 107 on page 474 shows a skeleton program, an ATTENTION ON-unit, and several situations where polling instructions will be generated. In the program, polling will occur at the following:

- LABEL1
- Each iteration of the DO
- The ELSE PUT SKIP ... statement
- Block END statements
You can use processing within the ATTENTION ON-unit to terminate potentially endless looping in a program.

Control is given to an ATTENTION ON-unit when polling instructions recognize that an interrupt has occurred. Normal return from the ON-unit is to the statement following the polling code.

Interaction with a debugging tool

If the program has the TEST(ALL) or TEST(ERROR) runtime option in effect, an interrupt causes the debugging tool to receive control the next time a hook is encountered. This might be before the program's polling code recognizes that the interrupt occurred.

Later, when the ATTENTION condition is raised, the debugging tool receives control again for condition processing.
Chapter 23. Using the Checkpoint/Restart facility

This chapter describes the PL/I Checkpoint/Restart feature, which provides a convenient method of taking checkpoints during the execution of a long-running program in a batch environment.

At points specified in the program, information about the current status of the program is written as a record on a data set. If the program terminates due to a system failure, you can use this information to restart the program close to the point where the failure occurred, avoiding the need to rerun the program completely.

This restart can be either automatic or deferred. An automatic restart is one that takes place immediately (provided the operator authorizes it when requested by a system message). A deferred restart is one that is performed later as a new job.

You can request an automatic restart from within your program without a system failure having occurred.

PL/I Checkpoint/Restart uses the Advanced Checkpoint/Restart Facility of the operating system. This facility is described in the books listed in "Bibliography" on page 523.

To use checkpoint/restart, you must do the following operations:

- Request, at suitable points in your program, that a checkpoint record is written. This is done with the built-in subroutine PLICKPT.
- Provide a data set on which the checkpoint record can be written.
- To ensure the desired restart activity, you might need to specify the RD parameter in the EXEC or JOB statement (see the z/OS JCL Reference).

**Note:** You should be aware of the restrictions affecting data sets used by your program. These are detailed in the "Bibliography" on page 523.

**Requesting a checkpoint record**

Each time you want a checkpoint record to be written, you must invoke, from your PL/I program, the built-in subroutine PLICKPT.

```
CALL PLICKPT(ddname, check-id, org, code)
```

The four arguments are all optional. If you do not use an argument, you need not specify it unless you specify another argument that follows it in the given order. In this case, you must specify the unused argument as a null string ('').

**ddname**

Is a character string constant or variable specifying the name of the DD statement defining the data set that is to be used for checkpoint records. If you omit this argument, the system will use the default ddname SYSCHK.

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check-id
Is a character string constant or variable specifying the name that you want to assign to the checkpoint record so that you can identify it later. If you omit this argument, the system will supply a unique identification and print it at the operator’s console.

org
Is a character string constant or variable with the attributes CHARACTER(2) whose value indicates, in operating system terms, the organization of the checkpoint data set. You can specify the following values:

- **PS** Indicates sequential (that is, CONSECUTIVE) organization.
- **PO** Represents partitioned organization.

If you omit this argument, PS is assumed.

code
Is a variable with the attributes FIXED BINARY (31), which can receive a return code from PLICKPT. The return code has the following values:

- **0** A checkpoint has been successfully taken.
- **4** A restart has been successfully made.
- **8** A checkpoint has not been taken. The PLICKPT statement should be checked.
- **12** A checkpoint has not been taken. Check for a missing DD statement, a hardware error, or insufficient space in the data set. A checkpoint will fail if taken while a DISPLAY statement with the REPLY option is still incomplete.
- **16** A checkpoint has been taken, but ENQ macro calls are outstanding and will not be restored on restart. This situation will not normally arise for a PL/I program.

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**Defining the checkpoint data set**

You must include a DD statement in the job control procedure to define the data set in which the checkpoint records are to be placed.

This data set can have either CONSECUTIVE or partitioned organization. You can use any valid dname. If you use the dname SYSCHK, you do not need to specify the dname when invoking PLICKPT.

You must specify a data set name only if you want to keep the data set for a deferred restart. The I/O device can be any direct access device.

To obtain only the last checkpoint record, specify status as NEW (or OLD if the data set already exists). This will cause each checkpoint record to overwrite the previous one.

To retain more than one checkpoint record, specify status as MOD. This will cause each checkpoint record to be added after the previous one.

If the checkpoint data set is a library, “check-id” is used as the member-name. Thus a checkpoint will delete any previously taken checkpoint with the same name.
For direct access storage, you should allocate enough primary space to store as many checkpoint records as you will retain. You can specify an incremental space allocation, but it will not be used. A checkpoint record is approximately 5000 bytes longer than the area of main storage allocated to the step.

No DCB information is required, but you can include any of the following, where applicable:

OPTCD=W, OPTCD=C, RECFM=UT

For information about these subparameters, see the z/OS MVS JCL User’s Guide.

Requesting a restart

A restart can be automatic or deferred.

You can make automatic restarts after a system failure or from within the program itself. The system operator must authorize all automatic restarts when requested by the system.

Automatic restart after a system failure

If a system failure occurs after a checkpoint has been taken, the automatic restart will occur at the last checkpoint if you have specified RD=R (or omitted the RD parameter) in the EXEC or JOB statement.

If a system failure occurs before any checkpoint has been taken, an automatic restart, from the beginning of the job step, can still occur if you have specified RD=R in the EXEC or JOB statement.

After a system failure occurs, you can still force automatic restart from the beginning of the job step by specifying RD=RNC in the EXEC or JOB statement. By specifying RD=RNC, you are requesting an automatic step restart without checkpoint processing if another system failure occurs.

Automatic restart within a program

You can request a restart at any point in your program.

The rules for the restart are the same as for a restart after a system failure. To request the restart, you must execute the statement:

CALL PLIREST;

To effect the restart, the compiler terminates the program abnormally, with a system completion code of 4092. Therefore, to use this facility, the system completion code 4092 must not have been deleted from the table of eligible codes at system generation.

Getting a deferred restart

To ensure that automatic restart activity is canceled, but that the checkpoints are still available for a deferred restart, specify RD=NR in the EXEC or JOB statement when the program is first executed.
If you subsequently require a deferred restart, you must submit the program as a new job, with the RESTART parameter in the JOB statement. Use the RESTART parameter to specify the job step at which the restart is to be made and, if you want to restart at a checkpoint, the name of the checkpoint record.

For a restart from a checkpoint, you must also provide a DD statement that defines the data set containing the checkpoint record. The DD statement must be named SYSCHK. The DD statement must occur immediately before the EXEC statement for the job step.

### Modifying checkpoint/restart activity

You can cancel automatic restart activity from any checkpoints taken in your program.

To cancel automatic restart, execute this statement:

```pli
CALL PLICANC;
```

However, if you specified RD=R or RD=RNC in the JOB or EXEC statement, automatic restart can still take place from the beginning of the job step.

Also, any checkpoints already taken are still available for a deferred restart.

You can cancel any automatic restart and the taking of checkpoints, even if they were requested in your program, by specifying RD=NC in the JOB or EXEC statement.
Chapter 24. Using user exits

PL/I provides a number of user exits that you can use to customize the PL/I product to suit your needs.

The PL/I products supply default exits and the associated source files.

If you want the exits to perform functions that are different from those supplied by the default exits, it is recommended that you modify the supplied source files as appropriate.

At times, it is useful to be able to tailor the compiler to meet the needs of your organization. For example, you might want to suppress certain messages or alter the severity of others. You might want to perform a specific function with each compilation, such as logging statistical information about the compilation into a file. A compiler user exit handles this type of function.

With PL/I, you can write your own user exit or use the exit provided with the product, either 'as is' or modified, depending on what you want to do with it. The user exit source code provided with the product can be seen in Figure 18 on page 174.

This chapter provides the following information:
- Procedures that the compiler user exit supports
- How to activate the compiler user exit
- IBMUEXIT, the IBM-supplied compiler user exit
- Requirements for writing your own compiler user exit

Procedures performed by the compiler user exit

The compiler user exit performs three specific procedures: initialization, interception and filtering of compiler messages, and termination.

As illustrated in Figure 108 on page 480, the compiler passes control to the initialization procedure, the message filter procedure, and the termination procedure. Each of these three procedures, in turn, passes control back to the compiler when the requested procedure is completed.
Each of the three procedures is passed two different control blocks:

- A **global control block** that contains information about the compilation. This is passed as the first parameter.
- A **function-specific control block** that is passed as the second parameter. The content of this control block depends upon which procedure has been invoked.

For detailed information, see “Writing the initialization procedure” on page 483, “Writing the message filtering procedure” on page 483, and “Writing the termination procedure” on page 485.

**Related information:**
“Structure of global control blocks”

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The following code and accompanying explanations describe the contents of each field in the global control block.

```plaintext
Dcl
  1 Uex_UIB native based( null() ),
      Uex_UIB_Length fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB.Exit_token pointer,       /* for user exit's use */
  2 Uex_UIB_User_char_str pointer,    /* to exit option str */
      Uex_UIB_User_char_len fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB_Filename_str pointer,     /* to source filename */
      Uex_UIB_Filename_len fixed bin(31),
  2 Uex_UIB_return_code fixed bin(31), /* set by exit procs */
  2 Uex_UIB_reason_code fixed bin(31), /* set by exit procs */
  2 Uex_UIB.Exit_Routs,               /* exit entries set at */
                                      /* initialization */
```
3 ( Uex_UIB_Termination,
    Uex_UIB_Message_Filter, /* call for each msg */
    *, *, *, * )
limited entry {
    *, /* to Uex_UIB */
    *, /* to a request area */
}

Data Entry Fields

Uex_UIB_Length
Contains the length of the control block in bytes. The value is storage
(Uex_UIB).

Uex_UIB_Exit_token
Used by the user exit procedure. For example, the initialization might set it
to a data structure that is used by both the message filter and the
termination procedures.

Uex_UIB_User_char_str
Points to an optional character string, if you specify it. For example, pli
filename(EXIT('string'))...fn can be a character string up to
thirty-one characters in length.

Uex_UIB_char_len
Contains the length of the string pointed to by the User_char_str. The
compiler sets this value.

Uex_UIB_Filename_str
Contains the name of the source file that you are compiling, and includes
the drive and subdirectories as well as the filename. The compiler sets this
value.

Uex_UIB_Filename_len
Contains the length of the name of the source file pointed to by the
Filename_str. The compiler sets this value.

Uex_UIB_return_code
Contains the return code from the user exit procedure. The user sets this
value.

Uex_UIB_reason_code
Contains the procedure reason code. The user sets this value.

Uex_UIB_Exit_Routs
Contains the exit entries set up by the initialization procedure.

Uex_UIB_Termination
Contains the entry that is to be called by the compiler at termination time.
The user sets this value.

Uex_UIB_Message_Filter
Contains the entry that is to be called by the compiler whenever a message
needs to be generated. The user sets this value.

The IBM-supplied compiler exit, IBMUEXIT

IBM supplies you with the sample compiler user exit, IBMUEXIT, which filters
messages for you.

This compiler exit monitors messages and, based on the message number that you
specify, suppresses the message or changes the severity of the message.
Activating the compiler user exit

To activate the compiler user exit, you must specify the EXIT compile-time option.

The EXIT compile-time option allows you to specify a user-option-string that specifies the DDname for the user exit input file. If you do not specify a string, SYSUEXIT is used as the DDname for the user exit input file.

The user-option-string is passed to the user exit functions in the global control block. For additional information, see “Uex_UIB_User_char_str” in “Structure of global control blocks” on page 480.

Related information:
EXIT” on page 33

The EXIT option enables the compiler user exit to be invoked.

Customizing the compiler user exit

You can write your own compiler user exit or simply use the one supplied with the compiler. In either case, the name of the fetchable file for the compiler user exit must be IBMUEXIT.

This section describes how to complete the following tasks:
• Modify the user exit input file for customized message filtering.
• Create your own compiler user exit.

Modifying SYSUEXIT

Rather than spending the time to write a completely new compiler user exit, you can simplify modify the user exit input file.

Edit the file to indicate which message numbers you want to suppress, and which message number severity levels you want to change. A sample file is shown in Figure 109.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fac Id</th>
<th>Msg No</th>
<th>Severity</th>
<th>Suppress</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1042</td>
<td>-1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>String spans multiple lines</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1044</td>
<td>-1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>FIXED BIN 7 mapped to 1 byte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1047</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Order inhibits optimization</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1052</td>
<td>-1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Nodelcriptor with * extent arg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1059</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Select without OTHERWISE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'IBM'</td>
<td>1169</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Precision of result determined</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 109. Example of an user exit input file

The first two lines are header lines and are ignored by IBMUEXIT. The remaining lines contain input separated by a variable number of blanks.

Each column of the file is relevant to the compiler user exit:
• The first column should contain the letters 'IBM' in single quotation marks for all compiler messages to which you want the exit to apply.
• The second column contains the four digit message number.
• The third column shows the new message severity. Severity -1 indicates that the severity should be left as the default value.
• The fourth column indicates whether the message is to be suppressed. Specify one of the following values:

1  Suppresses the message.
0  Prints the message.

• The comment field, found in the last column, is for your information, and is ignored by IBMUEXIT.

Writing your own compiler exit

To write your own user exit, you can use IBMUEXIT as a model. When you write the exit, make sure it covers the areas of initialization, message filtering, and termination.

See the source of IBMUEXIT in Figure 18 on page 174.

The compiler user exit must be compiled with the RENT option and linked as a DLL.

Writing the initialization procedure

Your initialization procedure should perform any initialization required by the exit, such as opening files and allocating storage.

Code the initialization procedure-specific control block as follows:

Dcl 1 Uex_ISA native based( null() ),
    2 Uex_ISA_Length_fixed bin(31); /* storage(Uex_ISA) */

For information about the global control block syntax for the initialization procedure, see “Structure of global control blocks” on page 480.

Upon completion of the initialization procedure, you should set the return/reason codes to the following:

0/0  Continue compilation
4/n  Reserved for future use
8/n  Reserved for future use
12/n Reserved for future use
16/n  Abort compilation

Writing the message filtering procedure

The message filtering procedure permits you to either suppress messages or alter the severity of messages.

You can increase the severity of any of the messages but you can decrease the severity only of ERROR (severity code 8) or WARNING (severity code 4) messages.
The procedure-specific control block contains information about the messages. It is used to pass information back to the compiler indicating how a particular message should be handled.

The following example shows a procedure-specific message filter control block:

```pli
Dcl 1 Uex_MFX native based( null() ),
    2 Uex_MFX_Length fixed bin(31),
    2 Uex_MFX_Facility_Id char(3), /* of component writing message */
    2 * char(1),
    2 Uex_MFX_Message_no fixed bin(31),
    2 Uex_MFX_Severity fixed bin(15),
    2 Uex_MFX_New_Severity fixed bin(15), /* set by exit proc */
    2 Uex_MFX_Inserts fixed bin(15),
    2 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Data( 6 refer(Uex_MFX_Inserts) ),
    3 Uex_MFX_Ins_Type fixed bin(7),
    3 Uex_MFX_Ins_Type_Data union unaligned,
    4 * char(8),
    4 Uex_MFX_Ins_Bin8 fixed bin(63),
    4 Uex_MFX_Ins_Bin fixed bin(31),
    4 Uex_MFX_Ins_Str,
    5 Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Len fixed bin(15),
    5 Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Addr pointer,
    4 Uex_MFX_Ins_Series,
    5 Uex_MFX_Ins_Series_Sep char(1),
    5 Uex_MFX_Ins_Series_Addr pointer;
```

**Data Entry Fields**

**Uex_MFX_Length**
Contains the length of the control block in bytes. The value is storage (Uex_MFX).

**Uex_MFX_Facility_Id**
Contains the ID of the facility; for the compiler, the ID is IBM. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Message_no**
Contains the message number that the compiler is going to generate. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Severity**
Contains the severity level of the message; it can be from one to fifteen characters in length. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_New_Severity**
Contains the new severity level of the message; it can be from one to fifteen characters in length. The user sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Inserts**
Contains the number of inserts for the message; it can range from zero to six. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Inserts_Data**
Contains fields to describe each of the inserts. The compiler sets these values.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Type**
Contains the type of the insert. These are the possible insert types:

- **Uex_Ins_Type_Xb31**
  Is used for a FIXED BIN(31) and has the value 1.
The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Bin**
Contains the integer value for an insert that has integer type. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Len**
Contains the length (in bytes) for an insert that has character type. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Addr**
Contains the address of the character string for an insert that has character type. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Series_Sep**
Contains the character that should be inserted between each element for an insert that has series type. Typically, this is a blank, period, or comma. The compiler sets this value.

**Uex_MFX_Ins_Series_Addr**
Contains the address of the series of varying character strings for an insert that has series type. The address points to a FIXED BIN(31) field holding the number of strings to concatenate followed by the addresses of those strings. The compiler sets this value.

Upon completion of the message filtering procedure, set the return/reason codes to one of the following:

- **0/0**
  Continue compilation, output message

- **0/1**
  Continue compilation, do not output message

- **4/n**
  Reserved for future use

- **8/n**
  Reserved for future use

- **16/n**
  Abort compilation

**Writing the termination procedure**

You should use the termination procedure to perform any cleanup required, such as closing files. You might also want to write out final statistical reports based on information collected during the error message filter procedures and the initialization procedures.

Code the termination procedure-specific control block as follows:

```plaintext
Dcl 1 Uex_ISA native based,
    2 Uex_ISA_Length_fixed bin(31); /* storage(Uex_ISA) */
```

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For information about the global control block syntax for the termination procedure, see “Structure of global control blocks” on page 480. Upon completion of the termination procedure, set the return/reason codes to one of the following:

- **0/0**
  - Continue compilation

- **4/n**
  - Reserved for future use

- **8/n**
  - Reserved for future use

- **12/n**
  - Reserved for future use

- **16/n**
  - Abort compilation

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**Example of suppressing SQL messages**

This example shows how to modify the user exit to examine the message inserts and suppress two SQL informational messages and one SQL warning message.

```plaintext
*Process dft(nodescriptor connected);  
*Process or('|') not('!');  
*Process limits(extname(31)) rent;
```

---

**Figure 110. Suppressing SQL messages**
During initialization, IBMUEXIT is called. It reads information about the messages being screened from a text file and stores the information in a linked list. IBMUEXIT also sets up the entry points for the message filter service and termination service.

For each message generated by the compiler, the compiler calls the message filter registered by IBMUEXIT. The filter looks the message up in the linked list previously created to see if it is one for which some action should be taken. The termination service is called at the end of the compile but does nothing. It could be enhanced to generate reports or do other cleanup work.

pack: package exports(*);

Dcl 1 Uex_UIB native Based( null() ), 2 Uex_UIB_Length fixed bin(31),
2 Uex_UIB_Exit_token pointer, /* for user exit's use */
2 Uex_UIB_User_char_str pointer, /* to exit option str */
2 Uex_UIB_User_char_len fixed bin(31),
2 Uex_UIB_Filename_str pointer, /* to source filename */
2 Uex_UIB_Filename_len fixed bin(31),
2 Uex_UIB_return_code fixed bin(31), /* set by exit procs */
2 Uex_UIB_reason_code fixed bin(31), /* set by exit procs */
2 Uex_UIB_Exit_Routs, /* exit entries set at initialization */
3 ( Uex_UIB_Termination,
    Uex_UIB_Message_Filter, /* call for each msg */
    *, *, *, *)
limited entry {
    *, /* to Uex_UIB */
    *, /* to a request area */
};

Dcl 1 Uex_Isa native based( null() ),
    2 Uex_Isa_Length fixed bin(31);

Suppressing SQL messages (continued)
Dcl 1 Uex_MFX based( null() ),
2 Uex_MFX_Length fixed bin(31),
2 Uex_MFX_Facility_Id char(3),
2 Uex_MFX_Version fixed bin(7),
2 Uex_MFX_Message_no fixed bin(31),
2 Uex_MFX_Severity fixed bin(15),
2 Uex_MFX_New_Severity fixed bin(15),
2 Uex_MFX_Inserts fixed bin(15),
2 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Data( 6 ),
3 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Type fixed bin(7),
3 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Type_Data union unaligned,
4 * char(8),
4 Uex_MFX_InsertsBin fixed bin(31),
4 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Str,
5 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Str_Len fixed bin(15),
5 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Str_Addr pointer,
4 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Series,
5 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Series_Sep char(1),
5 Uex_MFX_Inserts_Series_Addr pointer;

dcl uex_Inserts_Type_Xb31 fixed bin(15) value(1);
dcl uex_Inserts_Type_Char fixed bin(15) value(2);
dcl uex_Inserts_Type_Series fixed bin(15) value(3);

Dcl 1 Uex_TSA native based( null() ),
2 Uex_TSA_Length fixed bin(31);

/* request area for terminate exit */

/* severity codes */

dcl uex_Severity_Normal fixed bin(15) value(0);
dcl uex_Severity_Warning fixed bin(15) value(4);
dcl uex_Severity_Error fixed bin(15) value(8);
dcl uex_Severity_Severe fixed bin(15) value(12);
dcl uex_Severity_Unrecoverable fixed bin(15) value(16);

/* return codes */

dcl uex_Return_Normal fixed bin(15) value(0);
dcl uex_Return_Warning fixed bin(15) value(4);
dcl uex_Return_Error fixed bin(15) value(8);
dcl uex_Return_Severe fixed bin(15) value(12);
dcl uex_Return_Unrecoverable fixed bin(15) value(16);

Suppressing SQL messages (continued)
Suppressing SQL messages (continued)
save the address of the message filter so that it will be invoked by the compiler

ue.Uex_UIB_Message_Filter = message_filter;

set the pointer to the linked list to null

then allocate the first message record

header = sysnull();
allocate message_item set(next);

skip header lines and read the file

the file is expected to start with a header line and

it could look like the 5 lines below starting with "Fac Id"

Fac Id  Msg No  Severity  Suppress  Insert
+-------+-------+---------+---------+------------------------
IBM  3259  0  1  'DSNH527'
IBM  3024  0  1  'DSNH4760'
IBM  3024  0  1  'DSNH050'

the file is expected to start with a header line and

then allocate the first message record

header = sysnull();
allocate message_item set(next);

end;

Suppressing SQL messages (continued)
free next->message_Item;
close file(sysuexit);
end;

message_Filter: proc ( ue, mf );

dcl 1 ue like uex_Uib byaddr;
dcl 1 mf like uex_Mfx byaddr;

dcl next pointer;
dcl jx fixed bin(31);
dcl insert char(256) var;
dcl based_Chars char(256) based;

on error
begin;
on error system;
call plidump('TFBHS ');
end;

/*
by default, leave the reason code etc unchanged */

/*
save the first insert if it has character type */
/*
Suppressing SQL messages (continued) */

insert = 'x';
if mf.Uex_MFX_Length < stg(mf) then;
else
  if mf.Uex_MFX_Ins_Count = 0 then;
  else
    do jx = 1 to mf.Uex_MFX_Ins_Count;
      select( mf.Uex_MFX_Ins_Type(jx) );
      when( uex_ins_Type_Char )
        do;
          if jx = 1 then
            insert = substr( mf.Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Addr(jx)->based_Chars,
                           1,mf.Uex_MFX_Ins_Str_Len(jx));
        end;
      otherwise;
        end;
  end;
end;
search list:
do next = header repeat( next->link ) while( next != sysnull() );

if next->msgno = mf.uex_Mfx_Message_No & next->facid = mf.Uex_Mfx_Facility_Id then
do;
if next->variable = '*' then
leave search_list;
if next->variable = substr(insert,1,length(next->variable)) then
leave search_list;
end;
end;

if next = sysnull() then;
else
do;
/*
/* filter error based on information in table
/*
/***********************************************/*/ 
ue.uex_Uib_Reason_Code = next->reason;
if next->newsev < 0 then; 
else
mf.uex_Mfx_New_Severity = next->newsev;
end;
end;
exitterm: proc ( ue, ta );
dcl 1 ue like uex_Uib byaddr;
dcl 1 ta like uex_Tsa byaddr;
ue.uex_Uib_return_Code = 0;
ue.uex_Uib_reason_Code = 0;
end;
end;
Chapter 25. PL/I descriptors

This chapter describes PL/I parameter passing conventions between PL/I routines at run time.

For additional information about Language Environment runtime environment considerations, other than descriptors, see the z/OS Language Environment Programming Guide. This includes runtime environment conventions and assembler macros supporting these conventions.

Passing an argument

When a string, an array, or a structure is passed as an argument, the compiler passes a descriptor for that argument unless the called routine is declared with OPTIONS(NODESCRIPTOR).

There are two methods for passing such descriptors:

• By descriptor list
• By descriptor locator

Note the following key features about each of these two methods:

• When arguments are passed with a descriptor list
  – The number of arguments passed is one greater than the number of arguments specified if any of the arguments needs a descriptor.
  – An argument passed with a descriptor can be received as a pointer passed by value (BYVALUE).
  – The compiler uses this method when the DEFAULT(DESCLIST) compiler option is in effect.

• When arguments are passed by descriptor locator
  – The number of arguments passed always matches the number of arguments specified.
  – An argument passed with a descriptor can be received as a pointer passed by reference (BYADDR).
  – The compiler uses this method when the DEFAULT(DESCLOCATOR) compiler option is in effect.

Argument passing by descriptor list

When arguments and their descriptors are passed with a descriptor list, an extra argument is passed whenever at least one argument needs a descriptor.

This extra argument is a pointer to a list of pointers. The number of entries in this list equals the number of arguments passed. For arguments that do not require a descriptor, the corresponding pointer in the descriptor list is set to SYSNULL. For arguments that do require a descriptor, the corresponding pointer in the descriptor list is set to the address of that argument’s descriptor.

For example, suppose the routine sample is declared as follows:

```
declare sample entry( fixed bin(31), varying char(*) )
options( byaddr descriptor );
```
Assume that `sample` is called as in the following statement:
```
 call sample( 1, 'test' );
```

The following three arguments are passed to the routine:
- Address of a fixed bin(31) temporary with the value 1
- Address of a varying char(4) temporary with the value `test`
- Address of a descriptor list consisting of the following:
  - `SYSNULL()`
  - Address of the descriptor for a varying char(4) string

**Argument passing by locator(descriptor)**

When arguments and their descriptors are passed by locator(descriptor), whenever an argument requires a descriptor, the address of a locator(descriptor) for the argument is passed instead.

Except for strings, the locator(descriptor) is a pair of pointers. The first pointer is the address of the data; the second pointer is the address of the descriptor. For strings, under CMPAT(LE), the locator(descriptor) is still such a pair of pointers. But under the other CMPAT options, the locator(descriptor) consists of the address of the string and then the string descriptor itself.

For example, suppose that the routine `sample` is declared as follows:
```
 declare sample entry( fixed bin(31), varying char(*) )
   options( byaddr descriptor );
```

Assume that `sample` is called as in the following statement:
```
 call sample( 1, 'test' );
```

The following two arguments are passed to the routine:
- The address of a fixed bin(31) temporary with the value 1
- The address of a locator(descriptor) that consists of the following address and descriptor:
  - The address of a varying char(4) temporary with the value `test`
  - Under CMPAT(LE), the address of the CMPAT(LE) descriptor for a varying char(4) string
  - Under CMPAT(V*), the CMPAT(V*) descriptor for a varying char(4) string

**CMPAT(V*) descriptors**

Unlike LE descriptors, the CMPAT(V*) descriptors are not self-describing. However, the string descriptors are the same for all CMPAT(V*) options, and they also share the same codepage encoding as the LE string descriptors.

**String descriptors**

In a string descriptor, the first 2 bytes specify the maximum length for the string. This maximum length is always held in native format.

The third byte contains various flags (to indicate, for example, if the string length in a VARYING string is held in littleendian or bigendian format or if the data in a WIDECHAR string is held in littleendian or bigendian format).
In a string descriptor for a nonvarying bit string, the fourth byte gives the bit offset.

In a string descriptor for a CHARACTER string, the fourth byte encodes the compiler CODEPAGE option.

The declare for a string descriptor under CMPAT(V2) is as follows:

```pli
declare
  1 dso_string based( null() ),
    fixed bin(15),
  2 dso_string_length
  3 dso_string_flags, bit(1),
    fixed bin(8),
  3 dso_string_is_varying bit(1),
    fixed bin(8),
  3 dso_string_is_varyingz bit(1),
    fixed bin(8),
  3 dso_string_has_nonnative_len bit(1), /* for varying */
    fixed bin(8),
  3 dso_string_is_ascii bit(1), /* for char */
    fixed bin(8),
  3 dso_string_has_nonnative_data bit(1), /* for wchar */
    fixed bin(8),
  3 * bit(1), /* reserved, '0'b */
  3 * bit(1), /* reserved, '0'b */
  3 * bit(1), /* reserved, '0'b */
  2 * union,
    3 dso_String_Codepage ordinal ccs_Codepage_Enum,
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  3 dso_string_bitofs bit(1),
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  2 dso_string_end char(0);
```

The declare for a string descriptor under CMPAT(V3) is as follows:

```pli
declare
  1 dso_longstr based( null() ),
    fixed bin(15),
  2 dso_longstr_info,
    3 * fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  3 dso_datatype fixed bin(8) unsigned,
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  3 * union,
    4 dso_longstr_bitofs fixed bin(8) unsigned,
    4 dso_longstr_codepage type ccs_Codepage_Enum,
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  3 dso_longstr_info2,
    4 dso_longstr_has_nonnative_len bit(1), /* for varying */
    4 dso_longstr_is_ebcdic bit(1), /* for char */
    4 dso_longstr_has_nonnative_data bit(1), /* for wchar */
    4 * bit(1),
  4 dso_longstr_is_varying bit(1),
  4 dso_longstr_is_varyingz bit(1),
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  4 dso_longstr_is_varying4 bit(1),
    fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  4 * bit(1),
  2 dso_longstr_length fixed bin(31),
    fixed bin(31),
  2 dso_longstr_end char(0);
```

The possible values for the codepage encoding are defined as follows:

```pli
define ordinal
  ccs_Codepage_Enum
    (' ccs_Codepage_01047 value(1)
    , ccs_Codepage_01140
    , ccs_Codepage_01141
    , ccs_Codepage_01142
    , ccs_Codepage_01143
    , ccs_Codepage_01144
    , ccs_Codepage_01145
    , ccs_Codepage_01146
    , ccs_Codepage_01147
    , ccs_Codepage_01148
    , ccs_Codepage_01149
    , ccs_Codepage_00819
    , ccs_Codepage_00813
    , ccs_Codepage_00920
    , ccs_Codepage_00037
    , ccs_Codepage_00273

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Array descriptors

In the following declares, the upper bound for the arrays is declared as 15, but it should be understood that the actual upper bound will always match the number of dimensions in the array it describes.

The declare for a CMPAT(V1) array descriptor is as follows:

```plaintext
declare
  1 dso_v1 based( null() ),
  2 dso_v1_rvo fixed bin(31), /* relative virtual origin */
  2 dso_v1_data(1:15),
  3 dso_v1_stride fixed bin(31), /* multiplier */
  3 dso_v1_lbound fixed bin(15), /* lbound */
  3 dso_v1_hbound fixed bin(15); /* hbound */
```

The declare for a CMPAT(V2) array descriptor is as follows:

```plaintext
declare
  1 dso_v2 based( null() ),
  2 dso_v2_rvo fixed bin(31), /* relative virtual origin */
  2 dso_v2_data(1:15),
  3 dso_v2_stride fixed bin(31), /* multiplier */
  3 dso_v2_lbound fixed bin(31), /* lbound */
  3 dso_v2_hbound fixed bin(31); /* hbound */
```

The declare for a CMPAT(V3) array descriptor is as follows:

```plaintext
declare
  1 dso_v3 based( null() ),
  2 dso_v3_rvo fixed bin(63), /* relative virtual origin */
  2 dso_v3_data(1:15),
  3 dso_v3_stride fixed bin(63), /* multiplier */
  3 dso_v3_lbound fixed bin(63), /* lbound */
  3 dso_v3_hbound fixed bin(63); /* hbound */
```

CAMPAT(LE) descriptors

Every LE descriptor starts with a 4-byte field. The first byte specifies the descriptor type (scalar, array, structure, or union). The remaining three bytes are zero unless they are set by the particular descriptor type.

The declare for a descriptor header is as follows:

```plaintext
declare
  1 dsc_Header based( sysnull() ),
  2 dsc_Type fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  2 dsc_Datatype fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  2 * fixed bin(8) unsigned,
  2 * fixed bin(8) unsigned;
```

These are possible values for the dsc_Type field:
String descriptors

In a string descriptor, the second byte of the header indicates the string type (bit, character or graphic as well as nonvarying, varying or varyingz).

In a string descriptor for a nonvarying bit string, the third byte of the header gives the bit offset.

In a string descriptor for a CHARACTER string, the third byte of the header encodes the compiler CODEPAGE option.

In a string descriptor for a varying string, the fourth byte has a bit indicating if the string length is held in nonnative format.

In a string descriptor for a character string, the fourth byte also has a bit indicating if the string data is in EBCDIC.

The declare for a string descriptor is as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{declare} & \quad \text{dsc\_String} \quad \text{based( sysnull() ),} \\
& \quad \text{2 dsc\_String\_Header,} \\
& \quad \quad \text{3 * \quad \text{fixed bin(8) unsigned,}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{3 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type} \quad \text{fixed bin(8) unsigned,}} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{3} \quad \text{union,} \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Codepage} \quad \text{ordinal ccs\_Codepage\_Enum,}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_BitOfs} \quad \text{fixed bin(8) unsigned,}} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{3 *}, \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Has\_Nonnative\_Len} \quad \text{bit(1),}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Is\_Ebc dic} \quad \text{bit(1),}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Has\_Nonnative\_Data} \quad \text{bit(1),}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{4 * \quad \text{bit(5),}} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{2 \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Length} \quad \text{fixed bin(31); /* max length of string */}} \\
\end{align*}
\]

These are the possible values for the dsc\_String\_Type field:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{declare} & \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Unset \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(0)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Char\_Nonvarying \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(2)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Char\_Varyingz \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(3)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Char\_Varying2 \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(4)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Bit\_Nonvarying \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(6)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Bit\_Varying2 \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(7)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Graphic\_Nonvarying \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(9)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Graphic\_Varyingz \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(10)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Graphic\_Varying2 \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(11)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Widechar\_Nonvarying \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(13)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Widechar\_Varyingz \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(14)},} \\
& \quad \text{dsc\_String\_Type\_Widechar\_Varying2 \quad \text{fixed bin(8) value(15)};} \\
\end{align*}
\]

Array descriptors

The declare for an array descriptor is as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{declare} & \quad \text{1 dsc\_Array} \quad \text{based( sysnull() ),} \\
& \quad \text{2 dsc\_Array\_Header \quad \text{like dsc\_Header,}} \\
& \quad \quad \text{2 dsc\_Array\_ElmLen \quad \text{fixed bin(31), /* Length of array element */}} \\
\end{align*}
\]


| 2 dsc_Array_Rank fixed bin(31), /* Count of dimensions */ |
| 2 dsc_Array_RVO fixed bin(31), /* Relative virtual origin */ |
| 2 dsc_Array_Data( 1: 1 refer(dsc_Array_Rank) ), |
| 3 dsc_Array_LBound fixed bin(31), /* LBoud */ |
| 3 dsc_Array_Extent fixed bin(31), /* HBoud - LBoud + 1 */ |
| 3 dsc_Array_Stride fixed bin(31); /* Multiplier */ |
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Appendix. SYSADATA message information

When you specify the MSG suboption of the XINFO compile-time option, the compiler generates a SYSADATA file.

The SYSADATA file contains the following records:
- Counter records
- Literal records
- File records
- Message records
- Options record

The full set of declarations for all the ADA records are available in the members ibmxwin and ibmxwop in the samples data set SIBMZSAM.

You should note that the records in the file are not necessarily produced in the order listed above; for example, literal and file records might be interleaved. If you are writing code that reads a SYSADATA file, you should not rely on the order of the records in the file except for the following exceptions:
- Counter records are the first records in the file.
- Each literal record precedes any reference to the literal it defines.
- Each file record precedes any reference to the file it describes.

Understanding the SYSADATA file

The SYSADATA file is a sequential binary file.

Under z/OS batch, the compiler writes the SYSADATA records to the file specified by the SYSADATA DD statement, and that file must not be a member of a PDS. On all other systems, the compiler writes to a file with the extension adt.

Each record in the file contains a header. This 12-byte header has fields that are the same for all records in the file:

**Compiler**
A number representing the compiler that produced the data. For PL/I, the number is 40.

**Edition number**
The edition number of the compiler that produced the data. For this product, it is the number 2.

**SYSADATA level**
A number representing the level of SYSADATA that this file format represents. For this product, it is the number 4.

The header also has some fields that vary from record to record:
- Record type
- Whether the record is continued onto the next record
Possible record types are encoded as an ordinal value as shown in Figure 111.

Define ordinal xin_Rect
(Xin_Rect_Msg     value(50), /* Message record */
 Xin_Rect_Fil     value(57), /* File record */
 Xin_Rect_Opt     value(60), /* Options record */
 Xin_Rect_Sum     value(61), /* Summary record */
 Xin_Rect_Rep     value(62), /* Replace record */
 Xin_Rect_Src     value(63), /* Source record */
 Xin_Rect_Tok     value(64), /* Token record */
 Xin_Rect_Sym     value(66), /* Symbol record */
 Xin_Rect_Lit     value(67), /* Literal record */
 Xin_Rect_Syn     value(69), /* Syntax record */
 Xin_Rect_Ord_Type value(80), /* Ordinal type record */
 Xin_Rect_Ord_ELEM value(81), /* Ordinal element record */
 Xin_Rect_Ctr     value(82) ) /* Counter record */
 prec(15);

Figure 111. Record types encoded as an ordinal value

The declare for the header part of a record is shown in Figure 112.

Dcl
  1 Xin_Hdr Base( null() ), /* Header portion */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Prod /* Language code */
     fixed bin(8) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Rect /* Record type */
     unal ordinal xin_Rect, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Level /* SYSADATA level */
     fixed bin(8) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 * union, /* */
  3 * xin_Hdr_Flags bit(8), /* flags */
  3 *,
  4 * bit(6), /* Reserved */
  4 Xin_Hdr_Little_Endian /* ints are little endian */
     bit(1), /* */
  4 Xin_Hdr_Cont bit(1), /* Record continued in next rec */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Edition /* compiler "edition" */
     fixed bin(8) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Fill bit(32), /* reserved */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_Data_Len /* length of data part */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Hdr_End char(0); /* */

Figure 112. Declare for the header part of a record

Summary record
The record with type Xin_Rect_Sum is the summary record and is the first record in the file.
Figure 113. Declare for a summary record

**Options record**

The record with type Xin_Rect_Opt is the options record. It lists all the compiler options that are in effect during compilation.

The declaration for the options record is provided in the member ibmwxop in the samples data set SIBMZSAM.

**Counter records**

Each counter record specifies, for a subsequent record type, how many records of that type the file contains and how many bytes those records occupy.

Figure 114. Declare for a counter record

**Literal records**

Each literal record assigns a number, called a literal index, that is used by later records to refer to the characters named in this particular record.
File records

Each file record assigns a number, called a file index, that is used by later records to refer to the file described by this record. The described file might be the primary PL/I source file or an INCLUDED file. Each file record specifies a literal index for the fully qualified name of the file.

For an INCLUDED file, each file record also contains the file index and source line number from where the INCLUDE request came. (For primary source files, these fields are zero.)

```plaintext
Dcl
1 xin_Lit   Based( null() ), /* literal record */
   /*
2 xin_Lit_HDR /* standard header */
   /* like xin_HDR, */
   /* */
2 xin_Lit_Inx /* data index for literal */
   /* fixed bin(31) unsigned, */
   /* */
2 xin_Lit.Len /* length of literal */
   /* fixed bin(31) unsigned, */
   /* */
2 xin_Lit.Val char(2000); /* literal value */
Figure 115. Declare for a literal record
```

Message records

Each message record describes a message issued during the compilation. Message records are not generated for suppressed messages.

Each message record contains the following data:

- The file index and source line number for the file and line to which the message is attributed. If the message pertains to the compilation as a whole, these fields are zero.
- The identifier (for example, IBM1502) and severity associated with the message.
The text of the message.

The declare for a message record is as follows:

```
Dcl
1 xin_Msg       Based( null() ), /* message record */
                /* */
2 xin_Msg_Hdr  /* standard header */
               like xin_Hdr,
               /* */
2 xin_Msg_File_Id /* file id */
               fixed bin(31) unsigned, /* */
               /* */
2 xin_Msg_Line_No /* line no within file */
               fixed bin(31) unsigned, /* */
               /* */
2 xin_Msg_Id    /* identifier (i.e. IBM1502) */
                char(16), /* */
                /* */
2 xin_Msg_Severity /* severity (0, 4, 8, 12 or 16) */
               fixed bin(15) signed, /* */
               /* */
2 xin_Msg_Length /* length of message */
               fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */
               /* */
2 Xin_Msg_Text  /* actual message */
               char(100 refer(xin_Msg_Length) );
```

Figure 117. Declare for a message record

Understanding SYSDATA symbol information

When you specify the SYM suboption of the XINFO compile-time option, the compiler generates a SYSDATA file that contains symbol information in addition to the records generated for the MSG suboption.

The following records contain symbol information:

- Ordinal type records
- Ordinal element records
- Symbol records

Symbol records are not generated for built-in functions, generic variables, or variables with non-constant extents.

**Ordinal type records**

Each ordinal type record assigns a number, called an ordinal type index, that is used by later records to refer to an ordinal type described by this record. The name of the type is indicated by a literal index. Each ordinal type record contains the file index and source line number for the file and line in which the ordinal type was declared.

Each ordinal type record contains:

- A count of the number of values defined by that type
- The precision associated with the type
- Bits indicating if it is signed or unsigned
Ordinal element records

Each ordinal type record is immediately followed by a series of records (as many as specified by the ordinal type count) that describes the values named by that ordinal. Each ordinal element record assigns a number, called an ordinal element index, that is used by later records to refer to an ordinal element described by this record.

The name of the element is indicated by a literal index. Each ordinal element record contains the file index and source line number for the file and line in which the ordinal element was declared.

Additionally, each ordinal element record contains the following data:

• The ordinal type index of the ordinal type to which it belongs
• The value for that element
Symbol records

The declaration for the symbol record is in the member ibmwxin in the samples data set SIBMZSAM. Each symbol record assigns a number that is called a symbol index. The index is used by later records to refer to the symbol described by this record.

For example, the index can be used as the name of a user variable or constant. The name of the identifier is indicated by a literal index. Each symbol record contains the file index and source line number for the file and line in which the symbol was declared.

If the identifier is part of a structure or union, the symbol record contains a symbol index for each of the following:

- The first sibling, if any
- The parent, if any
- The first child, if any

Consider the following structure:

```c
declare /* /*
1 xin_OldElem based( null() ), /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemHdr /* standard header */ /* */
   like xinHdr, /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemFileId /* file id */ /* */
   fixed bin(31) unsigned, /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemLineNo /* line no within file */ /* */
   fixed bin(31) unsigned, /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemId /* identifying number */ /* */
   fixed bin(31), /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemTypelD /* id of ordinal type */ /* */
   fixed bin(31), /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemValue /* ordinal value */ /* */
   fixed bin(31), /* */
   /* */
2 xin_OldElemName /* ordinal name */ /* */
   fixed bin(31); /* */
*/
Figure 119. Declare for an ordinal element record
```
Each symbol record also contains a series of bit(1) fields that indicate if various attributes apply to this variable.

Each symbol record also contains the following elements:

**User-given structure level**
This is a user-given structure level for the identifier. For the element c of the structure above, the value is 3. For non-structure members, the value is set to 1.

**Logical structure level**
The logical structure level for the identifier. For the element c of the structure above, the value is 2. For non-structure members, the value is set to 1.

**Dimensions**
The number of dimensions declared for the variable not counting any inherited dimensions.

The number of dimensions for the variable including all inherited dimensions.

**Offset**
The offset into the outermost parent structure.

**Elemental size**
Elemental size is in bytes unless the variable is bit aligned, in which case it is in bits. In either case, this does not factor any in dimensions.

**Size**
Size in bytes with its dimensions factored in.

**Alignment**
Identified by the following:
- 0 for bit-aligned
- 7 for byte-aligned
- 15 for halfword-aligned
- 31 for fullword-aligned
- 63 for quadword-aligned

A union within the record is dedicated to describing information that is dependent on the variable’s storage class:

**Static variables**
If the variable is declared as external with a separate external name (dcl x ext('y')), the literal index of that name is specified.

**Based variables**
If the variable is declared as based on another mapped variable that is not an element of an array, the symbol index of that variable is specified.
**Defined variables**

If the variable is declared as defined on another mapped variable that is not an element of an array, the symbol index of that variable is specified here. If its position attribute is constant, it is also specified.

The variable's data type is specified by the ordinal shown in [Figure 121](#).

```
define
    ordinal
    xin_Data_Kind
    (  xin_Data_Kind_Unset
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Character
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Bit
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Graphic
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Fixed
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Float
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Picture
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Pointer
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Offset
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Entry
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_File
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Label
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Format
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Area
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Task
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Event
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Condition
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Structure
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Union
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Descriptor
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Ordinal
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Handle
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Type
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Builtin
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Generic
    ,  xin_Data_Kind_Widechar
    ) prec(8) unsigned;
```

**Figure 121. Data type of a variable**

A union within the record is dedicated to describing information that is dependent on the variable's data type. Most of this information is self-explanatory (for example, the precision for an arithmetic type) except perhaps for the following variables:

**Picture variables**

The literal index of the picture specification is specified.

**Entry variables**

If the variable has the returns attribute, the symbol index of the returns description is specified.

**Ordinal variables**

The ordinal type index is specified.

**Typed variables and handles**

The symbol index of the underlying type is specified.

**String and area variables**

The type and value of the extent is specified in addition to the symbol index of the returns description. The type of the extent is encoded by the values:
declare
  ( xin_Extent_Constant   value(01)
    , xin_Extent_Star      value(02)
    , xin_Extent_Nonconstant value(04)
    , xin_Extent_Refer     value(08)
    , xin_Extent_In_Error  value(16)
  )
fixed bin;

If the element has any dimensions, the type and values for its lower and upper bounds are specified at the very end of the record. These fields are not present if the element has no dimensions.

Note that the attributes flags reflect the attributes after the compiler has applied all defaults. So, for example, every numeric variable (including numeric PICTURE variables) has either the REAL or COMPLEX attribute flag set.

Understanding SYSADATA syntax information

When you specify the SYN suboption of the XINFO compile-time option, the compiler generates a SYSADATA file that contains syntax information in addition to the records generated for the MSG and SYM suboptions.

The following records contain syntax information:
- Source records
- Token records
- Syntax records

Source records

Each source record assigns a number, called a source id, that is used by later records to refer to the source line described by this record. The line might be from the primary PL/I source file or an INCLUDE file, as indicated by the source file id and line number fields in the record. The rest of the record holds the actual data in the source line.
Token records
Each token record assigns a number, called a token index, that is used by later records to refer to a token recognized by the PL/I compiler. The record also identifies the type of the token plus the column and line on which it started and ended.

```
Dcl
  1 Xin_Src   Based( null() ), /* source record */
     /* */
  2 Xin_SrcHdr   /* standard header */
     /* like Xin_Hdr, */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Src_File_Id /* file id */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Src_Line_No /* line no within file */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Src_Id /* id for this source record */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Src_Length /* length of text */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Src_Text /* actual text */
     char(137 refer(xin_Src_Length));
```

Figure 122. Declare for a source record

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```
Dcl
  1 Xin_Tok   Based( null() ), /* token record */
     /* */
  2 Xin_TokHdr   /* standard header */
     /* like Xin_Hdr, */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_Inx /* adata index for token */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_Begin_Line /* starting line no within file */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_End_Line_Offset /* offset of end line from first */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_Kind_Value /* token kind */
     ordinal xin_Tok_Kind, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_Rsrvd /* reserved */
     fixed bin(8) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_Begin_Col /* starting column */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */
     /* */
  2 Xin_Tok_End_Col /* ending column */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned;
```

Figure 123. Declare for a token record
The ordinal \texttt{xin\_Tok\_Kind} identifies the type of the token record.

\begin{verbatim}
Define
ordinal
  xin_Tok_Kind
  (  xin_Tok_Kind_Unset
     ,xin_Tok_Kind_Lexeme
     ,xin_Tok_Kind_Comment
     ,xin_Tok_Kind_Literal
     ,xin_Tok_Kind_Identifier
     ,xin_Tok_Kind_Keyword 
     ) prec(8) unsigned;
\end{verbatim}

\textit{Figure 124. Declare for the token record kind}

\textbf{Syntax records}

Each syntax record assigns a number, called a node id, that is used by later records to refer to other syntax records. The first syntax record will have kind \texttt{xin\_Syn\_Kind\_Package}, and if the compilation unit has any procedures, the child node of this record will point to the first of these procedures. The parent, sibling and child nodes will then provide a map with the appropriate relationships of all the procedures and begin blocks in the compilation unit.

Consider the following simple program:

\begin{verbatim}
a: proc;
call b;
call c;
b: proc;
end b;
c: proc;
call d;
d: proc;
end d;
end c;
end a;
\end{verbatim}

The node indices are assigned to the blocks of the preceding program as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
symbol index sibling parent child
-  1  0  0  2
a  2  0  1  3
b  3  4  2  0
c  4  0  2  5
d  5  0  4  0
\end{verbatim}

\textit{Figure 125. Node indices assigned to the blocks in a program}
Dcl
1 Xin_Syn Based( null() ), /* syntax record */ */
/*
2 Xin_Syn_Hdr /* standard header */ */ */
     like Xin_Hdr, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Node_Id /* node id */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Node.Kind /* node type */ */ */
     ordinal xin_syn_kind, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Node.Exp.Kind /* node sub type */ */ */
     ordinal xin_exp_kind, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 * /* reserved */ */ */
     fixed bin(16) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Parent.Node_Id /* node id of parent */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Sibling.Node_Id /* node id of sibling */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Child.Node_Id /* node id of child */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_First_Tok /* id of first spanned token */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */
     /* */ */
2 Xin_Syn_Last_Tok /* id of last spanned token */ */ */
     fixed bin(32) unsigned, /* */ */

Figure 126. Declare for a syntax record
Declare for a syntax record (continued)
Declare for a syntax record (continued)

The ordinal xin_Syn_Kind identifies the type of the syntax record.
Consider the following simple program:

```pli
a: proc(x);
dcl x char(8);
x = substr(datetime(),1,8);
end;
```

The node indices are assigned to the blocks of the preceding program as follows:

```pli
Define
    ordinal xin_Syn_Kind
    (  xin_Syn_Kind_Unset
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Lexeme
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Asterisk
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Int
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Name
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Expression
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Parenthesized_Expr
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Argument_List
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Keyword
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_ProcStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_BeginStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_KindStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Substmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Label
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_InvokeBegin
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Assignment
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Assignment_Byname
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_DoFragment
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_KeyedList
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_IterationFactor
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_ifClause
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_ElseClause
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_DoStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_SelectStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_WhenStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_OtherwiseStmt
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Procedure
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Package
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_BeginBlock
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Picture
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_Raw_Rfrnc
    ,  xin_Syn_Kind_GenericDesc
    ) prec(8) unsigned;
```
The procedure record contains the identifier (in the block_sym field) for the symbol record for ENTRY A. This symbol record contains, in turn, the node identifier (in the first_stmt_id field) for the first statement in that procedure.

Note that for the statement records, the sibling node identifier points to the next statement record, if any; the child node identifier points to the first element of that statement record.

The records for the PROCEDURE statement consists of 4 records:
• A label record
• A keyword record (for the PROCEDURE keyword)
• An expression record (for the parameter X) with expression kind of unsub_rfrnc and a sym_id for the symbol X
• A lexeme record (for the semicolon)

The records for the assignment statement consists of 2 records:
• An assignment record that has 2 children:
  – An expression record (for the target X) with expression kind of unsub_rfrnc and a sym_id for the symbol X
  – An expression record (for the source) with expression kind of builtin_rfrnc and a sym_id for the symbol SUBSTR, and this record has itself 3 children:
    - An expression record (for the first argument) with expression kind of builtin_rfrnc and a sym_id for the symbol DATETIME
    - An expression record (for the second argument) with expression kind of number and a literal_id for the value 1
    - An expression record (for the third argument) with expression kind of number and a literal_id for the value 8
• A lexeme record (for the semicolon)

The records for the END statement consists of 2 records:
• A keyword record (for the END keyword)
• A lexeme record (for the semicolon)

The ordinal xin_Exp_Kind identifies the type of an expression for a syntax record that describes an expression. Some of these records will have nonzero child nodes; for example:

• An infix op, such as a minus for a subtraction, will have a child node that describes its lefthand operand (and the sibling node of that operand will describe the righthand operator).
• A prefix op, such as a minus for a negation, will have a child node that describes its operand.

```c
Define ordinal xin_Exp_Kind
  (xin_Exp_Kind_Unset,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Bit_String,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Char_String,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Graphic_String,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Number,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Infix_Op,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Prefix_Op,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Builtin_Rfrnc,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Entry_Rfrnc,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Qualified_Rfrnc,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Unsub_Rfrnc,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Subscripted_Rfrnc,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Type_Func,
   xin_Exp_Kind_Widechar_String
  ) prec(8) unsigned;
```

*Figure 129. Declare for the expression kind*

The ordinal xin_Number_Kind identifies the type of a number for a syntax record that describes a number.

```c
Define ordinal xin_Number_Kind
  (xin_Number_Kind_Unset,
   xin_Number_Kind_Real_Fixed_Bin,
   xin_Number_Kind_Real_Fixed_Dec,
   xin_Number_Kind_Real_Float_Bin,
   xin_Number_Kind_Real_Float_Dec,
   xin_Number_Kind_Cplx_Fixed_Bin,
   xin_Number_Kind_Cplx_Fixed_Dec,
   xin_Number_Kind_Cplx_Float_Bin,
   xin_Number_Kind_Cplx_Float_Dec
  ) prec(8) unsigned;
```

*Figure 130. Declare for the number kind*

The ordinal xin_Lex_Kind identifies the type of a lexeme for a syntax record that describes a lexical unit.

• In these ordinal names, "vrule" means "vertical rule", which is used, for instance, as the "or" symbol.
• In these ordinal names, “dbl” means “double”, so that dbl_Vrule is a doubled vertical rule that is used, for instance, as the “concatenate” symbol.

Define
ordinal
xin_Lex_Kind
  (  xin_Lex_Undefined
    ,xin_Lex_Period
    ,xin_Lex_Colon
    ,xin_Lex_Semicolon
    ,xin_Lex_Lparen
    ,xin_Lex_Rparen
    ,xin_Lex_Comma
    ,xin_Lex_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Gt
    ,xin_Lex_Ge
    ,xin_Lex_Lt
    ,xin_Lex_Le
    ,xin_Lex_Ne
    ,xin_Lex_Lctr
    ,xin_Lex_Star
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Colon
    ,xin_Lex_Not
    ,xin_Lex_Vrule
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Vrule
    ,xin_Lex_And
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Star
    ,xin_Lex_Plus
    ,xin_Lex_Minus
    ,xin_Lex_Slash
    ,xin_Lex_Equals_Gt
    ,xin_Lex_Lparen_Colon
    ,xin_Lex_Colon_Rparen
    ,xin_Lex_Plus_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Minus_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Star_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Slash_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Vrule_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_And_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Star_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Vrule_Equals
    ,xin_Lex_Dbl_Slash
  ) unsigned prec(16);

Figure 131. Declare for the lexeme kind

The ordinal xin_Voc.Kind identifies the keyword for a syntax record that describes an item from the compiler’s “vocabulary”.

The declaration for the voc kind is provided in the member ibmwxin in the samples data set SIBMZSAM.
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Glossary

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A

access  To reference or retrieve data.

action specification  In an ON statement, the ON-unit or the single keyword SYSTEM, either of which specifies the action to be taken whenever the appropriate condition is raised.

activate (a block)  To initiate the execution of a block. A procedure block is activated when it is invoked. A begin-block is activated when it is encountered in the normal flow of control, including a branch. A package cannot be activated.

activate (a preprocessor variable or preprocessor entry point)  To make a macro facility identifier eligible for replacement in subsequent source code. The %ACTIVATE statement activates preprocessor variables or preprocessor entry points.

active  The state of a block after activation and before termination. The state in which a preprocessor variable or preprocessor entry name is said to be when its value can replace the corresponding identifier in source program text. The state in which an event variable is said to be during the time it is associated with an asynchronous operation. The state in which a task variable is said to be when its associated task is attached. The state in which a task is said to be before it has been terminated.

actual origin (AO)  The location of the first item in the array or structure.

additive attribute  A file description attribute for which there are no defaults, and which, if required, must be stated explicitly or implied by another explicitly stated attribute. Contrast with alternative attribute.

adjustable extent  The bound (of an array), the length (of a string), or the size (of an area) that might be different for different generations of the associated variable. Adjustable extents are specified as expressions or asterisks (or by REFER options for based variables), which are evaluated separately for each generation. They cannot be used for static variables.

aggregate  See data aggregate.

aggregate expression  An array, structure, or union expression.

aggregate type  For any item of data, the specification whether it is structure, union, or array.

allocated variable  A variable with which main storage is associated and not freed.

allocation  The reservation of main storage for a variable. A generation of an allocated variable. The association of a PL/I file with a system data set, device, or file.

alignment  The storing of data items in relation to certain machine-dependent boundaries (for example, a fullword or halfword boundary).

alphabetic character  Any of the characters A through Z of the English alphabet and the alphabetic extenders #, $, and @ (which can have a different graphic representation in different countries).

alphameric character  An alphabetic character or a digit.

alternative attribute  A file description attribute that is chosen from a group of attributes. If none is specified, a default is assumed. Contrast with additive attribute.
ambiguous reference
A reference that is not sufficiently qualified to identify one and only one name known at the point of reference.

area
A portion of storage within which based variables can be allocated.

argument
An expression in an argument list as part of an invocation of a subroutine or function.

argument list
A parenthesized list of zero or more arguments, separated by commas, following an entry name constant, an entry name variable, a generic name, or a built-in function name. The list becomes the parameter list of the entry point.

arithmetic comparison
A comparison of numeric values. See also bit comparison, character comparison.

arithmetic constant
A fixed-point constant or a floating-point constant. Although most arithmetic constants can be signed, the sign is not part of the constant.

arithmetic conversion
The transformation of a value from one arithmetic representation to another.

arithmetic data
Data that has the characteristics of base, scale, mode, and precision. Coded arithmetic data and pictured numeric character data are included.

arithmetic operators
Either of the prefix operators + and -, or any of the following infix operators: + - * / **

array
A named, ordered collection of one or more data elements with identical attributes, grouped into one or more dimensions.

array expression
An expression whose evaluation yields an array of values.

array of structures
An ordered collection of identical structures specified by giving the dimension attribute to a structure name.

array variable
A variable that represents an aggregate of data items that must have identical attributes. Contrast with structure variable.

ASCII

assignment
The process of giving a value to a variable.

asynchronous operation
The overlap of an input/output operation with the execution of statements. The concurrent execution of procedures using multiple flows of control for different tasks.

attachment of a task
The invocation of a procedure and the establishment of a separate flow of control to execute the invoked procedure (and procedures it invokes) asynchronously, with execution of the invoking procedure.

attention
An occurrence, external to a task, that could cause a task to be interrupted.

attribute
A descriptive property associated with a name to describe a characteristic represented. A descriptive property used to describe a characteristic of the result of evaluation of an expression.

automatic storage allocation
The allocation of storage for automatic variables.

automatic variable
A variable whose storage is allocated automatically at the activation of a block and released automatically at the termination of that block.

B

base
The number system in which an arithmetic value is represented.

base element
A member of a structure or a union that is itself not another structure or union.

base item
The automatic, controlled, or static variable or the parameter upon which a defined variable is defined.
**based reference**
A reference that has the based storage class.

**based storage allocation**
The allocation of storage for based variables.

**based variable**
A variable whose storage address is provided by a locator. Multiple generations of the same variable are accessible. It does not identify a fixed location in storage.

**begin-block**
A collection of statements delimited by BEGIN and END statements, forming a name scope. A begin-block is activated either by the raising of a condition (if the begin-block is the action specification for an ON-unit) or through the normal flow of control, including any branch resulting from a GOTO statement.

**binary**
A number system whose only numerals are 0 and 1.

**binary digit**
See *bit*.

**binary fixed-point value**
An integer consisting of binary digits and having an optional binary point and optional sign. Contrast with *decimal fixed-point value*.

**binary floating-point value**
An approximation of a real number in the form of a significand, which can be considered as a binary fraction, and an exponent, which can be considered as an integer exponent to the base of 2. Contrast with *decimal floating-point value*.

**bit**
A 0 or a 1. The smallest amount of space of computer storage.

**bit comparison**
A left-to-right, bit-by-bit comparison of binary digits. See also *arithmetic comparison*, *character comparison*.

**bit string constant**
A series of binary digits enclosed in and followed immediately by the suffix B. Contrast with *character constant*. A series of hexadecimal digits enclosed in single quotes and followed by the suffix B4.

**bit string**
A string composed of zero or more bits.

**bit string operators**
The logical operators not and exclusive-or (¬), and (¬), and (¬), and (¬). and (¬).

**bit value**
A value that represents a bit type.

**block**
A sequence of statements, processed as a unit, that specifies the scope of names and the allocation of storage for names declared within it. A block can be a package, procedure, or a begin-block.

**bounds**
The upper and lower limits of an array dimension.

**break character**
The underscore symbol ( _ ). It can be used to improve the readability of identifiers. For instance, a variable could be called OLD_INVENTORY_TOTAL instead of OLDINVENTORYTOTAL.

**built-in function**
A predefined function supplied by the language, such as SQRT (square root).

**built-in function reference**
A built-in function name, which has an optional argument list.

**built-in name**
The entry name of a built-in subroutine.

**built-in subroutine**
Subroutine that has an entry name that is defined at compile-time and is invoked by a CALL statement.

**buffer**
Intermediate storage, used in input/output operations, into which a record is read during input and from which a record is written during output.

**C**
To invoke a subroutine by using the CALL statement or CALL option.

**character comparison**
A left-to-right, character-by-character comparison according to the collating sequence. See also *arithmetic comparison*, *bit comparison*. **
character string constant
A sequence of characters enclosed in single quotes; for example, 'Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'.

character set
A defined collection of characters. See also ASCII and EBCDIC.

character string picture data
Picture data that has only a character value. This type of picture data must have at least one A or X picture specification character. Contrast with numeric picture data.

closing (of a file)
The dissociation of a file from a data set or device.

coded arithmetic data
Data items that represent numeric values and are characterized by their base (decimal or binary), scale (fixed-point or floating-point), and precision (the number of digits each can have). This data is stored in a form that is acceptable, without conversion, for arithmetic calculations.

combined nesting depth
The deepest level of nesting, determined by counting the levels of PROCEDURE/BEGIN/ON, DO, SELECT, and IF...THEN...ELSE nestings in the program.

comment
A string of zero or more characters used for documentation that are delimited by /* and */.

commercial character
- CR (credit) picture specification character
- DB (debit) picture specification character

comparison operator
An operator that can be used in an arithmetic, string locator, or logical relation to indicate the comparison to be done between the terms in the relation. The comparison operators are:
- = (equal to)
- > (greater than)
- < (less than)
- >= (greater than or equal to)
- <= (less than or equal to)
- ~= (not equal to)
- ~> (not greater than)
- ~< (not less than)

compile time
In general, the time during which a source program is translated into an object module. In PL/I, it is the time during which a source program can be altered, if desired, and then translated into an object program.

compiler options
Keywords that are specified to control certain aspects of a compilation, such as: the nature of the object module generated, the types of printed output produced, and so forth.

complex data
Arithmetic data, each item of which consists of a real part and an imaginary part.

composite operator
An operator that consists of more than one special character, such as <=, *, and /.

compound statement
A statement that contains other statements. In PL/I, IF, ON, OTHERWISE, and WHEN are the only compound statements. See statement body.

concatenation
The operation that joins two strings in the order specified, forming one string whose length is equal to the sum of the lengths of the two original strings. It is specified by the operator ||.

condition
An exceptional situation, either an error (such as an overflow), or an expected situation (such as the end of an input file). When a condition is raised (detected), the action established for it is processed. See also established action and implicit action.

condition name
Name of a PL/I-defined or programmer-defined condition.

condition prefix
A parenthesized list of one or more condition names prefixed to a statement.
It specifies whether the named conditions are to be enabled or disabled.

**connected aggregate**
An array or structure whose elements occupy contiguous storage without any intervening data items. Contrast with *nonconnected aggregate*.

**connected reference**
A reference to connected storage. It must be apparent, prior to execution of the program, that the storage is connected.

**connected storage**
Main storage of an uninterrupted linear sequence of items that can be referred to by a single name.

**constant**
An arithmetic or string data item that does not have a name and whose value cannot change. An identifier declared with the VALUE attribute. An identifier declared with the FILE or the ENTRY attribute but without the VARIABLE attribute.

**constant reference**
A value reference which has a constant as its object.

**contained block, declaration, or source text**
All blocks, procedures, statements, declarations, or source text inside a begin, procedure, or a package block. The entire package, procedure, and the BEGIN statement and its corresponding END statements are not contained in the block.

**containing block**
The package, procedure, or begin-block that contains the declaration, statement, procedure, or other source text in question.

**contextual declaration**
The appearance of an identifier that has not been explicitly declared in a DECLARE statement, but whose context of use allows the association of specific attributes with the identifier.

**control character**
A character in a character set whose occurrence in a particular context specifies a control function. One example is the end-of-file (EOF) marker.

**control format item**
A specification used in edit-directed transmission to specify positioning of a data item within the stream or printed page.

**control variable**
A variable that is used to control the iterative execution of a DO statement.

**controlled parameter**
A parameter for which the CONTROLLED attribute is specified in a DECLARE statement. It can be associated only with arguments that have the CONTROLLED attribute.

**controlled storage allocation**
The allocation of storage for controlled variables.

**controlled variable**
A variable whose allocation and release are controlled by the ALLOCATE and FREE statements, with access to the current generation only.

**control sections**
Grouped machine instructions in an object module.

**conversion**
The transformation of a value from one representation to another to conform to a given set of attributes. For example, converting a character string to an arithmetic value such as FIXED BINARY (15,0).

**cross section of an array**
The elements represented by the extent of at least one dimension of an array. An asterisk in the place of a subscript in an array reference indicates the entire extent of that dimension.

**current generation**
The generation of an automatic or controlled variable that is currently available by referring to the name of the variable.

**D**

**data**
Representation of information or of value in a form suitable for processing.

**data aggregate**
A data item that is a collection of other data items.
data attribute
   A keyword that specifies the type of data that the data item represents, such as FIXED BINARY.

data-directed transmission
   The type of stream-oriented transmission in which data is transmitted. It resembles an assignment statement and is of the form name = constant.

data item
   A single named unit of data.

data list
   In stream-oriented transmission, a parenthesized list of the data items used in GET and PUT statements. Contrast with format list.

data set
   A collection of data external to the program that can be accessed by reference to a single file name. A device that can be referenced.

data specification
   The portion of a stream-oriented transmission statement that specifies the mode of transmission (DATA, LIST, or EDIT) and includes the data list(s) and, for edit-directed mode, the format list(s).

data stream
   Data being transferred from or to a data set by stream-oriented transmission, as a continuous stream of data elements in character form.

data transmission
   The transfer of data from a data set to the program or vice versa.

data type
   A set of data attributes.

DBCS
   In the character set, each character is represented by two consecutive bytes.

deactivated
   The state in which an identifier is said to be when its value cannot replace a preprocessor identifier in source program text. Contrast with active.

debugging
   Process of removing bugs from a program.

decimal
   The number system whose numerals are 0 through 9.

decimal digit picture character
   The picture specification character 9.

decimal fixed-point constant
   A constant consisting of one or more decimal digits with an optional decimal point.

decimal fixed-point value
   A rational number consisting of a sequence of decimal digits with an assumed position of the decimal point. Contrast with binary fixed-point value.

decimal floating-point constant
   A value made up of a significand that consists of a decimal fixed-point constant, and an exponent that consists of the letter E followed by an optionally signed integer constant not exceeding three digits.

decimal floating-point value
   An approximation of a real number, in the form of a significand, which can be considered as a decimal fraction, and an exponent, which can be considered as an integer exponent to the base 10. Contrast with binary floating-point value.

decimal picture data
   See numeric picture data.

declaration
   The establishment of an identifier as a name and the specification of a set of attributes (partial or complete) for it. A source of attributes of a particular name.

default
   Describes a value, attribute, or option that is assumed when none has been specified.

defined variable
   A variable that is associated with some or all of the storage of the designated base variable.

delimit
   To enclose one or more items or statements with preceding and following characters or keywords.

delimiter
   All comments and the following characters: percent, parentheses, comma, period, semicolon, colon, assignment symbol, blank, pointer, asterisk, and single quote. They define the limits of identifiers, constants, picture specifications, iSUBs, and keywords.
descriptor
A control block that holds information about a variable, such as area size, array bounds, or string length.

digit
One of the characters 0 through 9.

dimension attribute
An attribute that specifies the number of dimensions of an array and indicates the bounds of each dimension.

disabled
The state of a condition in which no interrupt occurs and no established action will take place.

do-group
A sequence of statements delimited by a DO statement and ended by its corresponding END statement, used for control purposes. Contrast with block.

do-loop
See iterative do-group.

dummy argument
Temporary storage that is created automatically to hold the value of an argument that cannot be passed by reference.

dump
Printout of all or part of the storage used by a program as well as other program information, such as a trace of an error’s origin.

E

EBCDIC
(Extended Binary-Coded Decimal Interchange Code). A coded character set consisting of 8-bit coded characters.

edit-directed transmission
The type of stream-oriented transmission in which data appears as a continuous stream of characters and for which a format list is required to specify the editing desired for the associated data list.

element
A single item of data as opposed to a collection of data items such as an array; a scalar item.

element expression
An expression whose evaluation yields an element value.

element variable
A variable that represents an element; a scalar variable.

elementary name
See base element.

enabled
The state of a condition in which the condition can cause an interrupt and then invocation of the appropriate established ON-unit.

end-of-step message
A message that follows the listing of the job control statements and job scheduler messages and contains return code indicating success or failure for each step.

entry constant
The label prefix of a PROCEDURE statement (an entry name). The declaration of a name with the ENTRY attribute but without the VARIABLE attribute.

entry data
A data item that represents an entry point to a procedure.

entry expression
An expression whose evaluation yields an entry name.

elementary name
An identifier that is explicitly or contextually declared to have the ENTRY attribute (unless the VARIABLE attribute is given) or An identifier that has the value of an entry variable with the ENTRY attribute implied.

entry point
A point in a procedure at which it can be invoked. primary entry point and secondary entry point.

entry reference
An entry constant, an entry variable reference, or a function reference that returns an entry value.

entry variable
A variable to which an entry value can be assigned. It must have both the ENTRY and VARIABLE attributes.

entry value
The entry point represented by an entry constant or variable; the value includes
the environment of the activation that is associated with the entry constant.

**environment (of an activation)**
Information associated with and used in the invoked block regarding data declared in containing blocks.

**environment (of a label constant)**
Identity of the particular activation of a block to which a reference to a statement-label constant applies. This information is determined at the time a statement-label constant is passed as an argument or is assigned to a statement-label variable, and it is passed or assigned along with the constant.

**established action**
The action taken when a condition is raised. See also implicit action and ON-statement action.

**epilogue**
Those processes that occur automatically at the termination of a block or task.

**evaluation**
The reduction of an expression to a single value, an array of values, or a structured set of values.

**event**
An activity in a program whose status and completion can be determined from an associated event variable.

**event variable**
A variable with the EVENT attribute that can be associated with an event. Its value indicates whether the action has been completed and the status of the completion.

**explicit declaration**
The appearance of an identifier (a name) in a DECLARE statement, as a label prefix, or in a parameter list. Contrast with implicit declaration.

**exponent characters**
The following picture specification characters:
1. K and E, which are used in floating-point picture specifications to indicate the beginning of the exponent field.
2. F, the scaling factor character, specified with an integer constant that indicates the number of decimal positions the decimal point is to be moved from its assumed position to the right (if the constant is positive) or to the left (if the constant is negative).

**expression**
A notation, within a program, that represents a value, an array of values, or a structured set of values. A constant or a reference appearing alone, or a combination of constants and/or references with operators.

**extended alphabet**
The uppercase and lowercase alphabetic characters A through Z, $, @ and #, or those specified in the NAMES compiler option.

**extent**
The range indicated by the bounds of an array dimension, by the length of a string, or by the size of an area. The size of the target area if this area were to be assigned to a target area.

**external name**
A name (with the EXTERNAL attribute) whose scope is not necessarily confined only to one block and its contained blocks.

**external procedure**
A procedure that is not contained in any other procedure. A level-2 procedure contained in a package that is also exported.

**external symbol**
Name that can be referred to in a control section other than the one in which it is defined.

**External Symbol Dictionary (ESD)**
Table containing all the external symbols that appear in the object module.

**extralingual character**
Characters (such as $, @, and #) that are not classified as alphanumeric or special. This group includes characters that are determined with the NAMES compiler option.

**F**

**factoring**
The application of one or more attributes to a parenthesized list of names in a DECLARE statement, eliminating the repetition of identical attributes for multiple names.
field (in the data stream)
That portion of the data stream whose width, in number of characters, is defined by a single data or spacing format item.

field (of a picture specification)
Any character-string picture specification or that portion (or all) of a numeric character picture specification that describes a fixed-point number.

file
A named representation, within a program, of a data set or data sets. A file is associated with the data set(s) for each opening.

file constant
A name declared with the FILE attribute but not the VARIABLE attribute.

file description attributes
Keywords that describe the individual characteristics of each file constant. See also alternative attribute and additive attribute.

file expression
An expression whose evaluation yields a value of the type file.

file name
A name declared for a file.

file variable
A variable to which file constants can be assigned. It has the attributes FILE and VARIABLE and cannot have any of the file description attributes.

fixed-point constant
See arithmetic constant.

fix-up
A solution, performed by the compiler after detecting an error during compilation, that allows the compiled program to run.

floating-point constant
See arithmetic constant.

flow of control
Sequence of execution.

format
A specification used in edit-directed data transmission to describe the representation of a data item in the stream (data format item) or the specific positioning of a data item within the stream (control format item).

format constant
The label prefix on a FORMAT statement.

format data
A variable with the FORMAT attribute.

format label
The label prefix on a FORMAT statement.

format list
In stream-oriented transmission, a list specifying the format of the data item on the external medium. Contrast with data list.

fully qualified name
A name that includes all the names in the hierarchical sequence above the member to which the name refers, as well as the name of the member itself.

function (procedure)
A procedure that has a RETURNS option in the PROCEDURE statement. A name declared with the RETURNS attribute. It is invoked by the appearance of one of its entry names in a function reference and it returns a scalar value to the point of reference. Contrast with subroutine.

function reference
An entry constant or an entry variable, either of which must represent a function, followed by a possibly empty argument list. Contrast with subroutine call.

G
generation (of a variable)
The allocation of a static variable, a particular allocation of a controlled or automatic variable, or the storage indicated by a particular locator qualification of a based variable or by a defined variable or parameter.

generic descriptor
A descriptor used in a GENERIC attribute.

generic key
A character string that identifies a class of keys. All keys that begin with the string are members of that class. For example, the recorded keys 'ABCD', 'ABCE', and 'ABDF', are all members of the classes identified by the generic keys 'A' and 'AB', and the first two are also members of the class 'ABC'; and the three recorded
keys can be considered to be unique members of the classes 'ABCD', 'ABCE', 'ABDF', respectively.

**generic name**
- The name of a family of entry names. A reference to the generic name is replaced by the entry name whose parameter descriptors match the attributes of the arguments in the argument list at the point of invocation.

**group**
- A collection of statements contained within larger program units. A group is either a do-group or a select-group and it can be used wherever a single statement can appear, except as an on-unit.

**H**
- See hexadecimal digit.

**hexadecimal**
- Pertaining to a numbering system with a base of sixteen; valid numbers use the digits 0 through 9 and the characters A through F, where A represents 10 and F represents 15.

**hexadecimal digit**
- One of the digits 0 through 9 and A through F. A through F represent the decimal values 10 through 15, respectively.

**input/output**
- The transfer of data between auxiliary medium and main storage.

**insertion point character**
- A picture specification character that is, on assignment of the associated data to a character string, inserted in the indicated position. When used in a P-format item for input, the insertion character is used for checking purposes.

**integer**
- An optionally signed sequence of digits or a sequence of bits without a decimal or binary point. An optionally signed whole number, commonly described as FIXED BINARY (p,0) or FIXED DECIMAL (p,0).

**IEEE**
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

**implicit**
- The action taken in the absence of an explicit specification.

**implicit action**
- The action taken when an enabled condition is raised and no ON-unit is currently established for the condition. Contrast with ON-statement action.

**implicit declaration**
- A name not explicitly declared in a DECLARE statement or contextually declared.

**implicit opening**
- The opening of a file as the result of an input or output statement other than the OPEN statement.

**infix operator**
- An operator that appears between two operands.

**inherited dimensions**
- For a structure, union, or element, those dimensions that are derived from the containing structures. If the name is an element that is not an array, the dimensions consist entirely of its inherited dimensions. If the name is an element that is an array, its dimensions consist of its inherited dimensions plus its explicitly declared dimensions. A structure with one or more inherited dimensions is called a nonconnected aggregate. Contrast with connected aggregate.

**interleaved array**
- An array that refers to nonconnected storage.
interleaved subscripts
Subscripts that exist in levels other than the lowest level of a subscripted qualified reference.

internal block
A block that is contained in another block.

internal name
A name that is known only within the block in which it is declared, and possibly within any contained blocks.

internal procedure
A procedure that is contained in another block. Contrast with external procedure.

interrupt
The redirection of the program's flow of control as the result of raising a condition or attention.

invocation
The activation of a procedure.

invoke
To activate a procedure.

invoked procedure
A procedure that has been activated.

invoking block
A block that activates a procedure.

iteration factor
In an INITIAL attribute specification, an expression that specifies the number of consecutive elements of an array that are to be initialized with the given value. In a format list, an expression that specifies the number of times a given format item or list of format items is to be used in succession.

iterative do-group
A do-group whose DO statement specifies a control variable and/or a WHILE or UNTIL option.

keyword statement
A simple statement that begins with a keyword, indicating the function of the statement.

known (applied to a name)
Recognized with its declared meaning. A name is known throughout its scope.

L
label
A name prefixed to a statement. A name on a PROCEDURE statement is called an entry constant; a name on a FORMAT statement is called a format constant; a name on other kinds of statements is called a label constant. A data item that has the LABEL attribute.

label constant
A name written as the label prefix of a statement (other than PROCEDURE, ENTRY, FORMAT, or PACKAGE) so that, during execution, program control can be transferred to that statement through a reference to its label prefix.

label data
A label constant or the value of a label variable.

label prefix
A label prefixed to a statement.

label variable
A variable declared with the LABEL attribute. Its value is a label constant in the program.

leading zeroes
Zeros that have no significance in an arithmetic value. All zeros to the left of the first nonzero in a number.

level number
A number that precedes a name in a DECLARE statement and specifies its relative position in the hierarchy of structure names.

level-one variable
A major structure or union name. Any unsubscripted variable not contained within a structure or union.

lexically
Relating to the left-to-right order of units.

library
An MVS partitioned data set or a CMS
MACLIB that can be used to store other data sets called members.

list-directed
The type of stream-oriented transmission in which data in the stream appears as constants separated by blanks or commas and for which formatting is provided automatically.

locator
A control block that holds the address of a variable or its descriptor.

locator/descriptor
A locator followed by a descriptor. The locator holds the address of the variable, not the address of the descriptor.

locator qualification
In a reference to a based variable, either a locator variable or function reference connected by an arrow to the left of a based variable to specify the generation of the based variable to which the reference refers. It might be an implicit reference.

locator value
A value that identifies or can be used to identify the storage address.

locator variable
A variable whose value identifies the location in main storage of a variable or a buffer. It has the POINTER or OFFSET attribute.

locked record
A record in an EXCLUSIVE DIRECT UPDATE file that has been made available to one task only and cannot be accessed by other tasks until the task using it relinquishes it.

logical level (of a structure or union member)
The depth indicated by a level number when all level numbers are in direct sequence (when the increment between successive level numbers is one).

logical operators
The bit-string operators not and exclusive-or (\(^\neg\)) and &, and or (|).

loop
A sequence of instructions that is executed iteratively.

lower bound
The lower limit of an array dimension.

main procedure
An external procedure whose PROCEDURE statement has the OPTIONS (MAIN) attribute. This procedure is invoked automatically as the first step in the execution of a program.

major structure
A structure whose name is declared with level number 1.

member
A structure, union, or element name in a structure or union. Data sets in a library.

minor structure
A structure that is contained within another structure or union. The name of a minor structure is declared with a level number greater than one and greater than its parent structure or union.

mode (of arithmetic data)
An attribute of arithmetic data. It is either real or complex.

multiple declaration
Two or more declarations of the same identifier internal to the same block without different qualifications. Two or more external declarations of the same identifier.

multiprocessing
The use of a computing system with two or more processing units to execute two or more programs simultaneously.

multiprogramming
The use of a computing system to execute more than one program concurrently, using a single processing unit.

multitasking
A facility that allows a program to execute more than one PL/I procedure simultaneously.

name
Any identifier that the user gives to a variable or to a constant. An identifier appearing in a context where it is not a keyword. Sometimes called a user-defined name.

nesting
The occurrence of:
- A block within another block
- A group within another group
- An IF statement in a THEN clause or in an ELSE clause
- A function reference as an argument of a function reference
- A remote format item in the format list of a FORMAT statement
- A parameter descriptor list in another parameter descriptor list
- An attribute specification within a parenthesized name list for which one or more attributes are being factored

**nonconnected storage**
Storage occupied by nonconnected data items. For example, interleaved arrays and structures with inherited dimensions are in nonconnected storage.

**null locator value**
A special locator value that cannot identify any location in internal storage. It gives a positive indication that a locator variable does not currently identify any generation of data.

**null statement**
A statement that contains only the semicolon symbol (;). It indicates that no action is to be taken.

**null string**
A character, graphic, or bit string with a length of zero.

**numeric-character data**
See decimal picture data.

**numeric picture data**
Picture data that has an arithmetic value as well as a character value. This type of picture data cannot contain the characters 'A' or 'X.'

**ON-condition**
An occurrence, within a PL/I program, that could cause a program interrupt. It can be the detection of an unexpected error or of an occurrence that is expected, but at an unpredictable time.

**ON-statement action**
The action explicitly established for a condition that is executed when the condition is raised. When the ON-statement is encountered in the flow of control for the program, it executes, establishing the action for the condition. The action executes when the condition is raised if the ON-unit is still established or a RESIGNAL statement reestablishes it. Contrast with implicit action.

**ON-unit**
The specified action to be executed when the appropriate condition is raised.

**opening (of a file)**
The association of a file with a data set.

**operand**
The value of an identifier, constant, or an expression to which an operator is applied, possibly in conjunction with another operand.

**operational expression**
An expression that consists of one or more operators.

**operator**
A symbol specifying an operation to be performed.

**option**
A specification in a statement that can be used to influence the execution or interpretation of the statement.

**P**

**package constant**
The label prefix on a PACKAGE statement.

**packed decimal**
The internal representation of a fixed-point decimal data item.

**padding**
One or more characters, graphics, or bits concatenated to the right of a string to extend the string to a required length. One or more bytes or bits inserted in a structure or union so that the following element within the structure or union is aligned on the appropriate integral boundary.
parameter
A name in the parameter list following the PROCEDURE statement, specifying an argument that will be passed when the procedure is invoked.

parameter descriptor
The set of attributes specified for a parameter in an ENTRY attribute specification.

parameter descriptor list
The list of all parameter descriptors in an ENTRY attribute specification.

parameter list
A parenthesized list of one or more parameters, separated by commas and following either the keyword PROCEDURE in a procedure statement or the keyword ENTRY in an ENTRY statement. The list corresponds to a list of arguments passed at invocation.

partially qualified name
A qualified name that is incomplete. It includes one or more, but not all, of the names in the hierarchical sequence above the structure or union member to which the name refers, as well as the name of the member itself.

picture data
Numeric data, character data, or a mix of both types, represented in character form.

picture specification
A data item that is described using the picture characters in a declaration with the PICTURE attribute or in a P-format item.

picture specification character
Any of the characters that can be used in a picture specification.

PL/I character set
A set of characters that has been defined to represent program elements in PL/I.

PL/I prompter
Command processor program for the PLI command that checks the operands and allocates the data sets required by the compiler.

point of invocation
The point in the invoking block at which the reference to the invoked procedure appears.

pointer
A type of variable that identifies a location in storage.

pointer value
A value that identifies the pointer type.

pointer variable
A locator variable with the POINTER attribute that contains a pointer value.

precision
The number of digits or bits contained in a fixed-point data item, or the minimum number of significant digits (excluding the exponent) maintained for a floating-point data item.

prefix
A label or a parenthesized list of one or more condition names included at the beginning of a statement.

prefix operator
An operator that precedes an operand and applies only to that operand. The prefix operators are plus (+), minus (-), and not (¬).

preprocessor
A program that examines the source program before the compilation takes place.

preprocessor statement
A special statement appearing in the source program that specifies the actions to be performed by the preprocessor. It is executed as it is encountered by the preprocessor.

primary entry point
The entry point identified by any of the names in the label list of the PROCEDURE statement.

priority
A value associated with a task, that specifies the precedence of the task relative to other tasks.

problem data
Coded arithmetic, bit, character, graphic, and picture data.

problem-state program
A program that operates in the problem state of the operating system. It does not contain input/output instructions or other privileged instructions.

procedure
A collection of statements, delimited by
PROCEDURE and END statements. A procedure is a program or a part of a program, delimits the scope of names, and is activated by a reference to the procedure or one of its entry names. See also external procedure and internal procedure.

procedure reference
An entry constant or variable. It can be followed by an argument list. It can appear in a CALL statement or the CALL option, or as a function reference.

program
A set of one or more external procedures or packages. One of the external procedures must have the OPTIONS(MAIN) specification in its procedure statement.

program control data
Area, locator, label, format, entry, and file data that is used to control the processing of a PL/I program.

prologue
The processes that occur automatically on block activation.

pseudovariable
Any of the built-in function names that can be used to specify a target variable. It is usually on the left-hand side of an assignment statement.

Q
qualified name
A hierarchical sequence of names of structure or union members, connected by periods, used to identify a name within a structure. Any of the names can be subscripted.

R
range (of a default specification)
A set of identifiers and/or parameter descriptors to which the attributes in a DEFAULT statement apply.

record
The logical unit of transmission in a record-oriented input or output operation. A collection of one or more related data items. The items usually have different data attributes and usually are described by a structure or union declaration.

recorded key
A character string identifying a record in a direct access data set where the character string itself is also recorded as part of the data.

record-oriented data transmission
The transmission of data in the form of separate records. Contrast with stream data transmission.

recursive procedure
A procedure that can be called from within itself or from within another active procedure.

reentrant procedure
A procedure that can be activated by multiple tasks, threads, or processes simultaneously without causing any interference between these tasks, threads, and processes.

REFER expression
The expression preceding the keyword REFER, which is used as the bound, length, or size when the based variable containing a REFER option is allocated, either by an ALLOCATE or LOCATE statement.

REFER object
The variable in a REFER option that holds or will hold the current bound, length, or size for the member. The REFER object must be a member of the same structure or union. It must not be locator-qualified or subscripted, and it must precede the member with the REFER option.

reference
The appearance of a name, except in a context that causes explicit declaration.

relative virtual origin (RVO)
The actual origin of an array minus the virtual origin of an array.

remote format item
The letter R followed by the label (enclosed in parentheses) of a FORMAT statement. The format statement is used by edit-directed data transmission statements to control the format of data being transmitted.

repetition factor
A parenthesized unsigned integer constant that specifies:
1. The number of times the string constant that follows is to be repeated.
2. The number of times the picture character that follows is to be repeated.

**repetitive specification**
An element of a data list that specifies controlled iteration to transmit one or more data items, generally used in conjunction with arrays.

**restricted expression**
An expression that can be evaluated by the compiler during compilation, resulting in a constant. Operands of such an expression are constants, named constants, and restricted expressions.

**returned value**
The value returned by a function procedure.

**RETURNS descriptor**
A descriptor used in a RETURNS attribute, and in the RETURNS option of the PROCEDURE and ENTRY statements.

**S**

**scalar variable**
A variable that is not a structure, union, or array.

**scale**
A system of mathematical notation whose representation of an arithmetic value is either fixed-point or floating-point.

**scale factor**
A specification of the number of fractional digits in a fixed-point number.

**scaling factor**
See scale factor.

**scope (of a condition prefix)**
The portion of a program throughout which a particular condition prefix applies.

**scope (of a declaration or name)**
The portion of a program throughout which a particular name is known.

**secondary entry point**
An entry point identified by any of the names in the label list of an entry statement.

**select-group**
A sequence of statements delimited by SELECT and END statements.

**selection clause**
A WHEN or OTHERWISE clause of a select-group.

**self-defining data**
An aggregate that contains data items whose bounds, lengths, and sizes are determined at program execution time and are stored in a member of the aggregate.

**separator**
See delimiter.

**shift**
Change of data in storage to the left or to the right of original position.

**shift-in**
Symbol used to signal the compiler at the end of a double-byte string.

**shift-out**
Symbol used to signal the compiler at the beginning of a double-byte string.

**sign and currency symbol characters**
The picture specification characters. S, +, -, and $ (or other national currency symbols enclosed in < and >).

**simple parameter**
A parameter for which no storage class attribute is specified. It can represent an argument of any storage class, but only the current generation of a controlled argument.

**simple statement**
A statement other than IF, ON, WHEN, and OTHERWISE.

**source**
Data item to be converted for problem data.

**source key**
A key referred to in a record-oriented transmission statement that identifies a particular record within a direct access data set.

**source program**
A program that serves as input to the source program processors and the compiler.

**source variable**
A variable whose value participates in some other operation, but is not modified by the operation. Contrast with target variable.
spill file
Data set named SYSUT1 that is used as a temporary workfile.

standard default
The alternative attribute or option assumed when none has been specified and there is no applicable DEFAULT statement.

standard file
A file assumed by PL/I in the absence of a FILE or STRING option in a GET or PUT statement. SYSIN is the standard input file and SYSPRINT is the standard output file.

standard system action
Action specified by the language to be taken for an enabled condition in the absence of an ON-unit for that condition.

statement
A PL/I statement, composed of keywords, delimiters, identifiers, operators, and constants, and terminated by a semicolon (;). Optionally, it can have a condition prefix list and a list of labels. See also keyword statement and null statement.

statement body
A statement body can be either a simple or a compound statement.

statement label
See label constant.

static storage allocation
The allocation of storage for static variables.

static variable
A variable that is allocated before execution of the program begins and that remains allocated for the duration of execution.

stream-oriented data transmission
The transmission of data in which the data is treated as though it were a continuous stream of individual data values in character form. Contrast with record-oriented data transmission.

string
A contiguous sequence of characters, graphics, or bits that is treated as a single data item.

string variable
A variable declared with the BIT, CHARACTER, or GRAPHIC attribute, whose values can be either bit, character, or graphic strings.

structure
A collection of data items that need not have identical attributes. Contrast with array.

structure expression
An expression whose evaluation yields a structure set of values.

structure of arrays
A structure that has the dimension attribute.

structure member
See member.

structuring
The hierarchy of a structure, in terms of the number of members, the order in which they appear, their attributes, and their logical level.

subroutine
A procedure that has no RETURNS option in the PROCEDURE statement. Contrast with function.

subroutine call
An entry reference that must represent a subroutine, followed by an optional argument list that appears in a CALL statement. Contrast with function reference.

subscript
An element expression that specifies a position within a dimension of an array. If the subscript is an asterisk, it specifies all of the elements of the dimension.

subscript list
A parenthesized list of one or more subscripts, one for each dimension of the array, which together uniquely identify either a single element or cross section of the array.

subtask
A task that is attached by the given task or any of the tasks in a direct line from the given task to the last attached task.

synchronous
A single flow of control for serial execution of a program.
**target** Attributes to which a data item (source) is converted.

**target reference** A reference that designates a receiving variable (or a portion of a receiving variable).

**target variable** A variable to which a value is assigned.

**task** The execution of one or more procedures by a single flow of control.

**task name** An identifier used to refer to a task variable.

**task variable** A variable with the TASK attribute whose value gives the relative priority of a task.

**termination (of a block)** Cessation of execution of a block, and the return of control to the activating block by means of a RETURN or END statement, or the transfer of control to the activating block or to some other active block by means of a GO TO statement.

**termination (of a task)** Cessation of the flow of control for a task.

**truncation** The removal of one or more digits, characters, graphics, or bits from one end of an item of data when a string length or precision of a target variable has been exceeded.

**type** The set of data attributes and storage attributes that apply to a generation, a value, or an item of data.

**union** A collection of data elements that overlay each other, occupying the same storage. The members can be structures, unions, elementary variables, or arrays. They need not have identical attributes.

**union of arrays** A union that has the DIMENSION attribute.

**upper bound** The upper limit of an array dimension.

**V**

**value reference** A reference used to obtain the value of an item of data.

**variable** A named entity used to refer to data and to which values can be assigned. Its attributes remain constant, but it can refer to different values at different times.

**variable reference** A reference that designates all or part of a variable.

**virtual origin (VO)** The location where the element of the array whose subscripts are all zero are held. If such an element does not appear in the array, the virtual origin is where it would be held.

**Z**

**zero-suppression characters** The picture specification characters Z and *, which are used to suppress zeros in the corresponding digit positions and replace them with blanks or asterisks respectively.
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