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# VAX/VMS System Programmer

**Student Guide**

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for specialists who will be doing consulting work on VAX/VMS at an advanced level. It provides students with considerable laboratory time to practice writing system-level code that will interface to the operating system.

This course is a 'how to' course. To illustrate system-level code, and to provide an opportunity to practice writing such code, the following topics will be discussed:

- General considerations for writing system-level code
- Adding a system service
- Writing a command language interpreter (CLI)
- Writing a symbiont (spooler)
- Writing an application migration executive (AME)

### PREREQUISITES

Fluency in the VAX-11 MACRO language, and successful completion of the VAX/VMS Internals/Data Structures course.

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### COURSE GOALS

- Identify restrictions imposed on system-level code, and which VMS features have access mode characteristics.
- Explain the organization of VMS source code, how to call commonly used system routines from a program, and how to work generally with the VMS source kit.
- Given a task involving writing privileged code, select the appropriate technique(s) to use to solve the problem from the following list, and implement the solution:
  - Procedure called in kernel mode (\$CMKRL)
  - Adding a system service (privileged shareable image)
  - Placing code in system buffer shared by all users
  - Using special kernel ASTs to access process context
- Given a task involving changing a user's interface to the operating system, determine when it is appropriate to write the following types of privileged code, and implement the solution:
  - Symbiont (and other communication with the job controller)
  - Command language interpreter (CLI)
  - Compatibility mode operating system emulator (AME)

### NON-GOALS

- Writing device drivers
- Writing ancillary control processors (ACPs)

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### RESOURCES

- VAX-11 PATCH Utility Reference Manual

In addition, the following material should be available for your reference:

- VAX/VMS Documentation Set
- VAX/VMS Internals and Data Structures
- VAX/VMS Hardware/Handbook
- VAX/VMS Architecture Handbook
- VAX/VMS Microfiche and Projector
- (Optional) VAX/VMS Source Kit
- VAX-11 Programming Card

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### COURSE ORGANIZATION

This course is presented in a lecture/lab format. The instructor will reference the materials in this course handout. Lectures may consist of instructor presentation, class discussions, or directed individual study. The lab time will be used for demonstrations by the instructor, hands-on experience for the students, and the working of exercises and tests.

The course material is structured within modules. Each module is a unique lesson on one or more of the skills required to write a particular type of system program. In many cases, existing system programs are studied as a basis for writing new or altered versions of those programs.

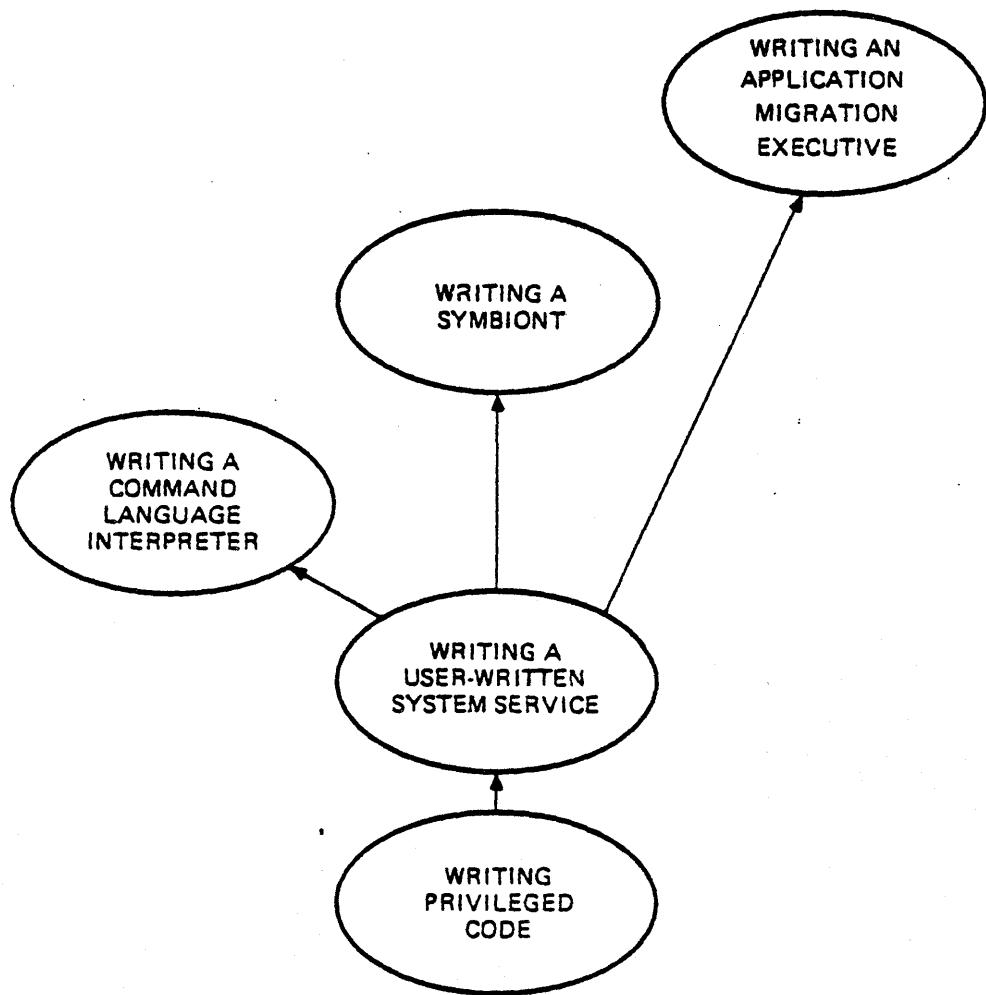
A module consists of:

- An introduction describing the purpose of the lesson.
- At least one objective which states what you will know or be able to do when you complete the module.
- Additional resources that provide supplementary reading and/or reference material for the module.
- The module text consists of examples, reference notes, and copies of any visuals used by the instructor. In terminal printouts, user input is underlined.
- A module test, which may be paper-and-pencil, lab-oriented, or both. By comparing your responses with the answers supplied, you can determine whether or not you have met the objective(s) of the module. If you cannot pass the test, you should consult with your instructor for additional help.

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### COURSE MAP

The course map shows the relationship among the various modules. Those modules having arrows leading into other modules are defined as prerequisites for that module. You should complete all the prerequisites for a module before you begin studying its material.



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**WRITING PRIVILEGED CODE**



## WRITING PRIVILEGED CODE

### INTRODUCTION

There are two types of software programmers, application programmers and system programmers. They produce two types of programs, application programs and system programs. System programs are intended to help programmers write application programs that solve user problems. This course focuses on writing system programs.

When writing system programs, there are two general approaches that can be taken. The programmer can either write a program that solves a particular problem without altering the operating system, or the programmer can try to interface with (or modify) existing operating system components. In either case, the system programmer has to write privileged code.

When trying to solve individual problems, the system programmer may often:

- Write a procedure that will be called in kernel mode (using \$CMKRNL)
- Add a system service (privileged shareable image)
- Place code in a system buffer that can be accessed (shared) by many users
- Use special kernel ASTs to access process context

Examples of operating system components that can be modified or replaced include a symbiont, command language interpreter, and compatibility mode operating system emulator (or application migration executive, AME).

One of the most important issues in writing privileged code is synchronization. System programs must observe various conventions to synchronize access to data, and to prevent events from occurring at inopportune times. It is important to synchronize access to data so that shared data structures are protected from being modified simultaneously by several routines. It is equally important that some sequences of instructions be allowed to execute without interruption.

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Special interrupt priority values (IPLs) can be used to block interrupts from being serviced during the execution of critical code paths. Care must be taken, however, to minimize the use of these special values so that the reporting and handling of important system events can still take place.

This module will focus on synchronization issues for system programs. It will also discuss the following topics related to writing privileged code:

- Restrictions placed on privileged code
- Techniques used for writing privileged code
- VMS features having access mode characteristics
- Commonly used system routines
- Commonly used system macros
- Commonly referenced system locations
- Development tools available for writing system programs

The other modules in this course will build on the concepts presented here. They will be used to demonstrate applications of the rules and principles presented in various areas related to system programming.

### OBJECTIVES

- Identify restrictions imposed on system-level code
- Identify VMS features that have the characteristic of access mode
- Explain the organization of the VMS source code and source kit
- Explain how to reference commonly used system routines and system macros

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### RESOURCES

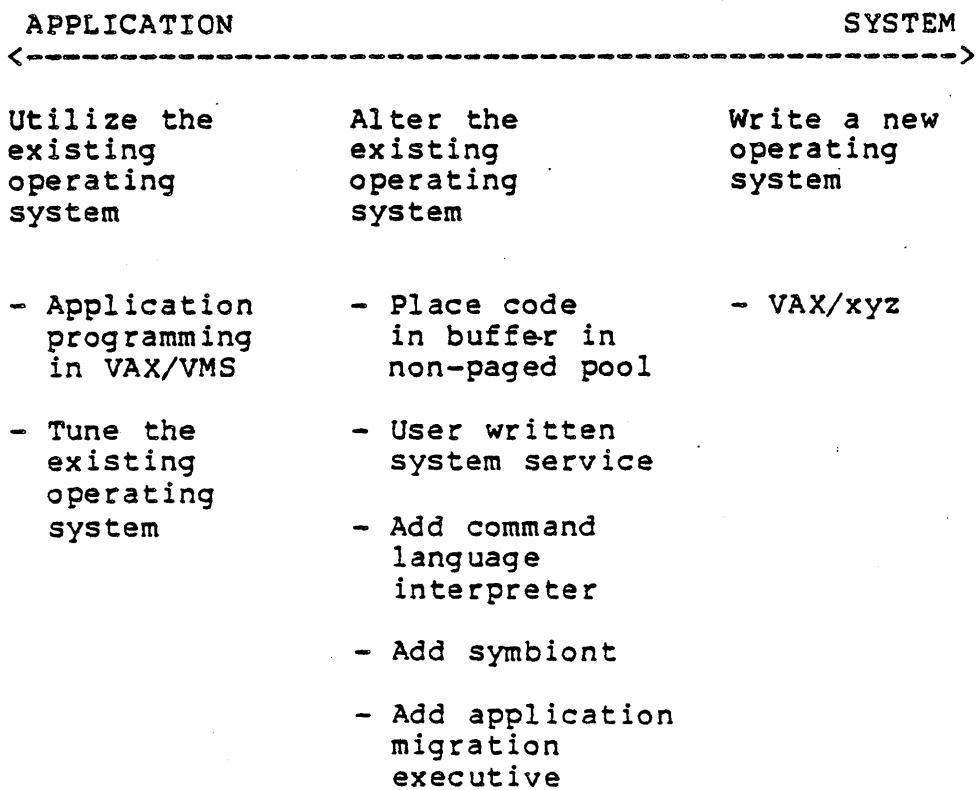
- VAX/VMS Internals and Data Structures
- VAX Source Code Listings
- VAX/VMS Guide to Writing Device Drivers (for DELTA)
- VAX/VMS System Dump Analyzer Reference Manual (for SDA)
- VAX-11 PATCH Utility Reference Manual



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### Scope of System Programming

- Operating system exists to serve application programs and users
- Application programming utilizes the existing operating system
- System programming modifies or extends the existing operating system to better serve the application programs and users



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System Programming

vs.

Application Programming

- System programs are intended to help programmers write application programs
- System programs possess a degree of generality not found in typical application programs
- System programs are very concerned with system and user data security, as well as recovery from all possible error conditions
- Application programs are first and foremost problem solvers
- For application programs, system programs are a means to an end

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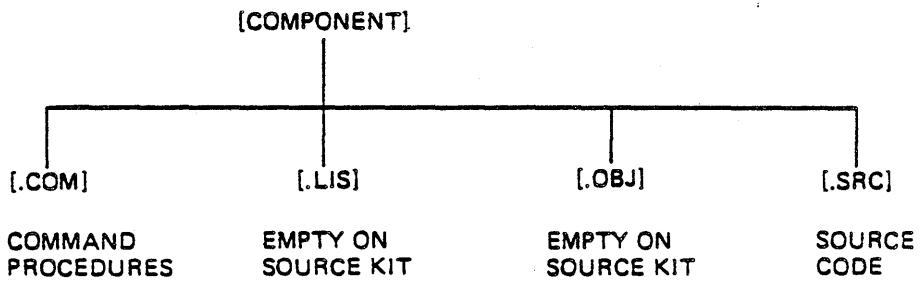
### Approaches to System Programming

- Individual problem solving
  - With procedure called in kernel mode (SCMKRNL)
  - Adding a system service (privileged shareable image)
  - Placing code in system buffer shared by all users
  - Using special kernel ASTs to access process context
- Changing operating system component:
  - Writing a symbiont (or other communication with Job Controller)
  - Writing a command language interpreter
  - Writing a compatibility mode operating system emulator

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### Organization of VMS Source Code

- System map
  - SYSSYSTEM:SYS.MAP
  - Roadmap to source code
- Microfiche
  - Source code listings
  - Use index card to locate source code modules
- Source kit
  - Source code files
  - Requires separate license
  - Organized by system component



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### System Programming Tools

- Program Development Tools
  - Powerful instruction set
  - System routines
  - System macros
  - System symbols
- Debugging Tools
  - System Dump Analyzer (SDA)
  - DELTA debugger
  - PATCH utility
  - Console command language
  - MONITOR
- Programming Aids
  - System map
  - System symbol table
  - System macro library
  - System examples directory

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### Frequently Used Instructions

#### Queue Instructions

INSQUE Insert entry in queue  
REMQUE Remove entry from queue

#### Address Manip. Instructions

MOVAX Move address  
PUSHAX Push address on stack

#### Procedure Call and Return Instructions

CHMx Change mode  
REI Return from exception or interrupt  
CALLx Call procedure  
RET Return from procedure

#### General Register Manipulation Instructions

PUSHL Push longword  
PUSHR Push register(s)  
POPR Pop register(s)  
MOVPSL Move from PSL  
BISPSW Set bit(s) in PSW  
BICPSW Clear bit(s) in PSW

#### Subroutine Call and Return Instructions

JSB Jump to subroutine  
BSB Branch to subroutine  
RSB Return from subroutine

#### Unconditional Branch and Jump Instructions

BRX Branch  
JMP Jump

#### Privileged Processor Register Control Instructions

SVPCTX Save process context  
LDPCTX Load process context  
MTPR Move to processor register  
MFPR Move from processor register

#### Loop and Case Instructions

ACBx Add, compare, and branch  
AOBLEQ Add one and branch if LEQ  
AOBLSS Add one and branch if LT  
SOBGEQ Subtract one and branch if GEQ  
SOBGTR Subtract one and branch if GT  
CASE Case using operand

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### Commonly Used System Macros

- Defined in SYSSLIBRARY:LIB.MLB
  - Can list/extract macros using LIBRARY command
  - Must assemble programs with this library

\$ MACRO program+SYSSLIBRARY:LIB/LIBRARY

- IPL control macros:

- SETIPL [IPL] (default = #31)
- DSBINT [IPL, DST] (default = #31, stack)
- ENBINT [SRC] (default = stack)
- SOFTINT IPL

- Address probing macros:

Arguments are SIZE, ADDRESS, DESTINATION, MODE

- IFRD
- IFNORD
- IFWRT
- IFNOWRT

- Privilege checking macros:

Arguments are PRIV, DEST, PCBREG

- IFPRIV
- IFNPRI

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- Others:

- ASSUME (Tests assumptions at assembly time)
- BUG\_CHECK (Halts system)
- RPTEVT (Report system event)
- FORK (Create fork process)

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### Commonly Used Definition Macros

- Data Structure Formats (\$xyzDEF)

- \$PCBDEF
- \$JIBDEF
- \$IRPDEF
- \$TQEDEF
- \$PHDDEF

- Constants

- \$IPLDEF
- \$SSSDEF
- \$PRDEF
- \$IODEF
- \$DYNDEF

- Symbol Definitions

- \$DEFINI
- \$DEF
- \$DEFEND
- \$VIELD

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### Commonly Used System Routines

- To access from a program:
  - JSB G^routine
  - Must link program with system symbol table
    - \$ LINK program,SYSSYSTEM:SYS.STB/SELECTIVE
  - Must relink program with each major release of VMS
- To find inputs/outputs/side effects
  - Look in system map for defining module
  - Find module on fiche, read comments, check code
  - Examine modules that call routine
- Obtaining/Releasing pool space
  - EXESALONONPAGED
  - EXE\$ALLOCxyz
  - EXESDEANONPAGED
- Obtaining/Releasing mutex
  - SCH\$LOCKR
  - SCH\$LOCKW
  - SCH\$UNLOCK
- Handling event flags
  - SCH\$CLREF
  - SCH\$POSTEF

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- Others

- SCH\$QAST (queue AST to process)
- EXE\$SINGLEQUOTA (check single quota)
- EXE\$BUFFRQUOTA (check buffered byte count quota)
- EXE\$NAMPID (convert process name to PID)

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**Listing 1-1: Sample System Routine (EXESALONONPAGED) (Page 1 of 2)**

MEMORYALC	- DYNAMIC MEMORY ALLOCATION			27-APR-1982 01:40:09 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	Page	
V03-001	ALLOCATE NONPAGED DYNAMIC MEMORY			26-APR-1982 15:47:26 _DBB0:ESTS.SRCJMEMORYALC.MAR\$1		
	00A9	326	.SBTTL ALLOCATE NONPAGED DYNAMIC MEMORY			
	00A9	327	;+			
	00A9	328	: EXESALONONPAGED - ALLOCATE NONPAGED DYNAMIC MEMORY			
	00A9	329	:			
	00A9	330	: THIS ROUTINE IS CALLED TO ALLOCATE A BLOCK OF MEMORY FROM THE NONPAGED POOL.			
	00A9	331	: IF THE BLOCK IS THE SAME SIZE AS AN I/O PACKET, AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ALLO-			
	00A9	332	: CATE IT FROM THE LOOKASIDE LIST.			
	00A9	333	:			
	00A9	334	: INPUTS:			
	00A9	335	:			
	00A9	336	: R1 = SIZE OF BLOCK REQUIRED IN BYTES.			
	00A9	337	:			
	00A9	338	: OUTPUTS:			
	00A9	339	:			
	00A9	340	: R0 = LOW BIT CLEAR IF MEMORY IS NOT AVAILABLE.			
	00A9	341	:			
	00A9	342	: R0 = LOW BIT SET IF MEMORY ALLOCATED WITH:			
	00A9	343	:			
	00A9	344	: R1 = SIZE OF ALLOCATED BLOCK.			
	00A9	345	: R2 = ADDRESS OF ALLOCATED BLOCK.			
	00A9	346	:			
	00A9	347	:			
	00A9	348	:ENABL LSB			
	00A9	349	200\$: BRW 208	;BAD ALLOCATION REQUEST		
	00AC	350	EXESALONONPAGED?;	;ALLOCATE NONPAGED MEMORY		
S1	0F	C0	00AC	ADDL	;ROUND SIZE UP TO NEXT BOUNDARY	
S1	0F	CA	00AF	BICL	;TRUNCATE SIZE BACK TO MULTIPLE	
	F5	13	00B2	BEQL	;IF EQL BAD ALLOCATION REQUEST	
51	000000A0	8F	01	00B4	200\$	
	12	1F	00B8	CMPL	;CIRP\$C_LENGTH+MASK>=CC^CCHASK>,R1 ;SIZE GREATER THAN IRP ?	
	4A	1F	00C2	BLSSU	;IF LSSU, YES	
52	000000F0	0F	00C6	355	;IS THE BLOCK TOO SMALL?	
	18	10	00C9	356	;YES, TRY SMALL PACKETS	
50	01	00	00CB	RENQUE	;REMOVE FIRST PACKET FROM LOOK ASIDE L	
	05	00CE	357	SRP	;IF VS EMPTY LIST	
			360	MOVL	;SET SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION	
			361	RSS	;	
			362			
S1	000000CF	01	00CF	363	LRP:	
	18	1A	00D4	CMPL	W=IOC\$GL_LRPMIN,R1	
S1	000000CF	01	00D6	364	SGTRU	;SIZE LESS THAN LRP MINIMUM ?
	11	1F	00D8	365	VAR	;IF GTRU, YES
52	000000F0	0F	00DD	366	CMPL	;SIZE GREATER THAN LRP ?
	04	10	00E2	367	BLSSU	;IF LSSU, YES
50	01	00	00E4	368	RENQUE	;REMOVE FIRST PACKET FROM LRP LIST
	05	00E7	369	SYS	;IF VS, EMPTY LIS	
			370	LISTCHK		
			371	MOVL		
			372	RSS		
	01D8	30	00E8	373	SSBW	
S3	000000CF	9E	00EE	374	EXESALONONPAGED	;ATTEMPT TO EXTEND POOL
	BE	50	E8	375	BLBS	;RETRY LISTS IF SOMETHING EXTENDED
			376	R0,EXESALONONPAGED,R3	;GET ADDRESS OF NONPAGED MEMORY LISTTHE	
	50	10	00F9	377	DSBINT	;DISABLE INTERRUPTS
			378	(R3)+		
	01	50	E9	379	ENBINT	
			380	EXE\$ALLOCATE		
	05	0101	381	BLBC		
			382	R0,EXTENDCHK		
					;ENABLE INTERRUPTS	
					;BR IF FAILURE	
					;	
					;CHECK FOR POOL EXTENSION	
					;SET FLAG FOR EXTENSION	
					;ATTEMPT TO EXTEND POOL	

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**Listing 1-1: Sample System Routine (EXE\$ALONONPAGED) (Page 2 of 2)**

CRYALC	- DYNAMIC MEMORY ALLOCATION						27-APR-1982 01:24:0:09 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	Page 10	
-001	ALLOCATE NONPAGED DYNAMIC MEMORY						24-APR-1982 15:47:26 _DB80:[SYS.SRC]MEMORYALC.MAR:1	(1)	
	9F 50	E8	010A	383	BLBS	R0,EXE\$ALONONPAGED	; AND REPEAT ALLOCATION ATTEMPT		
		05	010D	384	RSB		;		
			010E	385					
	0000"CF	51	01	010E	386	SRP:	CNPL	R1,W^IOCSGL_SRPSIZE	;CHECK FOR FIT IN SMALL PACKETS
		09	1A	0113	387		BGTRU	VAR	;MUST USE VARIABLE POOL
				0115	388	:	CNPL	R1,W^IOCSGL_SRPNIN	;CHECK FOR LOWER BOUND
				0115	389	:	BLSSU	VAR	;MUST USE VARIABLE POOL
	52	0000"DF	0F	0115	390		REQUEUE	2W^IOCSGL_SRPFIL,R2	;REMOVE FIRST PACKET FROM SRP LIST
		CC	10	011A	391		BVS	LISTCHK	;IF VS, EMPTY LIST
		50	01	00	011C	392	MOVL	#SSS_NORMAL,R0	;
			05	011F	393		RSB		;
				0120	394				

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### Commonly Referenced System Symbols

- Many symbols defined in modules SYSCOMMON and SYSPARAM
- If reference in program, need to link with system symbol table
- Precede symbol names in program with G^

Symbols used by most components in executive (EXES...)

EXE\$GL_SITESPEC	Can be used for any purpose you choose
EXE\$GL_ABSTIM	System absolute time, in seconds
EXE\$GL_SYSTIME	System absolute time, in nanoseconds
EXE\$GL_NONPAGED+4	Address of first free block of nonpaged pool
EXE\$GL_PAGED	Address of first free block of paged pool
EXE\$GL_SCB	Virtual address of system control block
EXE\$GL_TQFL	Forward link to timer queue elements

Control region (P1 space) locations (CTL\$...)

CTL\$GL_PHD	Base of window to process header
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I/O data base symbols (IOCS...)

IOC\$GL_IRPBL	Backward link to last used I/O request packet
IOC\$GL_MUTEX	I/O data base mutex

Memory management symbols (MMGS...)

MMG\$GL_SBR	System page table base register
MMG\$GL_SPTBASE	Base address of system page table (virtual)

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Scheduler data base symbols (SCH\$...)

SCH\$GB\_PRI Software priority of CURRENT process

SCH\$GL\_CURPCB CURRENT process PCB address

SCH\$GL\_PCBVEC Base of address of PCB vector table

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### Commonly Used System Programming Techniques

- Calling procedures in kernel mode
  - Requires process context
  - Could be used to implement system service
- Place code in buffer from non-paged pool
  - Process context not required
  - Code could be invoked by TQE
  - Accessible to all processes at same virtual address
  - Code must be position-independent (PIC)
- Build AST control block and queue to another process
  - To gain access to another process's context
  - AST code often part of AST control block
  - Frequently queues AST back to original process when done
  - For example, \$GETJPI
- Write program that gets mapped into a process's address space
  - Alternatives to VMS supplied components (for example):
    - Command language interpreter (P1 space)
    - Application migration executive (P0 space)
- Write program that runs as separate process
  - For example, symbionts

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### Considerations in Writing System Programs

- Addressing region implications
  - Process or system wide access
  - Speed (S0 address translation faster)
  - Paged or non-paged pool (if in system space)
- Calling sequence
  - JSB/RSB faster than CALL/RET
  - No need to worry about stack with CALL/RET
  - Need to explicitly save/restore registers with JSB/RSB
- VMS features having access mode implications
  - Logical names
  - I/O channels
  - Mailboxes
  - Pages of memory
    - Data structures
    - Virtual address space
  - Condition handling routines
  - Exit handling routines
  - ASTs
  - Timer requests

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### DO's in System Programming

- Run in privileged access mode (typically kernel)
- Write code that is re-entrant
- Write code that is position independent
- Check appropriate assumptions about user
  - Privileges
  - Quotas
  - Access to buffers
- Ensure process not deleted at inopportune times (elevate IPL to 2)
  - While have mutex
  - While have buffer from non-paged pool
- Check for and respond to all possible error conditions
  - Unlink data structures from queues
  - Deallocate buffers previously allocated
  - Restore modified fields in other data structures
- Always be concerned about synchronization problems
  - When accessing data structure
  - When altering IPL
  - When testing specific locations for values
- Always RAISE IPL to synchronize access to data structures or to report system events
- Generally exit a routine at the same IPL at which it was entered

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### DONT's in System Programming

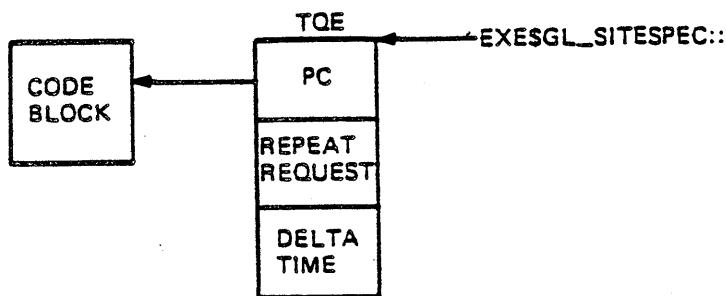
- Avoid exceptions in executive and kernel mode
  - Last chance handler for kernel mode issues fatal BUG\_CHECK
  - Unhandled executive mode exceptions result in process deletion
- Only call system services at IPL=0
  - Most system services raise and lower IPL (back to 0)
    - REI to higher IPL will cause reserved operand exception
- Use \$service macros, not CALLx G^EXE\$service
  - Services that place a process in wait state make assumptions about state of stack (and update return PC)
- Cannot take page faults above IPL 2
  - Take care to lock code in working set
- Don't overuse limited system resources
  - Memory
- Don't assume anything about current process
  - P0, P1 address space
  - Access PHD through P1 pointer
- Don't do anything in a privileged mode that can be done in a less privileged mode
- Don't stay at an elevated IPL longer than absolutely necessary for synchronization

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### Sample System Programs

- MAKETQE

- Allocates two blocks from non-paged pool
- Places code to execute periodically in first block
- Makes second block TQE that invokes code in first block
- Records address of TQE block in site-specific longword
- After program run, user can log out
  - Code will still be executed periodically
  - No process overhead involved
  - Independent of CURRENT process



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- STOPTQE

- Removes TQE from queue
- Deallocates TQE and code block
- Clears site-specific longword

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Listing 1-2: MAKETQE Example (Page 1 of 3)

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KETQE          -- Inserts TQE into timer queue      14-MAY-1982 16:28:32 VAX-11 Macro V03-00    Page 1
1                                         27-MAR-1982 16:50:53 WORK:CRAUZMIEKS.SYSPRG-PRIVCODEJRAC(1)

0000      1      .TITLE MAKETQE -- Inserts TQE into timer queue
0000      2      .IDENT /V01/
0000      3 :++
0000      4 :
0000      5 : ABSTRACT:
0000      6 :
0000      7 :      This program places a segment of code into nonpaged pool,
0000      8 :      and then establishes a TQE which invokes that routine
0000      9 :      every tenth of a second.
0000     10 :
0000     11 : SIDE EFFECTS:
0000     12 :
0000     13 :      Non-paged pool is used to hold the TQE, and the code that
0000     14 :      executes.
0000     15 :
0000     16 : PROGRAMMER:
0000     17 :
0000     18 :      Vik Muiznicks  15-MAY-1980
0000     19 :
0000     20 :--
0000     21 :
0000     22 :      External symbols
0000     23 :      $IPLDEF                      ; IPL definitions
0000     24 :      $TQEDEF                      ; TQE definitions
0000     25 :
0000     26 :      Local symbols
0000 000000C 0000 27 HEADER = 12                      ; size of header
0000 0000078 0000 28 DYN_C_MV_TYPE = 120                 ; my block type
0000     29 :
0000     30 :      Local storage
0000 0000000 0000 31 .PSECT NONSHARED_DATA PIC, NOEXE, LONG
0000F4240 0000 32 DELTA: .LONG 10000*100                ; delta repeat time
0000 00000 0004 33 .LONG 0                                ; of .1 seconds
0000     34 :
0000     35 :      This is the code that executes every .1 seconds in response to
0000     36 :      the TQE. The timer interrupt service routine transfers control
0000     37 :      to the code with a JSB instruction at IPL5_TIMER (7). Note that
0000     38 :      the code must be PIC (position independent) since it is being COPIED
0000     39 :      to the system buffer (and executes at arbitrary system addresses).
0000     40 :
0000     41 COPY_START:                                     ; start of code to be
0000     42                                     ; copied into pool
0000 00000FF 0000 43 INCL  UPDATE                     ; This is where the
0000 0000E 0000 44                                     ; routine could do
0000 000E 0000 45                                     ; useful work
0000 000F 0000 46 RSB                         ; return control to
0000 000F 0000 47                                     ; timer interrupt
0000 000F 0000 48                                     ; service routine
0000 00000 0000 49 UPDATE: .LONG 0                  ; will hold address of
0000 00013 0000 50                                     ; location to be incremented
0000 00008 0013 51 COPY_LSN = . - COPY_START        ; size of copied code
0000 00013 0013 52                                     ;
0000 00013 0013 53 :      Program entry point
0000 00013 0013 54 :
0000 00000 0000 55 .PSECT CODE   PIC, SHR, NOWRT
0000 00000 0000 56 START: .WORD 0                  ; null entry mask
0000 0002 0002 57 SCHKRNL_S ROUTIN=108             ; enter kernel mode

```

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**Listing 1-2: MAKETQE Example (Page 2 of 3)**

```

MAKETQE          -- Inserts TQE into timer queue.      16-MAY-1982 16:28:32 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
V01                                         27-MAR-1982 16:50:53 WORK:CHUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.PRIVC

        04 0011 58      RET                                : all done
        0012 59
        0012 60 10$: .WORD  ^WCR2,R3,R4,R5>
        0014 61      .ENABL LSB
        0014 62      TSTL G^EXESGL_SITESPEC
        0014 63      BEQLU 158
        08 13 001A 64      MOVL $SSS_IVNODE,R0
        001C 64      MOVL $SSS_IVNODE,R0
        0023 65      RET
        0024 66 :
        0024 67 :
        0024 68 :
        0024 69 :
        0024 70 :
        0024 71 :
        0024 72 :
        0024 73 :
        0024 74 :
        0024 75 :
        0024 76 :
        0024 77 :
        0024 78 :
        0024 79 :
        0024 80 :
        0024 81 :
        51 17 00 0024 82 15$: MOVL $COPY_LEN+HEADER,R1      ; size of pool needed
        0027 83      SETIPL $IPLS_ASTDEL
        00000000-GF 16 002A 84      JSB G^EXESALNONPAGED
        0030 85 :
        0030 86 :
        0030 87 :
        0030 88 :
        09 50 E8 0030 89      BLBS R0,20$      ; proceed if no error
        0033 90      SETIPL #0      ; lesser IPL before exiting
        50 0000-8F 3C 0036 91      MOVZWL $SSS_INSPHEN,R0
        04 0038 92      RET      ; indicate error
        0000000F-EF 52 00 003C 93 28$: MOVL R2,UPDATE      ; return error code
        82 7C 0043 94      CLRQ (R2)+      ; save address of block
        0045 95      ; clear location to be used
        82 51 80 0045 96      MOVM R1,(R2)+      ; point R2 to 3rd longword
        82 78 8F 98 0048 97      MOVZB R0,YH_C_NY_TYPE,(R2)+  ; fill in size field
        004C 98      ; fill in type field and
        52 0D 004C 99      PUSHL R2      ; point R2 to start of cod
        62 00000008-EF 0B 28 004E 100     MOVCJ $COPY_LEN,COPY_START,(R2)  ; save address of code
        0056 101      ; copy code to buffer
        0056 102 :
        0056 103 :
        0056 104 :
        0056 105 :
        0056 106 :
        0056 107 :
        0056 108 :
        00000000-GF 16 0056 109     JSB G^EXESALLOCTQE      ; allocate TQE block
        13 50 E8 005C 110     BLBS R0,40$      ; continue if no error
        50 8E 00 005F 111     MOVL (SP)+,R0
        0062 112      ; else, get code address
        50 OC C2 0062 113     SUBL $HEADER,R0      ; and clean up stack
        00000000-GF 16 0065 114     JSB G^EXESDEANONPAGED  ; account for header
                                                               ; deallocate code block

        Allocate pool to hold code. Code must be placed in system
        space so that it can execute in ANY process context. HEADER extra
        bytes will be allocated for a header (since the code block may
        later be deleted by running program STOPTQE). The program will
        use the first word in the third longword to store the size of
        the block. Normally the system uses the first two longwords
        for forward and backward links. In this case, the first
        longword will be incremented each time the routine specified
        by the TQE executes. The second longword will not be used.
        Note that IPL is raised to IPLS_ASTDEL before the block of pool
        is allocated. This is done so that the process can not be
        deleted while it has the address of the block in a register
        (and no other record of the block is maintained elsewhere in
        the system).

        The above routine destroys R0-R3, and returns in R2 the
        address of the allocated block of pool.

        Allocate a TQE. Note that the routine allocates the TQE at
        IPLS_SYNCH, but returns control at IPLS_ASTDEL (so process
        cannot be deleted before it can deallocate pool used for TQE).
        The routine destroys R0-R4, and returns the address of the TQE
        block in R2.


```

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**Listing 1-2: MAKETQE Example (Page 3 of 3)**

```

RETQE          -- Inserts TQE into timer queue      14-MAY-1982 16:28:32  VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 3
1                                         27-MAR-1982 16:50:53  WORK:[MUIZNIKS.STSPRG.PRIVCODE]MAC(1)

      50 0000*8F 3C 0068 115      MOVZWL $SSS_NOSLOT,R0
      33 11 0070 116      BRB 508 ; return error code
      0072 117 ; and exit.
      0072 118 ; Initialize TQE and insert TQE into queue (using system routine).
      0072 119 ; The routine expects the TQE address in R5. It copies the
      0072 120 ; due time into the TQE, and inserts the TQE in the queue at
      0072 121 ; the appropriate point. Since the current time is passed
      0072 122 ; (in R0 and R1) as the due time, the TQE should be placed
      0072 123 ; at the head of the queue, and delivered after the next
      0072 124 ; timer interrupt.
      0072 125 ;
      0072 126 ; The address of the TQE is also stored in a global location
      0072 127 ; in the executive reserved for site-specific use.
      0072 129 ;
      08 A2 05 90 0072 129 40$:  MOVS  $TQESL_SSREPT,TQESL_EQTYPE(R2) ; indicate system sub-
      0076 130 ; and repeat request
      20 A2 00000000*EF 70 0076 131  MOVQ  DELTA,TQESL_DELTA(R2) ; set repeat time-.1 sec
      0C A2 8E 00 007E 132  MOVL  ($SP)>,TQESL_FPC(R2) ; starting address of code;
      00000000*GF 52 00 0082 133  MOVL  R2,6^EXEGL_SITESPEC ; also cleans up stack
      0089 134 0089 135 0089 136 0089 137 0089 138 0089 139 0089 140
      ASSUME IPLS_SYNCH EQ IPLS_TIMER
      LOCK_START: 0090 141 0090 142 0090 143 0090 144 0090 145 0090 146 0090 147 0090 148 0090 149 0090 150 0090 151 0090 152 0090 153 0090 154 0090 155 0090 156 0090 157 0090 158 0090 159 0090 160 0090 161
      SETIPL SYNCH      MOVQ  $^EXEGL_SYNCHTIME,R0 ; accessing system data base
      : get current abs. time
      : copy TQE address for
      : queuing routine
      : set success status
      : lesser IPL
      : all done
      : disable local symbol block
      JSB  $^EXEGLINSTING
      MOVZWL $SSS_NORMAL,R0
      SETIPL #0
      RET
      .DSABL LSB
      By placing the SYNCH label after the code that must execute
      at IPLS_SYNCH, the page with the SETIPL SYNCH instruction and
      the page with the SYNCH label are guaranteed to be in the
      process's working set. Since the code will not span more
      than 2 pages, there is no way to have a page fault above IPL 2,
      even though the pages have not been locked into the working
      set (with the SLKSET system service).
      SYNCH: .LONG IPLS_SYNCH
      LOCK_END: ASSUME LOCK_END-LOCK_START LE $12
      START

```

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**Listing 1-3: EXE\$INSTIMQ (from module EXSUBROUT)**

EXSUBROUT V03-001	<pre> - EXECUTIVE SUPPORT SUBROUTINES      27-APR-1982 01:21:01 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page INSERT ENTRY IN TIME DEPENDENT SCHEDULER 26-APR-1982 13:46:44 _D880:CSTS.SRCJEXSUBROUT.MAR:1  0076 313      .SBTTL INSERT ENTRY IN TIME DEPENDENT SCHEDULER QUEUE 0076 314 :+ 0076 315 : EXE\$INSTIMQ - INSERT ENTRY IN TIME DEPENDENT SCHEDULER QUEUE 0076 316 : 0076 317 : THIS ROUTINE IS CALLED TO INSERT AN ENTRY IN THE TIME DEPENDENT SCHEDULER 0076 318 : QUEUE. THE ENTRY IS THREADED INTO THE QUEUE ACCORDING TO ITS DUE TIME. 0076 319 : THE QUEUE IS ORDERED SUCH THAT THE MOST IMMINENT ENTRIES ARE AT THE FRONT 0076 320 : OF THE QUEUE. 0076 321 : 0076 322 : INPUTS: 0076 323 : 0076 324 :     R0 = LOW ORDER PART OF EXPIRATION TIME. 0076 325 :     R1 = HIGH ORDER PART OF EXPIRATION TIME. 0076 326 :     RS = ADDRESS OF ENTRY TO INSERT IN TIME QUEUE. 0076 327 : 0076 328 :     IPL MUST BE IPL\$_TIMER. 0076 329 : 0076 330 : OUTPUTS: 0076 331 : 0076 332 :     SPECIFIED ENTRY IS INSERTED INTO THE TIME DEPENDENT SCHEDULER QUEUE 0076 333 : ACCORDING TO ITS DUE TIME. 0076 334 :- 0076 335 : 0000 336 .PSECT 0000 337 EXE\$INSTIMQ:- 18 A5 50 70 0000 338 NOVQ R0,TQE\$Q_TIME(R5) :INSERT ENTRY IN TIME QUEUE 53 00000*CF DE 0004 339 NOVAL W=EXE\$GL_TQFL,R3 :SET ABSOLUTE DUE TIME 52 53 00 0009 340 NOVL R3,R2 :GET ADDRESS OF TIME QUEUE LISTHEAD 52 04 A2 00 000C 341 10\$: NOVL TQE\$L_TQBL(R2),R2 :COPY ADDRESS OF TIME QUEUE LISTHEAD 52 53 01 0010 342 CNPL R3,R2 :GET ADDRESS OF NEXT ENTRY 0E 13 0013 343 BEQL 20\$ :END OF QUEUE? 1C A2 51 01 0015 344 CNPL R1,TQE\$Q_TIME+4(R2) :IF EGL YES F1 1F 0019 345 BLSSU 10\$ :COMPARE HIGH ORDER PARTS OF TIME 06 1A 0018 346 BGTRU 20\$ :IF LSSU NEW ENTRY MORE IMMINENT 18 A2 50 01 0010 347 CNPL R0,TQE\$Q_TIME(R2) :COMPARE LOW ORDER PART OF TIME E9 1F 0021 348 BLSSU 10\$ :IF GTRU NEW ENTRY LESS IMMINENT 62 65 0E 0023 349 20\$: INSQUE TQE\$L_TQFL(R5),TQE\$L_TQFL(R2) :INSERT NEW ENTRY IN TIME QUEUE 05 0026 350 RSB :;</pre>
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**Listing 1-4: STOPTQE Example (Page 1 of 2)**

```

-- Removes TQE from timer queue          14-MAY-1982 16:28:43 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 1
                                                27-MAR-1982 16:30:34 WORK:[CHUIZNIEKS.STSPRG.PRIVCODE]STC(1)

0000    1      .TITLE STOPTQE -- Removes TQE from timer queue
0000    2      .IDENT /V01/
0000    3 :++
0000    4 :
0000    5 : ABSTRACT:
0000    6 :
0000    7 : This program displays the contents of the location being updated
0000    8 : by the routine specified in a TQE (thrice). It then cancels the
0000    9 : TQE request, and deallocates the block of seal being used to
0000   10 : contain the TQE routine.
0000   11 :
0000   12 : SIDE EFFECTS:
0000   13 :
0000   14 : Non-paged seal is returned to the system.
0000   15 :
0000   16 : PROGRAMMER:
0000   17 :
0000   18 : Vink Muijznicks 15-MAY-1980
0000   19 :
0000   20 :--
0000   21 :
0000   22 : External symbols
0000   23 : $IPLDEF           ; IPL definitions
0000   24 : $TQEDEF           ; TQE definitions
0000   25 :
0000   26 : Local symbols
0000 0000000C 0000 27 HEADER = 12 ; header size for code block
0000 00000003 0000 28 LOOP_CNT = 3 ; loop counter
0000   29 :
0000   30 : Local storage
0000 00000000 31 .PSECT NONSHARED_DATA PIC, NOEXEC, LONG
0000 00000122 0000 32 LKWSET: .ADDRESS START_LOCK ; starting address
0000 00000140 0004 33 .ADDRESS END_LOCK ; ending address
0000 0008 34 TTCHAN: .WORD 0 ; TT channel
0000 00000020 0029 35 TT: .ASCID /$TSSCOMMAND/ ; descriptor for terminal
24 53 59 53 00000012"01000000" 0004
       4E 41 40 40 0018
       00000014" 0010
       00000048" 0021
       0000001E" 0025
       000000020" 0029
       45 20 6E 69 20 65 75 6C 61 56 0020
       5 50 53 45 54 49 53 SF 4C 47 24 0039
       4C 58 21 20 30 20 0045
       9 66 20 6E 69 20 65 75 6C 61 56 0049
       6C 58 21 20 3C 20 64 6C 0057
       00000000 005F
       00000023 0063
       00000068" 0067
       0000008E 0068
       008E
       00000021 00AF
       00AF
       50 BAD_SIZE = . - BAD_MESSAGE
       51 :

I 45 20 6E 69 20 65 75 6C 61 56 0020
       5 50 53 45 54 49 53 SF 4C 47 24 0039
       4C 58 21 20 30 20 0045
       9 66 20 6E 69 20 65 75 6C 61 56 0049
       6C 58 21 20 3C 20 64 6C 0057
       00000000 005F
       00000023 0063
       00000068" 0067
       0000008E 0068
       008E
       00000021 00AF
       00AF
       50 BAD_SIZE = . - BAD_MESSAGE
       51 :

```

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Listing 1-4: STOPTQE Example (Page 2 of 2)

STOPTQE  
V01

```

-- Removes TQE from timer queue          14-MAY-1982 16:28:43  VAX-11 Macro V03-00
                                         27-MAR-1982 16:30:34  WORK:CHUZINIEKS.SYSPRG.PRV.C

      00AF  52 :     Entry point for routine
      00000000  53 .PSECT CODE PIC, SHR, NOWRT
      0000  0000  54 STARTS .WORD 0
      0002  55 SCMRNL_S RQUTIM=108
      0011  56 : Note that most of the work being done in kernel mode by this
      0011  57 : example really could be done in user mode. There is not much
      0011  58 : need to enter kernel mode before label START_LOCK.
      04  0011  59   RET      ; all done
      007C  0012  60 10$: .WORD  ^MCR2,R3,R4,R5,R6
      0014  61 SLKSET_S INACR=LKSET
      01 50  E8 0025  62 BLBS R0,15#
      04  0028  63   RET      ; lock pages in working set
      0029  64 15$: SASSGN_S DEVNAME=TT,CHAN=TTCHAN
      3D 50  E9 003E  65 BLBS R0,25#
      52  00000000"GF  00 0041  66 20$: MOVL G^EXEGL_SITESPEC,R2
      0048  67
      37  19 0048  68 BLSS 30$ SOUTPUT CHAN=TTCHAN,LENGTH=$BAD_SIZE,BUFFER=$BAD_MESSAGE
      004A  69
      006F  70 SDASSGN_S CHAN=TTCHAN
      04  0070  71   RET      ; deassign terminal channel
      0003  31 007E  72 25$: BRW   ERROR
      56  0C 42  00 0381  73 30$: MOVL TQESL_FPC(R2),R6
      56  0C  C2  0085  74 SUBL2 $HEADER,R6
      56  03  94  0088  75 MOVZBL $LOOP_CNT,R4
      0088  76 SFAC_S CTRSTR=CTR1,OUTLEN=FAULEN,-
      0089  77 OUTBUF=OUT,P1=R2
      D5 50  E9 00A6  78 BLBC R0,25#
      0049  79 SOUTPUT CHAN=TTCHAN,LENGTH=FAULEN,BUFFER=$UFF : print value
      A9 50  E9 0002  80 BLBC R0,25#
      0005  81 40$: SFAC_S CTRSTR=CTR,OUTLEN=FAULEN,-
      0005  82 OUTBUF=OUT,P1=(R6) : format counter which
      0005  82                         ; changes every .1 seconds
      88 50  E9 00F0  83 BLBC R0,25#
      00F3  84 SOUTPUT CHAN=TTCHAN,LENGTH=FAULEN,BUFFER=$UFF : display counter
      35 50  E9 011C  85 BLBC R0,ERROR
      83 54  F5 011F  86 S00GTR R4,40#
      0122  87 START_LOCK:
      0122  88
      0122  89
      0122  90 SETIPL #IPLS_SYNCH
      50  62  0F 0125  91 RENQUE (R2),R0
      00000000"GF  16 0128  92 JSB G^EXEGLDEANONPAGED
      50  56  00 012E  93 MOVL R6,R0
      00000000"GF  16 0131  94 JSB G^EXEGLDEANONPAGED
      00000000"GF  04 0137  95 CLRRL G^EXEGL_SITESPEC
      0130  96
      0130  97
      0130  98 SETIPL #0
      0140  99 ENO_LOCK:
      0140  100 SDASSGN_S CHAN=TTCHAN
      0146  101 MOVWL #SSS_NORMAL,R0
      04  0153  102   RET      ; deallocate TQE
      56  50  00 0154  103 ERROR: MOVL R0,R6
      0157  104 SDASSGN_S CHAN=TTCHAN
      50  56  00 0165  105 MOVL R6,R0
      04  0168  106   RET      ; get address of code block
      0169  107 .ENO   START
                                         ; deallocate code block
                                         ; clean-up location so this
                                         ; program cannot be rerun
                                         ; until MAKETQE rerun
                                         ; enable interrupts
                                         ; end of locked down code
                                         ; deassign terminal channel
                                         ; return success status
                                         ; all done
                                         ; save exit status code
                                         ; deassign terminal channel
                                         ; restore exit status code
                                         ; all done

```

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Listing 1-5: MAKETQE.COM

```
100 $! MAKETQE.COM
200 $
300 $! This command procedure assembles and links the files
400 $! needed for the example that builds a TQE.
500 $
600 $! The debugger is included as well.
700 $
800 $ SET VERIFY
900 $
1000 $ MAC/LIST/ENABLE=DBG MAKETQE + SYS$LIBRARY:LIB/LIB
1100 $ LINK/MAP/FULL/DEBUG MAKETQE, SYS$SYSTEM:STS.STB/SELECTIVE
1200 $ MAC/LIST STOPTQE + SYS$LIBRARY:LIB/LIB
1300 $ LINK/MAP/FULL STOPTQE, SYS$SYSTEM:STS.STB/SELECTIVE
1400 $
1500 $! The TQEDEF.S8J file can be useful when debugging with
1600 $! SCA, since it can be read in, and used to FORMAT the
1700 $! TQE block.
1800 $
1900 $ MAC TQEDEF + SYS$LIBRARY:LIB/LIB
2000 $
2100 $! Prepare for running/debugging the programs
2200 $
2300 $ SET PROCESS/PRIV=(CHKRNL)
2400 $ DEFINE LIB$DEBUG DELTA
2500 $
2600 $ SET NOVERIFY
```

## SAMPLE RUN

```
$ SET PROCESS/PRIV=(CHKRNL)
$ RUN/NODEBUG MAKETQE
$ RUN/NODEBUG MAKETQE
ISYSTEM-F-IVMODE, invalid mode for requested function
$ RUN/NODEBUG STOPTQE
Value in EXE$GL_SITESPEC = 80112FEO
Value in field = 000000D9
Value in field = 000000DC
Value in field = 000000DE
$ RUN/NODEBUG STOPTQE
MAKETQE program has not been run.
$ RUN/NODEBUG MAKETQE
$ RUN/NODEBUG STOPTQE
Value in EXE$GL_SITESPEC = 80110760
Value in field = 00000047
Value in field = 00000049
Value in field = 0000004C
$
```

## WRITING PRIVILEGED CODE

### SDA Command Summary

Command	Function
COPY file	Copies the dump file
DEFINE sym = exp	Defines symbols and their values
EVALUATE exp	Performs computations
EXAMINE loc[:loc] loc[;len]	Examines memory locations
/P0 /P1 /SYSTEM /ALL /INSTRUCTION	
EXIT	Exits from the display or from SDA
FORMAT	Formats data blocks
/TYPE=block	
HELP	Prints help files
READ file	Copies object module symbols
REPEAT or <ESC>	Repeats the last command
SET OUTPUT file	Directs output to file
SET PROCESS name	Sets process context to specific process
/INDEX=nn /SYSTEM	
SHOW CRASH	Displays crash information
SHOW DEVICE devnam	Displays I/O data base structures
SHOW PAGE TABLE	Displays system page table
/GLOBAL /SYSTEM /ALL	
SHOW PFN DATA	Displays the PFN data base
/FREE /MODIFIED /BAD	
/SYSTEM /ALL	
SHOW POOL	Displays dynamic memory
/IRP /NONPAGED /PAGED	
/SUMMARY /ALL	
SHOW PROCESS name	Displays specific process information
/INDEX=nn /SYSTEM other qualifiers	
SHOW STACK	Displays process/interrupt stacks
/INTERRUPT /KERNEL	
/EXECUTIVE /USER	
/SUPERVISOR /ALL	
SHOW SUMMARY	Displays a summary of all processes
SHOW SYMBOL symbol	Displays the symbol table
/ALL	
Operators	+ - * / @ (shift)

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### Symbols

.	Current location
G	80000000 (hex)
H	7FFE0000 (hex)
R0-R11	General registers
AP	Argument pointer
FP	Frame pointer
KSP, ESP, SSP, USP	Stack pointers
PxBR, PxLR	Base/Length registers
PC	Program counter
PSL	Processor status longword

## WRITING PRIVILEGED CODE

### Debugger Comparison

- Symbolic Debugger used only for user mode code
- XDELTA/DELTA used for any access mode code
  - Same command syntax
  - No visible prompt
  - Non-symbolic
  - Only error message is EH?

XDELTA	DELTA
-----	-----
Debug operating system or device drivers	Debug user images
Used only at console	Used from any terminal
Can debug code at any IPL	Can only debug code at IPL=0
Must be specifically requested on boot	Assembled (compiled) and linked with image
	Included at run time using \$DEFINE LIB\$DEBUG DELTA

## WRITING PRIVILEGED CODE

### Using PATCH

- When to use PATCH
  - On executable or shareable image files
  - Source program not available
  - Takes too long to reassemble and relink large application
- When NOT to use patch
  - On DIGITAL-supplied software (invalidates warranty)
- Inputs to PATCH
  - Name of image file to be modified
  - PATCH commands to be executed
    - From terminal
    - From command procedure
- Outputs from PATCH
  - Journal file, containing a record of PATCH session
  - Updated image file, if issue UPDATE command
  - Command procedure containing PATCH commands used, if issue CREATE command
- General PATCH use
  1. Invoke PATCH (\$ PATCH)
  2. SET ECO level (recommended)
  3. Issue PATCH commands to change image file
  4. Apply patches with UPDATE command
  5. Exit from PATCH



## **WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE**

## WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

### INTRODUCTION

VAX/VMS provides a set of more than 100 system services and RMS services, implemented as procedures, for non-privileged users to perform privileged functions. Most of the system services execute in kernel mode, while the RMS services execute in executive mode. User-written system services are a set of site-specific procedures that perform privileged functions for non-privileged users, to achieve some site-specific purpose.

This module examines how user-written system services are written, how they can be called by non-privileged users, and how they can be integrated into the operating system. The discussion will focus on the use of various template files provided on the system. These files can be modified to incorporate site-specific user-written system services.

Throughout the discussion, many of the issues and techniques described in the previous module related to system programming will be applied to specific examples.

## WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

### OBJECTIVES

- Assemble, link, and install a user-written system service.
- Modify the system-supplied dispatcher to include a user-written system service.
- Write a user-written system service.
- Write a T-BIT dispatcher.

### RESOURCES

VAX/VMS Real-Time User's Guide

VAX-11 Linker Reference Manual

USS\* files in SYS\$EXAMPLES:

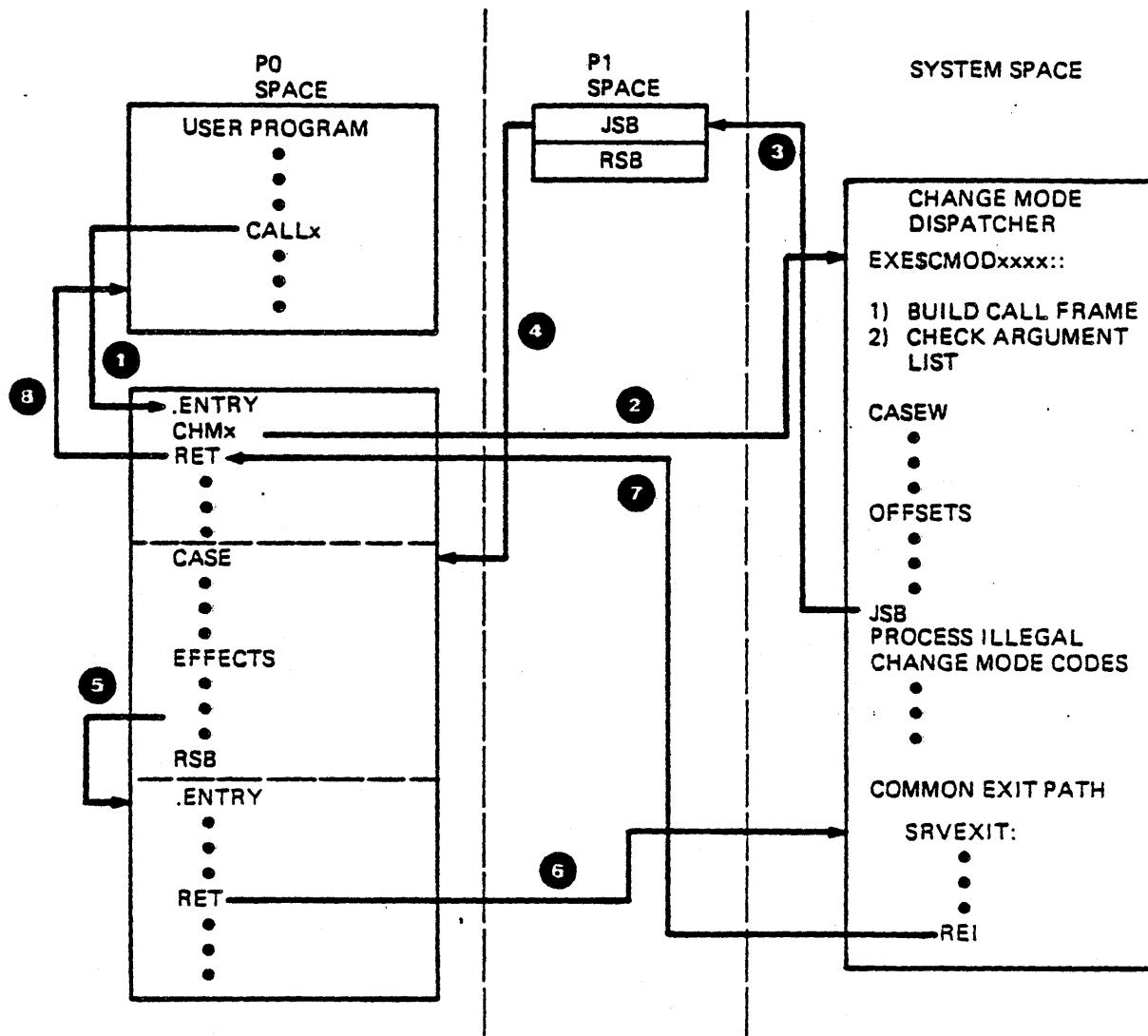
## WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

### Components of User-Written System Services

- Provided in SYS\$EXAMPLES:USSDISP.MAR
- Transfer vector (system-supplied)
  - Contains all entry points for system services
  - Located at lowest virtual address in shareable image
    - Allows revision of system service without relinking images that use it
  - Built by DEFINE\_SERVICE macro
- Privileged library vector (system-supplied)
  - In PSECT with VEC attribute
  - Contains offsets to executive and kernel mode dispatchers
  - Contains offset to routine that should be called at image rundown time
  - Contains information for validation purposes (e.g., system version number)
  - Used by image activator to connect system service to VMS change mode dispatcher
- Kernel and executive mode dispatchers (system-supplied)
  - Called by VMS change mode dispatcher
  - Decide whether system service valid
  - Verify correct number of arguments for service
  - Transfer control to system service code
- System service code (user-supplied)
  - Usually written in MACRO or BLISS
  - High level languages not recommended, since sometimes:
    - Require run time support routines
    - Make excessive use of stack
    - Unable to generate PIC code
- Rundown routine (user-supplied, optional)
  - Entered in kernel mode with JSB

# WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

## Review of User-Written System Service Dispatching



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- Multiple dispatchers can be linked to image
- Dispatchers are searched in order linked
- Negative CHMx codes identify user-written system services
- Duplicate CHMx codes allowed, only first occurrence recognized

## WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

### Building a User-Written System Service

- Start with SYS\$EXAMPLES:USSDISP.MAR
  - Edit out unneeded portions, such as:
    - Executive mode dispatcher
    - Example services and their definitions
    - Sample rundown routine
  - Add DEFINE\_SERVICE entry for each new system service
  - Add code (if MACRO) for each system service
  - Maybe change base value of -1024 for KCODE\_BASE (or ECODE\_BASE) to avoid conflicts with other services
- Assembling user-written system service dispatcher file
  - Need to include SYSSLIBRARY:LIB/LIB
  - System supplied dispatcher has .LIBRARY directive
- Linking user-written system service dispatcher file
  - Must use /PROTECT qualifier so all image sections have EXEC mode page ownership
  - Create separate clusters for transfer vector
  - Do not include run-time library (/NOSYSSHR)
  - Usually include system symbol table
  - Can edit SYS\$EXAMPLES:USSLNK.COM

## WRITING A USER-WRITTEN SYSTEM SERVICE

### Building a User-Written System Service

- Linking programs that call user-written system services
  - Must include OPTIONS file
  - OPTIONS file must specify name of file containing user-written system service with /SHARE qualifier
- Installing system service
  - Before programs can be run, system service file must be INSTALLED
  - Allows image activator to connect system service to change mode dispatchers
  - Copy system service file to SYSS\$SHARE directory
  - INSTALL file /SHARE/PROTECT from SYSS\$SHARE directory

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SER\_SYS\_DISP  
02-000

```
- Example of user system service dispatc 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:CSYSHLP.EXAMP
```

0000 1 .TITLE USER\_SYS\_DISP - Example of user system service dispatcher  
0000 2 .IDENT "V02-000"  
0000 3 :  
0000 4 :\*\*\*\*\*  
0000 5 :  
0000 6 :\* COPYRIGHT (c) 1980  
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0000 22 :  
0000 23 :\*\*\*\*\*  
0000 24 :  
0000 25 :  
0000 26 : Facility: Example of User Written System Services  
0000 27 :\*\*  
0000 28 :\* Abstract:  
0000 29 : This module contains an example dispatcher for user written  
0000 30 : system services along with several sample services and a user  
0000 31 : random example. It is a template intend to serve as the starting  
0000 32 : point for implementing a privileged shareable image containing your  
0000 33 : own services. When used as a template, the definitions and code  
0000 34 : for the sample services should be removed.  
0000 35 :  
0000 36 : Overview:  
0000 37 : User written system services are contained in privileged shareable  
0000 38 : images that are linked into user program images in exactly the  
0000 39 : same fashion as any shareable image. The creation and installation  
0000 40 : of a privileged, shareable image is slightly different from that  
0000 41 : of an ordinary shareable image. These differences are:  
0000 42 :  
0000 43 : 1. A vector defining the entry points and providing other  
0000 44 : central information to the image activator. This vector  
0000 45 : is at the lowest address in an image section with the  
0000 46 : attribute.  
0000 47 :  
0000 48 : 2. The shareable image is linked with the /PROTECT option  
0000 49 : that marks all of the image sections so that they will be  
0000 50 : protected and given EXEC mode ownership by the image  
0000 51 : activator.  
0000 52 :  
0000 53 : 3. The shareable image MUST be installed /SHARE /PROTECT  
0000 54 : with the INSTALL utility in order for the image activator  
0000 55 : to connect the privileged shareable image to the channel  
0000 56 : dispatchers.  
0000 57 :

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```
1ISP - Example of user system service dispatc 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 Page 2  
27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:[SYSHLP.EXAMPLESJUSSDI(1)  
  
0000 59 : A privileged shareable image implementing user written system services  
0000 59 : is comprised of the following major components:  
0000 60 :  
0000 61 : 1. A transfer vector containing all of the entry points and  
0000 62 : collecting them at the lowest virtual address in the shareable  
0000 63 : image. This formalism enables revision of the shareable  
0000 64 : image without necessitating the relinking of images that  
0000 65 : use it.  
0000 66 :  
0000 67 : 2. A Privileged Library Vector in a PSECT with the VEC attribute  
0000 68 : that describes the entry points for dispatching EXEC and  
0000 69 : KERNEL mode services along with validation information.  
0000 70 :  
0000 71 : 3. A dispatcher for kernel mode services. This code will  
0000 72 : be called by the VMS change mode dispatcher when it  
0000 73 : fails to recognize a kernel mode service request.  
0000 74 :  
0000 75 : 4. A dispatcher for executive mode services. This code will  
0000 76 : be called by the VMS change mode dispatcher when it fails  
0000 77 : to recognize an executive mode service request.  
0000 78 :  
0000 79 : 5. Service routines to perform the various services.  
0000 80 :  
0000 81 : The first four components are contained in this template and are  
0000 82 : most easily implemented in MACRO, while the service routines can  
0000 83 : be implemented in BLISS or MACRO. Other languages may be usable  
0000 84 : but are not recommended -- particularly if they require runtime  
0000 85 : support routines or are extravagant in their use of stack or are  
0000 86 : unable to generate PIC code.  
0000 87 :  
0000 88 :  
0000 89 : This example is position-independent (PIC) and it is good practice  
0000 90 : to implement shareable images this way whenever possible.  
0000 90 :--  
0000 91 :  
0000 92 : Link Command File Example:  
0000 93 :  
0000 94 :  
0000 95 : $! Command file to link User System Service example.  
0000 96 : $!  
0000 97 : $! LINK/PROTECT/NODSSHR/SHARE=USS/MAP=USS/FULL SYSSINPUT/OPTIONS  
0000 98 : $!  
0000 99 : $! Options file for the link of User System Service example.  
0000 100 : $!  
0000 101 : SYSSYSTEM:SYS.STB/SELECTIVE  
0000 102 : $!  
0000 103 : $! Create a separate cluster for the transfer vector.  
0000 104 : $!  
0000 105 : CLUSTER=TRANSFER_VECTOR,,,SYS0ISK:[JUSSDISP  
0000 106 : $!  
0000 107 : GSATCH=LEQUAL,1.1  
0000 108 : MA MIN base addr, PFC  
0000 109 :--
```

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SER\_SYS\_DISPATCHER  
02-000

```

- Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
Declarations and Equates                                27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:SYSHLP.EXAMPLE

0000 111      .SSTTL Declarations and Equates
0000 112 :
0000 113 :     Include Files
0000 114 :
0000 115 :
0000 116 :     .LIBRARY *SYSSLIBRARY:LIB.MLB* ; Macro library for system structure
0000 117 :                           ; definitions
0000 118 :
0000 119 :     Macro Definitions
0000 120 :
0000 121 :     DEFINE_SERVICE - A macro to make the appropriate entries in several
0000 122 :           different PSECTs required to define an EXEC or KE
0000 123 :           mode service. These include the transfer vector,
0000 124 :           the case table for dispatching, and a table conta
0000 125 :           the number of required arguments.
0000 126 :
0000 127 :     DEFINE_SERVICE Name,Number_of_Arguments,Mode
0000 128 :
0000 129 :     .MACRO DEFINE_SERVICE,NAME,NARG=0,MODE=KERNEL
0000 130 :     .PSECT $S$TRANSFER_VECTOR,PAGE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 131 :     .ALIGN QUAD          ; Align entry points for speed and
0000 132 :     .TRANSFER    NAME       ; Define name as universal symbol
0000 133 :     .MASK      NAME       ; Use entry mask defined in main r
0000 134 :     .IFN      IBM MODE,KERNEL
0000 135 :     CM4K    <ECODE_BASE+KERNEL_COUNTER> ; Change to kernel mode and e
0000 136 :     RET      ; Return
0000 137 :     KERNEL_COUNTER=KERNEL_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter
0000 138 :
0000 139 :     .PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 140 :     .BYTE  NARG          ; Define number of required arguments
0000 141 :
0000 142 :     .PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 143 :     .WORD  2+NAME-KCASE_BASE ; Make entry in kernel mode CASE tab
0000 144 :
0000 145 :     .IFF      CHME    <ECODE_BASE+EXEC_COUNTER> ; Change to executive mode and
0000 146 :     RET      ; Return
0000 147 :     EXEC_COUNTER=EXEC_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter
0000 148 :
0000 149 :
0000 150 :     .PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 151 :     .BYTE  NARG          ; Define number of required arguments
0000 152 :
0000 153 :     .PSECT USER_EXEC_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 154 :     .WORD  2+NAME-ECASE_BASE ; Make entry in exec mode CASE tab
0000 155 :     .ENDC      :
0000 156 :     .ENDN      DEFINE_SERVICE   :
0000 157 :
0000 158 :     Equated Symbols
0000 159 :
0000 160 :
0000 161 :     SPHODEF          ; Define process header offsets
0000 162 :     SPLVDEF          ; Define PLV offsets and values
0000 163 :     SPRDEF           ; Define processor register number
0000 164 :
0000 165 :     Initialize counters for change mode dispatching codes
0000 166 :
0000 167 KERNEL_COUNTER=0          ; Kernel code counter

```

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```
!S_DISP
- Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 4
Declarations and Equates          27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYS$SYSROOT:C$TSHLP.EXAMPLES\JUSSOI(1)

00000000 0002 169 EXEC_COUNTER=0                                : Exec code counter
0000 169
0000 170 :
0000 171 :      Gun Storage
0000 172 :
00000000 173     .PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 174 KERNEL_NARG:                                         ; Base of byte table containing the
0000 175                                         ; number of required arguments.
00000000 176     .PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 177 EXEC_NARG:                                         ; Base of byte table containing the
0000 178                                         ; number of required arguments.
```

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- Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
Transfer Vector and Service Definitions 27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:\SYSHLP.EXAMPLE

```
0000 180 .SSTTL Transfer Vector and Service Definitions
0000 181 ;+
0000 182 : The use of transfer vectors to effect entry to the user written system
0000 183 : enables some updating of the shareable image containing them without nec
0000 184 : a re-link of all programs that call them. The PSECT containing the tra
0000 185 : vector will be positioned at the lowest virtual address in the shareable
0000 186 : and so long as the transfer vector is not re-ordered, programs linked si
0000 187 : one version of the shareable image will continue to work with the next.
0000 188 :
0000 189 : Thus as additional services are added to a privileged shareable image, t
0000 190 : definitions should be added to the end of the following list to ensure t
0000 191 : programs using previous versions of it will not need to be re-linked.
0000 192 : To completely avoid relinking existing programs the size of the privileg
0000 193 : shareable image must not change so some padding will be required to prov
0000 194 : the opportunity for future growth.
0000 195 ;-
0000 196 DEFINE_SERVICE USER_GET_TODR,1,KERNEL ; Service to get value of
0002 197 ; of day register
0002 198 DEFINE_SERVICE USER_SET_PFC,2,KERNEL ; Service to set value of
0004 199 ; default pagefault clust
0004 200 DEFINE_SERVICE USER_NULL,0,EXEC ; Null exec service
0002 201
0002 202 :
0002 203 : The base values used to generate the dispatching codes should be negativ
0002 204 : user services and must be chosen to avoid overlap with any other privile
0002 205 : shareable images that will be used concurrently. Their definition is
0002 206 : deferred to this point in the assembly to cause their use in the precedi
0002 207 : macro calls to be forward references that guarantee the size of the chan
0002 208 : mode instructions to be four bytes. This satisfies an assumption that i
0002 209 : made by for services that have to wait and be retried. The PC for retry
0002 210 : the change mode instruction that invokes the service is assumed to be 4
0002 211 : less than that saved in the change mode exception frame. Of course, the
0002 212 : service routine determines whether this is possible.
0002 213 :
FFFFFC00 0002 216 ECODE_BASE=-1024 ; Base CHMK code value for these s
FFFFFC00 0002 215 ECODE_BASE=-1024 ; Base CHME code value for these s
```

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```

;S_DISP
; Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 6
; Change Mode Dispatcher Vector Block      27-APR-1982 05:26:49  SYS$SYSROOT:[SYSHLP.EXAMPLES]USSOIC1

    0002  217      .SBTTL Change Mode Dispatcher Vector Block
    0002  218 ;++
    0002  219 ; This vector is used by the image activator to connect the privileged shareable
    0002  220 ; image to the VMS change mode dispatcher. The offsets in the vector are self-
    0002  221 ; relative to enable the construction of position independent images. The system
    0002  222 ; version number will be used by the image activator to verify that this shareable
    0002  223 ; image was linked with the symbol table for the current system.
    0002  224 ;
    0002  225 ;
    0002  226 ;
    0002  227 ;
    0002  228 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  229 ;|          Vector Type Code           | | PLVSL_TYPE
    0002  230 ;|          (PLVSC_TYP_CMOD)        | |
    0002  231 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  232 ;|          System Version Number     | | PLVSL_VERSION
    0002  233 ;|          (STSSK_VERSION)         | |
    0002  234 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  235 ;|          Kernel Mode Dispatcher Offset | | PLVSL_KERNEL
    0002  236 ;|          (EXEC_DISPATCH)       | |
    0002  237 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  238 ;|          Exec Mode Entry Offset   | | PLVSL_EXEC
    0002  239 ;|          (USER_DISPATCH)        | |
    0002  240 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  241 ;|          User Rundown Service Offset | | PLVSL_USRUNDOWN
    0002  242 ;|          (USER_RUNDOWN)        | |
    0002  243 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  244 ;|          Reserved             | |
    0002  245 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  246 ;|          RMS Dispatcher Offset   | | PLVSL_RMS
    0002  247 ;|          (NO_RMS)            | |
    0002  248 ;-----+-----+-----+
    C9C2  249 ;|          Address Check          | | PLVSL_CHECK
    0002  250 ;|          !                         | |
    0002  251 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  252 ;|          !                         | |
    0002  253 ;-----+-----+-----+
    0002  254 .PSECT USER_SERVICES,PAGE,VEC,PIC,NOWRT,EXE
    0002  255
    00000001  0002  256 .LONG  PLVSC_TYP_CMOD      ; Set type of vector to change mode dispatch
    00000000*  0004  257 .LONG  STSSK_VERSION      ; Identify system version
    00000005*  0003  258 .LONG  KERNEL_DISPATCH-.  ; Offset to kernel mode dispatcher
    00000001*  C00C  259 .LONG  EXEC_DISPATCH-.    ; Offset to executive mode dispatcher
    FFFFFFFF0*  0010  260 .LONG  USER_RUNDOWN-.  ; Offset to user rundown service
    00020000  0014  261 .LONG  0                 ; Reserved.
    00000000  0015  262 .LONG  0                 ; No RMS dispatcher
    00000000  001C  263 .LONG  0                 ; Address check - PIC image

```

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SEK\_YS\_DISP  
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```

- Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
Kernel Mode Dispatcher          27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSSTSROOT:CSTSHLP.EXAMP

    0020  265      .S97TL Kernel Mode Dispatcher
    0020  266 ;+
    0020  267 : Input Parameters:
    0020  268 :
    0020  269 :      (SP) - Return address if bad change mode value
    0020  270 :
    0020  271 :      R0 - Change mode argument value.
    0020  272 :
    0020  273 :      R4 - Current PCB Address. (Therefore R4 must be specified in a
                  register save masks for kernel routines.)
    0020  274 :
    0020  275 :      AP - Argument pointer existing when the change
                  mode instruction was executed.
    0020  276 :
    0020  277 :      FD - Address of minimal call frame to exit
                  the change mode dispatcher and return to
                  the original mode.
    0020  278 :
    0020  279 :      80000000 .PSELECT USER_KERNEL_DISPATCH,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
    0020  280 :
    0020  281 :      0000 KACCVIO:                                ; Kernel access violation
    0020  282 :      MOVZWL $SSS_ACCVIO,R0                ; Set access violation status co
    0020  283 :      RET                                ; and return
    0020  284 :      0005 KINSFARG:                                ; Kernel insufficient arguments-
    0020  285 :      MOVZWL $SSS_INSFARG,R0                ; Set status code and
    0020  286 :      RET                                ; Return
    0020  287 :      0006 KNOTME: RSS                         ; RSS to forward request
    0020  288 :      0000 KERNEL_DISPATCH::                 ; Entry to dispatcher
    0020  289 :      MOVAB  W4-KCODE_BASE(R0),R1           ; Normalize dispatch code value
    0020  290 :      0001 BLSS  KNOTME                   ; Branch if code value too low
    0020  291 :      0002 CMPW  RI,SKERNEL_COUNTER        ; Check high limit
    0020  292 :      0003 BEQU  KNOTME                   ; Branch if out of range
    0020  293 :      0019                                     ; The dispatch code has now been verified as being handled by this disp
    0020  294 :      0019                                     ; now the argument list will be probed and the required number of argume
    0020  295 :      0019                                     ; nted.
    0020  296 :      0019                                     ; verified.
    0020  297 :      0021                                     ; Case table base address for DE
    0020  298 :      0022                                     ; Get required argument count
    0020  299 :      0023                                     ; Compute byte count including a
    0020  300 :      0024 IFNORD RI,(AP),KACCVIO            ; Branch if arglist not readable
    0020  301 :      0025 CMPB  (AP),W4KERNEL_NARG-KCODE[R0] ; Check for required
    0020  302 :      0026 MOVBL W4KERNEL_NARGER1J,R1       ; of arguments
    0020  303 :      0027 MOVAL  344CRIJ,R1               ; Compute byte count including a
    0020  304 :      0028 IFNORD RI,(AP),KINSFARG           ; Branch if arglist not readable
    0020  305 :      0029 CMPB  (AP),W4KERNEL_NARG-KCODE[R0] ; Check for required
    0020  306 :      0030 BLSSU  KINSFARG                  ; of arguments
    0020  307 :      0031 CASEW  R0,-                   ; Case on change mode
    0020  308 :      0032                                     ; argument value
    0020  309 :      0033                                     ; Base value
    0020  310 :      0034 W4CODE_BASE,-                  ; Base value
    0020  311 :      0035 CASE,_BASE:                  ; Limit value (number of entries
    0020  312 :      0036                                     ; Case table base address for DE
    0020  313 :      0037                                     ; Case table entries are made in the PSELECT USER_KERNEL_DISPATCH by
    0020  314 :      0038                                     ; invocations of the DEFINE_SERVICE macro. The three PSECTS,
    0020  315 :      0039                                     ; USER_KERNEL_DISPATCH,1,2 will be abutted in lexical order at link-t
    0020  316 :      0040                                     ; 00000000 317 .PSELECT USER_KERNEL_DISPATCH,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
    0020  317 :      0041                                     ; Return to reject out of
    0020  318 :      0042                                     ; range value
    0020  319 :

```

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```

DISP          - Example of user system service dispatch 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53   VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 8
Executive Mode Dispatcher           27-APR-1982 05:26:49  SYS$SYSROOT:[SYSHLP.EXAMPLES]\USSDI(1)

     0001    321      .SETTL Executive Mode Dispatcher
     0001    322 ;+
     0001    323 : Input Parameters:
     0001    324 :
     0001    325 :       (SP) - Return address if bad change mode value
     0001    326 :
     0001    327 :       R0 - Change mode argument value.
     0001    328 :
     0001    329 :       AP - Argument pointer existing when the change
     0001    330 :       mode instruction was executed.
     0001    331 :
     0001    332 :       FP - Address of minimal call frame to exit
     0001    333 :       the change mode dispatcher and return to
     0001    334 :       the original mode.
     0001    335 ;---

     00000000  336      .PSECT  USER_EXEC_DISP0,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
     0000  337 EACCVIO:
     50 0000*8F  3C 0009  338 MOVZWL $SS$_ACCVIO,R0      ; Exec access violation
     04 0005  339 RET                                ; Set access violation status code
     0006  340 EINSPARG:
     50 0000*8F  3C 0006  341 MOVZWL $SS$_INSPARG,R0  ; Exec insufficient arguments.
     04 0008  342 RET                                ; Set status code and
     05 000C  343 ENOTME: RSB                      ; return
     0000  344 :
     0000  345 EXEC_DISPATCH:
     51 0400 C0  9E 0000  346 MOVAB W=ECODE_BASE(R0),R1  ; Entry to dispatcher
     F8 0012  347 BLSS ENOTME                         ; Marshalize dispatch code value
     01 51  0014  348 CMPW R1,SEEXEC_COUNTER        ; Branch if code value too low
     F3 0017  349 BGEQU ENOTME                         ; Check high limit
     0019  350 :
     0019  351 : The dispatch code has now been verified as being handled by this dispatcher,
     0019  352 : now the argument list will be probed and the required number of arguments
     0019  353 : verified.
     0019  354 :
     51 0000*CF41  94 0019  355 MOVZBL W=EXEC_NARG(R1),R1  ; Get required argument count
     00000004 9F41  CE 001F  356 MOVAL $84(R1),R1      ; Compute byte count including arg count
     0027  357 IFNORD R1,(AP),EACCVIO                ; Branch if arglist not readable
     0400*CF40  6C 91 0020  359 CMPS (AP),W=EXEC_NARG-ECODE_BASE>(R0)  ; Check for required number
     01 1F  0033  359 BLSSU EINSPARG                 ; of arguments
     50 AF  0035  360 CASEW R0,-                      ; Case on change mode
     0037  361      -                                ; argument value
     0037  362      SECODE_BASE,-                   ; Base value
     0037  363      <EXEC_COUNTER-1>                ; Limit value (Number of entries)
     0038  364 ECASE_BASE:                           ; Case table base address for DEFINE_SERVICE
     0038  365 :
     0035  366 : Case table entries are made in the PSECT USER_EXEC_DISP1 by
     0039  367 : invocations of the DEFINE_SERVICE macro. The three PSECTS,
     0038  368 : USER_EXEC_DISP0,1,2 will be abutted in lexical order at link-time.
     0035  369 :

     00000000  370 .PSECT  USER_EXEC_DISP2,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
     05 0000  371 RSB                                ; Return to reject out of
     0001  372 : range value

```

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US .TS\_DISP  
V02-000

```

- Example of user system service dispate 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
User Rundown Service

0001 376      .S8TTL User Rundown Service
0001 375 ;++
0001 376 ; Functional description:
0001 377 ; This service is invoked from within the kernel mode system service
0001 378 ; that performs image rundown. It is invoked before any system
0001 379 ; rundown functions (i.e. deassign channels, release memory) are
0001 380 ; performed. User code should not invoke any RMS services or RTL
0001 381 ; routines, must not signal any exceptions. User code can invoke
0001 382 ; most system services except those that use RMS (e.g. SPUTMSG).
0001 383 ;
0001 384 ; Calling sequence:
0001 385 ; JSB  USER_RUNDOWN
0001 386 ; Entered at IPL=0 and must leave at IPL=0.
0001 387 ;
0001 388 ; Input Parameters:
0001 389 ; R4 - Current PC2 Address. (Therefore R4 must be specified in all
0001 390 ; register save masks for kernel routines.)
0001 391 ;
0001 392 ; R7 - Access mode parameter to SRUNDOWN maximized with previous no
0001 393 ;
0001 394 ; AP - Argument pointer existing when the SRUNDOWN system
0001 395 ; service was invoked.
0001 396 ;
0001 397 ; 4(AP) - Access mode parameter to SRUNDOWN
0001 398 ;
0001 399 ;--+
00000002 400      .PSECT USER_CODE,SYTE,NOVRT,EXE,PIC
0000
0000 401
0000 402 USER_RUNDOWN:                                ; Entry point for service
      52  C0 0000 403  PUSHL  R2                      ; Save a register
      48 AF 9F 0002 404  PUSHAB 3^SYSCLUT             ; Set up address of descriptor
      06 03 0005 405  PUSML  3^SYS_LEN                ; Set up length
      52  7E 0007 406  MOVAL  -(SP), R2              ; Grab some temporary storage
      0004 407  SGASSGN_S 4(R2), (R2)                 ; Assign a channel to operator con
      29  50  E9 0018 408  BLBC  R0, 108               ; Error
      0019 409  SOUTPUT  (R2), $MESSAGE_LEN, $MSG      ; Print the message on opo
      0039 410  SGASSGN_S (R2)                         ; Get rid of the channel
      5E  0C  C9 0063 411  103:  ADDL2  #12, SP        ; Clean up
      52  3E  00 0045 412  MOVL  (SP)+, R2            ; Restore register
      05  0069 413  RSS
      004A 414  ;
      3A  30  41 50 4F 5E 0064 415  SYSOUT: .ASCII  /_OPAC:/;
      0060 000006 0050 416  STS_LEN=-SYSOUT
      78 65 20 65 67 61 6C 49 20 2A 2A 2A 0050 417  MSG:   .ASCII  /* Image exiting ***/;
      2A 2A 2A 20 67 6E 69 76 69 005C 0065 418  MSG_LEN=-MSG
      00000013

```

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```
DISP - Example of user system service disasmc 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 10
Get Time of Day Register Value      27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:C$YSHLP.EXAMPLES\US$OI(1)

0065  420      .SSTTL Get Time of Day Register Value
0065  421 ;+
0065  422 : Functional Description:
0065  423 :   This routine reads the content of the hardware time of day
0065  424 :   processor register and stores the resulting value at the
0065  425 :   specified address.
0065  426 :
0065  427 : Input Parameters:
0065  428 :   04(AP) - Address to return time of day value
0065  429 :   R4 - Address of current PCB
0065  430 :
0065  431 : Output Parameters:
0065  432 :   R0 - Completion Status Code
0065  433 ;-
001C  0065  434     .ENTRY .USER_GET_TOOR,^M(R2,R3,R4)
51  E4 4C C0  0067  435     MOVL  4(AP),R1           ; Get address to store time of day register
50  61 18 C9  0071  436     IPNCWRT 64,(R1),10$    ; Branch if not writable
50  00000000*8F  C0  0074  437     UPDR  6PR9_TOOR,(R1)  ; Return current time of day register
50  04 0079  438     MOVL  4SSS_NORMAL,R0       ; Set normal completion status
50  007C  439     RET                           ; and return
50  0000*8F  3C  007C  441 10$:     NOVZWL 4SSS_ACCVID,R0    ; Indicate access violation
50  06 0081  442     RET                           ;
```

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**Listing 2-1: System Supplied Dispatcher File (Page 11 of 12)**

SE-SYS-DISP  
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```

- Example of user system service dispage 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
Set Page Fault Cluster Factor      27-APR-1982 05:26:49 SYSSYSROOT:\SYSHLP.EXAMP

    0082  644      .SBTTL Set Page Fault Cluster Factor
    0082  645 ;+
    0082  646 ; Functional Description:
    0082  647 ; This routine sets the page fault cluster to the specified value
    0082  648 ; and returns the previous value.
    0082  649 ;
    0082  650 ; Input Parameters:
    0082  651 ; 04(AP) - New value for Page Fault Cluster factor
    0082  652 ; 08(AP) - Address to return previous value
    0082  653 ; (0 means none)
    0082  654 ; R4 - PCB address of current process
    0082  655 ;
    0082  656 ; Output Parameters:
    0082  657 ; R0 - Completion Status code
    0082  658 ;--
    0038  0082  659      .ENTRY  USER_SET_PFC,^MC(R4,R5)
55  00000000*9F  00  0084  660  MOVL  26CTLSGL_PHB,RS      ; Get address of process header
51  08 AC  00  0085  661  MOVL  8(AP),R1      ; Get address to store previous
      0A  13  008F  662  BEQL  10$      ; Branch if none
      0091  663  TPNOWRT 04,(R1),30$      ; Branch if not writable
      61  34 A5  94  0097  664  MOVZL  PH088,0FPFC(R5),(R1)      ; Return current value
50  04 AC  90  0098  665  10$:  MOVB  4(AP),R0      ; Get new value for PFC
      7F  8F  '50  91  009E  666  CMPB  R0,8127      ; Check for legal value
      04  13  00A3  667  BLEOU  20$      ; Branch if legal
      50  7F  8F  90  00A5  668  MOVB  8127,R0      ; Set to maximum value
      34 A5  50  90  00A9  669  20$:  MOVB  R0,PHCS8_0FPFC(R5)      ; Set new value into PHD
50  00000000*8F  00  00A0  670  MOVL  #SSS_NORMAL,R0      ; Set normal completion status
      04  0084  671  RET      ; and return
      0085  672
      0086  673  30$:  MOVZL  #SSS_ACCVIO,R0      ; Indicate access violation
      04  0084  674  RET
      0088  675

```

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Listing 2-1: System Supplied Dispatcher File (Page 12 of 12)

```
S_DISP - Example of user system service dispatc 17-MAY-1982 10:11:53 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 Page 12
Null Service
0088 477      .S9TTL Null Service
0088 479 :++
0088 479 : Functional Description:
0088 480 :
0088 481 : Input Parameters:
0088 482 :
0088 483 : Output Parameters:
0088 484 :
0088 485 :--
0088 486
0000 0088 487      .ENTRY USER_NULL,^NC>          : Entry definition
50 0000"8F 3C 002D 488      NOVZWL $SS$_NORMAL,R0    : Set normal completion status
04 00C2 489      RET                         : and return
00C3 490
00C3 491      .END
```

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### Sample User-Written System Service

- Allows suitably privileged (GROUP, WORLD) caller to obtain the default directory of any process in the system
- Implemented using ASTs
  - Similar to \$GETJPI system service and \$SETDDIR RMS call
  - One AST executes in context of target process, and loads default directory string from P1 space into part of AST control block
  - Another AST executes in context of original caller, and returns the default directory string

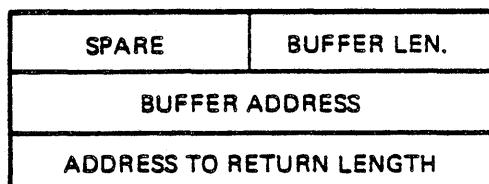
#### ● Argument list for system service

EFN Event flag number to set when done

PIDADR Address of PID for target process

PRCNAM Address of process name for target process

DDDESC Address of 3-longword descriptor for data



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IOSB Address of longword for final status

ASTADR AST address for notification

ASTPRM AST parameter

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### System Programming Techniques Illustrated

- Making privilege checks
- Making quota checks
- Making memory accessibility checks
- Allocating nonpaged pool
- Using Pl mapping of process header
- Queuing ASTs
- Defining symbolic offsets in data structures
- Accessing system data structures observing synchronization rules
- Converting process name to process id
- Unique features of special kernel ASTs
- Recovering from error conditions
- Guarding against errors in kernel mode for asynchronous operations
  - Access violations
  - Page protection changes
  - Image exits

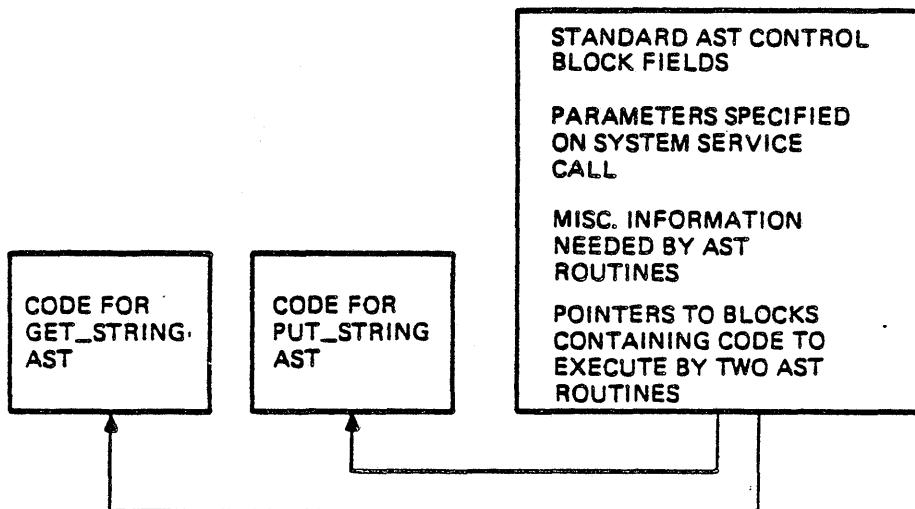
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### Flow of Control in Sample System Service

-1- User program calls USSGETDD

USSGETDD System Service

-2- Allocates and builds  
ACB data structure



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-3- Queues up GET\_STRING AST

- Executes in context of target process to get default directory string
- Queues up PUT\_STRING AST

-4- PUT\_STRING AST routine

- Executes in context of caller process
- Returns default directory string to caller
- Queues up AST requested by user (if any)

-5- User AST executes (if requested)

-6- Control returned to user program

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### The USS\_GETDD Procedure

- Entry point for system service
  - Makes various checks to insure appropriate parameters on call
  - Allocates nonpaged pool space for AST control block to queue to target process
  - Allocates nonpaged pool space to hold two segments of code
    - GET string procedure
    - PUT string procedure
- AST control block for target process
  - Contains parameters from system service call
  - Space reserved for default directory string
  - Contains addresses of GET and PUT string procedures
  - Specifies GET string procedure as AST code to execute in context of target process
  - Specifies that AST is a special kernel AST (and cannot be disabled)
- Before queueing AST
  - Raises IPL to SYNCH
  - Checks to see if target process was deleted while allocating nonpaged pool
- Possible optimizations
  - Could check if target process is caller
  - Could allocate one large block of nonpaged pool and store AST block as well as GET and PUT string procedures in it
  - Not done to avoid making complicated example even more complicated

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 1 of 12)**

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Get Default Directory String	17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	1
	17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORKSCHNUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJU:	

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0000  1 : USSGETDD.MAR
0000  2 :
0000  3 : This file contains both an edited user-written system service
0000  4 : dispatcher (from [SYSHLP.EXAMPLES\USSDISP.MAR]) and the system
0000  5 : service code itself for the get default directory system service.
0000  6 :
0000  7 : Macro Definitions
0000  8 :
0000  9 : DEFINE_SERVICE - A macro to make the appropriate entries in several
0000 10 : different PSECTs required to define an EXEC or KERNEL
0000 11 : mode service. These include the transfer vector,
0000 12 : the case table for dispatching, and a table containing
0000 13 : the number of required arguments.
0000 14 :
0000 15 : DEFINE_SERVICE Name,Number_of_Arguments,Mode
0000 16 :
0000 17 .MACRO DEFINE_SERVICE,NAME,NARG=0,MODE=KERNEL
0000 18 .PSECT $88TRANSFER_VECTOR,PAGE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 19 .ALIGN QUAD           ; Align entry points for speed and size
0000 20 .TRANSFER    NAME      ; Define name as universal symbol for
0000 21 .MASK     NAME      ; Use entry mask defined in main routine
0000 22 .IR  IDN MODE,KERNEL
0000 23 CHNE '$CKCODE_BASE+KERNEL_COUNTER' ; Change to kernel mode and exec
0000 24 RET                   ; Return
0000 25 KERNEL_COUNTER=KERNEL_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter
0000 26
0000 27 .PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 28 .BYTE NARG            ; Define number of required argument
0000 29
0000 30 .PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 31 .WORD 2+NAME-KCASE_BASE ; Make entry in kernel mode CASE table
0000 32
0000 33 .IIRR
0000 34 CHNE '$CECODE_BASE+EXEC_COUNTER' ; Change to executive mode and exec
0000 35 RET                   ; Return
0000 36 EXEC_COUNTER=EXEC_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter
0000 37
0000 38 .PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 39 .BYTE NARG            ; Define number of required argument
0000 40
0000 41 .PSECT USER_EXEC_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 42 .WORD 2+NAME-ECASE_BASE ; Make entry in exec mode CASE table
0000 43 .ENDC
0000 44 .ENDM DEFINE_SERVICE   ;
0000 45 :
0000 46 : Equated Symbols
0000 47 :
0000 48
0000 49 SPHDEF             ; Define process header offsets
0000 50 SPLVDEF            ; Define PLY offsets and values
0000 51 SPRDEF              ; Define processor register numbers
0000 52 :
0000 53 : Initialize counters for change mode dispatching codes
0000 54 :
0000 55 KERNEL_COUNTER=0          ; Kernel code counter
0000 56 EXEC_COUNTER=0           ; Exec code counter
0000 57

```

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 2 of 12)**

30	Get Default Directory String	17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:EMUIZMIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)	Page 2
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      0000  58 :          ; User Storage
      0000  59 :          .PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
      0000  60 :          ; Base of byte table containing the
      0000  61 :          ; number of required arguments.
      0000  62 KERNEL_NARG:          ; number of required arguments.
      0000  63 :          .PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
      0000  64 :          ; Base of byte table containing the
      0000  65 EXEC_NARG:          ; number of required arguments.
      0000  66 :
      0000  67 :
      0000  68 :
      0000  69 :+++
      0000  70 : The use of transfer vectors to effect entry to the user written system services
      0000  71 : enables some updating of the shareable image containing them without necessitating
      0000  72 : a re-link of all programs that call them. The PSEGCT containing the transfer
      0000  73 : vector will be positioned at the lowest virtual address in the shareable image
      0000  74 : and as long as the transfer vector is not re-ordered, programs linked with
      0000  75 : one version of the shareable image will continue to work with the next.
      0000  76 :
      0000  77 : Thus as additional services are added to a privileged shareable image, their
      0000  78 : definitions should be added to the end of the following list to ensure that
      0000  79 : programs using previous versions of it will not need to be re-linked.
      0000  80 : To completely avoid relinking existing programs the size of the privileged
      0000  81 : shareable image must not change so some padding will be required to provide
      0000  82 : the opportunity for future growth.
      0000  83 :--
      0000  84     DESTINE_SERVICE USS_GETDD,7,KERNEL    ; Service to get default dir.
      0002  85 :
      0002  86 :
      0002  87 : The base values used to generate the dispatching codes should be negative for
      0002 : user services and must be chosen to avoid overlap with any other privileged
      0002 : shareable images that will be used concurrently. Their definition is
      0002  88 : deferred to this point in the assembly to cause their use in the preceding
      0002  89 : macro calls to be forward references that guarantee the size of the change
      0002  90 : mode instructions to be four bytes. This satisfies an assumption that is
      0002  91 : made by for services that have to wait and be retried. The PC for retrying
      0002  92 : the change mode instruction that invokes the service is assumed to be 4 bytes
      0002  93 : less than that saved in the change mode exception frame. Of course, the particular
      0002  94 : service routine determines whether this is possible.
      0002  95 :
      0002  96 :
      0002  97 :
      FFFFFD4$  0002  98 XCODE_BASE=-600           ; Base CHMK code value for these services
      FFFFFD4$  0002  99 ECODE_BASE=-600           ; Base CHME code value for these services

```

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Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 3 of 12)

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Get Default Directory String		17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	
Change Mode Dispatcher Vector Block		17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:ENUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG-USS:	
0002	101	.SBTTL	Change Mode Dispatcher Vector Block
0002	102		
00000000	103	.PSECT	USER_SERVICES,PAGE,VEC,PIC,NOVRT,EXE
0000	104		
00000001	105	.LONG	PLVSC_TTP_CMOD : Set type of vector to change mode
00000000	106	.LONG	SYSSR_VERSION : Identify system version
00000005	107	.LONG	KERNEL_DISPATCH=. : Offset to kernel mode dispatcher
00000000	108	.LONG	0 : Offset to executive mode dispatcher
00000000	109	.LONG	0 : Reserved.
00000000	110	.LONG	0 : Reserved.
00000000	111	.LONG	0 : No RMS dispatcher
00000000	112	.LONG	0 : Address check - PIC image

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 4 of 12)**

```

Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 4
Kernel Mode Dispatcher               17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CMUIZMIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)

0020    114     .SSTTL Kernel Mode Dispatcher
0020    115 :++:
0020    116 : Input Parameters:
0020    117 :
0020    118 :      (SP) - Return address if bad change mode value
0020    119 :
0020    120 :      R0 - Change mode argument value.
0020    121 :
0020    122 :      R4 - Current PCB Address. (Therefore R4 must be specified in all
0020    123 :      register save masks for kernel routines.)
0020    124 :
0020    125 :      AP - Argument pointer existing when the change
0020    126 :      mode instruction was executed.
0020    127 :
0020    128 :      FP - Address of minimal call frame to exit
0020    129 :      the change mode dispatcher and return to
0020    130 :      the original mode.
0020    131 :--:
00000000 132     .PSECT  USER_KERNEL_DISPO,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000 133 RACCVIO:
0000    134     MOVZHL #SSS_ACCVIO,R0          ; Kernel access violation
0000    135     RET                           ; Set access violation status code
0000    136 KINSFARG:
0000    137     MOVZHL #SSS_INSFARG,R0          ; Kernel insufficient arguments.
0000    138     RET                           ; Set status code and
0000    139     KNOTME: RSB                  ; return
0000    140                               ; RSB to forward request
0000 141 KERNEL_DISPATCHH:
0000    142     MOVB8 W-KCODE_BASE(R0),R1      ; Entry to dispatcher
0000    143     BLSS   KNOTME                ; Normalize dispatch code value
0000    144     CMPW   R1,SKERNEL_COUNTER    ; Branch if code value too low
0000    145     SGEQU  KNOTME                ; Check high limit
0000    146 :
0000    147 : The dispatch code has now been verified as being handled by this dispatcher,
0000    148 : now the argument list will be probed and the required number of arguments
0000    149 : verified.
0000    150 :
51 0000"CF41 9A 0019 151     MOVZBL WAKERNEL_NARGR13,R1    ; Get required argument count
51 00000004 9F41 DE 001F 152     MOVAL 284CR13,R1          ; Compute byte count including arg count
0000    153     IFNORD R1,(AP),KACCVIO        ; Branch if arglist not readable.
0000    154     CMPB   (AP),W<KERNEL_NARG-KCODE_BASE>[R0] ; Check for required number
0000    155     BLSSU  KINSFARG              ; of arguments
0000    156     CASEW  R0,-                ; Case on change mode
0000    157     -                   ; argument value
0000    158     WCODE_BASE,-             ; Base value
0000    159     <KERNEL_COUNTER-1>       ; Limit value (number of entries)
0000 160 KCASE_NBASE:                 ; Case table base address for DEFINE_SERVICE
0000    161 :
0000    162 : Case table entries are made in the PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP1 by
0000    163 : invocations of the DEFINE_SERVICE macro. The three PSECTS,
0000    164 : USER_KERNEL_DISPO,1,2 will be abutted in lexical order at link-time.
0000    165 :
00000000 166     .PSECT  USER_KERNEL_DISP2,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
0000    167     RSA                ; Return to reject out of
0000    168     -                   ; range value

```

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Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 5 of 12)

```
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/02          Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
Kernel Mode Dispatcher           17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CHUIZMIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJ!  
  
0001 170      .title USSGETOO      Get Default Directory String  
0001 171      .ident "V02"  
0001 172  
0001 173  
0001 174 :++  
0001 175 :  
0001 176 : Facility:  
0001 177 :  
0001 178 :      This is an example of a user written system service that obtains  
0001 179 :      the default directory string from any process.  
0001 180 :  
0001 181 : Environment:  
0001 182 :  
0001 183 :      The procedure executes in kernel mode to queue the special AST  
0001 184 :      to the specified process. A special AST is also used to return the  
0001 185 :      information to the requesting process.  
0001 186 :  
0001 187 : Author:  
0001 188 :  
0001 189 :      Larry Kench  
0001 190 :  
0001 191 : Creation Date:  
0001 192 :  
0001 193 :      19 July 1980  
0001 194 :  
0001 195 : Revisions:  
0001 196 :  
0001 197 :      Vik Nuiznick  26-MAR-1982  
0001 198 :  
0001 199 :      Fixed various synchronization bugs  
0001 200 :  
0001 201 :      Added charging process buffered I/O quota for buffers  
0001 202 :  
0001 203 :--  
0001 204 :  
0001 205 :  
0001 206 :      Include Files:  
0001 207 :  
0001 208 :  
0001 209 :      SAC80EF      ;AST Control Block definitions  
0001 210 :      SDYNDEF     ;Data structure type codes  
0001 211 :      SJPLDEF     ;Synchronization IPL values  
0001 212 :      SJIBDEF     ;Job Information Block (quotas)  
0001 213 :      SPC80EF    ;Software PCB fields  
0001 214 :      SPHDEF      ;Process Header fields  
0001 215 :      SPRIDEF     ;Priority boost classes  
0001 216 :      SPSLDEF     ;Fields in PSL
```

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 6 of 12)**

```

Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16  VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 6
Kernel Mode Dispatcher               17-MAY-1982 10:11:06  WORK:[MUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.USS]USSGETD(1)

0001  218 :
0001  219 : Define Extended AST Control Block
0001  220 :
0001  221
0001  222     $DEFINI ACB
0000  223
0000001C 0000  224     . = ACB$L_KAST + 4
001C  225
00000029 001C  226     $DEF    ACB_L_GET_AST      ;Address of GET AST in nonpaged pool
001C  227     .BLKL 1
0020  228     $DEF    ACB_L_PUT_AST      ;Address of PUT AST in nonpaged pool
0020  229     .BLKL 1
00000024 0024  230     $DEF    ACB_L_DODESC    ;Store address of data descriptor
0024  231     .BLKL 1
00000028 0028  232     $DEF    ACB_L_EPN       ;Save event flag number
0028  233     .BLKL 1
0000002C 002C  234     $DEF    ACB_L_IOSB      ;Save address of status block
002C  235     .BLKL 1
00000030 0030  236     $DEF    ACB_L_OLD_PID    ;Save PID of requester
0030  237     .BLKL 1
00000034 0034  238     $DEF    ACB_L_IMGCNT    ;Store image count for synchronization
0034  239     .BLKL 1
00000038 0038  240     $DEF    ACB_L_QUOTA     ;Save quota bytes charged
0038  241     .BLKL 1
0000003C 003C  242     $DEF    ACB_T_DDSTRING   ;Allocate space to contain default string
003C  243     .BLKB 84      ;Number is taken from PIC definitions
0090  244
0090  245     $DEF    ACB_K_NEW_LEN    ; in module SHELL
0090  246
00000053 0090  247     ACB_K_STR_LEN = ACB_K_NEW_LEN - <ACB_T_DDSTRING + 1>
0090
0090  248
0090  249     $DEFEND ACB
0001  250
0001  251 :
0001  252 : Argument List Definition (patterned after SGETJPI)
0001  253 :
0001  254
00000004 0001  255     EFN    = 4      ;Event flag number
00000009 0001  256     PIDAOR = 8      ;Address of process ID
0000000C 0001  257     PRCHAN = 12     ;Address of process name descriptor
00000010 0001  258     DODESC = 16     ;Address of three longword descriptor
0001  259
00000014 0001  260     IOSB   = 20     ; that describes destination of data
0001  261
00000018 0001  262     ASTADR = 24     ;Address of longword that receives
0000001C 0001  263     ASTPRM = 23     ; final status
0001  264
0001  265 :
0001  266 : Define special type field codes for blocks containing AST code
0001  267 :
0001  268
0000007E 0001  269     dyn_k_get_ast = *x80 - 2
00000079 0001  270     dyn_k_put_ast = *x80 - 3
0001  271

```

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 7 of 12)**

```

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/02

Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
USS_GETDD Get Default Directory String P 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CHUIZNIKS.STSPRG.USSJ

0001 273      .subtitle      USS_GETDD      Get Default Directory String Proc
0001 274
0001 275 ::=+
0001 276 :
0001 277 : Functional Description:
0001 278 :
0001 279 : This procedure obtains the default directory string for any process
0001 280 : in the system. The method used parallels the SGETJPI system service.
0001 281 : A special kernel AST is delivered to the target process, where the
0001 282 : default directory string is copied from its PI space location to
0001 283 : the extended AST control block. That block is then used to deliver
0001 284 : another AST back to the requesting process.
0001 285 :
0001 286 : Input Parameters:
0001 287 :
0001 288 : EFN(CAP)      Number of event flag to set when the requested
0001 289 : information is available.
0001 290 :
0001 291 : *PIDADR(CAP)    Address of longword containing the process ID of the
0001 292 : process for which the information is being requested.
0001 293 :
0001 294 : PRCHAN(CAP)    Address of the string descriptor for the process number
0001 295 : of the process for which the information is being requested.
0001 296 :
0001 297 :
0001 298 : ODDDESC(CAP)   Address of three longword descriptor that describe
0001 299 : where information will be stored.
0001 300 :
0001 301 :
0001 302 : +-----+
0001 303 : |       spare      | Buffer Length |
0001 304 : +-----+
0001 305 : |       Buffer Address   |
0001 306 : +-----+
0001 307 : |       Address to Return Length |
0001 308 : +-----+
0001 309 : IOSB(CAP)      Used by the kernel AST to report errors back to
0001 310 : the original caller that cannot be detected in
0001 311 : the initial procedure. One such error might be
0001 312 : a protection change in the user's buffer.
0001 313 :
0001 314 : ASTADR(CAP)    Address of an AST that will be called when all of
0001 315 : the requested data has been supplied.
0001 316 :
0001 317 : ASTPRM(CAP)    Parameter that will be passed to that AST
0001 318 :
0001 319 : Implicit Input:
0001 320 :
0001 321 : R4      Address of PCB of caller (current process)
0001 322 :
0001 323 : Output Parameters:
0001 324 :
0001 325 : The default string (and optionally its length) are passed
0001 326 : back to the caller.
0001 327 :
0001 328 : Return Status:
0001 329 :

```

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**Listing 2-2: USSGETDD Procedure (Page 8 of 12)**

```

Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16   VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 8
USS_SETDD Get Default Directory String P 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06  WORK:CHUIZMIEKS.SVSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)

0001  330 :     SSS_NORMAL      AST has been successfully queued to the target process
0001  331 :
0001  332 :     SSS_ACCVIO      One of the input parameters cannot be successfully read
0001  333 :                                or the output string buffer or length buffer cannot
0001  334 :                                be read.
0001  335 :
0001  336 :     SSS_EXQUOTA    Not enough AST quota to deliver notification AST
0001  337 :
0001  338 :     SSS_IVLOGNAME  Invalid process name string was supplied
0001  339 :
0001  340 :     SSS_NONEEXPR    Either an invalid process ID was supplied or the
0001  341 :                                process no longer exists.
0001  342 :
0001  343 :     SSS_NOPRIV      Caller does not have the privilege to request
0001  344 :                                information from the target process.
0001  345 :
0001  346 :---
0001  347 :
00000000  348 .PSECT NONSHARED_DATA PIC, NOEXE, LONG
00000017" 0000 349 RANGE: .ADDRESS LOCK_BEGIN      ; Range of addresses to
00000045" 0004 350           .ADDRESS      LOCK_END       ; lock into working set
0003  351 :
00000000  352 .PSECT USS_CCDE      PIC, SHRM, NOWRT
0000  353 :
00FC  0000 354 .ENTRY USS_GETDD, "N<R2,R3,R4,R5,R6,R7,R8,R9,R10,R11>
0002  355 :
0002  356 SLKWSET_S INADDR=RANGE      ; Lock pages in working set
01 50  E8 0013 357 BLBS  R0, LOCK_BEGIN
04 0015 358 RET      : Return if problem
0017 359 .ENABLE LSB
0017 360 :
0017 361 : Get process ID of target process
0017 362 :
0017 363 LOCK-BEGIN:
0017 364 SETIPL 4IPLS_SYNCH      ;Synchronize access for NAMPIID
54  00000000"GF 00 001A 365 MOVL  G>SCHMSGL_CURPCB,R4      ;Get current PCB address
      54  C0 0021 366 PUSHL  R4      ;Save current PCB address
      SC 04  C0 0023 367 ADOL  44.AP      ;Make PIDADDR first argument
00000000"GF 16 0026 368 JSB  G>EXESNAMPIID      ; returns at IPLS_SYNCH
      002C 369 SETIPL 40      ;No need to stay at elevated IPL
      SC 04  C2 002E 370 SUBL  44.AP      ;Reset AP
      15 50  E9 0032 371 BLBC  R0,10$      ;NULL and SWAPPER are illegal
00000000"GF 51 81 0035 372 CMPW  R1,G>SCHMSGL_SUPPID
      OF 14 003C 373 BGTRU  15$      ;NULL and SWAPPER are illegal
50  0000"BF 3C 003E 374 MOVZWL 4SSS_NONEEXPR,R0
      05 11 0043 375 BRB  10$      ;Save PID of target process
      0045 376 LOCK-END:
      0045 377 :
      0045 378 ACCVIO:
50  0000"BF 3C 0045 379 MOVZWL 4SSS_ACCVIO,R0
      01C0 31 0064 380 10$:  SRW      ERROR_RETURN
      0040 381 :
      0040 382 :
      53  51  00 0060 383 15$:  MOVL  R1,R11      ;Save PID of target process
      10  24  0050 384 POPR  G>4<R4>      ;Restore caller's PCB address
      0052 385 : Check for and clear possible status block
      0052 386 :

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      Get Default Directory String          17-MAY-1982 10:11:16  VAX-11 Macro V03-00
      USS_GETDD Get Default Directory String P 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06  WORK:CMUIZMIEKS.SYSPRG.U

      S1  14 AC  C0  0052  387    MOVL   IOSS8(AP),R1           ;Get IOSS8 address
      08  13 0056  388    BEQL   208           ;Skip if none
      0058  389    IFNQWRT 64,(R1),ACCVIO  ;Check accessibility
      61  C4  005E  390    CLRL   (R1)           ;Clear it initially
      0060  391
      0063  392 : Clear event flag
      0060  393
      S3  04 AC  9A  0060  394 209:  MOVZBL  EPNC(AP),R3           ;Get event flag number
      00000000*GF 16  0064  395    JSB    GSCH8CLREF  ;Clear that flag
      CD 50  E9  006A  396    BL3C   R0,108  ;Exit if errors
      006D  397
      006D  398 : Check for enough AST quota if ASTADR argument present
      0060  399
      18 AC  D5  0060  400    TSTL   ASTADR(AP)          ;Argument specified
      0A  13 0070  401    BEQL   298           ;Skip check if not
      S0  0000 8F  3C  0072  402    MOVZUL  $SSS_EXQUOTA,R0  ;Assume not enough quota
      39 46  B5  0077  403    TSTW   PCBSH_ASTCNT(R4)  ;Any quota left
      CE  19 007A  404    BLEGU  108           ;Error if none
      007C  405
      007C  406 : Check accessibility of data descriptor
      007C  407
      S5  10 AC  B8  007C  408 255:  MOVL   DBODESC(AP),RS           ;Get address of descriptor
      0080  409    IFNQRD  612,(RS),ACCVIO  ;Is descriptor readable?
      S6  65  3C  0086  410    MOVZUL  (RS),R6           ;Buffer size to R6
      S7  04 A5  B3  0089  411    MOVL   6(RS),R7           ; and address to R7
      S8  08 A5  B8  0093  412    IFNQWRT 66,(R7),ACCVIO  ;Is text buffer writable?
      0097  413    MOVL   8(RS),R8           ;Get address of length buffer
      0098  414    IFNQWRT 64,(R8),ACCVIO  ;Is it writable?
      0098  415
      0098  416 : Check for sufficient quota by summing sizes of all needed blocks
      0090  417
      S1  00000090 8F  C0  0093  418    MOVL   SACB_E_NEW_LEN,R1  ; AST block length plus P-2
      S1  51  000000C5*8F  C1  0044  419    ADDL3  $CPUT_LENGTH+123,R1,R1  ; put string length plus P-2
      S1  51  0000009A*8F  C1  004C  420    ADDL3  $CGET_LENGTH+123,R1,R1  ; get string length
      SA  S1  00  0084  421    MOVL   R1,R10           ; save quota bytes to be charged
      00000000*GF  16  0087  422    JSB    G$EXITSUPPQUOTA  ; Check quota
      8A  50  E9  008D  423    SL9C   R0, 108
      00C0  424
      00C0  425 : At this point, all checks have been made. The access checks must still be made again when it is time to move data to the user's buffer.
      00C0  426 : The asynchronous nature of this service allows the calling process
      00C0  427 : to continue execution while the default directory string is being
      00C0  428 : obtained. Protection could be changed on the buffer, causing a
      00C0  429 : possible access violation from kernel mode.
      00C0  430 :
      00C0  431 :
      00C0  432 : One optimization that is possible here is to check whether the
      00C0  433 : target process is the same as the caller. The default directory
      00C0  434 : can be obtained in a much more straightforward manner than is being
      00C0  435 : done here. In fact, an RMS call already exists to accomplish this.
      00C0  436 :
      00C0  437 : Now allocate an extended AST control block and store the
      00C0  438 : relevant parameters.
      00C0  439
      S1  00000090 8F  C0  00C0  440    MOVL   SACB_E_NEW_LEN,R1  ;Set size of extended ACB
      000000C0*GF  16  00C7  441    JSB    G$EXITSALLOCBUF  ;Allocate nonpaged pool space
      C0C0  442
      C3  50  E3  00C7  443    BL9C   R0,298  ;We are at IPL 2 now
                                         ;Return error status through cor

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Get Default Directory String							17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	Page 10
USS_GFTDD Set Default Directory String P							17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CMUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)	
FF77	31	0000	644	BRW	108		; exit path	
0C A2	58	C0	0003	645				
08 A2	51	80	0007	647	MOVL	R11,ACBSL_PID(R2)	;Store PID of target process	
0A A2	02	90	0008	648	MOVW	R1,ACBSL_SIZE(R2)	;Store size of structure	
	51	CC	000F	649	MOVBS	\$OTNACB_ACBSL_TYPE(R2)	; and its type	
51 51	02	16	EF	00E1	MOVPSL	R1		
08 A2	51	80	8F	00E6	EXTZV	\$PSLSV_PRVM00,\$PSLSS_PRVM00,R1,R1	;Get caller's access mode	
10 A2	18	AC	00	00EC	0104	81S83 #C12ACBSV_KAST>,R1,ACBSL_RMOD(R2)	; and store it in ACB	
14 A2	1C	AC	00	00F1	MOVL	ASTAOR(AP),ACBSL_AST(R2)	; address of user's AST,	
29 A2	C4	AC	00	00F5	MOVL	ASTPRM(AP),ACBSL_ASTPRM(R2)	; and associated parameter	
2C A2	14	AC	00	00F9	MOVL	EFH(AP),ACB_L_EFHCR2)	; store event flag number	
26 A2	10	AC	00	0100	MOVL	IOSB(AP),ACB_L_IOSB(R2)	; and status block address	
30 A2	60	A4	00	0105	MOVL	DDDESC(AP),ACB_L_DDESC(R2)	;Save address of data descriptor	
55 00030000*GF	00	0104	459		MOVL	PCBSL_PID(R4),ACB_L_OLD_PID(R2)	;Save caller's PID	
34 A2	00F0	C5	00	0111	MOVL	GCTLIGL_PHD,RS	; and image sequence number	
	1C	A2	C6	0117	CLRL	ACB_L_GET_AST(R2)	;Clear these two longwords to	
	20	A2	C4	011A	CLRL	ACB_L_PUT_AST(R2)	; prevent possible deallocation error	
38 A2	5A	CC	0010	462	MOVL	R10,ACB_L_QUOTA(R2)	; bytes to charge to quota	
			0121	463 :				
			0121	464 :			Now copy the two ASTS into memory pool. A separate block will	
			0121	465 :			be allocated for each of the two ASTS. If either deallocation	
			0121	466 :			fails, the error path must be sure to deallocate any already	
			0121	467 :			allocated pool space.	
			0121	468 :				
			0121	469 :				
			0121	470 :			First do the GET AST	
			0121	471 :				
	55 52	00	0121	472	MOVL	R2,RS	;Save ACB address	
51 0000009A*8F	00	0124	473		MOVL	\$GET_LENGTH+12,R1	;Allow 12 bytes for a header	
00000000*GF	16	0128	474		JSS	G\$EXE\$ALONONPAGED		
03 50	E9	0131	475		BLSC	R0,308		
00A7	31	0134	476		BRW	559		
1C A5	52	00	0137	477 30\$:	MOVL	R2,ACB_L_GET_AST(R5)		
	82	7C	0139	478	CLRL	(R2)+	;Clear two link longwords	
	82	51	013D	479	MOVW	R1,(R2)+	;Store size	
	82	7E	8F	0140	MOVZBW	\$OTN_E_GET_AST,(R2)+	;Store type and clear spare byte	
	3F	88	0144	481				
00000253*EF	008E*8F	28	0145	482	PUSHR	\$=MCRO,R1,R2,R3,R4,RS>	;Save registers for MOVC3	
	3F	8A	0150	483	MOVC3	\$GET_LENGTH,GET_STRING,(R2)	;Copy code to pool	
			0150	484	POP R	\$=MCRO,R1,R2,R3,R4,RS>	;Restore registers	
18 A5	1C A5	0C	C1	0152	A00L3-	#12,ACB_L_GET_AST(R5),ACBSL_KAST(R5)	;Store address of special	
			0158	485			; AST, skipping header in block	
			0159	486				
			0158	487				
			0159	488				
			0158	489 :			Do exactly the same thing for the PUT AST	
			0159	490				
	51 000000C5*8F	00	0158	491	MOVL	\$PUT_LENGTH+12,R1	;Allow 12 bytes for a header	
00000000*GF	14	015F	492		JSS	G\$EXE\$ALONONPAGED		
76 50	E9	0165	493		BLSC	R0,559		
20 A5	52	00	0168	494	MOVL	R2,ACB_L_PUT_AST(R5)		
	82	7C	016C	495	CLRL	(R2)+	;Clear two link longwords	
	82	51	016E	496	MOVW	R1,(R2)+	;Store size	
	82	72	8F	0171	MOVZBW	\$OTN_E_PUT_AST,(R2)+	;Store type and clear spare byte	
	3F	88	0175	497				
000002E1*EF	0089*8F	29	0177	499	PUSHR	\$=MCRO,R1,R2,R3,R4,RS>	;Save registers for MOVC3	
			500		MOVC3	\$PUT_LENGTH,PUT_STRING,(R2)	;Copy code to pool	

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      Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
      USS_GETDD Get Default Directory String P 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:[CHUIZIEKS.STSPRG.USS]

      3F  84  C181  S01      POPR    $44C90,R1,R2,R3,R4,R5> ;Restore registers
      0183  S02 :
      0183  S03 : Ready to queue the AST to the target process. This routine does not
      0183  S04 : make all the checks that are performed by SGETJPI. For that reason,
      0183  S05 : the caller may have to wait for some time for information to be passed
      0183  S06 : back from the target process. The one check that must be made even
      0183  S07 : here is whether the target process has been deleted (or is in the process
      0183  S08 : of being deleted).
      0183  S09 :
      0183  S10 358: SETIPL  758           ;Need to lock down some more code
      54  CC  A5  3C  0184  S11  MOVZWL  ACBSL_PID(R5),R4   ;Get PID of target
      S1  00000000"GF  C0  018E  S12  MOVL    G$CHNSGL_PCBVEC,R1 ;Get target PCB address in PIC man
      54  6144  D3  0195  S13  MOVL    (R1)(R4),R4
      OC  A5  60  A4  D1  0199  S14  CMPL   PCBSL_PID(R4),ACBSL_PID(R5) ;Are PIDs the same
      - 39  12  019E  S15  BNEQ   50S           ;Error if not
      36  24  A4  01  E0  01A0  S16  BBS    #PCBSV_DELPEN,PCSSL_STS(R4),50S ;Check if being deleted
      54  C3  01A5  S17  PUSHL   R4           ;Save PCB address of target
      54  00000000"GF  C2  01A7  S18  MOVL    G$CHNSGL_CURPCB,R4 ;Get current PCB address again
      52  78  16  00  01AE  S19  MOVL    PCBSL_JIB(R4),R2 ;Charge user for buffer from quota
      10  A2  39  A5  C2  01B2  S20  SUBL   ACBL_QUOTA(R5).JIBSL_BYTCNT(R2) ;Quota stored in JIB
      10  A5  C5  01B7  S21  TSTL   ACBSL_AST(R5) ;Any user AST specified?
      08  13  01BA  S22  BEQL   40S           ;Skip accounting if none
      018C  S23  :
      018C  S24  :
      018C  S25  :
      38  A6  B7  01BC  S26  DECM   PCBSV_ASTCNT(R4) ;Count AST against quota
      03  08  A5  06  E2  01B8  S27  BSSS   #ACBSV_QUOTA,ACBSB_RMOD(R5),40S
      52  04  00  01C4  S28  40S:  MOVL   #PRIS_TICON,R2 ;Give a shopping boost
      54  8E00  01C7  S29  POPL   R4           ;Clean up stack
      00000000"GF  16  01CA  S30  JS9    G$CHNSQAST
      50  0000"8F  3C  01C0  S31  MOVZWL  #SSS_NORMAL,R0
      01D5  S32  SETIPL  80
      04  0109  S33  RET
      01D9  S34 : Process has gone away in the interim. Deallocate ACB and the
      01D9  S35 : two code blocks that contain the GET and PUT ASTs and return through
      01D9  S36 : common exit path. Entry 558 is used if an error occurs after some
      01D9  S37 : of the three pool blocks have already been allocated. Essentially,
      01D9  S38 : the ACB is always deallocated. If the GET and PUT ASTs have been loaded
      01D9  S39 : nongated pool, these blocks must be deallocated, too.
      50  0000"8F  3C  0109  S40  S08:  MOVZWL  #SSS_NONEXPR,R0 ;This is error if process has gone
      50  00  01DE  S41  S53:  PUSHL   R0           ;Save status across deallocation
      50  20  A5  00  01E0  S42  MOVL   ACBL_PUT_AST(R5),R0 ;Any PUT AST?
      00000000"GF  16  01E4  S43  BEQL   60S
      50  1C  A5  C0  01EC  S44  JS9    #EXE50EANONPAGED ;If so, deallocate it
      50  06  13  01F0  S45  60S:  MOVL   ACBL_GET_AST(R5),R0 ;Any GET AST?
      00000000"GF  16  01F2  S46  BEQL   70S           ;If so, deallocate it
      50  55  00  01F7  S47  JS9    #EXE50EANONPAGED ;If so, deallocate it
      00000000"GF  16  01F9  S48  70S:  MOVL   R5,R0 ;Get address of pool to be deallocated
      0201  S49  JS9    G$EXE50EANONPAGED
      50  8E  00  0204  S50  SETIPL  #0
      04  11  0207  S51  MOVL   (SP)+,R0 ;Restore status
      00000007  0209  S52  BRS    ERROR_RETURN ; and enter common exit path.
      0200  S53  758:  .LONG  IPLS_SYNCH
      0200  S54  ASSUME  C,-354 LE 512
      0200  S55  .DSABL  LSB

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Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 12
ERROR_RETURN - Common error return   17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CHUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)

        0200  557      .SUBTITLE    ERROR_RETURN - Common error return
        0200  558
        0200  559 ;+
        0200  560 ; This is the common exit path for errors detected in arguments
        0200  561 ; to the service. The event flag is set. If a status block was
        0200  562 ; specified, final status is reported there. If an AST was requested,
        0200  563 ; it is queued to the caller (follows SGETJPI conventions).
        0200  564 ;-
        0200  565
        0200  566 ERROR_RETURN:
54   00000000*GF  00  020F  567      PUSHL   R0          ;Save error status
51   60 A4  00  0216  568      MOVL   G^SCH$GL_CURPCB,R4  ;Make sure R4 contents are correct
52   04  021A  569      MOVL   PCBSL_PID(R4),R1  ;Get PID of caller
53   04 AC  00  021C  570      CLRL   R2          ;No boost here
00000000*GF  15  0220  571      MOVL   EFN(AP),R3  ;Get event flag number
51   14 AC  00  0226  572      JSB   G^SCH$POSTEP  ; and set the flag
51   14 AC  00  0226  573      MOVL   IOSB(AP),R1  ;Get status block address
09   13  0224  574      BEQL   109          ;Branch if none specified
51   6E  00  0232  575      IPNQWRT 64,(R1),109  ;Else skip if inaccessible
55   18 AC  00  0235  576      MOVL   (SP),(R1)  ;Report final status
15   13  0239  577 10$:     MOVL   ASTADR(AP),RS  ;Get AST address
54   DC  0239  578      BEQL   205          ;Skip if none
54   02  16  EF  0230  579      MOVPSL  R4          ;Get PSL
54   02  16  EF  0230  580      EXTZV  #PSLSV_PRVNOD,#PSLSS_PRVNOD,R4,R4 ;Extract caller's access mode
54   02  16  EF  0230  581      SOCLAST_S (RS),ASTPRN(AP),R4  ;Queue the AST
01   2A  0250  582 20$:     POPR   9^MC0>          ;Restore status
04   0252  583      RET             ; and return
0253  584

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### The GET String AST Procedure

- Executes in context of target process
  - At IPL 2, since special kernel AST
  - Entered via JSB, not CALL, from AST delivery interrupt service routine
- Reformats initial ACB fields
  - So can use same ACB to queue PUT string AST back to caller
  - Specifies AST should be another special kernel AST
- Loads default directory string into ACB
  - No protection checks are necessary to guard against access violations in kernel mode since:
    - ACB in nonpaged pool
    - Default directory string in protected area of P1 space
- Checks that caller process still exists
  - Raises IPL to SYNCH
- Queues AST back to caller
  - So PUT string procedure can execute
- Deallocates GET string code block
  - By JMP to deallocate nonpaged pool routine
  - That routine exits with RSB, which returns control to AST delivery interrupt service routine

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Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 13
GET_STRING - Get string from user buffer 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:[MUZIENIEKS.SYSPRG.USSJUSSGETD(1)

0253 586      .SUBTITLE      GET_STRING - Get string from user buffer
0253 587
0253 588 :+
0253 589 : This routine executes as a special kernel AST in the context of
0253 590 : the target process. It loads the default directory string from
0253 591 : PI space into the extended ACB and uses the same ACB to queue
0253 592 : another special AST back to the original caller of the service.
0253 593 :
0253 594 : Input Parameters:
0253 595 :
0253 596 :     R0:R3 - Scratch
0253 597 :     R4 - PCB address of target process
0253 598 :     R5 - Address of extended ACB
0253 599 :
0253 600 : Calling Sequence:
0253 601 :
0253 602 :     JSB      GET_STRING      from AST delivery routine at IPL 2
0253 603 :
0253 604 : Output Parameters:
0253 605 :
0253 606 :     The default directory string is copied from the target process
0253 607 :     PI space to the end of the extended ACB.
0253 608 :
0253 609 : Side Effects:
0253 610 :
0253 611 :     If the initial calling process still exists, a special AST
0253 612 :     is queued to that process. The routine PUT_STRING will be
0253 613 :     the AST that executes in the context of the original caller.
0253 614 :-
0253 615 :
0253 616 GET_STRING:
0070 8F 89 0253 617 PUSHR   $04(R4,R5,R6)
0C A5 30 A5 00 0257 618 MOVL    ACB_L_OLD_PID(R5),ACBSL_PID(R5) ;Turn ACB around
18 A5 20 A5 0C C1 025C 619 MOVL    #12,ACB_L_PUT_AST(R5),ACBSL_KAST(R5) ;Different special AST
08 A5 20 9F 89 0262 620 SISBZ  #C12ACB3SV_KAST>,ACBSB_RMOD(R5) ;Reset special bit
53 00000000*GF 93 0267 621 MOVAB  G+PI08GT_D0STRING,R3
56 83 94 026E 622 MOVZBL (R3)+,R6          ;Save string count in R6
52 3C A5 95 0271 623 MOVA9  ACB_T_D0STRING(R5),R2  ;R2 located counted string in ACB
82 56 90 0275 624 MOVB8  R6,(R2)+          ;R2 is now correctly updated
0053 8F 00 63 56 2C 0279 625 MOVC5  R6,(R3),#0,ACB_X_STR_LEN,(R2)
0070 9F 8A 0280 626 POPR   $04(R4,R5,R6)
0284 627
0284 628 : Now queue an AST back to the original caller
0284 629
0284 630 10st: SETIPL  30S          ;Need to raise IPL here
51 30 A5 3C 0288 631 MOVWHL ACB_L_OLD_PID(R5),R1  ;Get PID (PIX only) of caller
52 00000000*GF 00 028F 632 MOVL    G+SCHMSGL_PCBVEC,R2  ;Get its PCB address
51 6241 03 0295 633 MOVL    (R2)(R1),R1          ;in a PIC manner
0C A5 60 A1 C1 029A 634 CMPL    PCBSL_PID(R1),ACBSL_PID(R5) ;Same PID in both places?
1A 12 029F 635 BNEQ    20S          ;Error if not
15 24 A1 01 E0 02A1 636 BBS    #PCBSV_DELPEN,PCBSL_STS(R1),20S
52 04 02A6 637 CLRL    R2          ;No beast going this way
00000000*GF 16 02A9 638 JS9     G+SCHSQAST
50 1C A5 E0 02AE 639 SETIPL  #IPLS_ASTOEL        ;Lower IPL back to 2
50 00000000*GF 17 02B1 640 MOVL    ACB_L_GET_AST(R5),R0  ;and return to AST dispatcher
                                ;through DEANONPAGED
0285 641 JMP    G+EXESDEANONPAGED
                                ; through DEANONPAGED
0285 642

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Set Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
GET_STRING - Get string from user buffer 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CMUIZNIEKS.STSPRG.US

      02E9  643 : Original caller has gone away. Deallocate ACB and simply exit.
      02E9  644
      02E9  645 20$:  SETIPL  #IPLS_ASTDEL          ;Leave IPL to 2
      1C A5  00 02E8  646  PUSHL  ACB_L_GET_AST(R5)    ;Save GET AST block across desall
      50 20 A5  00 02C1  647  MOVL   ACB_L_PUT_AST(R5),R0  ;PUT AST block is the first to go
00000000*GF  16 02C3  648  JSB    G^EXE$DEANONPAGED
      50 55  00 02C8  649  MOVL   RS,R0          ;Now do the ACB
00000000*GF  16 02CE  650  JSB    G^EXE$DEANONPAGED  ;Deallocate ACB
      50 8E  00 02D6  651  MOVL   (SP)+,R0        ;Finally deallocate the block
      02D7  652          ; containing this code
00000000*GF  17 02D7  653  JPP    G^EXE$DEANONPAGED ;Jump there. RSB in EXE$DEANONPA
      02D9  654          ; will return to AST dispatcher.
      02D9  655
      02D9  656 30$:  .LONG   IPLS_STNCH
      02E1  657
      02E1  658  ASSUME  C.-10$> LE 512
      02E1  659
0000008E  02E1  660  GET_LENGTH = . - GET_STRING
      02E1  661
```

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### The PUT String AST Procedure

- Executes in context of caller process
  - At IPL 2, since special kernel AST
  - Entered via JSB, not CALL, from AST delivery interrupt service routine
- Checks to make sure image that called system service still executing
  - To insure IOSB and AST address are addresses in calling image, not some arbitrary image
  - An image counter in process header, PHDSL\_IMGCNT, is incremented as part of image rundown
    - Access PHD through P1 space window
- Rechecks protection of IOSB and location to receive directory string
  - Needed because of asynchronous nature of service
  - Possible for image to change protection of pages while ASTs executing (SSETPRT system service)
    - Prevents possible kernel mode access violations
- Copies default directory string to specified buffer
- Sets specified event flag
- Loads IOSB, if requested
- Tests for user-requested AST
  - If requested, reuses same ACB for user AST
  - If not requested, deallocates ACB
- Exits by jumping to deallocate nonpaged pool routine
  - To deallocate block with PUT string procedure code
  - To return control to AST delivery interrupt service routine

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**Listing 2-4: PUT String AST Procedure (Page 1 of 2)**

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Get Default Directory String          17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
PUT_STRING - Return string to original c 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:CMUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.US

02E1  663      .SUBTITLE    PUT_STRING - Return string to original caller
02E1  664
02E1  665 :+
02E1  665 : This routine executes as a special kernel AST in the context of
02E1  667 : the original caller. It moves the default directory string
02E1  669 : of the target process from the extended ACB into the user specified !
02E1  669 :
02E1  670 : Input Parameters:
02E1  671 :
02E1  672 :     R0:R3 - Scratch
02E1  673 :     R4 - PCB address of original caller
02E1  674 :     R5 - Address of extended ACB
02E1  675 :
02E1  676 : Calling Sequence:
02E1  677 :
02E1  678 :     JSB     PUT_STRING      from AST delivery routine at IPL 2
02E1  679 :
02E1  680 : Output Parameters:
02E1  681 :
02E1  682 :     The default directory string is copied from the extended ACB
02E1  683 :     to the user specified buffer.
02E1  684 :
02E1  685 : Side Effects:
02E1  686 :
02E1  687 :     If all access checks are OK, data is moved to user buffer. The
02E1  688 :     designated event flag is set. An AST may be delivered if the
02E1  689 :     original call requested one. Buffered quota bytes are returned
02E1  690 :-
02E1  691 :
02E1  692 PUT_STRING:
20 AS  00 02E1  693     PUSHL   ACB_L_PUT_AST(R5)      ;Save address of block containi
02E4  694                               ; code for JMP exit through rou
02E4  695                               ; EXESDEANONPAGED
50 78 A6  00 02E4  696     MOVL   PCBSSL_JIB(R4),R0      ;Restore quota bytes charged
10 A0  38 A5 C0 02E8  697     ADDL   ACB_L_QUOTA(R5),JIBSSL_BYTCNT(R0)
02E0  698 :
02E0  699 : Make sure that the same image is running.
02E0  700 :
02E0  701     MOVL   G=CTLSSGL_PHD,R3
34 AS  00F0 C3 01 02F4  702     CMPL   PHDSL_IMGCNT(R3),ACB_L_IMGCNT(R5)
08 13 02F1  703     BEQL   10S
03 08 A5  06 02FC  704     BSC   SACBSV_QUOTA,ACBSB_RMOD(R5),S8 ;Was caller's AST quota
38 A4  86 0301  705     INCH   PCBSM_ASTCNT(R4)      ;Give it back because ASTDEL,
0304  706                               ; which usually gives back AST
0304  707                               ; cannot, because it never gets
0081  31 0304  708 S8:     BRW   709
0307  709 :
03F0  8F  88 0307  710 10S:     PUSHR   $=NCR4,R5,R6,R7,R8,R9 ;Save some registers
52 3C A5  9E 0308  711     MOVA8   ACB_T_DODSTRING(R5),R2 ;Address of counted string in I
53 24 A5  00 030F  712     MOVL   ACB_L_DODDESC(R5),R3 ;Get buffer descriptor
59 08 A5  9A 0313  713     MOVZBL ACBSB_RMOD(R5),R9 ;Get caller's original access
0317  714     IFNQRD  012,(R3),40$,R9 ;Can it still be read?
58 08 A3  00 0310  715     MOVL   8(R3),R8 ;Get address of length buffer
09 13 0321  716     BEQL   20S
0323  717     IFNOWRT  02,(R8),40$,R9 ;Is it writeable?
68 82  98 0329  718     MOVZBW  (R2)+(R8)
56 63  80 032C  719 20S:     MOVW   (R3),R6 ;Buffer size to R6

```

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```

Get Default Directory String           17-MAY-1982 10:11:16 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 16
PUT_STRING - Return string to original c 17-MAY-1982 10:11:06 WORK:[MUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.US$JUSSGETD(1)

      14   13  032F  720     BEQL    30$          ;If equal, then zero length buffer
  57   04 A3   00  0331  721     MOVL    4(R3),R7      ; and address to R7
      0E   13  0335  722     BEQL    30$          ;If equal, none specified
      0337  723     IFNQWRT R6,(R7),40$,R9      ;Is text buffer writeable?
  6  .00  62  0053 8F   2C  0330  724     MOVC$  ACB_K_STR_LEN,(R2),80,R6,(R7)
  50  0000*8F  3C  0345  725 30$:     MOVZWL SSS$_NORMAL,R0
      05   11  034A  726     BRE    50$          ;Save the final status
      034C  727
  50  0000*8F  3C  034C  728 40$:     MOVZWL SSS$_ACCVIO,R0
      0351  729
  03F0 8F   84  0351  730 50$:     POPR    G=MCR4,R5,R6,R7,R8,R9> ;Restore registers
      50   02  0355  731     PUSHL   R0          ;Save the final status
  53  28 A5   00  0357  732     MOVL    ACB_L_EFN(R5),R3      ;Get event flag number
  51  60 A6   00  0358  733     MOVL    PCB$L_PID(R4),R1      ; and PID of requester
      52   04  035F  734     CLRL    R2          ;No boost for this
  00000000*GF  16  0361  735     JSB    G=SCH$POSTEF      ;Set the event flag
      01   8A  0367  736     POPR    G=MCR0>
  53  2C A5   00  0369  737     MOVL    ACB_L_IUSB(R5),R3      ;Any IDSB?
      0A   13  0360  738     BEQL    60$          ;Restore final status
      036F  739     IFNQWRT 64,(R3),60$,ACB$B_RMDC(R5) ;Simply ignore if not writeable
  63   50   00  0376  740     MOVL    R0,(R3)
      0379  741
      0379  742 : If an AST was requested, then use the ACB one more time to queue
      0379  743 : that AST to the caller. Otherwise, deallocate the extended ACB.
      0379  744
  10 A5   05  0379  745 60$:     TSTL    ACB$L_AST(R5)      ;Any AST?
      0A   13  037C  746     BEQL    70$          ;If equal, then none
      52   04  037E  747     CLRL    R2          ;No boost here either
  00000000*GF  16  0380  748     JSB    G=SCH$QAST      ;Queue the regular AST
      09   11  0386  749     BRB    80$          ;Exit through EXESDEANONPAGED
      0388  750
      0388  751
  50  55   C0  0388  752 70$:     MOVL    R5,R0          ;Address of ACB to be deallocated
  00000000*GF  16  0389  753     JSS    G=EXESDEANONPAGED
  50  8E   00  0391  754 80$:     MOVL    (SP)>,R0          ;Deallocate ACB
  00000000*GF  17  0394  755     JMP    G=EXESDEANONPAGED
      039A  756
      039A  757     PUT_LENGTH = . - PUT_STRING
      039A  758
      039A  759     .END

```

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**Listing 2-5: Test Program (Page 1 of 2)**

17-MAY-1982 10:11:39 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
27-MAR-1982 15:27:16 WORK:CMUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.US

```

0000    1 : TEST.MAR
0000    2 :
0000    3 : This program tests the default directory system
0000    4 : service. It prompts the user for a process name
0000    5 : and returns that user's default directory string.
0000    6 :
0000    7 : Note that the process being examined must be in the
0000    8 : same group as the process running this program; if
0000    9 : not, the "no such process" error message will be
0000   10 : generated (also, must use enter exact upper/lower
0000   11 : case letters in process name).
0000   12 :
0000   13 .object nonshared_data  pic, neexe, long
0000   14 :
0000   15 arglist: : argument list for call
00000007 0000 : seven parameters
00000003 0004 : use EFN # 3
00000023* 0005 : in case use PID
0000002C* 000C : using process name
0000004A* C010 : descriptor block
00000020* 0014 : returned status
03000049* 0018 : AST routine address
00000000 001C : AST parameter
00000000 0020 : also used in QIO calls
00000000 0024 :
00000000 0028 :
00000000 002C : not used in this test
00000034* 0030 : process name desc.
0000005C 0034 : will be supplied by user
0000005C 0034 .object blk8 60
30 pmt: .ascii /Process name: /
65 60 61 6E 20 73 73 65 63 6F 72 50 005C
20 34 006A
0000000E 006A
00000200 006A
0000007A* 0065
00000076* 0072 : leave lots of space
00000000 0075 : default dir string returned
00000027A 007A : length of default dir string
027A
0000 027A
4. -3 24 53 59 53 00000294*010E00000* 027C
44 4E 41 40 40 028A
028F
60 6F 72 66 20 65 67 61 73 73 65 40 028F
65 6E 69 74 75 6F 72 20 54 53 61 20 0298
00000019 02A7
02A7
00000000 0000
41 ames: .ascii /Message from AST routine/
42 alen = . - ames
43
44 .object code pic, shr, neurt
45 start: .word 0 : save no registers
46
47 : Establish channel to terminal
48 $assign_s chan=tchan, devname=tname
49 blbs r0, 10
50 brc err
51
52 : Get process name
53 10$: $dclm_s chan=tchan, func=$iot_readprompt,iosbm=iesbl, -
54 p1=prc,p2=$40,p5=$pmt,p6=$pm

```

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**Listing 2-5: Test Program (Page 2 of 2)**

```

17-MAY-1982 10:11:39 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 2
27-MAR-1982 15:27:16 WORK:[MUIZNIEKS-SYSPRG-USSJTEST.MA(1)

002C*EF  51 50   E9  004C   55      blbc   r0, err
00000022*EF  3C  004F   56      movzul  iesbl1+2, prcnam1      ; set process name len.
005A   57
005A   58 : Call user-written system service to get default dir. string
10000*GF  00000000*EF  F4  005A   59      callg   arglist,g*uss_getdd
38 50   E9  0065   60      blbc   r0,err
0068   61
0068   62 : Wait for request to complete using EFN # 3
0068   63      tsxitfr_s efn=43
2C 50   E9  0071   64      blbc   r0,err
0074   65
0074   66 : Print default directory
0074   67      tsioe_s chan=tchan,func=#ios_writevblk,p1=buffer,p2=buflen1,p4=632
04 009E   68      ret
00A0   69
00A0   70 : Error exit path
00A0   71 err:  tsxit_s r0
00A9   72
00A9   73 : AST routine entered before event flag wait satisfied
00A9   74
0000  00A9   75 astretut: .word 0      ; save no registers
00A8   76
00A8   77 : Display message indicating AST delivered
00A8   78      tsioe_s chan=tchan,func=#ios_writevblk,p1=names,p2=dalen,p4=632
04 00C2   79      ret
00D3   80
00D3   81      .end    start

```

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### Listing 2-6: MAKETEST.COM Command Procedure

```
100  $!                               MAKETEST.COM
200  $!
300  $!      This command procedure builds all components for the
400  $!      default directory system service, dispatcher, and
500  $!      sample test program.
600  $!
700  $ SET VERIFY
800  $!
900  $!      First, assemble and link the system service and dispatcher
1000 $!
1100 $ MACRO/LIST USSGETOO.MAR + SYSSLIBRARY:SLIS/LIB
1200 $ LINK/PROTECT/NODYSHR/SHARE=USSGETOO/MAP=USSGETOO/FULL SYSSINPUT/OPTIONS
1300 !
1400 !      Options file for the link of User System Service example.
1500 !
1600 !      SYSSYSTEM:SYS.STB/SELECTIVE
1700 !
1800 !      Create a separate cluster for the transfer vector.
1900 !
2000 CLUSTER=TRANSFER_VECTOR,,,SYSSDISK:C\USSGETOO
2100 !
2200 GSWATCH=LEQUAL,1,1
2300 $!
2400 $!      Next, assemble and link test program
2500 $!
2600 $ MACRO/LIST TEST
2700 $ LINK TEST/MAP/FULL,SYSSINPUT/OPTIONS
2800 !
2900 !      Options file for USSTEST
3000 USSGETOO.EXE/SHARE
3100 $!
3200 $!      Prepare to test program
3300 $!
3400 $ SET PROCESS/PRIV=(CMKRNLL,SYSPRV,WORLD)
3500 $ COPY USSGETOO.EXE SYSSSHARE:/*.*
3600 $ PURGE /*.MAP, /*.LIS, /*.OBJ, /*.EXE, SYSSSHARE:USSGETOO.EXE
3700 $ RUN SYSSSYSTEM:INSTALL
3800 SYSSSHARE:USSGETOO.EXE/SHARE/PROTECT
3900 $ SET NOVERIFY
```

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### Listing 2-7: Sample Run

```

$ SHOW PROCESS/QUOTA
14-MAY-1982 18:33:44.80          OPAO:        User : MUIZNIEKS

Process Quotas:

Account name:                                     Infinite   Direct I/O limit :      6
CPU limit :                                         8192     Buffered I/O limit:      6
Buffered I/O byte count quota :                  8192     Open file quota :       37
Timer queue entry quota :                         10      Subprocess quota :      2
Pending file quota :                            9854     AST limit :           9
Default page fault cluster :                     64
Enqueue quota :                                100

$ SHOW SYSTEM
VAX/VMS X1JP    Processes on 14-MAY-1982 18:33:53.67    Uptime 0 02:40:06
  Pid Process Name   UIC State Pri Dir. I/O   CPU   Page flts Ph.Mem
00010000 NULL      000,000 CDM 0   0 02:14:55.02   0   0
00010001 SWAPPER   000,000 HIB 16  0 00:00:07.74   0   0
00010043 FRIEDMAN 011,040 LEF 4   404 00:01:01.34  6940  80
00060045 _OPAO:    011,250 CUR 4   174 00:00:24.46  5384 123
00070046 MARSH    011,220 LEF 4   18 00:00:02.25  470  91
00010047 REHACP   001,003 HIB 8   1 00:00:00.07  31  21
00010048 EVL      001,004 HIB 4   2 00:00:00.54  161  20 N
00010049 NETACP   001,004 HIB 10  1718 00:01:00.45  2086 153
0001004A PRTSYMB1 001,004 LEF 9   339 00:00:30.43  557  35 S
0001004B QPCOM    001,004 LEF 8   2 00:00:00.18  45  74
0001004C JOB_CONTROL 001,004 HIB 9   107 00:00:03.25  176 120
000A004D MUIZNIEKS 011,250 LEF 5   342 00:00:36.76  8633  87
0001004E DRAOBACP 001,003 HIB 9   3460 00:01:27.49  3369 176
0002004F ERRFMT   001,006 HIB 7   70 00:00:01.05  26  46

$ SET PROCESS/PRIU=(CMKRNL,WORLD)
$

$ RUN TEST
Process name: MARSH
Message from AST routine
(MARSH.RNOJ)
$

$ RUN TEST
Process name: _OPAO:
Message from AST routine
(MUIZNIEKS.SYSPRG.US$)
$

$ RUN TEST
Process name: NULL
Message from AST routine
(ZSYSTEM-U-NONEXPR; nonexistent process)
$

$ SHOW PROCESS/QUOTA
14-MAY-1982 18:35:01.99          OPAO:        User : MUIZNIEKS

Process Quotas:

Account name:                                     Infinite   Direct I/O limit :      6
CPU limit :                                         8192     Buffered I/O limit:      6
Buffered I/O byte count quota :                  8192     Open file quota :       37
Timer queue entry quota :                         10      Subprocess quota :      2
Pending file quota :                            9854     AST limit :           9
Default page fault cluster :                     64
Enqueue quota :                                100

```



## **WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS**



## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### INTRODUCTION

Every interactive computer system requires some kind of command language that allows a user to specify the operations that are to be performed on the system. A Command Language Interpreter (CLI) is procedure-based code that executes in supervisor mode, in the context of a process, to receive, check the syntax of, parse, and perform commands entered by a user. VMS supports two CLIs - DCL and MCR. The DIGITAL Command Language (DCL) is the primary command language on VMS, while the Monitor Console Routine (MCR) is provided primarily for compatibility with PDP-11 systems.

There are several ways in which the command language interface can be altered. In previous courses you learned how to use symbols to tailor the DCL command environment. You also learned how to create foreign commands that could obtain information from the command line that invoked them. In addition to the command language, VMS provides a command language editor that allows you to add new commands to DCL (on a per-process or system-wide basis). It also provides a set of run-time routines for obtaining information from the command line.

If the type of command interface you need to build cannot be represented in a DCL-like manner (with commands that have parameters and qualifiers), or if you need faster command interpretation, or if you require features and capabilities that cannot be achieved using DCL, you may have to write a totally independent command language interpreter.

This module discusses how to use the DCL command language editor to extend the capabilities of DCL. In addition, the basic structure of a CLI is analyzed to aid you in writing your own CLI. It is highly recommended that you try to solve your problem by building on DCL, using the command language editor rather than writing your own CLI, since the system interfaces are much stabler, more formalized, and better documented.

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### OBJECTIVES

- Use the command language editor to add a new command to DCL.
- Write an alternative command language interpreter (CLI) to DCL and MCR.

### RESOURCES

LOGINOUT source listings

DCL source listings

MCR source listings

VAX-11 Utilities Reference Manual

VAX/VMS Internals/Data Structures

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### TOPICS

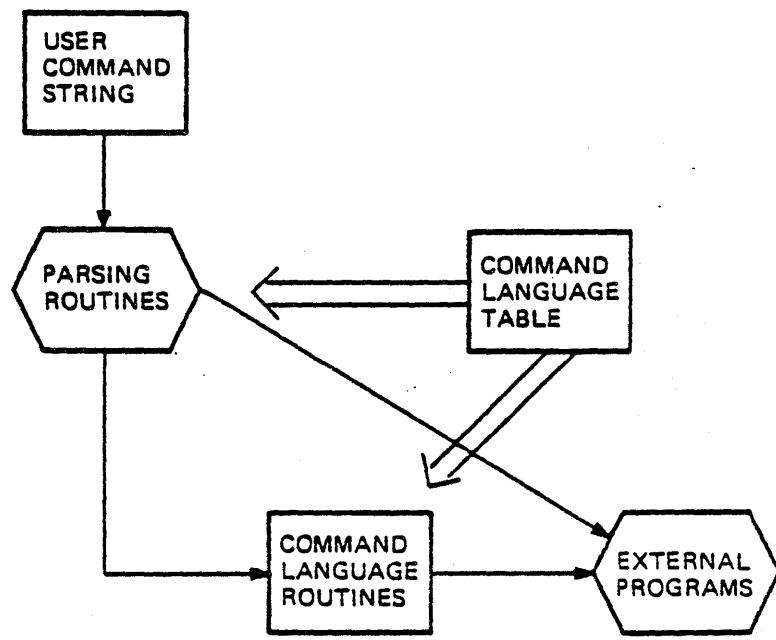
- Ways to modify the Command Language Interface
- Command Language Interpreter
- Command Language Editor
- VMS CLI
- Sample CLI

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### Ways To Modify The Command Language Interface

METHOD	COMMENT
Modifying DCL	
Symbols	Per-process
Foreign Commands	Per-process
Command Language Editor	Per-process and System wide
Replacing DCL	
Writing your own CLI	Only if above methods fail or not possible

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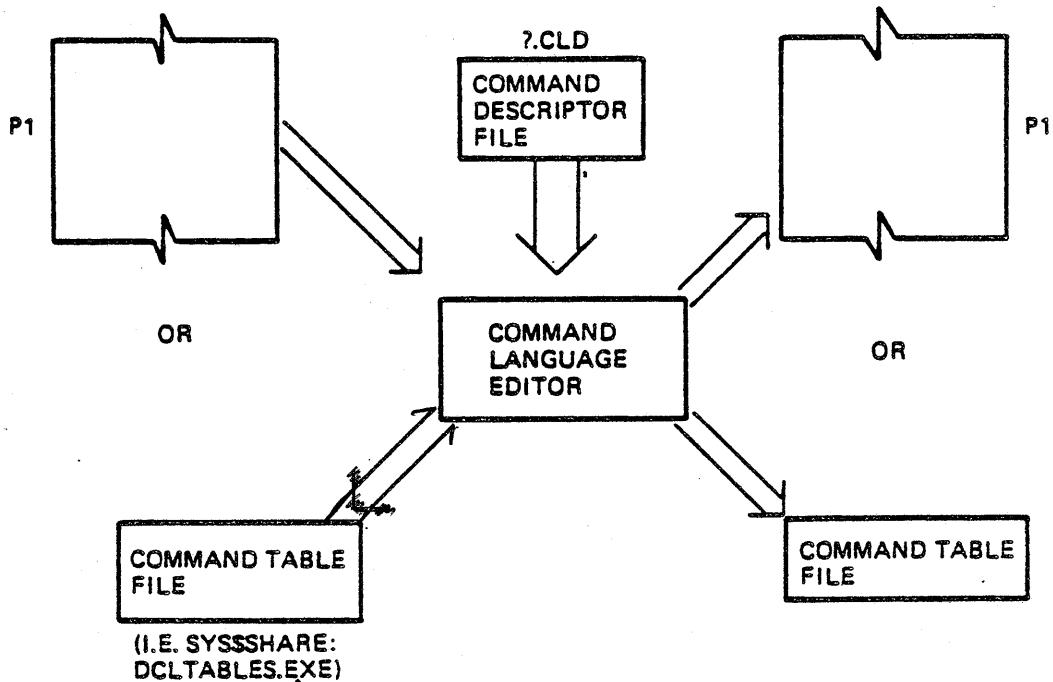


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Figure 3-1 DCL (CLI) Overview

- Command String parsed according to information in command language table
- Internal routine or program invoked to perform requested operation

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Figure 3-2 The Command Language Editor

- Command Language Editor invoked with the "SET COMMAND" DC command.

Command format is:

SSET COMMAND/qualifier(s) File\_spec

- Command qualifiers and the file\_spec govern what will occur. The file\_spec is called the "Command Language Descriptor file."
- The DCL table input can be from:
  1. Your P1 space
  2. A DCL Command Table File
- Output can go to:
  1. Your P1 space
  2. A DCL Command Table File

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### The SET COMMAND Qualifiers

FUNCTION	QUALIFIER
Specify the Command Table file to be edited	/TABLE= file_spec
Specify the output location of the edited Command Language Table file	/OUTPUT= file_spec
Delete one or more DCL verbs	/DELETE=(Verb,...)
Create Listing	/LISTING
Create Object file parsing table (See <u>CLI\$DCL_PARSE</u> )	/OBJECT

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### Command Language Descriptor (CLD) File

The CLD file is the parameter file for the SET COMMAND. It contains information on DCL verbs that are to be added/modified.

#### Basic Command Language Descriptor Format

```
DEFINE    VERB      winkin  
          IMAGE     blinkin  
          PARAMETER P1, options  
          QUALIFIER qualifier_name, options
```

#### 1. DEFINE VERB

Specifies the verb's name is "winkin"

#### 2. IMAGE

The image to be invoked is called "blinkin".  
The directory default is SYSSYSTEM.  
The file type default is .EXE.

#### 3. PARAMETER

Defines a parameter for the command.  
The symbol P1 identifies the first parameter.

#### 4. QUALIFIER

Defines a qualifier for the verb.

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### Examples

1. Add a verb to the P1 table

```
$ SET COMMAND GOGETEM.CLD
```

```
GOGETEM.CLD
```

```
-----  
| DEFINE VERB DOIT  
| IMAGE DONE  
|-----|
```

2. Delete a verb in P1 space

```
$ SET COMMAND/DELETE=(COPY)
```

3. Replace present dcltables in P1 space with a prepared set of tables.

```
$ SET COMMAND/TABLE=SYS$SHARE:ALMOSTDCL.EXE
```

Using the /OUTPUT qualifier will alter each of the above examples to create DCL table files instead of changing P1 space.

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### CLD Keywords

FUNCTION	KEYWORDS
MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE { Image name to be run Internal routine name	IMAGE (def=VERB NAME) ROUTINE
Internal routine CLD	MODULE (discussed later)
Parameter and position	PARAMETER [Pn]
Parameter Characteristics	LABEL=name PROMPT=string VALUE= REQUIRED DEFAULT=string LIST TYPE (discussed later)
Qualifier and name	QUALIFIER name
Qualifier characteristics	LABEL=name PROMPT=string DEFAULT BATCH [NON]NEGATABLE PLACEMENT= GLOBAL LOCAL POSITIONAL VALUE= DEFAULT LIST TYPE (discussed later) SYNTAX (discussed later)

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### Partial Listing of EDIT.CLD

```
define verb edit
  image edt
  prefix cli$K edit
  parameter p1,prompt="File",value(required,type=$infile)
    qualifier decide
  qualifier exact
  qualifier expert
  qualifier increment,      value
  qualifier isave,          value
  qualifier line
  qualifier listing,        value(type=$outfile)
  qualifier lower
  qualifier output,         value(type=$outfile)
  qualifier pline,          value
  qualifier read_only
  qualifier save,           value
  qualifier start,          value
  qualifier step,           value
  qualifier truncate,       value
  qualifier tab
  qualifier checksum,       value
  qualifier report
  qualifier header
  qualifier update,         value(list),placement=local
  qualifier edt
  qualifier command,        default,value(type=$infile)
  qualifier recover
  qualifier journal,        default,value(type=$infile)
  qualifier bak,             default
  qualifier num,             default
outputs (output,listing)
```

Listing 3-1 Part of EDIT.CLD

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### Using SYNTAX and TYPE to Modify Command Definitions

```
DEFINE SYNTAX name1
```

```
[IMAGE]  
[PARAMETER]  
[QUALIFIER]
```

```
DEFINE TYPE name2
```

```
KEYWORD
```

```
DEFINE VERB abbott  
    IMAGE costello  
    PARAMETER P1, VALUE(TYPE=name2)  
    QUALIFIER HELP, SYNTAX=name1
```

- When qualifier HELP is used, the alternate SYNTAX name1 is used.
- TYPE name2 defines the value used in the parameter.
- Name1 and name2 must be DEFINEd before being referenced in a parameter and/or qualifier. Note order in sample above.

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### Some of the TYPE Designation Definitions

TYPE Designations	Meaning
\$DATETIME	Date/Time Specification
\$DEVICE	Device Name
\$DIRECTORY	Directory Specification
\$INFILE	Input File Specification
\$INLOG	Input Logical Name
\$INSYM	Input Symbol Name
\$NUMBER	Numeric Quantity
\$OUTFILE	Output File Specification
\$OUTLOG	Output Logical Name
\$PROCESS	Process Name
SUIC	UIC Specification
\$NOD6	
\$OUTSYM	
\$PRIVILEGE	
\$PROTECTION	

} NO FORMAT CHECK AT THIS TIME

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```

define syntax edit_using_sos      ①
    image backtrans

define syntax edit_using_slp      ②
    image backtrans

define syntax sumslp              ③
    image sumslp

define type audit_options         ④
    keyword position,value
    keyword size,value

define verb edit
    image edt
    prefix cli$_edit
    parameter pl,prompt="File",value(required,type=$infile)
    qualifier audit_trail;      value(list,type=audit_options)
        qualifier decide
    qualifier exact
    qualifier expert
    qualifier increment,         value
    qualifier isave,             value
    qualifier line
    qualifier listing,           value(type=$outfile)
    qualifier lower
    qualifier output,            value(type=$outfile)
    qualifier pline,             value
    qualifier read_only
    qualifier save,               value
    qualifier slp,                syntax=edit_using_slp ⑤
    qualifier sos,                syntax=edit_using_sos ⑥
    qualifier start,              value
    qualifier step,
    qualifier truncate,           value
    qualifier tab
    qualifier checksum,           value
    qualifier report
    qualifier header
    qualifier sum,                 syntax=sumslp
    qualifier update,              value(list),placement=local
    qualifier edt
    qualifier command,             default,value(type=$infile)
    qualifier recover
    qualifier journal,             default,value(type=$infile)
    qualifier bak,                  default
    qualifier num,                  default
    outputs (output,listing)

```

Listing 3-2 Part of EDIT.CLD

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### CLI Callback Routines

FUNCTION	ROUTINE
Get value of parameter or qualifier	<u>CLISGET_VALUE(label,retbuf)</u>
Check for presence of parameter or qualifier	<u>CLISPRESSENT(label)</u>
Issue error if some unprocessed parts of command in buffer	<u>CLISEND_PARSE()</u>
Parse a command string based on predefined parsing table	<u>CLISDCL_PARSE(cmd_string,table_names)</u>
Invoke internal routine for verb specified	<u>CLISDISPATCH()</u>

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

```
; NAME.MAR
;
; This program will obtain the information from
; a command line and process it.
;
.TITLE NAME
$DSCDEF
$CLIDEF
;
.PSECT NONSHARED_DATA PIC, NOEXE, LONG
FIRST NAME:
.BLKW 1
.BYTE DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
.BLKL 1
LAST NAME:
.BLKW 1
.BYTE DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
.BLKL 1
MIDDLE NAME:
.BLKW 1
.BYTE DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
.BLKL 1
FIRST: .ASCID /FIRST/
LAST: .ASCID /LAST/
MIDDLE: .ASCID /MIDDLE/
.PSECT CODE PIC, SHR, NOWRT, LONG
.ENTRY BEGIN, ^M<>
;
; Get values for parameters and qualifiers
PUSHAQ FIRST_NAME
PUSHAQ FIRST
CALLS #2,G^CLISGET_VALUE
PUSHAQ LAST_NAME
PUSHAQ LAST
CALLS #2,G^CLISGET_VALUE
PUSHAQ MIDDLE_NAME
PUSHAQ MIDDLE
CALLS #2,G^CLISGET_VALUE
;
; Process paramters and qualifiers
PUSHAQ FIRST_NAME
CALLS #1,G^LIB$PUT_OUTPUT
PUSHAQ MIDDLE_NAME
CALLS #1,G^LIB$PUT_OUTPUT
PUSHAQ LAST_NAME
CALLS #1,G^LIB$PUT_OUTPUT
RET
.END BEGIN
```

Listing 3-3 NAME.MAR Program

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Command Language Descriptor File for NAME.MAR

```
DEFINE VERB name  
  
IMAGE my_directory:NAME  
  
PARAMETER p1, PROMPT="First Name",  
        LABEL=first,  
        VALUE(REQUIRED,LIST)  
  
PARAMETER p2, PROMPT="Last Name",  
        LABEL=last,  
        VALUE(DEFAULT="student")  
  
QUALIFIER middle, VALUE(REQUIRED)
```

### Sample Run of NAME.MAR

```
$NAME  
%DCL-W-IVVERB unrecognized command  
  \NAME\  
S  
$SET COMMAND my_directory:NAME.CLD  
$  
$NAME  
$ First Name: Laura  
$ Last Name:  
LAURA  
  
student  
$NAME/middle=elizabeth  
$ First Name: Laura  
$ Last Name: M  
LAURA  
ELIZABETH  
M  
$
```

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

```

;                                         COMMAND.MAR
;
; This program contains a command language, and
; uses the command language interface routines
; to parse and process the commands.
;
; The macro to check the status after a routine
;
.MACRO CHECK_STATUS    code=r0, ?go

    blbs   code, go
    pushl  code
    calls  #1, g^lib$stop
go:
    .endm  check_status
;
.TITLE  COMMAND
; .LIBRARY      /MARSLIB:MACROS/
$CLIDEF
$DSCDEF
;
.PSECT  NONSHARED_DATA  PIC, NOEXE, LONG
COMMAND:
.BLKW   1
.BYTE   DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
.BLKL   1
PROMPT_STRING:
.ASCII  /TEST> /
.PSECT  CODE    PIC, SHR, NOWRT, LONG
.ENTRY  BEGIN, ^M<>
;
; Get the input line
GET_COMMAND:
    PUSHAQ  PROMPT_STRING
    PUSHAQ  COMMAND
    CALLS   #2,G^LIB$GET_INPUT
    CHECK_STATUS
;
; Check for valid syntax
    PUSHAQ  TEST_TABLES
    PUSHAQ  COMMAND
    CALLS   #2,G^CLISDCL_PARSE
    CHECK_STATUS
;
; Dispatch to the appropriate routine
    CALLS   #0,G^CLISDISPATCH
    CHECK_STATUS
    BRW    GET_COMMAND

```

Listing 3-4 COMMAND.MAR program (page 1 of 3)

WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

```

.ENTRY REPORT_COMMAND, ^M<>
.SAVE
.PSECT NONSHARED DATA PIC, NOEXE, LONG
ERROR: .ASCID /Error in file name/
SUB_NAME:
    .ASCID /MY_SUB/
FILE_NAME:
    .BLKW 1
    .BYTE DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
    .BLKL 1
MY_COMMAND:
    .ASCID /PRINT /
DST:     .BLKW 1
    .BYTE DSC$K_DTYPE_T, DSC$K_CLASS_D
    .BLKA 1
FILESPEC:
    .ASCID /FILESPEC/
EDIT:     .ASCID /EDIT/
    .RESTORE
    .PSECT CODE PIC, SHR, NOWRT, LONG
;
; Retrieve the file specification
PUSHAQ FILESPEC
CALLS #1,G^CLISPRES
BLBS R0,SUCCESS
PUSHAQ ERROR
CALLS #1,G^LIB$PUT_OUTPUT
RET
SUCCESS:
    PUSHAQ FILE_NAME
    PUSHAQ FILESPEC
    CALLS #2,G^CLISGET_VALUE
    BLBS R0,WORKED
    RET
WORKED:
    PUSHAQ EDIT
    CALLS #1,G^CLISPRES
    BLBC R0,PRINT
    CALLS #0,EDIT_QUALIFIER
PRINT:
;
; Create command
CLRW DST+DSC$W_LENGTH
PUSHAQ MY_COMMAND
PUSHAQ DST
CALLS #2,G^STRSAPPEND
PUSHAQ FILE_NAME
PUSHAW DST
CALLS #2,G^STRSAPPEND

```

Listing 3-4 COMMAND.MAR Program (page 2 of 3)

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

```
; Print the file

CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRQ    -(SP)
PUSHAQ  SUB_NAME
CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRL    -(SP)
PUSHAQ  DST
CALLS   #10,G^LIB$SPAWN
CHECK_STATUS
RET

.ENTRY EXIT_COMMAND,^M<>
SEXIT_S
RET

.ENTRY EDIT_QUALIFIER, ^M<>
.SAVE
.PSECT NONSHARED_DATA PIC, NOEXE, LONG
EDT_COMMAND:
.ASCID /EDIT /
.RESTORE
.PSECT CODE PIC, SHR, NOWRT, LONG
;

; Create command
CLRW    DST+DSC$W_LENGTH
PUSHAQ  EDT_COMMAND
PUSHAQ  DST
CALLS   #2,G^STR$APPEND
PUSHAQ  FILE_NAME
PUSHAW  DST
CALLS   #2,G^STR$APPEND
;

; Invoke EDT
CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRQ    -(SP)
PUSHAQ  SUB_NAME
CLRQ    -(SP)
CLRL    -(SP)
PUSHAQ  DST
CALLS   #10,G^LIB$SPAWN
CHECK_STATUS
RET
.END   BEGIN
```

Listing 3-4 COMMAND.MAR (page 3 of 3)

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

Command Language Descriptor file for COMMAND.MAR

```
MODULE TEST_TABLES
DEFINE VERB REPORT
    ROUTINE REPORT COMMAND
    PARAMETER P1, LABEL = FILESPEC
    QUALIFIER EDIT
DEFINE VERB EXIT
    ROUTINE EXIT_COMMAND
```

Sample run for COMMAND.MAR

```
$ SET COMMAND/OBJECT=TEST          TEST.CLD
$ MACRO/LIST                      COMMAND.MAR
$ LINK                            COMMAND,TEST
$ RUN COMMAND
TEST>
```

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Legal Commands for COMMAND.MAR

1. REPORT      file\_spec

Print the file

2. -REPORT/EDIT file\_spec

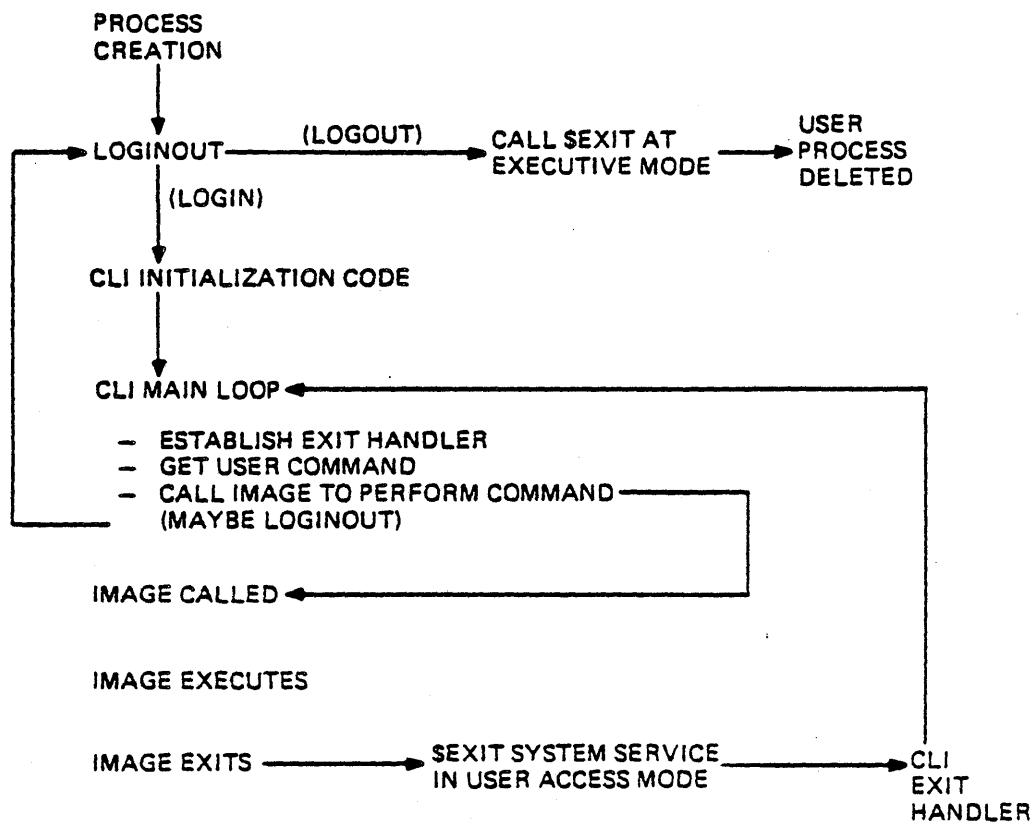
Allow editing before printing the file

3. EXIT

Exit the program

# WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

## CLI Overview



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Figure 3-3 CLI Overview

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### LOGINOUT

- Found in SYSSYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE
- Validates username and password
- Maps requested CLI (from SYSSYSTEM:cli.EXE)
  - CLI specified by /CLI=cliname after USERNAME
  - If missing, try value in UAF
  - If missing, uses DCL
  - Starting address of CLI in CTL\$AG\_CLIMAGE
  - CLI file must be INSTALLED (usually /SHARE)
- Establishes process permanent files (SYSS...)
- Initializes CLI-independent data area (PPD)
- Exits with REI (from executive mode)
  - To transfer control to CLI base address
  - CLI entry point should have NO entry mask
  - To switch to supervisor access mode

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### LOGINOUT-CLI Communication

- Data Structures Involved (in P1 Space)

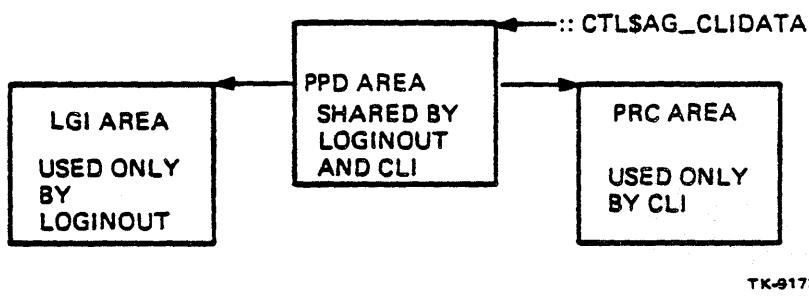


Figure 3-4 LOGINOUT-CLI Communication

- LOGINOUT to CLI Communication

- Logical Names

- PROC1-8 ; procedures to execute initially
- P1-8 ; parameters for batch jobs
- SYS\$xxx ; process permanent files

- PPD Area

- Descriptor of CLI private data area
- Descriptor for symbol table storage
- Flags (Disable Control-Y, Type of Process)
- Channel to SYSSINPUT
- Descriptive information about SYSSINPUT and SYSSOUTPUT

- CLI to LOGINOUT Communication

- Final status code in PPD area

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### CLI Initialization Code

- Entered following REI from LOGINOUT (no entry mask)
- Establishes initial call frame
  - So can establish condition handler for CLI
  - Uses CALL instruction
- Establishes supervisor stack pointer (CTL\$AL\_STACK+8)
- Runs down LOGINOUT image (\$RUNDWN)
- Deletes unneeded logical names created by LOGINOUT
  - Leaves process permanent files (in executive mode)
- Does any CLI-specific initialization
  - Initialize process RMS structures to allow terminal I/O
  - Establish CHMS handler (\$DCLCMH)
    - Entered with change mode code on stack
    - Must remove code from stack
    - Exits with REI
  - Establish CLI callback routine (CTL\$AL\_CLICALBK)
  - Anything else the CLI needs to do once
- Enter CLI main loop

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### CLI Main Loop

- Establish condition handler for CLI errors
- Establish exit handler (\$DCLEXH)
  - Will return control back to main loop following image exit
  - If missing, process will be deleted
  - Want exit handler declared at supervisor access mode
- Prompt user for CLI-specific command
  - Do command specific processing within CLI, or
  - Run external image
- Loop for next command
  - Store final exit status in CLI-independent data area (PPD)
  - Run SYSSYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE to log user off

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Invoking Images From CLI

- Save supervisor mode SP in CLI-specific fashion
  - Will be needed by exit handler to return control to main loop
- Use \$IMGACT to activate image
  - Does not transfer control to image
  - Sets up page tables for image
- Change to user access mode (via REI)
- Create top level call frame for image (via CALL)
  - Establish EXESCATCH\_ALL as condition handler
- Establish EXESCATCH\_ALL as last chance handler (\$SETEXV)
- Perform address relocations (\$IMGFIX)
- Build CLI argument list to pass to image (6 arguments)
  1. Address of Transfer Vector Array
  2. Address of CLI Utility Dispatcher (Callback Routine)
  3. Address of Image Header
  4. Address of Image File Descriptor
  5. Link Flags From Image Header
  6. CLI Flags
- CALL image at first transfer vector
- If image returns, JMP to G^EXE\$EXIT\_IMAGE (for SEXIT)
  - Image may not return if calls \$EXIT directly
- Control will be returned to main loop by exit handler

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Arguments to \$IMGACT

NAME String descriptor of filename to activate

DFLTNAME String descriptor for default file name

HDRBUF Address of 512 byte buffer in which image header, image file descriptor, and address of most recently used FAB are returned. The first 3 longwords in the buffer are the addresses (in the buffer) of:

1. The image header (\$IHDEF)
2. The image file descriptor (\$IFDDEF)
3. Address of FAB for most recent open (FAB is in image activator scratch pages, or 0 if no FAB available)

IMGCTL Image activation control parameters

Bit 0 = IAC\$V\_NOACNT (set if not activating image)  
Used by INSTALL to complete enhancement of known file entries

Bit 1 = IAC\$V\_WRITABLE (set if image is writeable)

Bit 2 = IAC\$V\_SHAREABLE (used in recursive call)  
Set if image is shareable image being activated as part of executable image

Bit 3 = IAC\$V\_PRIVILEGE (set if executable image has amplified privileges) Requires the shareable image to be installed as a known file (bit 2 also must be set)

Bit 4 = IAC\$V\_MERGE (merging one executable image into address space of another) Causes the stack, I/O segment, and privilege amplification to be ignored. Must be set to allow call from user access mode.

Bit 5 = IAC\$V\_EXPREG (set if INADR2 indicates which address region, P0 or P1, to use, instead of a specific address range)  
Bit 4 must also be set.

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- INADR2 Address of quadword containing input address range in which to place image.
- RETADR2 Address of quadword to contain the return address range into which image actually mapped.
- IDENT2 Address of quadword containing the version number and matching criteria for a shareable image.
- ACMODE Access mode of owner of pages (not currently used).

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### CLI Exit Handler

- CALLed after image exit (from \$EXIT)
  - In supervisor mode
  - To rundown image (\$RUNDWN)
- Should exit with RSB back to main loop
- First restore supervisor mode SP in CLI-specific way
- If exit with RET, process will be deleted
  - Control transferred back to \$EXIT
  - \$EXIT looks for more exit handlers
  - If none found, deletes process

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### Sample CLI - MYCLI

- Based on DCL
- Prompts for image file name to run, can be:
  - Native mode image
  - Compatibility mode image
- For RSX utilities like PIP, can pass command lines:
  - SYSSYSTEM:PIP \*.EXE/FU (for full directory)
- Cannot pass command lines to DCL utilities
  - DCL callback facilities not implemented
- References various storage areas:
  - PPDS... locations for LOGINOUT-CLI communication
  - PRC\_... as process work area (CLI-specific)
  - PRD\_... for RMS data structures (CLI-specific)
  - WRK\_... temporary stack storage (CLI-specific)
- Establishes control-Y AST routine:
  - Prints message when entered
  - Forces currently executing image to exit

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### General Layout of Sample CLI

#### SUP\$START:: Initialization Code

- Establishes supervisor mode SP
- Runs down LOGINOUT image
- Initializes private storage (PRC area)
- Establishes CLI callback routine (SUP\$UTILSERV)
- Establishes control-Y AST routine (SUP\$CTRLY)
- Establishes CHMS handler (HAND)
- initializes RMS area (PRD) for terminal
- Displays CLI running message to user
- Enters main loop (SUP\$RESTART)

#### SUP\$RESTART:: Main Loop of CLI

- Establishes condition handler (SUP\$EXCEPT) for CLI errors
- Gets user command
- Activates image (SUP\$IMGACT)
  - Establishes exit handler (SUP\$EXIT)
  - Calls \$IMGACT
  - Saves supervisor mode SP
  - Changes to user access mode (REI)
  - Calls image

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

### General Layout of Sample CLI (Continued)

#### SUP\$EXCEPT:: Condition Handler for CLI Errors

- No special recovery attempted
- Resets new exit handler that exits with success code (so process deleted), rather than returning control to CLI main loop

#### SUP\$UTILSERV:: CLI Callback Routine

- Can be called from image, or by LOGINOUT when process being deleted
- Only handles "get command line" requests (for PIP-like utilities)
  - o Returns command line length and address

#### SUP\$EXIT:: Exit Handler

- Runs down any open files
- Runs down user image
- Restores supervisor mode SP
- Returns control to main loop

#### SUP\$CTRLY:: Control-Y AST Routine

- Re-establishes itself for next control-y
- Outputs message that routine entered
- Forces current image to exit (if any)

#### HAND:: Change Mode to Supervisor (CHMS) Handler

- No special action taken
- Removes change mode code from stack
- Dismisses CHMS exception with REI

## WRITING COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

**Listing 3-5: Sample CLI (Page 1 of 6)**

```

31-MAY-1982 21:14:21 VAX-11 Macro V83-08 Page 1
31-MAY-1982 21:14:23 ORAG:[COURSE,SYSPRG,CLI]MYCLI.MAR;(1)

0000    1 ;
0000    2 ;
0000    3 .TITLE = MYCLI = EXAMPLE CLI (COMMAND LANGUAGE INTERPRETER)
0000    4 ;
0000    5 ; Original author John Help - Training - Reading.
0000    6 ; Significantly rewritten/ altered for V3 interfaces by Vlk Muznicka
0000    7 ;
0000    8 ; To use this CLI the file MYCLI.EXE must BE INSTALLED in SYSSYSTEM. Log on
0000    9 ; using the /CLI8 option (or else set up the relevant default CLI with UAF)
0000   10 ; USERNAME: NAME/CLI8#VCLI
0000   11 ;
0000   12 ; The CLI prompts for an image file name and runs the specified image (either
0000   13 ; native mode or compatibility mode). Command lines can be passed to utilities
0000   14 ; such as PIP as follows (DCL utilities CANNOT be used):
0000   15 ; $ SYSSYSTEM:PIP *,*/FU (to get a full directory listing)
0000   16 ;
0000   17 ; CONTROL-Y aborts the current image.
0000   18 ;
0000   19 ; To logout, type BYE, use a CTRL-Z, or execute SYSSYSTEM:LOGOUT
0000   20 ;
0000   21 ; MACRO library cells.
0000   22 ;
0000   23     SPSLDEF          ; access mode symbols
0000   24     SIMDEF           ; image header symbols
0000   25     SCLIDEF          ; command interpreter flags
0000   26     SCLMSGDEF        ; CLI message codes
0000   27     SPPDEF            ; from own macro library
0000   28     PRDEF             ; from own macro library
0000   29     PRODEF            ; from own macro library
0000   30 ;
0000   31 ; CLI private work area - this will be created on the stack
0000   32 ;
0000   33     .PSECT 3A833,488
31F8   34
00002858 31F8   35     MSGBUFSIZ=68
FFFFFF9C A1F8   36     WRK_X_LENGTH=100
FFFFFF9C J1F8   37     .WRK_X_LENGTH
FF9C   38     WRK_L_CMOLEN;      ; user command length
FFFFFFFA8 FF9C   39     .BLKL;           ; address of user command
FFFA8   40     WRK_L_CMOADR;      ; descriptor for user input
FFFFFFFA4 FFAC   41     .BLKL;           ; storage for user input
FFAC   42     WRK_Q_MSGBUFOSC1
FFAC   43     .BLKQ;           ; storage for user input
FFFFFFFAC FFAC   44     WRK_LT_MSGBUFI
FFFC   45     .BLX8  MSGBUFSIZ
FFFC   46     WRK_L_SAVESP;      ; saved stack pointer
00000000 FFFC   47     .BLKL;           ; address of condition handler
00000004 0000   48     WRK_L_CONDONH01
00000004 0000   49     .BLKL;           ; address of condition handler
00000004 0000   50 ;
00000004 0000   51     .PSECT
00000004 0000   52 ;
00000004 0000   53 ; No entry task - must start at first location of image
00000004 0000   54 ;
00000004 0000   55 SUP$START:;
SE  000000000000GP  DR 0000   56     MOVL  0=CTL$AL_STACK+8,SP      ; reload supervisor stack pointer
SD  FC AE  DE 3607   57     MOVAL -4(SP),FP      ; set a good FP

```

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**Listing 3-5: Sample CLI (Page 2 of 6)**

```

,MAIN,
      9000  58      SRUNDNW_3      #PSLSC_USER ; run down LOGINOUT (image
      2014  59      SDELLOG_3      #PSLSC_SUPER ; delete all supervisor mode proc
      0021  60      ; logical names. Specifically gets
      0021  61      ; of initial SYS$INPUT, Leaving to
      0021  62      ; correct exec. mode logical name.
      7E  D8  0021  63      CLRL   -(SP) ; set up dummy zero arg. block
      27*AP  6E  FA  0023  64      CALLG  (SP),#188 ; create initial call frame
      0000  0027  65  1931      ,WORD  0 ; entry mask
      SA  00000000*CF  9E  0029  66      MOVAB  C*CTL$AG_CLIDATA,R10 ; R10 = Address of PPD area from I
      5B  00  AA  00  00  2C  0030  67      MOVBL  PPD$G_CLIREG+4(R10),R11 ; R11 = Address of CLI private sti
      60  00  AA  00  00  5B  0034  68      MOVCS  #8,(SP),#8,PPD$G_CLIREG(R10),(R11) ; zero all storage
      5B  AB  1E  AA  00  0035  69      MOVM  PPD$H_INPCHAN(R10),PRC_L,INPCHAN(R11) ; save TTY channel
      60  5C  70  0040  70      MOVO  AP,PRC_L_SAVAP(R11) ; save initial arg and frame point
      00000000*CF  002A*CF  9E  0043  71      MOVAB  H*SUPSUTILSERV+2,C*CTL$AL_CLICALBK ; CLI callback routine
      004C  72      3010W_3  #1,PRC_L_INPCHAN(R11),#IOS_SETMODE#IOSH_CTRLYAST-
      004C  73      #188PSLSC_SUPER ; set up PSLSC control AST
      004C  74      0331  3B  0070  75      838H  ERROR ; set up CONTROL-Y AST
      0073  76      0310  3C  0084  77      30CLCMN_3  HAND ; set up CHMS handler
      0087  78      838H  ERROR
      008F  79      MOVL  #888_NORMAL,PPDSL_LSTSTATUS(R10) ; establish normal success
      008F  80      ; for exit to LOGINOUT
      5B  00C4 C8  9E  008F  81      Initialize process RMS structures
      1E  AB  68  9E  0094  82      MOVAB  PRO_G_LENGTH(R11),R8 ; set address of RMS structures
      59  0000 C8  9E  0095  83      MOVAB  PRO_G_FAB(R8),PRC_L_INDIFAB(R11) ; addr. of gen. supp. FAB
      57  017C C8  9E  0090  84      MOVAB  PRO_G_INPRAB(R8),R9 ; set address of input RAB
      68  0000*8F  88  00A2  85      MOVAB  PRO_G_OUTRAB(R8),R7 ; set address of output RAB
      0000*C8  5B  A8  9E  00A7  86      MOVW  #RA8SC_BID+<RA8SC_BLN08>,PRO_G_FAB(R8) ; set FAB ID/Length
      50  AB  0000*8F  88  00AD  87      MOVAB  PRO_G_NAM(R8),RA8SL_NAM(R8) ; set address of NAM block
      0000*C9  0000*8F  88  00B3  88      MOVM  RA8SC_BID+<RA8SC_BLN08>,PRO_G_NAM(R8) ; set NAM ID/Length
      0000*C9  22  AA  88  00B4  89      MOVM  RA8SC_BID+<RA8SC_BLN09>,RA8SB_BID(R9) ; set RAB ID/Length
      0000*C7  0000*C9  88  00C8  90      MOVM  PPD$H_INPISI(R10),RA8SM_ISI(R9) ; set input ISI
      0000*C7  26  AA  88  00C7  91      MOVM  RA8SB_BID(R9),RA8SB_BID(R7) ; set RAB ID/Length
      0000*C9  5B  00  00CD  92      PPD$H_OUTISI(R10),RA8SM_ISI(R7) ; set output ISI
      0000*C7  5B  00  0002  93      MOVL  R8,RA8SL_FAB(R9) ; set address of FAB
      0000*C9  0000*8F  AA  0007  94      MOVL  R8,RA8SL_FAB(R7) ; set address of FAB
      0000*C7  0000*8F  AA  000E  95      81CH  RA8SM_PPF_INO,RA8SM_ISI(R9) ; set PPF direct access
      00F4 C8  0000*C9  0P  00E5  96      81CH  RA8SM_PPF_INO,RA8SM_ISI(R7) ; disable user-mode EOF
      0138 C8  0000*C7  0P  00EC  97      MOVL  RA8SB_BID(R9),PRO_G_ALTINPRAB(R8) ; set RAB ID/Len/ISI
      0000*C9  64  AA  0P  00F3  98      MOVL  RA8SB_BID(R7),PRO_G_ALTOUTRAB(R8) ; set RAB ID/Len/ISI
      0000*C7  64  AA  08  00F9  99      MOVL  PPD$L_INPDEV(R10),RA8SL_CTX(R9) ; store input device ch
      0000*C9  31  00  00FF  100      MOVL  PPD$L_OUTDEV(R10),RA8SL_CTX(R7) ; store output device ch
      0000*C9  FF  8F  08  0104  101      MOVB  #1,RA8SB_MBF(R9) ; allocate 1 block/buff
      0000*C7  0000*C9  08  0104  102      MOVB  #1,RA8SB_MBF(R9) ; allocate 1 buffer/store
      0000*C9  00000000*8F  C8  0111  103      MOVM  RA8SB_MBF(R9),RA8SB_MBF(R7) ; set same MBC/MBF for o
      0000*C9  00000000*8F  C8  0111  103      81SL  RA8SM_PMT,RA8SL_ROP(R9) ; allow read with prompt
      00  AB  57  08  011A  104      MOVL  R7,PRC_L_OUTRAB(R11) ; set address of output R
      00  AB  59  08  011E  105      MOVL  R9,PRC_L_INPRAB(R11) ; set address of input R
      0122  106
      0122  107 ; Display CLI running message to user
      00  0122  108      MOVL  PRC_L_OUTRAB(R11),R10 ; get address of output
      0000*CA  000003CA*EP  9E  0126  109      MOVAB  MSGB,RA8SL_RBF(R10) ; set message address
      0000*CA  0019*8F  88  012F  110      MOVM  #LEN8,RA8SM_PZ(R10) ; set record size
      0136  111      SPUT  RA8S(R10) ; display CLI running message
      0262  3B  013F  112      838H  ERROR ; check for errors
      0142  113      ; and drop through to MI
      0142  114 ;

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J142 115 ; Main CLI loop entered once from the initialize routine, then
J142 116 ; subsequently from the exit handler to process next command after
J142 117 ; image exit.
J142 118 ;
J142 119 SUPSRESTART:
60 00000286*EF 9E J142 120 MOVA8 SUPSEXCEPT,(FP) ; set condition handler address
SE BC AD 9E J149 121 MOVA8 WRK_X_LENGTH=16(FP),SP ; reserve CLI work area
A6 AD 00000052 0F 0R J140 122 MOVL #MSGBUFSIZ,WRK_Q_MSGBUFDSC(FP) ; size of RMS MSG buffer
A6 AD AC AD 9E J153 123 MOVA8 WRK_T_MSGBUF(FP),WRK_Q_MSGBUFDSC+4(FP) ; address of buffer
54 08 AB 0B 0151 124 MOVL PRC_L_INPRAB(R11),R10 ; address of input RAB
0000*CA 000003FE*EP 9E 015E 125 MOVA8 MSG2,RABSL_PBF(R10) ; set promot address
0000*CA 13*EF 9B J167 126 MOVA8 #LEN2,RABSB_PSZ(R10) ; set promot size
0000*CA AC AD 9E J160 127 MOVA8 WRK_T_MSGBUF(FP),RABSL_USB(R10) ; input buffer address
0000*CA 0058 0F 0B J173 128 MOVA8 #MSGBUFSIZ,RABSH_USZ(R10) ; input buffer size
52 0000*CA 3C J183 129 SGET RAB(R10) ; get next record
53 0000*CA 0B 0188 130 MOVZL RABSH_RSZ(R10),R2 ; size of input line
53 0000*CA 0F 0B 0180 131 MOVL RABSL_RBF(R10),R3 ; address of input line
0002B*EF AC AD 0003*EF 29 J18F 132 PUSHR S*NRG,R1,R2,R3> ; save registers across CHPC3
11 13 J194 133 CHPC3 #BYE,LEN,WRK_T_MSGBUF(FP),BYE ; check for BYE command
52 00000008*EF 01 019E 134 BEGL 193 ; if so, log out
52 06 13 01A5 135 POPR S*NRG,R1,R2,R3> ; restore registers
58 00000008*EF 01 019E 136 CMPL #RNS3_EOF,R6 ; was it end-of-file
52 06 13 01A5 137 BEGL 193 ; if so, logout
0E 50 E8 J1A7 138 BLBS R9,28S ; valid GET?
FF03 31 J1AA 139 BRB SUPSRESTART ; if not, try again
52 13*EF 9A J1A0 140 193: MOVZBL #LOGOSZ,R2 ; if EOF = logout
53 00000411*EF 9E J1B1 141 MOVA8 LOGO,R3 ; set up for LOGINOUT
52 05 03 0188 142 208: TSTL R2 ; blank line?
52 05 03 018A 143 BNEQ 183 ; if not, continue
52 05 03 018A 144 BRW SUPSRESTART ; if blank - get another
54 52 0B 01B0 145 183: MOVL R2,R4 ; length of command
55 AC AD 0E J1C2 146 MOVAL WRK_T_MSGBUF(FP),RS ; address of command
30000428*EF A3 05 0A 01C6 147 213: LOCC (RS)+,S3,SEP ; is this char. in separator list
03 12 01CE 148 BNEQ 228 ; if NEG = yes
F3 54 F5 0108 149 S08GTR R4,215 ; else try next char.
52 54 C2 0103 150 228: SUBL2 R4,R2 ; reset image name length
9C AD 54 09 0106 151 MOVL R4,WRK_L_CHOLEN(FP) ; save user command length
A8 AD 6342 9E 010A 152 MOVA8 (RS),(R2),WRK_L_CHADDR(FP) ; save user command address
000001EE*EF 16 010F 153 JSB SUPSIMGACT ; go run the selected image
03 50 E8 0105 154 BLBS R9,24S ; skip if ok
01C3 30 01E8 155 B38W ERRPT ; output error message
FF54 31 01E8 156 243: BRW SUPSRESTART
21EE 157 ;
21EE 158 ; Image activation
21EE 159 ;
21EE 160 SUPSIMGACT:
1F 54 AB 03 E2 01EE 161 BSS PRC_Y_EXIT,PRC_W_FLAGS(R11),488 ; skip if handler active
70 48 000002FF*EF 0E 01F3 162 MOVAL SUPSEXIT,PRC_L_EXITHNO(R11) ; set exit handler address
78 AB 01 09 01FB 163 MOVL #1,PRC_L_EXITARG(R11) ; set count of arguments
7C AB 0000 CB 0E 01FF 164 MOVAL PRC_L_EXITCOO(R11),PRC_L_EXITPRM(R11) ; address of parameter
8192 38 024F 165 SCLEXH_S PRC_L_EXITBLK(R11) ; set up exit handler
55 0000003A*GF 0E 0212 166 B38W ERROR
65 52 7D 0219 167 405: MOVAL G*NMGSIMGHDRBUF,RS ; R5 = Address of image header buffer
08 A5 00000004*EF 0E 021C 168 MOVG R2,(RS) ; pointers to image file desc.
3C A5 00000424*EF 9E 0224 169 MOVL #DEFLEN,8(R5) ; pointers to default image file desc.
00000424*EF 0E 022C 170 MOVA8 DEF,12(R5)
00000424*EF 0E 022C 171 SIMGACT_S- ; activate image

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        U22C 172      NAME=(RS)=          ; image file name
        J22C 173      DFLNAME=(RS)=       ; default file name
        S22C 174      MRSBUF=(RS)        ; image header buffer
        8F 50 E8 0244  0LBS  R8,46S      ; if set = activation ok
        50 00 00 0247  PUSHL  R8          ; save error code
        0249 176      SRUNONH,_3      #PSLSC_USER    ; run down bad image
        50 8ED0 0252  POPL   R8          ; restore error code
        45 0255 178      RSB              ; return to main loop
        FC AD 5E 00 0256 180 0431      MOVL   SP,MRK_L_SAVEESP(FP) ; save current SP
        7E 0F 16 70 025A 181      ASHL   #PSLSC_PRVHOD,#PSLSC_USER02+PSLSC_USER,-(SP)
        025E 182      ; set up user PSL on stack
        62*AF 9F 025E 183      PUSHAS  8*503      ; set up user PC on stack
        02 0281 184      REI              ; switch to user mode
        5C 7C 0262 185 0431      CLRQ   AP          ; clear AP,FP
        08*AF 00 0264 186      CALLS  $0,8*603      ; set top level call frame
        0000 0268 187 0431      .WORD  0
        60 00000000*GF 9E 0264 188      MOVAS  G*EXESCATCH_ALL,(FP) ; set exception to catch all
        0271 189      SSETENV,_3 #2,G*EXESCATCH_ALL ; last chance vector
        0284 190      SIMGFI,_3      ; perform address relocation
        22 50 E9 0268 191      BL3C  R8,653      ; exit if error
        50 00000000*GF 70 026E 192      MOVG  G*MNGSIMGHRSBUF,R4 ; addresses of image header & fti
        0295 193 ; CLI argument list
        7E 04 0295 194      CLRL  -(SP)      ; CLI flags
        20 40 00 0297 195      PUSHL  IMOSL_LNKFLAGS(R4) ; link flags from image header
        7E 54 70 0294 196      MOVL  R8,-(SP)      ; image file name & image header
        50 02 14 3C 02A4 197      MOVAS  SUPSUTILSERV,-(SP) ; CLI callback address
        50 54 CB 02A8 198      MOVZWL IMOSH_ACTIVOFF(R4),R8 ; offset to transfer vectors
        60 DF 02A8 199      ADDL  R8,R8      ; address of transfer vector area
        70 00 FB 02A0 200      PUSHAL (R8)      ; save address of transfer vector
        90 00 02A0 201      CALLS  $6,0(R8)+ ; call image entry
        30000000*GF 17 02B0 202 0531  JMP  G*EXESEXIT_IMAGE ; do do EXIT,_3
        02B6 203 ;
        02B6 204 ; Condition handler for CLI errors. Not called for user errors as these
        02B6 205 ; are caught by EXESCATCH_ALL which prints error dump and does an exit.
        02B6 206 ; CLI errors are special - Reset exit handler and jump to EXESCATCH_ALL.
        02B6 207 ;
        50 00000002*GF 9E 02B8 208      .ENTRY  SUPSEXCEPT,"M<R11>
        50 00 10 00 02B8 209      MOVAS  G*CTL_SAG_CLIDATA,R11 ; get address of PPD
        7E 10 CE*AF 00 02C3 210      MOVL  PPOSQ_CLIREG+4(R11),R11 ; get address of process work area
        00000002*GF 17 02C8 211      MOVAR  $0*100,PRC_L_EXTHND(R11) ; reset exit handler address
        0000 02CE 00 02C8 212      JMP  G*EXESCATCH_ALL+2 ; take special error exit path
        50 00000000*GF 0W 02D0 213 1A58  .WORD  0
        34 02D7 214      MOVL  #SSS_NORMAL,R8 ; entry mask for special error hi
        02D8 215      RET
        02D8 216 ;
        02D8 217 ; CLI service routine to pass remainder of command line to utilities
        02D8 218 ; see for RX type GMCRS. Note that will NOT handle requests from OCL
        02D8 219 ; utilities like DIRECTORY. Assumes callback request of proper type.
        02D8 220 ;
        3C00 02D8 221      .ENTRY  SUPSUTILSERV,"M<R18,R11>
        50 00000000*GF 9E 02D8 222      MOVAS  G*CTL_SAG_CLIDATA,R11 ; address of PPD
        50 00 10 00 02E1 223      MOVL  PPOSQ_CLIREG+4(R11),R11 ; address of process work area
        50 00 10 00 02E5 224      MOVL  PRC_L_3AVFP(R11),R11 ; address of saved FP
        50 00 10 00 02E9 225      MOVL  8(AP),R18 ; address of CLI request block
        00 00 9C 10 00 02E0 226      MOVL  WRK_L_CMOLEN(R11),CLISH_RGSIZE(R18) ; return line length
        00 00 AA 10 00 02F2 227      MOVL  WRK_L_CMOADR(R11),CLISA_ROADDR(R18) ; return line address
        50 00000001 0F 00 02F7 228      MOVL  #CLIS_NORMAL,R8 ; set success return

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31-MAY-1982 21:14:13 ORAS1(COURSE,SYSPRC,CLI)HYCLI.MAR;()

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        04 02FE 229      RET
        A2FF 230 ;
        A2FF 231 ; Exit handlers, called after image exit to rundown image. Handler does
        A2FF 232 ; not return (as this would delete process), but resets the stack so that
        A2FF 233 ; the RSB returns to the main loop to get the next command for processing.
        A2FF 234 ;
        0004 02FF 235      .ENTRY SUPSEXIT,"M<R2,R11>
        00000000*GF 9E 0301 236      MOVB G">CTL$AG$CLIDATA,R11 ; R11 = address of PPD
        50 00 AB 00 0308 237      MOVL #P030$CLIREG+4(R11),R11 ; address of process work area
        50 AB 00 AA 030C 238      BICW #PRC_W_EXIT,PRC_W_FLAGS(R11) ; exit handler no longer active
        5D 04 AB 00 0310 239      MOVL #PRC_L_SAVFP(R11),FP ; FP = address of CLI work area
        52 A4 AD 00 0314 240      MOVB WRK_L_M8GBUFOSC(FP),R2 ; R2 = RM8 msg buffer desc.
        62 50 8F 9A 0318 241 105:  MOVZBL #M8GBUFSIZ,(R2) ; reset size of message buffer
        00 DD 031C 242      PUSHL #0 ; run down only image files
        62 9F 031E 243      PUSHAB (R2) ; address of message buffer desc.
        CALLS #2,G">SYSSRMSRUNDOWN ; run down RM8=32 files
        EE 50 E9 0320 244      BLBC R0,103 ; if error = try next file
        50 00 8C 00 032A 245      SRUNDOWN,$ SPBLSC_USER ; run down image
        50 00 8C 00 0333 246      MOVL #0(AP),R0 ; retrieve reason for exit
        SE FC AD 00 0337 247      MOVL WRK_L_SAVEESP(FP),SP ; set saved SP
        05 0338 248      RSB ; return to original caller
        033C 250 ;
        033C 251 ;
        033C 252 ; CONTROL-Y AST routine. Prints out a message and forces image to exit.
        033C 253 ; It does not get involved in command processing as DCL does.
        033C 254 ;
        0C00 033C 255      .ENTRY SUPSCTRLY,"M<R10,R11>
        50 00000000*GF 9E 033E 256      MOVB G">CTL$AG$CLIDATA,R11 ; R11 = address of PPD
        50 00 AB 00 0345 257      MOVL #P030$CLIREG+4(R11),R11 ; address of process work area
        0349 258      SJOIN,$_S1,PRC_W_INPCHAN(R11),#IOS_SETMODEIOSM_CTRLYAST-
        0349 259      #1#UPRSCTRLY-
        0349 260      #3#UPSLSC_SUPER ; reinitiate CTRL-Y AST
        0037 30 0364 261      888H ERROR
        5A 0C AB 00 0360 262      MOVL #PRC_L_OUTRAB(R11),R10 ; address of output RAB
        0000*CA 000003E3*EF 9E 0371 263      MOVB #SG1,RABSL_RBF(R10) ; set message address
        0000*CA 001B*EF 00 037A 264      MOVL #LEN1,RABSH_RBZ(R10) ; set record size
        0381 265      SPUT RABH(R10) ; output in CTRL-Y AST message
        0017 30 038A 266      888H ERROR ; check for errors
        11 54 AB 03 E1 0380 267      BBC #PRC_W_EXIT,PRC_W_FLAGS(R11),103 ; any image active?
        0392 268      SFORCEX,$ CODE#833_NORMAL ; force user to exit with success code
        00 03A3 269 105:  RET ; return from AST
        03A4 270 ;
        03A4 271 ; Error test routine
        03A4 272 ;
        01 50 E9 03A6 273 ERROR1 BLBC R0,103 ; skip on error
        05 03A7 274 RSB ; return ok
        01 10 03A8 275 105:  8888 ERRPRT ; go print the error message
        00 03AA 276 HALT
        03A8 277 ;
        03A8 278 ; Error message output routine
        03A8 279 ;
        50 DD 03A8 280 ERRPRT: PUSHL R0 ; status code
        01 DD 03A0 281 PUSHL #1 ; argument count
        51 SE 00 03AF 282 MOVL SP,R1 ; output error message
        0382 283 SPUTMSG,$ (R1)
        0E DS 03C1 284 TSTL (SP)+ ; pop arg count off stack
        50 0ED0 03C3 285 POPL R0 ; restore error code

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05	W3C6	286	RSS				
	W3C7	287	;				
	W3C7	288	; CHMS handler - for this CLI is a RECODE				
	W3C7	289	;				
8E	05	W3C7	290	HANDL: TSTL (SP)+ ; REMOVE change mode code from stack			
	32	W3C9	291	REI ; RETURN after CHMS call			
		W3CA	292	;			
		W3CA	293	;			
		W3CA	294	;			
		00000032H	295	MESSAGE displayed at terminal			
		W3CA	296	SPACE = 32			
		00000000	296	CR = 13			
		0000000A	297	LF = 10			
		00000009	298	TAB = 9			
40	81	58	45	28 2A 2A 2A 09 09 0A 2D	W3CA	299	.ASCII <CR><LF><TAB><TAB>/*** EXAMPLE CLI ***<CR><LF>
00	2A	2A	2A	2B 09 0C 03	W3D6		
				0A	93E2		
				00J03019	43E3	300	LEN00..=W3G8
58	0E	8F	43	28 2A 2A 2A 09 09 0A 30	43E3	301	.ASCII <CR><LF><TAB><TAB>/*** CONTROL-Y AST ***<CR><LF>
2A	2A	2B	54	53 41 2B 59 2D	0C 8F 52	43EF	
				0A 0D 2A	13FB		
				00000018	03FE	302	LEN1..=W3G1
47	41	6D	40	2B 52 05 56 4E 45 0A 0D	43FE	303	.ASCII <CR><LF>/ENTER IMAGE NAME /
				2B 45 40 41 0E 2B 05	W42A		
				00000013	W411	304	LEN2..=W3G2
					W411	305	;
4C	3A	40	45	54 53 59 53 24 53 59 53	W411	306	.ASCII /SYBSSYSTEM\LOGOUT/ ; image name for LOGOUT
				58 55 4F 4E 09 47 4F	2410		
				00000013	W428	307	LOGOSZ..=LOGO
				45 56 45 2E	3424	308	.ASCII /.EXE/
				00000004	4428	309	DEFLENS..=0EF
					4428	310	;
				2F 29 2B	3428	311	.ASCII <SPACE><TAB>*/*
					1428	312	;
				45 59 42	3428	313	.ASCII /BYE/
				00000003	442E	314	BYE,LEN..=BYE
					442E	315	;
					342E	316	.END .SUPSSTART

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**Listing 3-6: PPDDEF.MAR File (Page 1 of 2)**

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;                                         PPDDEF.MAR
;
; LOGINOUT data structure definitions
;
; Define LOGIN <--> CLI <--> LOGOUT communication region
;
; This structure is based at CTLSAG_CLIDATA. It contains all cells
; which are used by both LOGINOUT and the CLI.
;
; In addition to the following data items, the following logical names
; are also passed from LOGIN to the CLI initialization code:
;
;      PROC1-S          : Procedures to initially execute
;      PI-B          : Initial parameters for batch jobs
;      SYSSINPUT       : Primary input stream
;      SYSSOUTPUT      : Primary output stream
;      SYSSERROR       : Primary error stream
;      SYSCOMMAND      : Command terminal
;
; .MACRO  SPPDDEF,SCBL
;          SOEFINI PPD,SCBL
;
; SDEF    PPOSW_SIZE        .BLKW   : Actual size of structure
; SEQU    PPOSY_NOCRTL    0      : Initially disable CTRL/Y in CLI
; SEQU    PPOSM_NOCRTL    1      :
; SEQU    PPOSV_MODE       1      : 1 if network, batch, or detached
; SEQU    PPOSW_MODE       2      : 0 if subprocess or interactive
; SDEF    PPOSW_FLAGS       .BLKW   : Flags
; SEQU    PPOSS_CLIREG     8      :
; SDEF    PPOSQ_CLIREG     .BLK8   : Descriptor of CLI private data storage
;                                     (approximately 2-3 pages or so)
;                                     Address of CLI private data storage
; SDEF    PPOSL_PRC         .BLKL   :
; SEQU    PPOSS_CLISTMTBL  8      :
; SDEF    PPOSQ_CLISTMTBL  .BLKQ   : Descriptor of symbol table storage
;                                     (size from STSGEN param CLISTMTBL)
;                                     Address of LOGINOUT private storage
; SDEF    PPOS_LGI          .BLKL   :
; SDEF    PPOS_LSTSTATUS    .BLKL   : Final status code from CLI to LOGOUT
; SDEF    PPOS_NPROCS       .BLK8   : Number of procedures to initially
;                                     execute (names in lognames PROC1-N)
;
; SDEF    PPOSW_INPCHAN     .BLK8   : Channel to SYSSINPUT (used to SCANCEL
;                                     outstanding I/O)
; SDEF    PPOSW_INPIFI      .BLKW   : SYSSINPUT IFI
; SDEF    PPOSW_OUTIFI      .BLKW   : SYSSINPUT ISI
; SDEF    PPOS_CVIFID       28     : SYSSOUTPUT IFI
; SDEF    PPOSW_OUTISI      .BLKW   : Length of OVI/OID/FID block
;                                     SYSSOUTPUT ISI
; SEQU    PPOSS_INPOVI     16     :
; SDEF    PPOST_INPOVI     .BLK8   : SYSSINPUT ASCIC device name
; SEQU    PPOSS_INPOIO     6      :
; SDEF    PPOSW_INPOIO     .BLKW   : SYSSINPUT directory file id
; SEQU    PPOSS_INPFID     6      :
; SDEF    PPOSW_INPFID     .BLKW   : SYSSINPUT file id
; SDEF    PPOS_INPCEV      .BLKL   : SYSSINPUT device characteristics
; SEQU    PPOSS_OUTOVI     16     :
; SDEF    PPOST_OUTOVI     .BLK8   : SYSSOUTPUT ASCIC device name
; SEQU    PPOSS_OUTOIO     6      :
; SDEF    PPOSW_OUTOIO     .BLKW   : SYSSOUTPUT directory file id
; SEQU    PPOSS_OUTFID     6      :
;
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```
SOEF  PPOSW_OUTPID .BLKW 3      : SYS$OUTPUT file id
SOEF  PPOS1_OUTDEV .BLKL      : SYS$OUTPUT device characteristics
SOEF  PPOS1_LENGTHM
      PPOS1_LENGTHH      : Length of fixed portion
      SOEFEND PPO,B68L,DEF
      .ENOM  SPPDDEF
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Listing 3-7: DCLDEF.MAR File (Page 1 of 3)

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;          DCLDEF.MAR
;
; DCL Command Language Interpreter internal structure definitions
;
; DEFINE PROCESS WORK AREA (BASED AT R11=CTL$AG_CLIDATA)
;
; .MACRO PRCDEF,SGBL
;
; S0EPI NI PRC,SGBL
;
; S0EF PRC_L_SAVAP    .BLKL      : SAVED ARGUMENT POINTER
; S0EF PRC_L_SAVFP    .BLKL      : SAVED FRAME POINTER
; S0EF PRC_L_INPRAB   .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF INPUT RAB
; S0EF PRC_L_OUTRAB   .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF OUTPUT RAB
; S0EF PRC_L_ERRRAB   .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF ERROR RAB
; S0EF PRC_L_INDINPRAB .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF INDIRECT INPUT RAB
; S0EF PRC_L_INDOUTRAB .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF INDIRECT OUTPUT RAB
; S0EF PRC_L_INOPRAB   .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF INDIRECT FAB
; SEQU PRC_S_ALLOCREG 8          :
; S0EF PRC_Q_ALLOCREG  .BLKQ      : SYMBOL ALLOCATION REGION LISTHEAD
; SEQU PRC_S_GLOBAL    8          :
; S0EF PRC_Q_GLOBAL    .BLKQ      : GLOBAL SYMBOL TABLE LISTHEAD
; SEQU PRC_S_LABEL     8          :
; S0EF PRC_Q_LABEL     .BLKQ      : LABEL SYMBOL TABLE LISTHEAD
; SEQU PRC_S_LOCAL     8          :
; S0EF PRC_Q_LOCAL     .BLKQ      : LOCAL SYMBOL TABLE LISTHEAD
; S0EF PRC_L_SEVERITY   .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF ERROR SEVERITY SYMBOL VALUE
; S0EF PRC_L_STATUS     .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF COMPLETION STATUS VALUE
; S0EF PRC_L_INDEPTH    .BLKL      : INDIRECT STACK DEPTH (# LEVELS DEEP)
; S0EF PRC_L_SYMBOL     .BLKL      : ADDRESS OF GOTO LABEL TABLE ENTRY
; S0EF PRC_W_INPCHAN   .BLKW      : INPUT CHANNEL FOR INTERACTIVE JOBS
; S0EF PRC_W_ERRIFI    .BLKW      : SYSSERROR RMS IFI NUMBER
;
; SEQU PRC_Y_CNTRLY   1          :
; SEQU PRC_R_CNTRLY   2          :
; SEQU PRC_Y_DISABL   2          :
; SEQU PRC_M_DISABL   4          :
; SEQU PRC_Y_EXIT     3          :
; SEQU PRC_M_EXIT     8          :
; SEQU PRC_Y_GOTO     4          :
; SEQU PRC_M_GOTO     16         :
; SEQU PRC_Y_INO      5          :
; SEQU PRC_R_INO      32         :
; SEQU PRC_Y_MODE     6          :
; SEQU PRC_M_MODE     64         :
; SEQU PRC_Y_VERIFY   7          :
; SEQU PRC_M_VERIFY   128        :
; SEQU PRC_Y_AUTOLOGO 8          :
; SEQU PRC_R_AUTOLOGO 256        :
; SEQU PRC_Y_DBGQUAL  9          :
; SEQU PRC_M_DBGQUAL  <^X200>  :
; SEQU PRC_Y_DBGTRUE  10         :
; SEQU PRC_M_DBGTRUE  <^X400>  :
; SEQU PRC_Y_TLEVEL   11         :
; SEQU PRC_R_TLEVEL   <^X800>  :
; SEQU PRC_Y_HANGUP   12         :
; SEQU PRC_M_HANGUP   <^X1000>  :
; SEQU PRC_Y_PAUSE    13         :
; SEQU PRC_M_PAUSE    <^X2000>  :
; SEQU PRC_Y_EOFLOGO  14         :
;
```

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**Listing 3-7: DCLDEF.MAR File (Page 2 of 3)**

```

SEQU PRC_M_EOFLOGO <^X4000>
SEQU PRC_Y_DETACHED 15 : TERMINAL IS DETACHED FROM THIS PROCESS
SEQU PRC_M_DETACHED <^X8000>
$DEF PRC_W_FLAGS .BLK8 : PROCESS LEVEL FLAGS
$DEF PRC_W_ONLEVEL .BLK8 : ON ERROR LEVEL NUMBER
$DEF PRC_L_ONERROR .BLKL : ADDRESS OF ON CONDITION COMMAND TEXT
$DEF PRC_L_PPLIST .BLKL : LISTHEAD OF OPEN PPF RAB'S (VIA OPEN COMMAND)
$DEF PRC_L_TMBX .BLKL : BLOCKS: FOR EACH TERMINATION MAILBOX CREATED
                      : LISTHEAD OF TERMINATION MAILBOX STORAGE

$DEF PRC_W_ATTMBX .BLK8 2 : CHANNEL TO MAILBOX FOR RE-ATTACH REQUESTS
$DEF PRC_L_INOCLOCK .BLKL : TOTAL INDIRECT STACKS & UNSTACKS
$DEF PRC_L_TAB_VEC .BLKL : ADDRESS OF COMMAND TABLE VECTOR
$DEF PRC_L_EXTBLOCK .BLKL : EXIT HANDLER CONTROL BLOCK
$DEF PRC_L_EXITNO .BLKL : EXIT HANDLER ADDRESS
$DEF PRC_L_EXITARG .BLKL : NUMBER OF EXIT HANDLER ARGUMENTS
$DEF PRC_L_EXITPRM .BLKL : ADDRESS OF REASON FOR EXIT ( BELOW )
$DEF PRC_L_EXITCODE .BLKL : REASON FOR EXIT
$DEF PRC_L_STACKPT .BLKL : INDIRECT STACK POINTER
$DEF PRC_L_STACKLM .BLKL : INDIRECT STACK LIMIT
$DEF PRC_L_EXMDEPADDR .BLKL : "DOT" FOR EXAMINE/DEPOSIT
$DEF PRC_S_EXMDEPWID .BLKB : WIDTH DEFAULT, IE: BYTE,WORD,LONGWORD
$DEF PRC_B_EXMDEPMOD .BLKB : MODE DEFAULT, IE: ASCII,HEX,OCTAL
$DEF PRC_B_EXMDEPRT .BLKB : PROCESS RADIX TYPES
$DEF PRC_R_HEX 0 : HEXADECIMAL
$DEF PRC_R_DEC 1 : DECIMAL
$DEF PRC_R_OCT 2 : OCTAL
$DEF PRC_B_DEFRA radix .BLKB : CURRENT DEFAULT RADIX
SEQU PRC_V_CMD 0 : COMMAND CALLBACK HAS BEEN DONE
SEQU PRC_M_CMD 1 : CHAIN CALLBACK HAS BEEN DONE
SEQU PRC_V_CHAIN 1 : CHAIN CALLBACK HAS BEEN DONE
SEQU PRC_M_CHAIN 2 : USE RUN DEFAULT (NOT EXTERNAL)
SEQU PRC_V_RUNDEF 2 : IMAGE IS EXECUTE ONLY
SEQU PRC_M_RUNDEF 4 :
SEQU PRC_V_EXECUTEONLY 3 :
SEQU PRC_M_EXECUTEONLY 8 :
SEQU PRC_V_PRIV 4 : IMAGE IS PRIVILEGED
SEQU PRC_M_PRIV 16 :
SEQU PRC_V_ONEXIT 5 : EXIT ALREADY PERFORMED
SEQU PRC_M_ONEXIT 32 :
$DEF PRC_B_FLAGS2 .BLKB : PROCESS LEVEL FLAGS (MORE OF THEM)
$DEF PRC_L_LISTSTATUS .BLKL : LAST STATUS SET (LONGWORD VALUE)
                      : SKIP UNUSED CHARACTERS
$DEF PRC_L_CTLT 20 : CONTROL T
SEQU PRC_M_CTLT <^X1000000> : SKIP UNUSED CHARACTERS
$DEF PRC_V_CTLRY 25 : CONTROL Y
SEQU PRC_M_CTLRY <^X2000000> : CONTROL Y
$DEF PRC_L_OUTOFBAND .BLKL : OUT OF BAND AST ENABLE BITMASK
$DEF PRC_L_ONCTLTY .BLKL : ADDRESS OF ON CONTROL/T COMMAND TEXT
$DEF PRC_L_IDFLNK .BLKL : POINTER TO INDIRECT FILE FRAMES
$DEF PRC_L_SPWN .BLKL : LISTHEAD OF SPAWN STORAGE BLOCKS FOR EACH
                      : SUBPROCESS CREATED; SPAWN STORAGE FOR PROCESS.
                      : CURRENTLY BEING SPAWNED IS FIRST, IF ANY.
$DEF PRC_S_IMAGENAME 8 .BLKL 3
$DEF PRC_Q_IMAGENAME .BLKQ : DESCRIPTOR OF CHAIN IMAGE FILE SPECIFICATION
SEQU PRC_S_COMMAND 8 :
$DEF PRC_Q_COMMAND .BLKQ : DESCRIPTOR OF CHAIN COMMAND LINE FOR LATER
$DEF PRC_C_LENGTH

```

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Listing 3-7: DCLDEF.MAR File (Page 3 of 3)

```
SDEF PRC_K_LENGTH : LENGTH OF PROCESS WORK AREA
SDEFEND PRC.SG8L.DEF

.ENON PRCDEF

:
: DEFINE PROCESS RMS DATA AREA
:

.MACRO PRODEF,SG8L
SDEFINI PRO,SG8L

SEQU PRO_S_FAB 80
SDEF PRO_G_FAB .8LK8 80 : PROCESS FAB
SEQU PRO_S_NAM 96
SDEF PRO_G_NAM .2LK8 96 : PROCESS NAME BLOCK
SEQU PRO_S_INPRAB 68
SDEF PRO_G_INPRAB .8LK8 68 : INPUT RAB
SEQU PRO_S_ALTINPRAB 68
SDEF PRO_G_ALTINPRAB .8LK8 68 : ALTERNATE INPUT RAB
SEQU PRO_S_ALTOURAB 68
SDEF PRO_G_ALTOURAB .8LK8 68 : ALTERNATE OUTPUT RAB
SEQU PRO_S_OUTRAB 68
SDEF PRO_G_OUTRAB .8LK8 68 : OUTPUT RAB
SDEF PRO_C_LENGTH
: FOLLOWING EXTENSION USED ON LEVEL 0 TO STORE FID/DID/FNM FOR QUEUING
: THE JOB LOG FILE TO THE JOB CONTROLLER.
SDEF PRO_K_LENGTH : NORMAL LENGTH
SEQU PRO_S_OUTDVI 16
SDEF PRO_T_OUTDVI .8LK8 16 : DEVICE FOR OUTPUT FILE
SEQU PRO_S_OUTFID 6
SDEF PRO_W_OUTFID .8LKW 3 : FILE ID FOR OUTPUT FILE
SEQU PRO_S_OUTDID 6
SDEF PRO_W_OUTDID .8LKW 3 : DIRECTORY ID FOR OUTPUT FILE
SEQU PRO_S_OUTFNM 20
SDEF PRO_T_OUTFNM .8LK8 20 : OUTPUT FILE NAME
SDEF PRO_C_XLENGTH
: LENGTH OF EXTENDED BLOCK
SDEFEND PRO,SG8L.DEF

.ENON PRODEF
```

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**Listing 3-8: MYCLI.COM File**

```
$1          MYCLI.COM  
$1  
$1 8 SET VERIFY  
$1 LIBRARY/CREATE=(BLOCKS:10,MODULES:10)/MACROS DEFS.MLB PRODEF.MAR,DLCEEF.MAR  
$1 MAC/LIST MYCLI+CEFS/LIB+SYSSLIBRARY:LIB/LIS  
$1 LINK/MAP/FULL MYCLI,SYSSYSTEM:SYS.STE/SELECTIVE  
$1 SET PROCESS/PRIV=(SYSPRV,CHEKRLN,PRNG3L)  
$1 COPY MYCLI.EXE SYSSYSTEM:#.*  
$1 RUN SYSSYSTEM:INSTALL  
SYSSYSTEM:MYCLI.EXE/SHARE  
$1 SET NOVERIFY
```

**Listing 3-9: Sample Run**

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### Listing 3-10: Second Sample Run

```
Username: MUIZNIEKS/CLI=MYCLI
Password: _____
Welcome to VAX/VMS version V3.0 on node HARDY

*** EXAMPLE CLI ***

ENTER IMAGE NAME _____
ENTER IMAGE NAME TODO
CHOICES:
1. Look at TO DO list
2. Add item(s) to TO DO list
3. Move item from TO DO list to DONE list
4. Remove item completely from TO DO list
5. Look at DONE list
6. Exit
? 6
ENTER IMAGE NAME
~y

*** CONTROL-Y AST ***

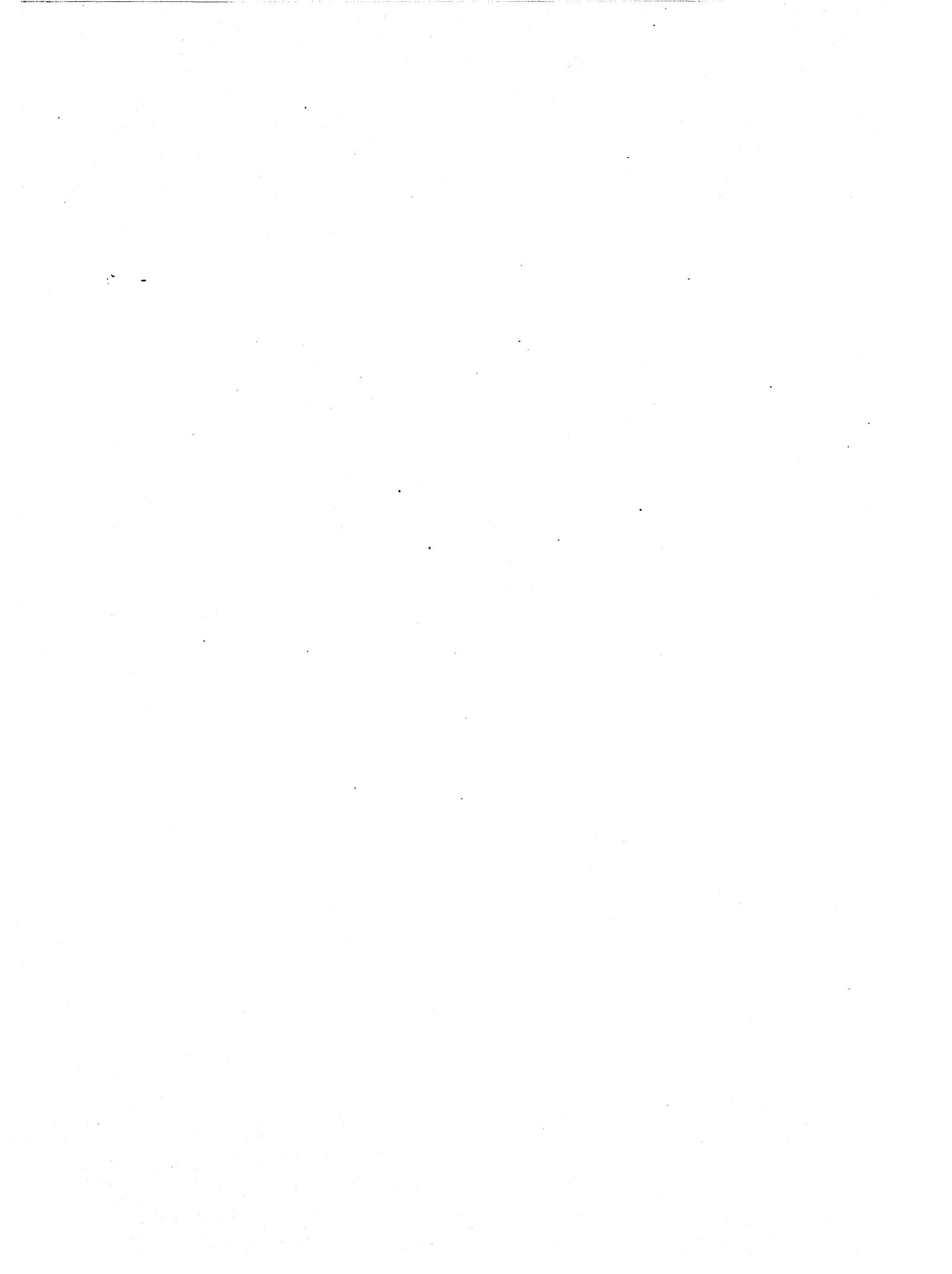
ENTER IMAGE NAME TODO
CHOICES:
1. Look at TO DO list
2. Add item(s) to TO DO list
3. Move
~Y

*** CONTROL-Y AST ***

3. Move item from TO DO list to DONE list
ENTER IMAGE NAME _____
ENTER IMAGE NAME BYE
MUIZNIEKS logged out at 31-MAY-1982 21:30:12.29
```



**WRITING A SYMBIONT**



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### INTRODUCTION

Symbiosis is a term normally used to describe a relationship that is beneficial to both entities. The entities (the Job Controller and the symbionts) are performing functions that are beneficial to each other.

The Job Controller performs several related functions:

- Management of interactive processes
- Management of batch queues and jobs
- Management of symbionts
- Management of the accounting file

The symbionts (input and output) perform the detailed operations of printing a file or reading in cards to be placed in the batch queue. because the symbionts are subprocesses of the Job Controller, they are created and deleted by the Job Controller. The symbionts also communicate with the the Job Controller via mailboxes. This means that the symbionts must adhere to strict rules of communication in sending to and receiving information from the Job Controller.

Due to the degree of interdependance the symbionts and the Job Controller have with other, both will be discussed in this module.

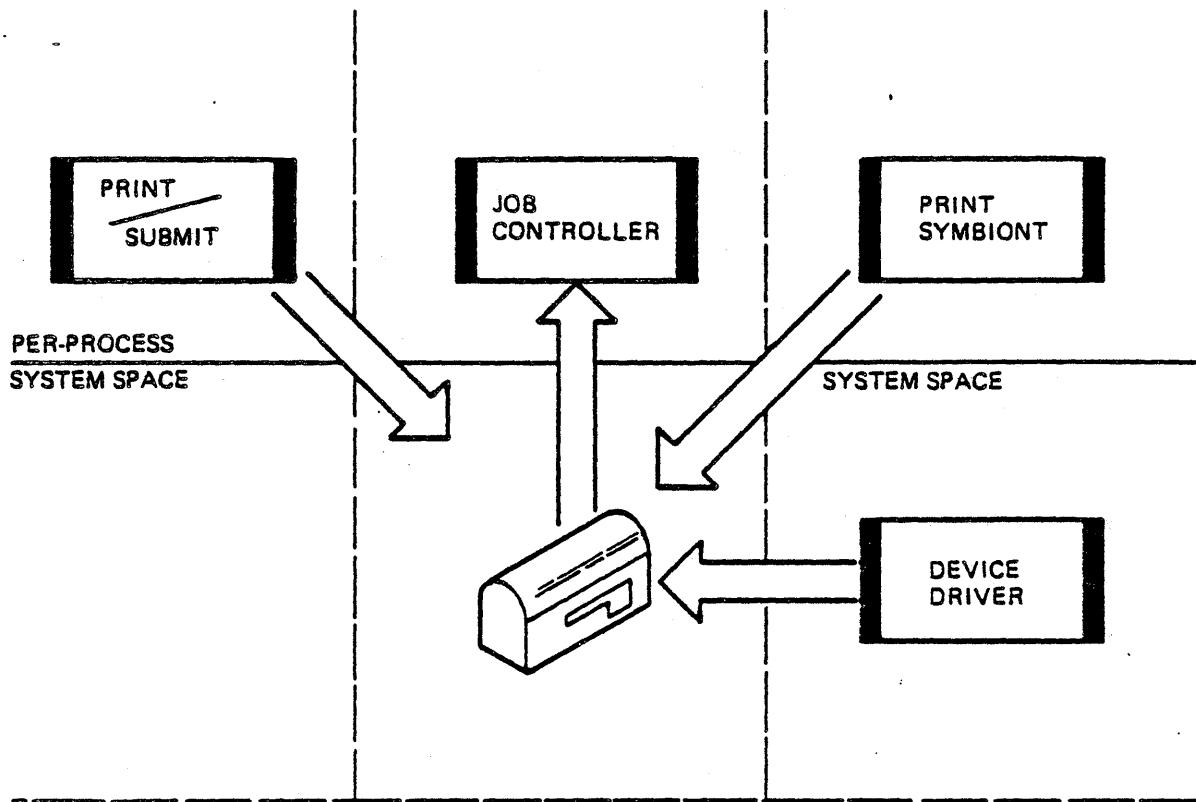
### OBJECTIVES

- Describe the general contents of messages exchanged between the job controller and symbionts.
- Describe the implementation of the Job Controller's queue file, and discuss the implications of its implementation as a global section.
- Write a symbiont that communicates with the Job Controller.

### RESOURCES

JOB CONTROLLER SOURCE LISTINGS  
PRINT SYMBIONT SOURCE LISTINGS  
INTERNAL/DATA STRUCTURES MANUAL

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Figure 4-1 COMMUNICATION TO JOB CONTROLLER

- JOB CONTROLLER is a full process
  - event driven
  - responds to information placed in mailbox
  - outstanding \$QIO on mailbox
- Mailbox communication with
  - User processes
  - Card readers
  - Symbionts

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### JOB CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

#### 1. Interactive Jobs

##### a. Creation

Responds to unsolicited input message  
Process created running LOGINOUT.EXE

##### b. Activities

Responds to messages from CLI (i.e. PRINT)

##### c. Deletion

Records accounting information

#### 2. Batch Jobs

##### a. Creation

Responds to unsolicited input message  
Process created running INPSMB.EXE

##### b. Activities

Same as for interactive jobs

##### c. Deletion

Same as for interactive jobs

#### 3. Symbiont Manager

##### a. Creation

Symbionts created via operator action

##### b. Activities

Mailboxes messages sent to Symbiont assign  
jobs to print. Symbionts do not see queue

##### c. Deletion

Symbionts deleted via operator action

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### 4. Accounting Manager

#### a. Activities

Interactive or batch job termination  
Print job completion  
Login failure

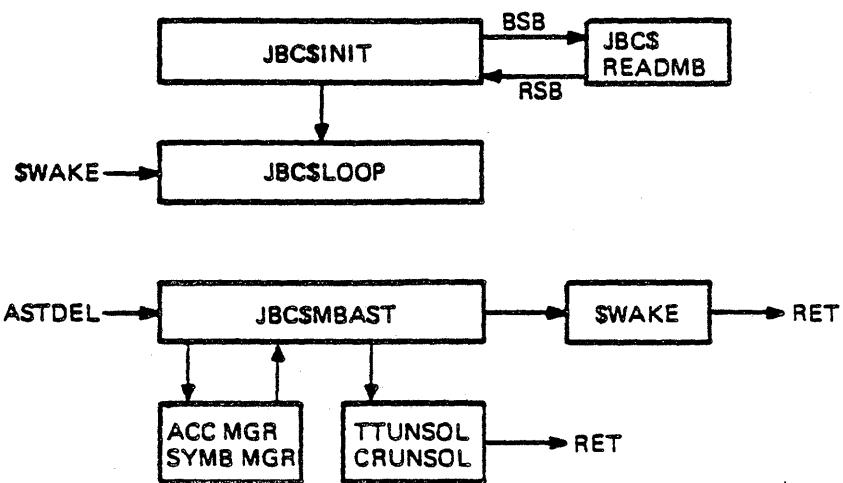
b. Additional DCL commands (\$SET ACCOUNTING) invoke the Accounting Manager

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### Programmer Interaction with JOB CONTROLLER

Function	Method
Send information to the Accounting Manager	\$SNDACC
Send information to the Symbiont Manager	\$SNDSMB
Send a file to be printed	\$PRINT
Initialize and control of the queues	\$INIT/QUEUE \$START/QUEUE \$STOP/QUEUE \$DELETE/QUEUE

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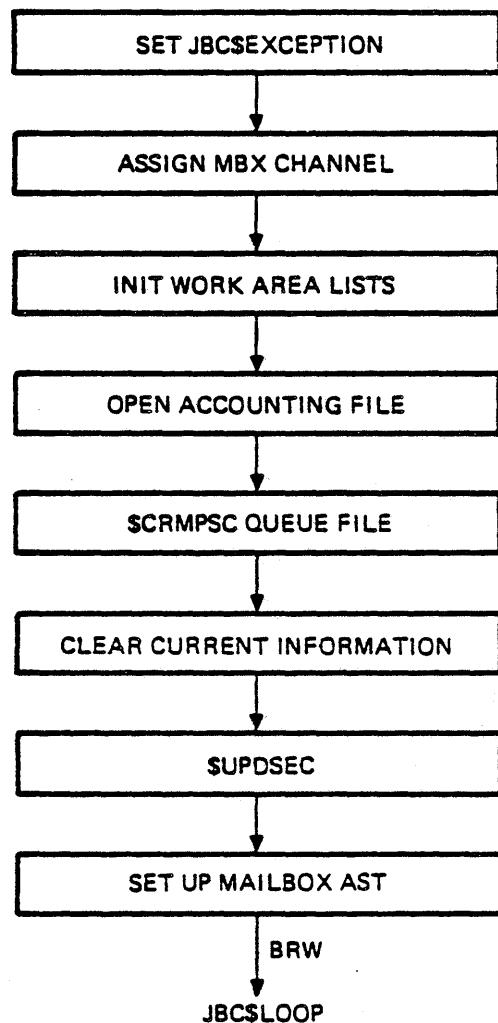
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Figure 4-2 Job Controller Code Flow

- Initialization
- Main Routine Loop
- Mailbox AST
  - if unsolicited TTY or CR, SCREPRC
  - else issue SWAKE

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JBC\$INIT



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Figure 4-3 Job Controller Initialization Flow

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V03-001

```

-JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
JEC 441L30X READ AST              26-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DBB0:EJOBCTL.SRC|JBCMAIN.MAI

010A 662 .SBTTL JBC MAILBOX READ AST
010A 663 :++
010A 664 : FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTIONS:
010A 665 :
010A 666 : THIS ROUTINE IS ENTERED WHEN A MESSAGE HAS BEEN
010A 667 : DELIVERED THRU THE JOB CONTROLLER'S MAILBOX.
010A 668 : THE AST PARAMETER IS THE ADDRESS OF THE JOB CONTROLLER
010A 669 : MESSAGE BUFFER, THAT IS THE ADDRESS OF THE QUAD WORD LIST
010A 670 : HEADER, WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY A QUAD WORD I/O STATUS BLOCK.
010A 671 : THIS IS THEN FOLLOWED BY THE DATA. IN ALL CASES THE FIRST
010A 672 : WORD IN THE DATA IS MESSAGE TYPE IDENTIFIER FOLLOWED BY
010A 673 : THE ACTUAL DATA ASSOCIATED WITH THE MESSAGE.
010A 674 : THIS ROUTINE ENTERS A SPECIFIC ROUTINE DEPENDING ON THE
010A 675 : THE MESSAGE TYPE.
010A 676 :
010A 677 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
010A 678 :
010A 679 : THIS ROUTINE IS ENTERED FROM THE SYSTEM AST
010A 680 : DELIVERY ROUTINE USING THE CALLG INSTRUCTION.
010A 681 :
010A 682 : INPUT PARAMETERS:
010A 683 :
010A 684 : AN ARGUMENT BLOCK WITH THE FIRST ARGUMENT THE
010A 685 : ADDRESS OF THE MESSAGE BUFFER INTO WHICH THE
010A 686 : MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED.
010A 687 :
010A 688 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS: NONE
010A 689 :
010A 690 : COMPLETION CODES: NONE
010A 691 :
010A 692 : SIDE EFFECTS: NONE
010A 693 :--
010A 694 :
010A 695 JBCSWRAST: : AST ENTRY POINT
010A 696 .W0RD 4MCR2,R3,R4,RS,R6,R11> : REGISTER SAVE MASK
010C 697 .W0VA9 W4JBCST_DATABLK,R11 : SET WORKING DATA BLOCK ADDRESS
010C 698 .W0VL 4(AP),RS : GET MESSAGE PACKET ADDRESS
010C 699 .W0VZWL JC4_3_IOSB+2(R5),R4 : PICK UP MESSAGE BYTE COUNT
010C 700 ACCL @JC4_7_MSGDATA,RS : POINT REGISTER AT DATA AREA
010C 701 CYTWL @S5)+,R0 : GET MESSAGE TYPE FROM PACKET
010C 702 PUSHAL 9^100$ : SET RETURN FROM MESSAGE PROCESSI
010C 703 CASE R0,- : DECODE MESSAGE TYPE
010C 704 LIMIT = #MSG5_TRMUNSOLIC,- : BASE VALUE FOR CASE
010C 705 CJ9CSTTUMSOLIN,- : TERMINAL UNSOLICITED DATA
010C 706 JBCSCRUNSOLIN,- : CARD READER UNSOLICITED INPUT
010C 707 JBCSOELETPRC,- : DELETE PROCESS
010C 708 JECSSNSOTMAN,- : SEND TO SYMBIONT MANAGER
010C 709 10$,- : RESERVED CODE
010C 710 10$,- : RESERVED CODE
010C 711 10$,- : RESERVED CODE
010C 712 JBCSSSYMBINIT,- : SYMBIONT INIT COMPLETE
010C 713 JBCSSSYMBDONE,- : SYMBIONT HAS COMPLETED JOB
010C 714 JBCSSNOACHAN,- : SEND MESSAGE TO ACCOUNTING MANAG
010C 715 JBCSPURGEPRC,- : PURGE PROCESS
010C 716 JBCSOELETING,- : DELETE IMAGE
010C 717 JBCSPURGEIMG,- : PURGE IMAGE
010C 718 JBCSSSYSFUNC,- : SYSTEM FUNCTION

```

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-JJC\_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE 3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 Page 12  
 JRC MAILBOX READ AST 24-APR-1982 17:02:56 \_DBB80:CJ08CTL.SRC|JBCMAIN.MAR;I (6)

```

      01F2   519 >
      0212   529 108: SHOW_ERROR INVALID_MSG : 9AO MESSAGE RECEIVED
      03   11 0214 521 BP9 1108 : DEALLOCATE THE MESSAGE BUFFER
      05 5C E9 0216 522 1008: BLBC 40,120$ : BR IF MESSAGE BUFFER STILL IN USE
      FC 98 06 2C 05 0219 523 1108: INSLQUE 34(AP),JJC0_Q_FREEBUFR+4(R11) : RELEASE CURRENT BUFFER IF FREE
      FF7C 33 021E 524 1208: BSWW JBC$READMB : RESTART I/O ON MAILBOX
      04 0221 525 RET : DISMISS AST
      0222 526
      0222 527 :
      0222 529 : MESSAGE IS SYMBIONT DONE
      0222 530 : ADJUST STATE FOR SYMBIONT TO READY FOR NEXT FILE
      0223 531 : INSERT ITS TABLE IN SEVICE LIST
      0223 532 : SET THE MAIN LINE SYNC FLAG
      0222 533 :
      0222 534 JBC$ST48004E: : SYMBIONT IS COMPLETE
      51 FA 45 00 0222 535 PUSHL RS : SAVE MESSAGE BUFFER ADDRESS
      ECOS* 33 0224 536 MOVL <JCM_C_IOSB+4-<JCM_T_MSGDATA+2>>(R5),R1 : GET SENDER'S ID
      02 54 0225 537 BSWW SYMSFTNOSTMCTL : LOCATE THE SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLE
      03 45 27 91 0226 538 POPR %4(R1) : POP BUFFER ADDRESS TO WORK REGISTER
      02 45 03 93 0227 539 CMPS %SCT_K_SUSPNO,SCT_B_STATE(R5) : Suspend issued?
      24 12 0231 540 BEQZL R5 : Br if no
      02 45 03 93 0233 541 MOVB %SCT_K_DEQFIL,SCT_B_STATE(R5) : Mark as idle
      50 31 3C 0237 542 58: MOVZWL (R1)+,R0 : Pick up job status
      04 5C E9 023A 543 BLS5 R0,68 : Br if successful
      16 45 50 29 0239 544 MOVA R0,SCT_W_JOBSTAT(R5) : Save error status for mainline
      26 45 31 00 0241 545 68: ADDL (R1)+,SCT_L_GETCNT(R5) : ACCUMULATE ACCOUNTING
      20 45 81 C9 0245 546 ADDL (R1)+,SCT_L_QIOCNT(R5) : INFORMATION ON GET'S ,QIO'S
      50 29 3C 0249 547 MOVZWL (R1)+,R0 : GET PAGES AS A LONG WORD
      1C 45 50 C1 024C 548 ADDL R0,SCT_L_PAGCNT(R5) : AND ACCOUNT FOR PAGES
      0250
      56 14 45 3C 0251 549 MOVZWL SCT_V_QINODEX(R5),R6 : POINT R6 AT QUEUE HEADER
      56 C0C004AE*EF C0 0254 550 ADDL JBC$Q_RETADR,R6 : GET ACTUAL ADDR
      02 03 45 03 E1 0255 551 BPC #SMQSV_STOPPED,SMQSB_FLAGS(R6),10$ : BR QUE NOT STOPPED
      50 06 0260 552 CLR,L R0 : SET TO DEALLOCATE DEVICE
      ECOS* 33 0262 553 BSWW SYMSALLODEAL : GO DEALLOCATE DEVICE
      03 11 0265 555 108: BRS SYMBEXIT : EXIT SYMBIONT SERVICE AST
      0267 556 :
      0267 557 : MESSAGE IS A SYMBIONT HAS INITED.
      0267 558 : SAVE THE MAILBOX UNIT IN THE SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLE
      0267 559 : AND INSERT TABLE IN SYMBIONT SERVICE LIST
      0267 560 : SET THE SYNCRONIZING EVENT FLAG TO GET THE MAIN STARTED.
      0267 561 :
      0267 562 JBC$ST48004E: :
      51 FA 45 00 0267 563 PUSHL (R5) : SAVE MAILBOX UNIT NUMBER
      ECOS* 33 0269 564 MOVL <JCM_C_IOSB+4-<JCM_T_MSGDATA+2>>(R5),R1 : PICK UP SENDER ID
      0A 45 9E F7 0270 565 BSWW SYMSFTNOSTMCTL : LOOK FOR SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLE
      0274 566 CVTLW (SP)+,SCT_W_MBCHAN(R5) : STORE MAILBOX UNIT IN CONTROL TABLE
      0274 567 SYMBEXIT: : COMMON EXIT FOR SYMBIONT SERVICE
      06 E2 63 0E 0274 568 INSLQUE (R5),JJC0_Q_SYMBRSRV+4(R11) : PUT THIS SYMBIONT IN SERVICE QUEUE
      01 00 0278 569 PUSHL #1 : SET STATUS TO AST DISPATCHER
      1F 11 0274 570 BRS JBC$SYNCMAIN : SYNCRONIZE WITH MAINLINE
      0270 571
      0270 572 :*****:
      0270 573 :
      0270 574 : INSERT MESSAGES IN THE PROPER QUEUE
      0270 575 : AND SET THE SYNCRONIZING FLAG FOR THE MAIN LINE
  
```

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-JDE\_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE  
JAC MAILBOX READ AST

3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 Pg  
24-APR-1982 17:02:56 \_DB80:[JOBCTL.SRC]J8CMAIN.MAR;

				027C	575 :	THTS MESSAGE IS PROCESSED AT THAT LEVEL	
				027C	577 :		
				027C	578 :*****	*****	
				027C	579		
				027C	580 JBC\$SNDACHAN:	: SEND MESSAGE TO ACCOUNTING MANAGER	
50	E9 A8 7E	027C	581 MOVAQ JCD_Q_ACNTFIL(R11),R0	: GET ADDRESS OF PROPER QUEUE			
	12 11	0280	582 BR9 JBC\$INWORKLIST	: INSERT IN WORK LIST AND START THE I			
		0281	583				
		0282	584 JBC\$SNDSYMAN:	: MESSAGE IS FOR THE Symbiont Manage			
50	09 A8 7E	0282	585 MOVAQ JCD_Q_SYMBOLN(R11),R0	: SET PROPER LIST HEADER			
	0C 11	0284	586 BR9 JBC\$INWORKLIST	: INSERT THIS IN WORK LIST			
		0288	587				
		0289	588 JBC\$STSFUNC:	: SYSTEM FUNCTION HAS OCCURRED			
50	F0 18 7E	0289	589 MOVAQ JCD_Q_SYSFUNC(R11),R0	: SET PROPER LIST HEADER			
	06 11	0290	590 BR9 JBC\$INWORKLIST	: INSERT THIS IN WORK LIST			
		0291	591				
		0292	# 592 JBC\$PURGEIMG:	: IMAGE PURGE HAS OCCURRED			
		0293	593 JBC\$DELETEIMG:	: IMAGE DELETE HAS OCCURRED			
		0294	594 JBC\$PURGEPRC:	: PROCESS PURGE HAS OCCURRED			
		0295	595 JBC\$DELETEPRC:	: PROCESS DELETE HAS OCCURRED			
50	E9 A8 7E	0295	596 MOVAQ JCD_Q_PROCDEL(R11),R0	: SET LIST ADDRESS			
	00 11	0292	597 BR9 JBC\$INWORKLIST	: INSERT THIS IN WORK LIST			
		0298	598				
		0299	599 :				
		029A	600 : INSERT IN WORK LIST				
		029B	601 :				
		029C	602 JBC\$INWORKLISTS:	:			
04 90	04 3C	0294	603 PUSHL #0	: GET RETURN STATUS FLAG			
		0295	604 INSQUE 26(CAP),24(CRD)	: INSERT RECORD IN LIST			
		0296	605 JBC\$SYNCHAIN:	: SET MAIN-LINE SYNC FLAG			
		0297	606 SWAKE_S	: WAKE UP THE MAINLINE LOOP			
		0298	607 POPR #0=CRD>	: GET RETURN STATUS			
		0299	608 RSV	: RETURN TO AST DISPATCHER			

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```

4      -JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page 14
11     TERMINAL/CARD_READER UNSOLICITED DATA    24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DBB0:CJOBCTL.SRCJJBCMAIN.MAR;1 (7)

02A9  511      .SBTTL TERMINAL/CARD_READER UNSOLICITED DATA
02A9  512 :+++
02A9  513 : FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
02A9  514 :
02A9  515 : THIS ROUTINE IS ENTER BY THE AST DISPATCHER WHEN THE
02A9  516 : MESSAGE RECEIVED INDICATES THAT UNSOLICITED INPUT HAS
02A9  517 : BEEN RECEIVED FROM A UN-ASSIGNED UNIT RECORD DEVICE. THIS
02A9  518 : ROUTINE ISSUES A REQUEST TO CREATE A PROCESS WITH ITS
02A9  519 : DEVICES "INPUT" AND "OUTPUT" ASSIGNED TO THE ASSOCIATED
02A9  520 : DEVICE. IN ORDER TO PERFORM THIS, THE DEVICE NAME STRING
02A9  521 : IN THE MESSAGE BUFFER. THE FIRST 2 LONGWORDS (LIST LINKS)
02A9  522 : ARE USED TO CREATE THE STRING DESCRIPTOR, AND NAME STRING
02A9  523 : IS BUILT USING THE CONTROLLER NAME AS IS AND ADDING
02A9  524 : THE UNIT NUMBER ON THE END, CONVERTING FROM BINARY TO
02A9  525 : ASCII.
02A9  526 :
02A9  527 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
02A9  528 :
02A9  529 :   RS   JBCSTTUNSOLIN      : FOR TERMINALS
02A9  530 :   RS   JBCSCRUNSOLIN    : FOR CARD READERS
02A9  531 :
02A9  532 : INPUT PARAMETERS:
02A9  533 :
02A9  534 :   RS POINTS BEYOND THE MESSAGE TYPE CODE IN THE MESSAGE BUFFER.
02A9  535 : THAT IS, POINTS AT A WORD CONTAINING THE BINARY UNIT NUMBER
02A9  536 : FOR THE TERMINAL. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY THE CONTROLLER NAME
02A9  537 : AS A COUNTED ASCII STRING.
02A9  538 :
02A9  539 : IMPLICIT INPUTS:
02A9  540 :
02A9  541 :   REGISTERED R0 TO RS HAVE BEEN SAVED AND MAY BE
02A9  542 :   USED AS NEEDED BY THIS ROUTINE.
02A9  543 :
02A9  544 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:
02A9  545 :
02A9  546 :   R0 IS RETURNED TRUE TO INDICATE BUFFER IS FREE
02A9  547 :   AND, THEREFORE, MAY BE REUSED.
02A9  548 :
02A9  549 : IMPLICIT OUTPUTS:
02A9  550 :
02A9  551 :   A PROCESS IS CREATED RUNNING THE LOGIN OR THE INPUT SYMBIONT IMAGE
02A9  552 :
02A9  553 : COMPLETION CODES:    NONE
02A9  554 :
02A9  555 : SIDE EFFECTS:    NONE
02A9  556 :
02A9  557 :--+
02A9  558 : .ENABL L$9
02A9  559 :
02A9  560 JBCSTTUNSOLIN:                                : TERMINAL UNSOLICITED INPUT
53  F765 CF 7E 02A9  561 MOVAC  W-JBCSQ_LOGIN,R3        : SET IMAGE NAME TO START
01  0C* EF 02A9  562 EXITV  S@EXESV_CONCEALED,$1,- : USE "CONCEALED DEVICE NAME" FLAG
54  00000000*GF 0281  563 G@EXESGL_FLAGS,R4       :
37  10 0287  564 BS88  PROCRL                         : PERFORM A PROCESS CREATE
30  5C E9 0289  565 BL3C  R0,50$                      : BR IF COULDN'T CREATE ONE
50  51 3C 02EC  566 MOVZWL R1,R0                    : GET PROCESS INDEX
0030*8F  50  51 02E7  567 CMPW  R0,8CJBCSG_INTJOBEND-JBCSG_INTJOSFLG>#8 : INDEX WITHIN BIT ARRAY

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JBCMAIN	-JBC_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE										3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00			
V03-001	TERMINAL/CARD READER UNSOLICITED DATA										24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DB80:CJ08CTL.SRCJJ8CMAIN.MI			
	26	15	02C4	669	BGEQU	SOS						: IF NO = DON'T COUNT INTERACTIVE		
	50	E2	C2C4	669	BSSS	R0.W^JBCSG_INTJOBFLG,50%						: SET FLAG AND BR IF SET, DON'T BUI		
			02CC	670	SCMKRNLS	S^20%						: ADD 1 TO COUNT OF INTERACTIVE JO		
	12	11	02C9	671	BRS	SOS						:		
	0309	02D4	672	20\$:	LWORD	0						: KERNAL ACCESS MODE ENTRY MASK		
	54	02CC	673	INCW	38SYS8GW_IJOBCNT							: COUNT NUMBER OF INTERACTIVE JOBS		
	04	02E2	674	RET								:		
			C2E3	675										
			02E3	676	JBCSCRUNSOLIN:							: CARD READER UNSOLICITED INPUT		
53	F043	CF	7E	02E3	577	MOVAQ	JBCSQ_INPSMB,R3						: SET ADDRESS OF IMAGE TO ACTIVATE	
			54	04	02E3	678	CLRL	R4						: DON'T USE CONCEALED DEVICE FOR C
			04	10	02EA	679	BS9B	PROCRE						: CREATE THE PROCESS
	50	01	00	02EC	680	50\$:	MOVL	\$1,R0						: SET RELEASE THE BUFFER FLAG
			05	02EF	681	R59								: RETURN TO AST DISPATCHER
			02F0	682										
			02F0	683	.DSABL	LSS								

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<pre> -JOE_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE TERMINAL/CARD_READER UNSOLICITED DATA </pre>	3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00 24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DB80:CJO8CTL.SRC JBCMAIN.MAR:1 (7)	Page 16
<pre> 02F0 685 02F0 686 : 02F0 687 : LOCAL SUBROUTINE TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR UNSOLICITED INPUT 02F0 688 : 02F0 689 : INPUTS: 02F0 690 : 02F0 691 :     R3 = DESCRIPTOR FOR PROCESS NAME 02F0 692 :     R4 = 1 IF INPUT, OUTPUT, AND ERROR ARE SUPPOSED TO BE 02F0 693 :             CONCEALED DEVICE NAMES LIKE "_TTAO:" 02F0 694 :             = 0 IF NOT USING CONCEALED DEVICE NAMES. 02F0 695 : 02F0 696 : 02F0 697 PROCRES: MOVZWL (RS)++,R0          ; PICK UP BINARY UNIT NUMBER 50 95 3C 02F0 698 MOVZBL (RS)++,R2          ; GET LENGTH OF CONTROLLER NAME 52 85 94 02F0 699 ADDL R5,R2                ; ADDRESS OF END OF CONTROLLER NAME 52 55 C0 02F0 700 BSBW JBC\$BIN2ASC          ; CONVERT UNIT TO ASCII 82 34 90 02F0 701 MOVB 8A:/,(R2)++          ; TERMINATE DEVICE NAME WITH COLON 75 5B 8F 90 02F0 702 MOVB 8A:/,(R5)          ; PUT UNDERSCORE AS FIRST CHAR IN NAME 65 9E 0303 703 PUSHAB (RS)                  ; PUSH ADR OF "_" NAME 7E 52 55 C3 0305 704 SURL3 R5,R2,-(SP)       ; LENGTH OF "_" NAME 75 5F 9F 90 0309 705 MOVE 8A:/,(R5)          ; PUT SECOND "_" ON FRONT 65 9E 0300 706 PUSHAB (RS)                  ; PUSH ADR OF "_" NAME 7E 52 55 C3 0305 707 SURL3 R5,R2,-(SP)       ; LENGTH OF "_" NAME 54 00 0313 708 PUSHL R4                   ; 1 IF USING CONCEALED DEVICE FOR INPUT  ; OUTPUT AND ERROR, 0 IF NOT 0315 710 : 0315 711 : 0(SP) = CONCEALED DEVICE FLAG 0315 712 : 4(SP) = DESCRIPTOR FOR "_" NAME, CONCEALED DEVICE NAME 0315 713 : 12(SP) = DESCRIPTOR FOR "_" NAME, PROCESS NAME 0315 714 : 55 0C 4E 0E 0315 715 MOVAL 12(SP),R5          ; ADDRESS OF PROCESS NAME DESCRIPTOR 56 55 03 0319 716 MOVL R5,R4                ; ASSUME NOT USING CONCEALED DEVICE NAME 54 04 4E E9 031C 717 BSLC (SP),10\$          ; BRANCH IF NOT USING CONCEALED DEV NAMES 54 04 4E 0E 031F 718 MOVAL 4(SP),R4          ; GET CONCEALED DEVICE NAME DESCRIPTOR 0323 719 : 0323 720 : 0(SP) IS AN UNINITIALIZED SCRATCH LONG WORD 0323 721 : 50 6E 0E 0323 722 10\$: MOVAL (SP),R0          ; GET THE ADDRESS OF SCRATCH CELL 51 C0C90300*9F 94 0326 723 MOVZBL 3#SYS\$GB_DEFPPRI,R1 ; SET SYSTEM DEFINED PRIORITY 0329 724 SCREPRC_S -                            ; CREATE A PROCESS 0329 725 INPUT= (R4),-                           ; DEVICE INPUT IS TERMINAL 0329 726 OUTPUT= (R4),-                          ; LIKEWISE FOR THE DEVICE OUTPUT 0329 727 ERROR= (R4),-                           ; AND ALSO DEVICE ERROR 0320 728 BASPRI= R1,-                           ; INITIAL PRIORITY OF JOB 0329 729 PIDADR= (R0),-                          ; PLACE TO STORE PROCESS ID 0329 730 PRCNAM= (RS),-                          ; ESTABLISH PROCESS NAME SAME AS DEVICE 0329 731 IMAGE= (R3),-                           ; IMAGE TO RUN 0329 732 PRVADR= W:JBC\$Q_PRIVMASK,-; PROCESS DEFAULT PRIVILEGE 0322 733 UIC=&lt;1316+4&gt;                         ; UIC IS {1,4} 50 50 E8 0353 734 BLS5 R0,60?                 ; BR IF ALL IS OK 55 04 0356 725 CLR1 R5                   ; ASSUME DUPLICATE PROCESS NAME 0354 E= 50 B1 0358 734 CMPW R0,#SSS_DUPLNM ; IS ERROR DUPLICATE NAME C4 13 0350 737 BEQL 10\$                  ; BR IF YES, TRY TO CREATE WITH NO NAME 0354 738 SHOW_ERROR CREATE_PROC              ; REPORT THE ERROR 52 6E 9E 0361 739 MOVB (SP),R2                ; GET ADDRESS OF SCRATCH WORD  ; ASSIGN A CHANNEL TO THE DEVICE 52 6E 9E 0364 740 SASSIGN_S (R4),(R2)          ; ASSIGN A CHANNEL TO THE DEVICE 32 50 E9 0371 741 BL4C R0,60\$                 ; BR IF THIS FAILED </pre>		

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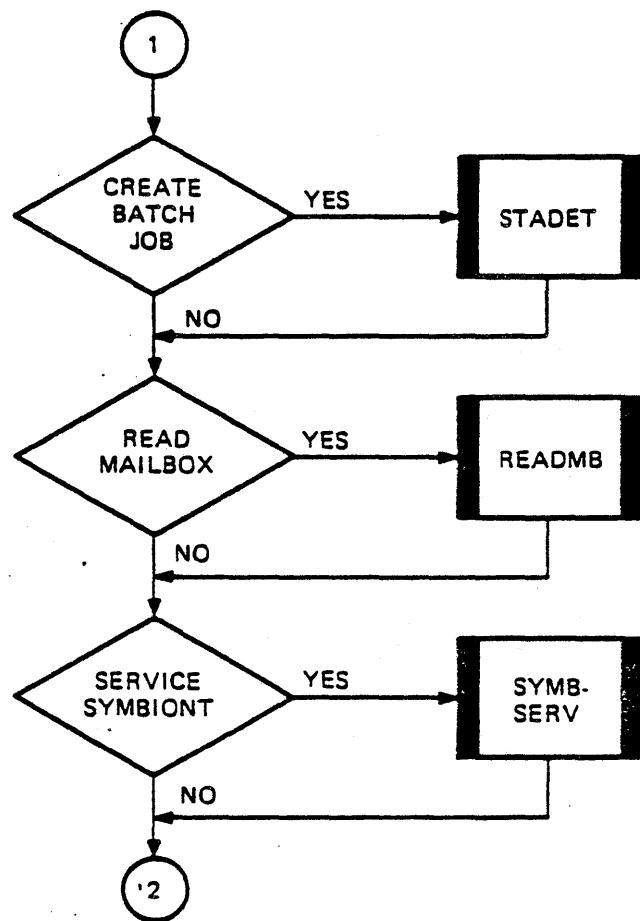
-JOE\_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE 3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
 TERMINAL/CARD\_READER UNSOLICITED DATA 24-APR-1982 17:02:56 \_DBB0:[CJ08CTL.SRC]J8CHMAI

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    0374 742      SQIO_S   CHAN=(CR2),-          : WRITE MESSAGE TO TERMINAL
    0374 743      FUNC=$IDS.WRITEYBLK,-        : WRITE THE DATA
    0374 744      ASTADR=$TTMSGAST,-        : AST WHEN WRITE IS DONE
    0374 745      ASTPRM=(CR2),-          : CHANNEL NUMBER IS AST PARAMET
    0374 746      P1=$0100$,-          : ADDRESS OF MESSAGE STRING
    0374 747      P2=$0$<110S-100S>,-        : LENGTH OF MESSAGE
    0374 748      P4=032          : NORMAL CARRAIGE CONTROL
E8 0397 749      BLBS   R0,50$          : BR IF GIO WAS ACCEPTED
    0394 750      SOASSGN_S (R2)          : ELSE DEASSIGN TO RE-ENABLE UN
D4 03A4 751 50$:  CLRL   R0          : .R0=LBC=PROCESS CREATE ERROR
B4 03A6 752 60$:  POPR   $=NCR1>          : CLEAR SCRATCH WORD OR GET PRO
C0 03A9 753      A00L   $16,SP          : CLEAN OFF TWO STRING DESCRIPT
D5 03A9 754      RSB               :
    03AC 755               :
A 25 03AC 756 100$:  .ASCII  \ZJBC-W=PRCREAT, PROCESS CREATE &POP\

4 41 0388
2 63 03C6
    03C0 757 110$:
    0303 758
    0309 759 TTMSGAST:
0307 0300 760      .WORD  0          : AST ENTRY POINT
    0302 761      SOASSGN_S 4(AP)          : DEASSIGN THE CHANNEL
    06 0300 762      RET               :
    0305 763
    0306 764 :
    0302 765 : LOCAL ROUTINE TO HANDLE HOURLY AST PROCESSING
    0308 766 :
    0307 767 SYMHOURLY:
    04 0305 768      CLRL   JOB_L_POSSIBLE          : CLEAR COUNT OF POSSIBLE PROC
    9A 0364 769      MOVIBL $2,JOB_L_PCBINDEX          : SET INDEX IN PCB VECTOR
    03 03E9 770 105$:  MOVL   JOB_L_SAVEMODE,-        : SET ACCESS MODE
    03P1 771      JOB_L_MODE          : FOR AST DELIVERY
    03P6 772      SCHKRNLS_S  -          : CALL KERNEL ROUT. TO CHECK A
    03P5 773      ROUTIN=CHK_HRDAT_BITS,-        : ADDRESS OF ROUTINE
    03P6 774      ARGLIST=JOB_L_COUNT          : ADDRESS OF ARGUMENT LIST
E9 0409 775      BLBC   R0,60$          : IF LBC THEN CONTINUE
    06 040C 776      INCL   JOB_L_POSSIBLE          : INCREMENT COUNT
    F3 0412 777 50$:  A0BLEQ  G$SCHKGL_MAXPIX,-        :
    0419 778      JOB_L_PCBINDEX,10$          : LOOP THRU ALL
    D5 0415 779      TSTL   JOB_L_POSSIBLE          : FIND ANY TO BE DELETED?
    13 0424 780      BEQL   100$          : IF EQL THEN NO
    C7 0425 781      DECL   JOB_L_SAVEMODE          : DECREMENT AST ACCESS MODE
    19 042C 782      BLSS   100$          : IF LSS THEN DONE THEM ALL
    0428 783
    0425 784      ISETIME_S  -          : SET TIMER FOR CHECK IN A FEW
    0425 785      ASTADR=SYNSCHKLOGINS,-        : AST ADDRESS
    0425 786      DAYTIME=JBCSQ_NXTMINS,-        : N MINUTES LATER
    0425 787      REQID=$JBC_K_MINUTES          : INDICATE NOT AN HOURLY AST
    05 0443 788 100$:  RSB               : RETURN
    0664 789
    0664 790
  
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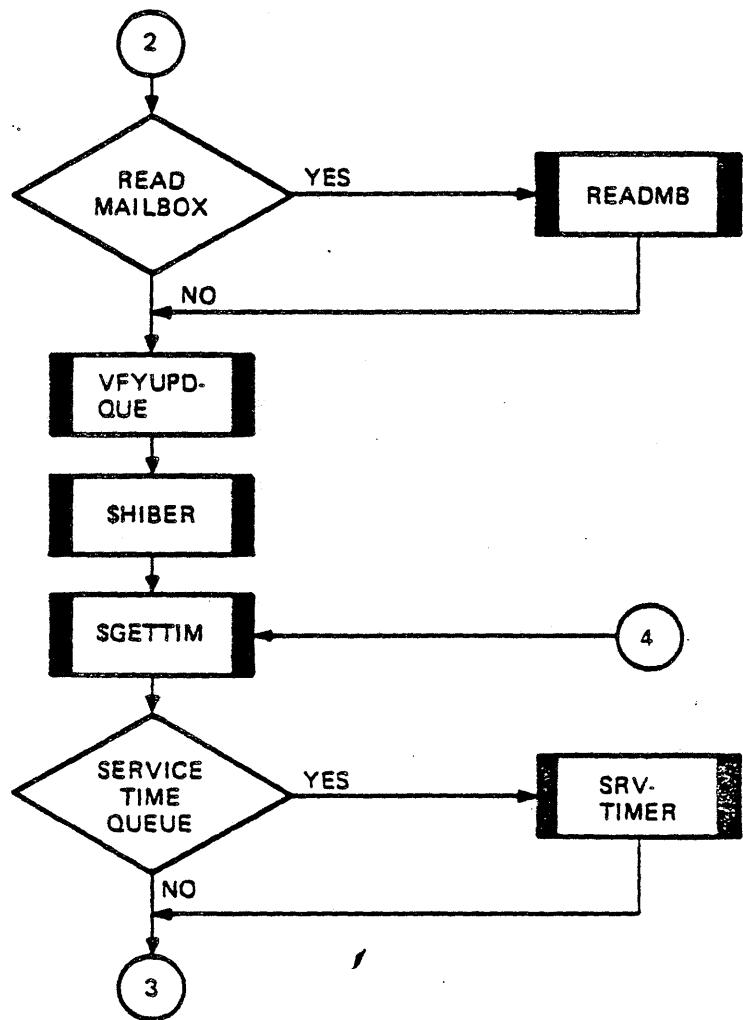
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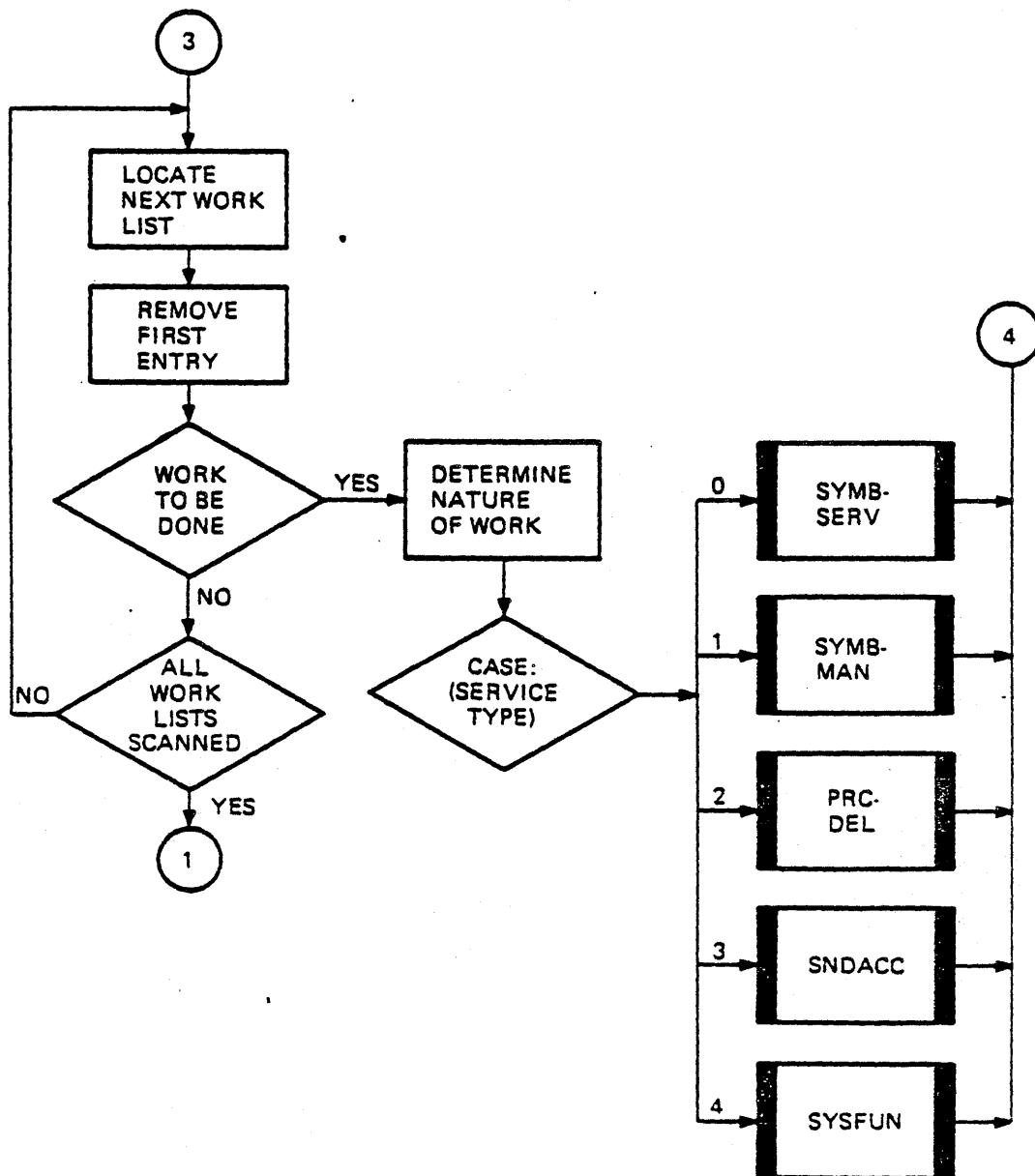
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Figure 4-6 Job Controller Main Loop (page 3 of 3)

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JCMAIN  
J3-001

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-JOE_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
DECLARATIONS           24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _0880:[JOBCTL.SRC]JCMAIN.MAI

      0000    99      .SSTTL DECLARATIONS
      0000   100 : 
      0000   101 : INCLUDE FILES:
      0000   102 : 
      0000   103 : C235.10JJ/ML
      0000   104 : 
      0000   105 : EQUATED SYMBOLS:
      0000   106 : 
      0000   107 : SACMDEF          : ACCOUNTING MESSAGE DEFINITIONS
      0000   108 : SMSGDEF          : SYSTEM WIDE MESSAGE CODES
      0000   109 : SSTSODEF         : STATUS FIELD DEFINITIONS
      0000   110 : SPC8DEF          : PCB DEFINITIONS
      0000   111 : SIPLDEF          : IPL DEFINITIONS
      0000   112 : SJIBOEF          : JIB DEFINITIONS
      0000   113 : SSSDEF           : STATUS CODES
      0000   114 : SPSDLDEF         : PSL DEFINITIONS
      0000   115 : JBCPARDDEF       : DEFINE JOB CONTROLLER PARAMETERS
      0000   116 : JBCSCTDEF        : SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLE DEFINITION
      0000   117 : SSMQDEF          : DEFINE QUEUE HEADER OFFSETS
      0000   118 : 
      0000   119 : 
      0000   120 : OWN STORAGE:
      0000   121 : 
      0000   122 : PURE_SECTION
      0000   123 : 
      0000   124 : JBC$Q_JBCHNAME:      : THE NAME OF THE PROCESS
      0000   125 : STRING_DESC <JOB_CONTROL>
      0013   126 : 
      0013   127 : JBC$Q_LOGIN$:        : NAME OF INITIAL IMAGE TO ACTIVATE
      0013   128 : STRING_DESC <SYS$SYSTEM:LOGINOUT.EXE> ; INITIAL IMAGE TO EXECUTE
      0032   129 : 
      0032   130 : JBC$Q_INPSMB$:      : CARD READER INPUT SYMBIONT
      0032   131 : STRING_DESC <SYS$SYSTEM:INPSMB.EXE> ;
      004#   132 : 
      FFFFFFFF FFFFFFFF 006#   133 : JBC$Q_PRIVMASK$:      .LONG -1,-1 ; NEW PROCESS PRIVILEGE MASK
      005#   134 : 
      005#   135 : JBC$Q_TICPERHR$:    .LONG ^X061C66800 ; NO. OF TICKS PER HOUR
      61C46800 005#   136 : .LONG ^X08
      00000309 005#   137 : .LONG ^X08
      005#   138 : JBC$Q_NXTMINS$:      : DELTA TIME OF 2 MINUTES
      88797400 005#   139 : .LONG ^X088797400
      FFFFFFFE 0063   140 : .LONG -1
      0067   141 : 
      0067   142 : DEFINE PSECT TO BOUND ALL OF THE WRITABLE SECTIONS
      0067   143 : 
      0067   144 : IMPURE_DATA     JBC$SRWOTOP
      0000   145 : JBC$RWOTOP$:       : START OF ALL READ/WRITE DATA
      0000   146 : IMPURE_DATA     JBC__RWEND
      0000   147 : JBC$RWEND$:       : END OF ALL WRITABLE DATA
      0000   148 : 
      0000   149 : ALLOCATE SPACE FOR MESSAGE BUFFERS
      0000   150 : THESE BUFFERS ARE MAINTAINED IN A SEPARATE PROGRAM SECTION
      0000   151 : TO PERMIT AN EXTEND SECTION TO ADD BUFFER SPACE
      0000   152 : 
      0000   153 : IMPURE_DATA     JBC$RWOMSGBFR ; READ/WRITE DATA-MESSAGE BUFFERS
      0000   154 : 
      0000   155 : JBC$T_MSGBUFR$:    : SPACE FOR MESSAGE BUFFERS

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AIN          -JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE           3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page   4
001          DECLARATIONS                      24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DB80:CJOBCTL.SRC|JBCHAIN.MAR;1 (1)

00000000 0900 156
00000000 0000 157 .BLKB <JCCK_K_SIZE*-       : SIZE OF BUFFER TIMES
00000000 0CC0 159 JBC_K_MAXBUF>             : NUMBER TO ALLOCATE
00000000 0CC0 159
00000000 0CC0 160 IMPURE_DATA    JBCSRWMSGBPS :
00000000 0000 161 JCST_NBUFEND::               : END OF MESSAGE BUFFER SPACE
00000000 0900 162
00000000 0900 163 :
00000000 0000 164 : ALLOCATE THE SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLES
00000000 0000 165 : THESE TABLES ARE MAINTAINED IN A SPARATE PROGRAM SECITON
00000000 0000 166 : TO PERMIT AN EXTEND SECTION TO ADD TABLE SPACE
00000000 0000 167 :
00000000 0000 168 IMPURE_DATA    JBCSRWOSTMCTL
00000000 0000 169
00000000 0000 170 SYMSG_SYNCCTLBL::            : SYMBIONT CONTROL TABLE AREA
00000000 0000 171
00000000 0000 172 .BLKB <STM_K_MAXSTM->     : ALLOCATE A BLOCK FOR EVERY SYMBIONT
00000000 0000 173 * SCT_K_SIZE>                : BY THE SIZE OF THE BLOCK
00000000 0000 174
00000000 0000 175 IMPURE_DATA    JBCSRWOSTMCTN :
00000000 0000 176 SYMSG_SYNCCTLBE::            : END OF TABLE SPACE
00000000 0000 177
00000000 0000 178 :
00000000 0000 179 : DEFINE AREA FOR INTERACTIVE JOB BIT ARRAY
00000000 0000 180 :
00000000 0000 181
00000000 0000 182 IMPURE_DATA    JBCSRWINTJOB :
00000000 0000 183
00000000 0000 184 JBCSG_INTJOBFLG::            : INTERACTIVE JOB FLAG BIT ARRAY
00000000 0000 185 .BLKB <1024/8>              : ALLOCATE ENOUGH FOR 1024 PROCESSES
00000000 0000 186
00000000 0000 187 IMPURE_DATA    JBCSRWINTJOC :
00000000 0000 188 JCST_INTJOBEND::              :
00000000 0000 189
00000000 0000 190 IMPURE_DATA
00000000 0000 191
00000000 0000 192 :
00000000 0000 193 : ALLOCATE THE JOB CONTROLLER'S DATA BLOCK
00000000 0000 194 :
00000000 0000 195
00000000 0000 196 JCST_DATASELK == . + <JCD_T_INDEX0-JCD_T_START> : FIND OFFSET TO INDEX ZERO IN BLOCK
00000000 0000 197
00000000 0000 198 .BLKB JCD_K_SIZE           : ALLOCATE SPACE FOR THE BLOCK
00000000 04A5 199
00000000 04A5 200
00000000 04A5 201 :
00000000 04A5 202 : AREA FOR PARAMETERS FROM CREATE/MAP GLOBAL SECTION FOR THE PRINT QUEUE
00000000 04A5 203 :
00000000 04A5 204
00000000 04A6 205 JBCSQ_YNADR:: .BLKQ 1        : INPUT ADDRESS TO MAP SECTION
00000000 04A6 206
00000000 04A6 207 JBCSQ_RETADR:: .BLKQ 1        : RETURN ADDRESS FROM MAP SECTION
00000000 04A6 208
00000000 04A6 209 JBCSQ_UPDADR:: .BLKQ 1        : ADDRESSES UPDATED
00000000 04A6 210
00000000 04A6 211 JBCSQ_UPDTDSB:: .BLKQ 1        : IO STATUS FOR SECTION UPDATE
00000000 04A6 212

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JACMAIN
V03-061

        .JCB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:540 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
        DECLARATIONS          24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DB80:CJO8CTL.SRC3JACMAIN.MI

C00004CE 04C6    213 JBC80_4XTAST:: .BLKQ  1      : TIME FOR NEXT HOURLY AST
        04CE    214
        00 04CE  215 JBC80_QUEUEWT:: .BYTE  0      : FLAG FOR QUEUE UPDATING
        00 04CE  216 JBC80_STMWAIT:: .BYTE  0      : COUNT OF NO. SYMBIONTS IN WAITLI
        0400    217
        0400    218 ;*****%
        0400    219 ; FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ASSUMED TO BE ADJACENT
        0400    220
        0400    221 JOB_L_COUNT:
        00000004 0400    222 .LONG  4      : ARGUMENT COUNT
        0404    223 JOB_L_PCBINDEX: .LONG  0      : INDEX INTO PCB VECTOR
        C0000003 0404    224 .LONG  0      : HOUR OF DAY
        0403    225 JOB_L_HOUR:
        C0000002 0403    226 .LONG  0      : DAY OF WEEK
        0400    227 JOB_L_DAY:
        C0000007 0400    228 .LONG  0      : DAY OF MONTH
        04E0    229 JOB_L_MODE: .LONG  0      : ACCESS MODE FOR AST
        00000000 04E0    230 .LONG  0      : ACCESS MODE FOR LOOP
        04E4    231
        04E6    232 ;*****%
        04E6    233
        04E4    234 JOB_L_SAVEMODE: .LONG  0      : SAVE ACCESS MODE FOR LOOP
        00000000 04E4    235
        04E9    236
        04E9    237 JOB_L_POSSIBLE: .LONG  0
        00000000 04E9    238 .LONG  0
        04EC    239 ;
        04EC    240 ; PROTOTYPE NAME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAILBOX RESPONSE DEVICE NAMES
        04EC    241 ;
        04EC    242
        04EC    243 JBCST_4BXNAME:: .BYTE  0      : COUNT GOES HERE
        00 04EC    244 .BYTE  0      : NAME WITH '_TO PREVENT SUBSTITUTION
        42 40 5F 04ED    245 .ASCII  '_MS\      : THE UNIT NUMBER GOES HERE
        04F0    246 JBCST_4BXUNIT:: .BLKB  5      : BIGGEST UNIT IS 65K
        000000F5 04F0    247 .BLKB  5

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-JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
JOB_CONTROL INITIALIZATION          24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _D880:JOBCTL.SRC|JOBMAIN.MAR;1 (2)

04F5 249      .SBTTL JOB_CONTROL INITIALIZATION
04F5 250 ;++
04F5 251 : FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
04F5 252 :
04F5 253 :   JOB CONTROL MAIN LOOP IS ACTIVATED BY THE AST ROUTINE.
04F5 254 :   ALL OF THE POSSIBLE WORK LISTS ARE SCANNED TO DETERMIN
04F5 255 :   WHAT FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE DONE.  THE LIST ARE ORDERED BY
04F5 256 :   THEIR IMPORTANCE AND ARE ALWAYS CHECKED FROM THE TOP.
04F5 257 :
04F5 258 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
04F5 259 :
04F5 260 :   NONE-ENTERED DIRECTLY FROM THE INITIALIZATION ROUTINE.
04F5 261 :
04F5 262 : INPUT PARAMETERS:    NONE
04F5 263 :
04F5 264 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:  NONE
04F5 265 :
04F5 266 : COMPLETION CODES:   NONE
04F5 267 :
04F5 268 : SIDE EFFECTS:      NONE
04F5 269 ;-
04F5 270      PURE_SECTION           : START CODE SEGMENT
0067 271      :
0067 272 JBCSLOOP:                :
03  E5 0067 273      98CC  #JBC_V_CREJOBRQ,-  : BR IF CREATE DETCHED (BATCH)
07 CC 48 0069 274      JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),20$  : JOB IS NOT REQUIRED
FF91* 39 006C 275      BSSW  JBCSSTADET  : TRY TO START ONE IF YES
04CE*CF 96 006E 276      CLR8  W>JBCS8_QUEUEWT  : Force queue file update
00  E5 0073 277 20$:  98CC  #JBC_V_MBREADREQ,-  : BR IF THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR
03  OC 48 0075 278      JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),30$  : A MAILBOX READ
0123 30 0079 279      BSSW  JBCSREADMB  : ELSE ISSUE A READ REQUEST
02  E5 0073 280 30$:  98CC  #JBC_V_SYMINIREQ,-  : CHECK IF SYMBIONT SERVICE FLAG IS
0075 281      JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),40$  : SET AND CLEAR IT, BR IF NO
01F  OC 48 0080 282      MOVZBL JBCS8_STMWAIT,-(SP)  : SAVE COUNT OF NO. IN LIST
05E 0087 283 31$:  DECL  (SP)  : DECR. COUNT
11  19 0089 284      BSSW  35$  : BR IF LOOKED AT ALL OF THEM
52  OC 32 0089 285      RENQUE 3JCD_Q_SYMWAIT(R11),R2  : GET SYMBIONT THAT IS WAITING
08  13 008F 286      BVS   35$  : BR IF NONE WAITING
000004CE*EF 97 0091 287      DEC8  JBCS8_STMWAIT  : DECR. NO. OF SYMBIONTS WAITING
FF56* 39 0097 288      BSSW  JBCSSTMBSERV  : GO SERVICE SYMBIONT
78  11 0094 289      BRS   31$  : GO SEE IF ANOTHER
52  04 009C 290 35$:  ADDL  44,SP  : REMOVE COUNTER FROM STACK
00  E5 009E 291 40$:  98CC  #JBC_V_MBREADREQ,-  : CHECK FOR AN OUTSTANDING NEED FOR
03  OC 48 00A1 292      JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),50$  : A MAIL BOX READ
70E7 39 00A4 292      BSSW  JBCSREADMB  : READ THE MAILBOX
05  E5 00A7 294 50$:  98CC  #JBC_V_SRVCXLOGIN,-  : CHECK IF TIME TO CHECK LOGIN
03  OC 48 00A9 295      JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),60$  : FLAGS FOR JOBS
032F 39 00AC 296      BSSW  SYMSHOURLY  : GO CHECK
03  04CE*CF 00  E2 00A= 297 50$:  BSSS  80,W>JBCS8_QUEUEWT,70$  : Br if not time to write the queue
FF48* 39 00B5 299      BSSW  JBCSVFTUPOQUE  : VERIFY AND UPDATE THE QUEUE
00B3 299 70$:  :
00B2 300      :
00B3 301      .ENABL LSB
00B3 302      :
00B3 303      SHIMER_S           : SLEEP
00B3 304      :
00B3 305      :

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JBCMAIN  
V03-001

-JDE\_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE  
J03\_CONTROL INITIALIZATION

3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
24-APR-1982 17:02:56 \_0880:[J08CTL.SRC]JBCMAIN.

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      008E  306 : SCAN WORK LISTS FOR SOMETHING TO DO
      008F  307 :
      009E  309
      009F  309 109:  SGETTIM_S JCD_Q_TIME(R11) : GET THE TIME OF DAY
  07 0C A3  06  25  00C9  310  BCCC  0JBC_V_SRVTIMQUE,JCD_W_FLAGS(R11),15$ : OR IF NO TIME NO
  "F2F"  30  00CE  311  BS9W  SYMSRVTIMER : REMOVE TIME ENTRIES
  04CE"CF  94  00C1  312  CLRL  WJBCS8_QUEUEWT : Force queue file update
  50  04  00C5  313  156:  CLRL  R0 : SET INDEX FOR FIRST WORK LIST
  51  C0  0B60  79  0007  314  203:  MOVAQ  JCD_G_WORKLIST(R11),R0J,RI : FIND ADDRESS OF QUEUE
  52  31  0$  000C  315  REMQUE  3(R1)+,R2 : REMOVE ITEM FROM LIST
  3A  1C  00C#  316  SVC   30$ : BR IF REMOVED SOMETHING
  50  06  00E1  317  INCL  R0 : NOTHING IN QUEUE-ADD 1 TO INDE
  05  5C  D1  00E3  318  CMPL  R0,S^9<JCD_G_WLEND-JCD_G_WORKLIST>/8> : CHECK AGAINST L
  FF  1F  00E5  319  BLSSU  20$ : BR IF MORE TO CHECK
  FF7C  31  00E9  320  SRW   JBCSLOOP : WAIT SOME MORE
  00E3
  00E7  321
  00E9  322 :
  00E9  323 : ITEM REMOVED FROM WORK LIST-CALL ASSOCIATED ROUTINE
  00E9  324 :
  00E9  325
  62  04  A2  3C  00E9  326  30$:  MOVZUL  JCM_U_IOSB+2(R2),(R2) : SET LENGTH OF TRANSFER
  62  1C  C0  00EF  327  A0DL  #JCM_T_MSGDATA,(R2) : FIND END OF VALID DATA
  42  52  C7  00F2  328  A0DL  R2,(R2) : THAT POINTS AT END OF RECORD
  04  A2  D4  00F5  329  CLRL  4(R2) : ZERO RETURNED ARGUMENT
  5A  20  A9  C0  00F8  330  MOVL  JCD_A_QUEUEBASE(R11),R10 : SET BASE ADDRESS OF SYSTEM QUE
  02  19  03FC  331  BS9B  40$ : SET SUBROUTINE RETURN FOR CASE
  3F  11  00FE  332  SRW  10$ : LOOP FROM THE TOP
  C100  333  40$:  CASE  R0,<- : STMBIONT SERVICE REQUIRED
  0100  334  JBCSSYNSERV,- : MESSAGE FOR SYMBIONT MANAGER
  0100  335  JBCSSYMBMAN,- : PROCESS/IMAGE DELETE/PURGE MSG
  0100  336  JBCSPRCDEL,- : MESSAGE FOR ACCOUNTING MANAGER
  0100  337  JBCSSNDAcc,- : SYSTEM FUNCTION
  0100  338  JBCSSYSFUN,-
  0100  339  >
  010F  340
  010E  341  .OSABL  LSB

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## Listing 4-2 Main Loop Code (page 6 of 8)

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-JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
JOB_CONTROL INITIALIZATION          24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _0880:[J08CTL.SRC]JBCMAIN.MAR:1 (3)

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010E 343 :+
010E 344 : SYMBIONT AND ACCOUNTING MANAGER DISPATCHER
010E 345 :
010E 346 : THIS ROUTINE PERFORMS THE COMMON PROCESSING FOR THE SEND SERVICE
010E 347 : PROCESSING AND RESPONSE. THIS INCLUDES ASSIGNING THE RESPONSE
010E 348 : MAILBOX, THEN SENDING THE RESPONSE WHEN PROCESSING IS DONE.
010E 349 :-
010E 350 .ENABL LSB
010E 351 JBCSSYSTFUN:                      ; SYSTEM FUNCTION MESSAGE
00000000 9E 010E 352 PUSHAB W^ACMSSYSTFUN ; ENTRY TO ACCOUNTING MANAGER
0E 11 0112 353 BRB 109
0114 354 JBCSSNDAACC:                     ; ACCOUNTING MANAGER REQUEST
00000000 9F 0114 355 PUSHAB W^ACMSSNDACC ; ENTRY TO ACCOUNTING MANAGER
08 11 0119 356 BRB 108
011A 357
011A 358 JBCSSYMBMAN:                     ; SYMBIONT MANAGER SERVICE
00000000 9E 011A 359 PUSHAB W^SYNCSYMBMAN ; ENTRY TO SYMBIONT MANAGER
04CE5CF 94 011E 360 CLR8 W^JBCSB_QUEUEWT ; Force queue file update
59 52 10 C1 0122 361 10$: ADDL3 $JCM_T_MSGDATA,R2,R9 ; POINT R9 AT MESSAGE DATA
0125 362 ASSUME ACMSW_MAILBOX EQ SRWSW_MAILBOX
50 02 49 3C 0125 363 MOVZWL SRWSW_MAILBOX(R9),R0 ; GET MAIL BOX UNIT
07 13 012A 364 BEQL 20$ ; BR IF NONE HERE
51 08 48 3E 012C 365 MOVAW JCD_W_TMPCHAN(R11),R1 ; CHANNEL RETURN ADDRESS
FEC0- 30 0130 366 BSBB JBCSASSIGNNB ; ASSIGN THE MAILBOX
7E 16 0133 367 20$: JSS 2(CSP)+ ; ENTER PROPER MANAGER
0E 50 E9 0135 368 BLBS R0,30$ ; BR IF STATUS IS GOOD
51 50 CE 0139 369 RNEGL R0,R1 ; INVERT ERROR CODE
0E 0E 19 0139 370 BLSS 40$ ; BR IF ERROR FROM THE SYSTEM
50 51 02 78 0130 371 ASHL #2,R1,R0 ; SET REAL ERROR MESSAGE CODE
50 8002 8F A8 0141 372 TSWW @<STSSM_FAC_SPI- ; SET FACILITY SPECIFIC AND-
0146 373 STSSK_ERRORR,R0 ; -AND "ERROR" SEVERITY INTO VALUE
50 0C 10 0146 374 30$: TNSV @<JBCS_NORMAL@-STSSV_FAC_ND>,- ; AND JOBCTL FACILITY CODE
053 14 98 9E 0149 375 MOVAB $JCSST_FAC_ND,@STSS_FAC_ND,R0 ; INTO RETURN VALUE
83 52 80 014E 376 40$: MOVN $JCD_A_LBUFOR(R11),R3 ; SET POINTER TO RESPONSE MESSAGE BUFFER
93 F4 A9 90 0152 377 MOVN R2,(R3)+ ; STORE MESSAGE TYPE
83 50 00 0156 378 MOVL R0,(R3)+ ; STORE RESPONSE DATA
F0 49 05 0159 380 INSQUE ->JCM_T_MSGDATA(R9),- ; SET FINAL STATUS
FC 25 015C 381 JCD_Q_FREESUFR+4(R11) ; RELEASE MESSAGE BUFFER TO
03 49 R5 015E 382 TSWW JCD_W_TMPCHAN(R11) ; END OF THE FREE MESSAGE BUFFER LIST
15 13 0161 383 BEQL 50$ ; ANY RESPONSE MAILBOX?
14 10 0163 384 BSBB JBCSSNORESP ; BR IF NO - DON'T SEND RESPONSE
0165 385 DAASSGN_S JCD_W_TMPCHAN(R11) ; SEND RESPONSE TO REQUESTOR
0170 386 CHECK_ERROR DAASSGN_M8 ; RELEASE THE CHANNEL
05 48 86 0175 387 CLRW JCD_W_TMPCHAN(R11) ; WATCH FOR ERROR DEASSIGNING MAILBOX
05 0178 388 50$: RS8 ; CLEAR CHANNEL NUMBER FOR NEXT TIME
0179 389
0179 390 .DSABL LSB ; RETURN TO DISPATCHER

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JBCMAIN  
VC3-001

-J03\_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE  
J03\_CONTROL INITIALIZATION

3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
24-APR-1982 17:02:56 \_DB80:CJ03CTL.SRC)JBCMAIN.

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      392
      393 :+
      394 : JEC$SNORESP - SEND RESPONSE
      395 :
      396 : THIS SUBROUTINE IS CALLED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE REQUESTING
      397 : PROCESS VIA THE SUPPLIED MAILBOX.
      398 :
      399 : SNOUTS: R3 IS END OF MESSAGE IN JBC LINE BUFFER
      400 :
      401 :-+
      402 :
      403 JBC$SNORESP:::
  51  33  16 19  C3 0179  404      SUGL3  JCD_A_LBUFAOR(R11),R3,R1 : FIND LENGTH
  0179  405      $QIO_S  EPN = #0,- : WRITE MAILBOX, EVENT FLAG IS 0
  0176  406      CHAN = JCD_W_TMPCHAN(R11),-: CHANNEL NUMBER
  0175  407      PUNC = $CIDS_WRITEYBLK!IOSM_NOW,-: OPERATION IS WRITE-
  0175  408      P1 = $JCD_A_LBUFAOR(R11),-: BUFFER ADDRESS
  0175  409      P2 = R1 : LENGTH
  05  0190  410      RSB

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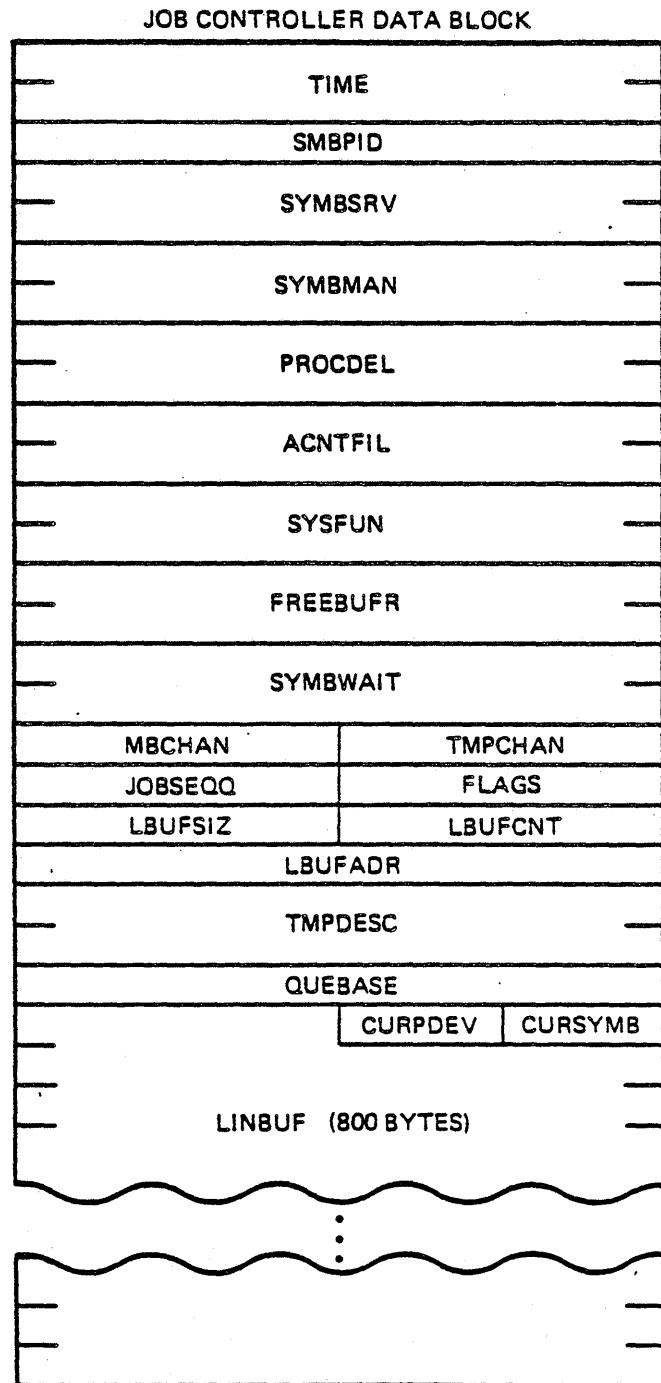
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MAIN
-JOB_CONTROLLER MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 22:29:40 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
-001 READ MAILBOX          24-APR-1982 17:02:56 _DBB0:[J08CTL.SRC]J8CMAIN.MAR;1

019E 412      .S8TTL READ MAILBOX
019E 413 :+++
019E 414 : FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
019E 415 :
019E 416 : THIS ROUTINE IS CALLED TO ISSUE A READ ON
019E 417 : THE SYSTEM PERMANENT MAILBOX USED FOR
019E 418 : COMMUNICATION TO THE JOB CONTROLLER.
019E 419 :
019E 420 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
019E 421 :
019E 422 :     BSB     JBCSREADMB
019E 423 :
019E 424 : INPUT PARAMETERS:
019E 425 :
019E 426 : LOCATION "JBCSQ_FREEBUFR" CONTAINS A LIST
019E 427 : OF BUFFERS AVAILABLE FOR READING THE
019E 428 : MAILBOX.
019E 429 :
019E 430 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:
019E 431 :
019E 432 : BUFFER IS ALLOCATED AND READ IS ISSUED
019E 433 : IF BUFFER ALLOCATION FAILS, FLAG IS SET
019E 434 : SO THAT READ CAN BE RE-ATTEMPTED AT SOME
019E 435 : LATER TIME.
019E 436 :
019E 437 : COMPLETION CODES:    NONE
019E 438 :
019E 439 : SIDE EFFECTS:      NONE
019E 440 :
019E 441 :--
019E 442 :
019E 443 JBCSREADMB::           : READ JOB CONTROLLER'S MAIL BOX
52   F8 30  0F 019E 444      REMQUE 2JCD_Q_FREEBUFR(R11),R2 : ALLOCATE A BUFFER FOR READ
31   10 01A2 445      BVS    90$ : BR IF ALLOCATION FAILED
01A4 446      SQIO_S 80,- : EVENTFLAG IS 0
01A4 447      JCD_V_MBCHAN(R11),- : CHANNEL IS MAILBOX
01A4 448      $IOS_READVBLK,- : FUNCTION IS READ
01A4 449      JCM_Q_IOSB(R2),- : IO STATUS BLOCK IN PACKET
01A4 450      W$JBCSMBAST,- : ADDRESS OF AST ROUTINE
01A4 451      R2,- : AST PARM IS MESSAGE PACKET
01A4 452      JCM_T_MSGDATA(R2),- : BUFFER AREA OF PACKER
01A4 453      8JCM_T_SIZE-JCM_T_MSGDATA : SIZE OF MESSAGE DATA AREA
01CC 454      BLBS  R0,99$ : BR IF OPERATION A SUCCESS
EC 89  62  0E 01C5 455      INSNQUE CR2,2JCD_Q_FREEBUFR+4(R11) : REALLOCATE THE BUFFER FOR LATER
01C3 456      SHOW_ERROR MAILBOX_READ : REPORT ERROR
01D5 457 90$:      SETBIT JBC_V_MBREADREQ,- : SET FLAG TO INDICATE READ NEEDS
01C5 458      JCD_V_FLAGS(R11) : TO BE ISSUED
05  0109 459 99$:      RS9 : ALL DONE
01DA 460

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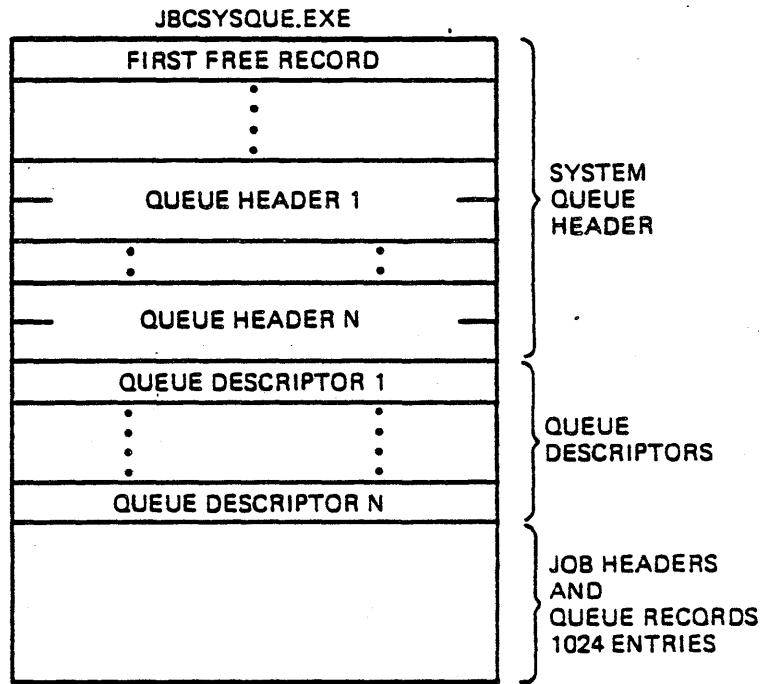
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Figure 4-7 Job Controller Data Block

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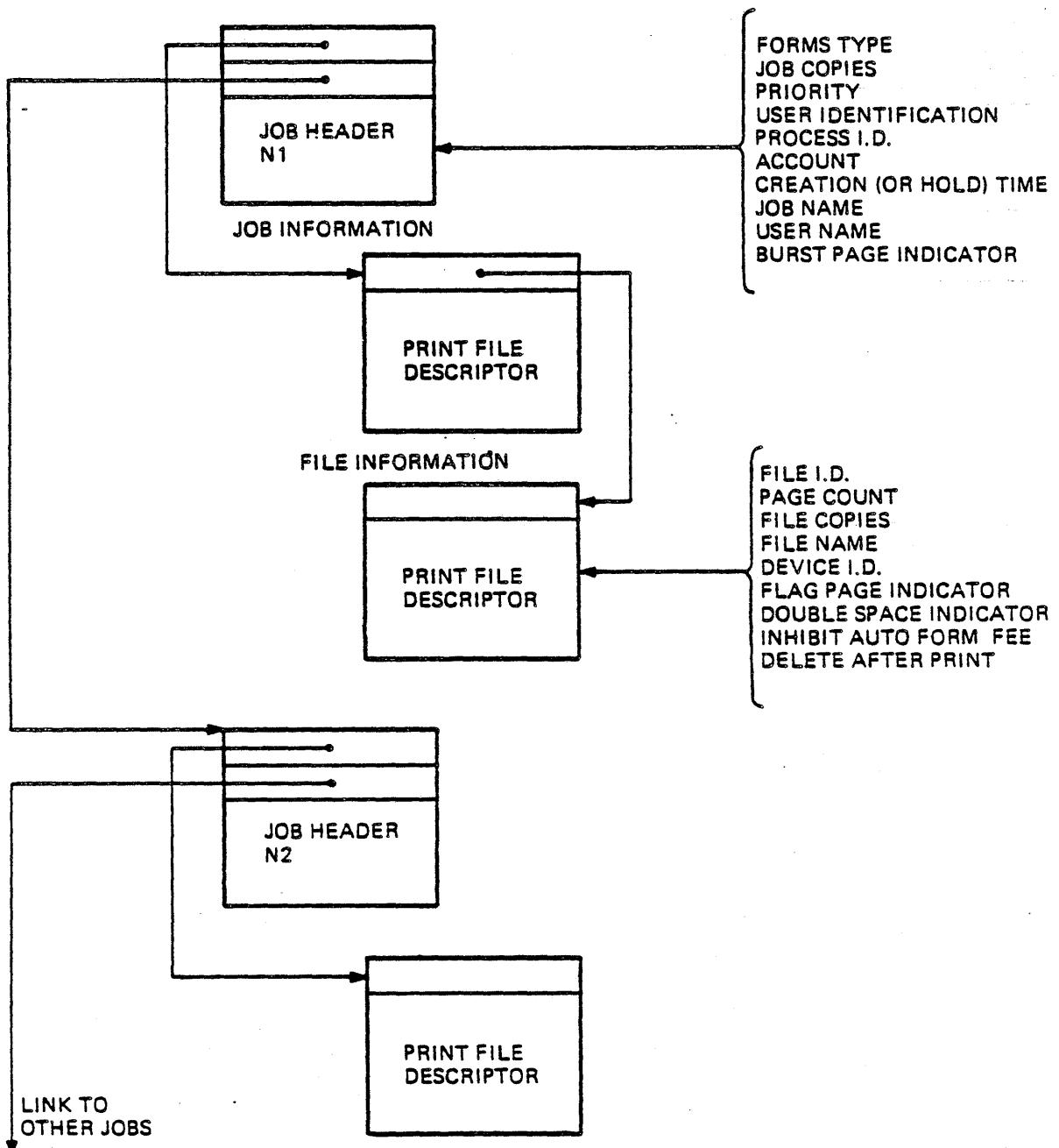


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Figure 4-8 File Format for JBCSYSQUE.EXE

- System Queue Header (SQH)
- Symbiont Manager Queue Descriptors (SMQ)
- Symbiont Job Header (SJH)
- Symbiont Queue Record (SQR)

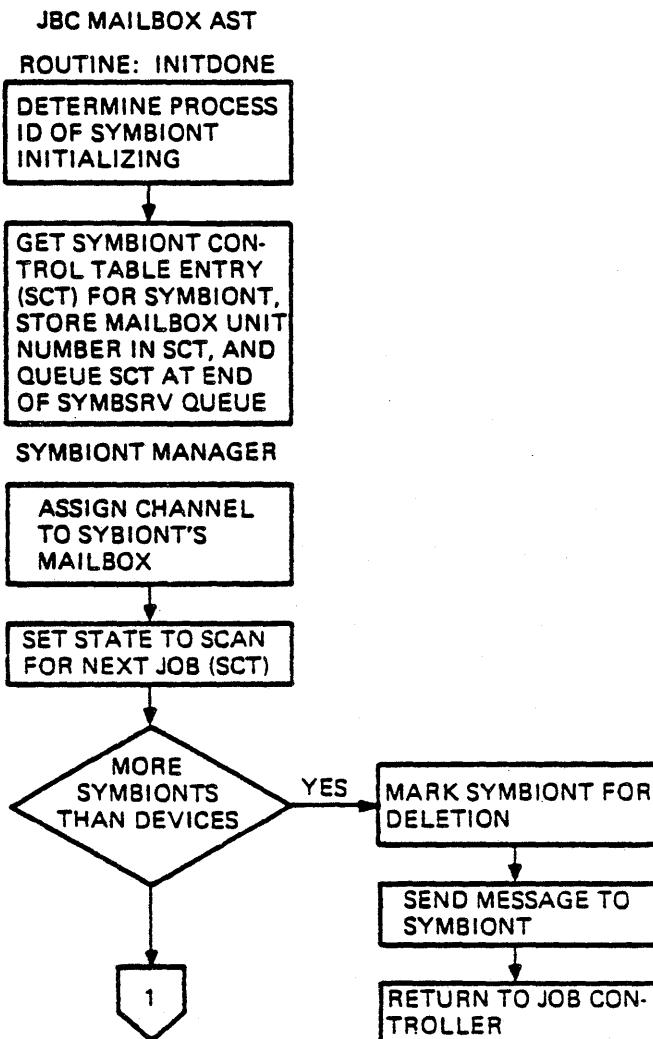
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Figure 4-9 Print Job Structure

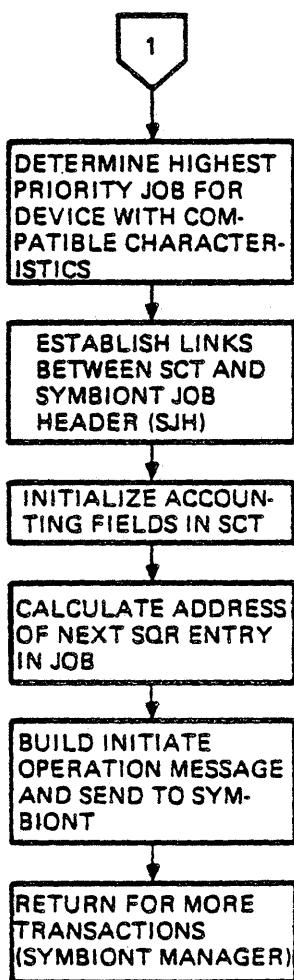
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Figure 4-10 Assign Job to Symbiont

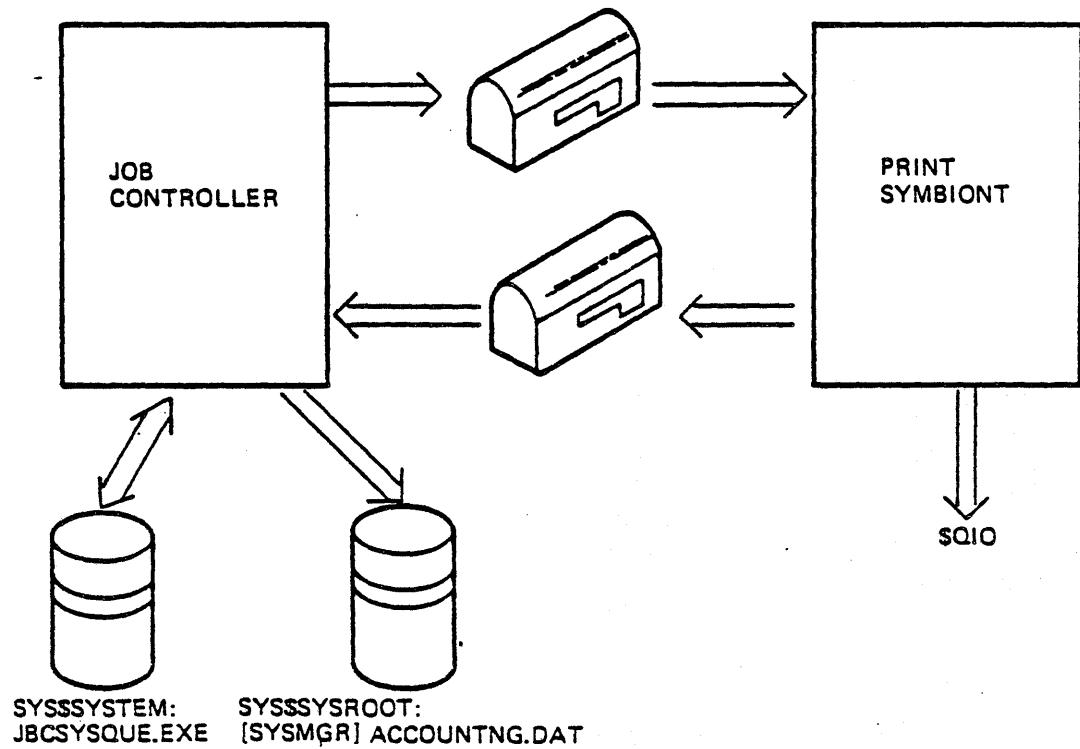
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Figure 4-11 Assign Job to Symbiont

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Figure 4-12 Job Controller vs Symbionts

- Job Controller
  - Accounting Manager
  - Queue Manager
  - Symbiont Manager
- Symbionts
  - Subprocess
  - Communication via mailboxes
  - Print symbionts 'formats' print jobs
  - Default print symbiont is SYSSYSTEM:PRTSMB.EXE

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- Symbiont Creation

- INITIALIZE/QUEUE

- Creates the queue descriptor

- Inserts the queue options

- START/QUEUE

- Increments count of print queues

- Creates a symbiont table entry

- Creates symbiont (\$CREPRC)

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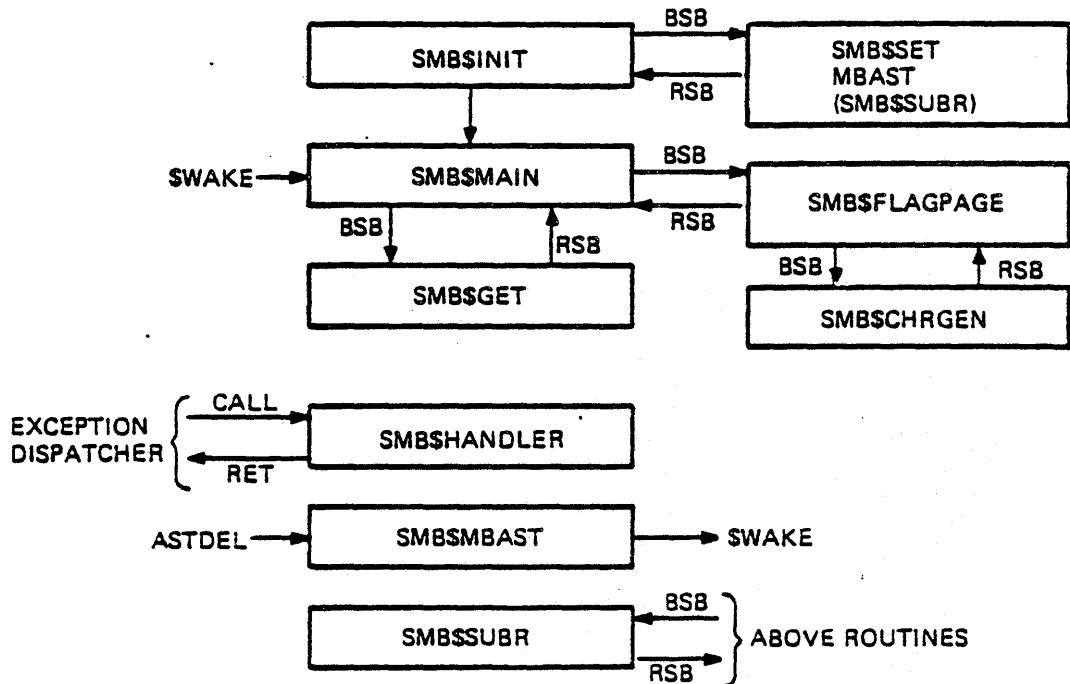
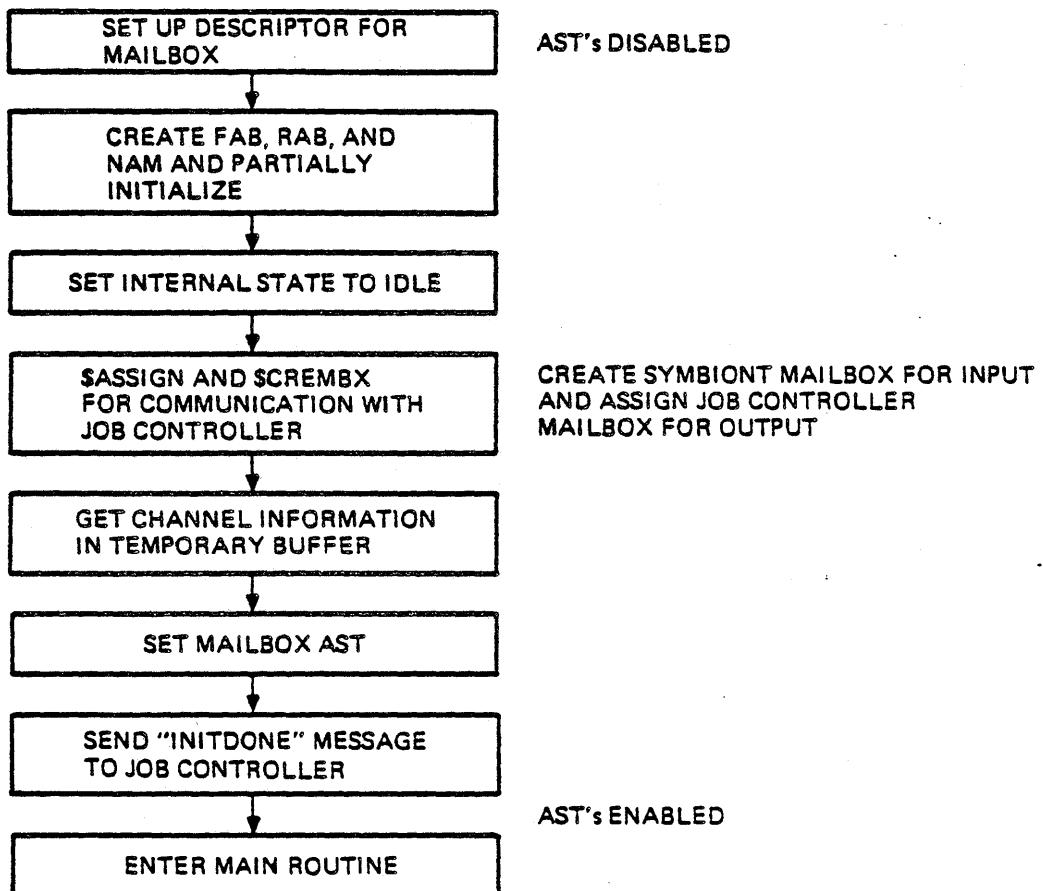


Figure 4-13 Symbiont Code Flow

- Initialization
  - Main Routine Loop
  - Condition Handler
  - Flag page and character generator

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Figure 4-14 Initialization Activity

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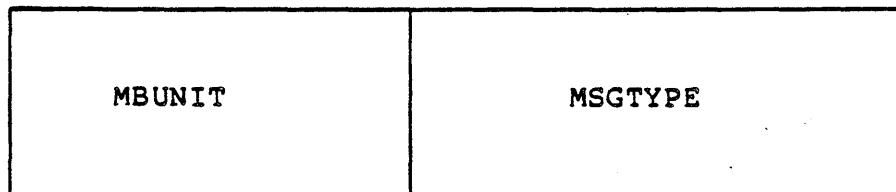


Figure 4-15 INITDONE Message to Job Controller

MBUNIT      (Mailbox unit number from \$GETCHN service for symbiont mailbox)

MSGTYPE      (=8 = INITDONE) (MSG\$SMBINI)

**Note:**

Initialization activity (output symbiont)  
Executed once during life of symbiont

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### Listing 4-3 Initialization Code (page 1 of 4)

SMBINIT  
V03-000

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- SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION          3-JUN-1982 18:55:52 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
DECLARATIONS           12-MAR-1982 16:05:50 _0880:EPRTSM8.SRCJSMBINIT.MA

0000  51      .SSTTL DECLARATIONS
0000  52
0000  53      PURE_SECTION NAME=SMB_INITCODE
0000  54
0000  55 :
0000  56 : INCLUDE FILES:
0000  57 :
0000  58 :     EPRTSM8.SRCJSMBPRE.MAR
0000  59
0000  60 :
0000  61 : MACROS:
0000  62 :
0000  63
0000  64 :
0000  65 : EQUATED SYMBOLS:
0000  66 :
0000  67      SJSCMSGDEF          ;JOB CONTROLLER MESSAGES
0000  68
0000  69 :
0000  70 : OWN STORAGE:
0000  71 :
0000  72
0000  73 JSCMAILBOX:          ;NAME FOR JOB CONTROLLER MAILBOX
00000006" 0000  74      .LONG  20$-10$
00000009" 0104  75      .LONG  10$
      SF 0003  76 10$:   .ASCII  /_/
00000000" 0009  77      .LONG  STSSC_JOBCTLMS
      3A 0000  78      .ASCII  /:/_
0000  79 20$:
0000  80
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### Listing 4-3 Initialization Code (page 2 of 4)

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- SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION          3-JUN-1982 18:55:52 VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page   3
SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION ROUTINE    12-MAR-1982 16:05:50 _0880:CPRTSMB.SRCJSMBINIT.MAR:1 (1)

000E     82       .SSTTL SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION ROUTINE
000E     83 :++:
000E     84 : FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
000E     85 :
000E     86 : THIS ROUTINE PERFORMS ALL ONE TIME FUNCTIONS FOR THE
000E     87 : PRINT SYMBIONT.
000E     88 :
000E     89 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
000E     90 :
000E     91 :     MAIN ENTRY POINT OF SYMBIONT
000E     92 :
000E     93 : INPUT PARAMETERS:
000E     94 :
000E     95 :     NONE
000E     96 :
000E     97 : IMPLICIT INPUTS:
000E     98 :
000E     99 :     NONE
000E    100 :
000E    101 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:
000E    102 :
000E    103 :     R11 CONTAINS THE ADDRESS OF THE IMPURE DATA BLOCK
000E    104 :     INTT DONE MESSAGE SENT TO SYMBIONT MANAGER
000E    105 :
000E    106 : IMPLICIT OUTPUTS:
000E    107 :
000E    108 :     CHANNEL ASSIGNED TO SYMBIONT MANAGER MAILBOX
000E    109 :     MAILBOX CREATED FOR RECEIPT OF MANAGER MESSAGES
000E    110 :
000E    111 : COMPLETION CODES:
000E    112 :
000E    113 :     NONE
000E    114 :
000E    115 : SIDE EFFECTS:
000E    116 :
000E    117 :     THIS ROUTINE DISPATCHES DIRECTLY TO THE SYMBIONT IDLE LOOP
000E    118 :
000E    119 :--
000E    120 :
000E    121 :
000E    122 :
000E    123 SMB_START:                      ;SYMBIONT INITIAL ENTRY
000E    124     WORD  0                   ;ENTRY MASK
0010    125 :
SC  00007CF  DE 0012    126     MOVAL  W=SMB$HANDLER,(FP)    ;SET CONDITION HANDLER ADDRESS
0015    127 :
0015    128 :
0015    129 :     DISABLE ASTS UNTIL MESSAGE IS SENT
0015    130 :
0015    131 :
0015    132     SSETAST_S    #0           ;DISABLE ASTS
0015    133 :
SP  00007CF  DE 0015    134     MOVAL  W=SMB$G_DATA,R11    ;SET ADDR OF IMPURE DATA BLOCK
0023    125 :
0023    135 :
0023    136 :     RUN-TIME INITIALIZATION OF DATA FIELDS
0023    137 :
0023    138 :

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## Listing 4-3 Initialization Code (page 3 of 4)

SMBINIT	- SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION										3-JUN-1982 18:55:52 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	
V03-000	SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION ROUTINE										12-MAR-1982 16:05:50 _D880:CPRTSMB.SRCJSMBINIT.MAI	
03 48 0070 8F 90 0023 139												
27 48 0200 8F 90 0029 140	MOVM	#SIMSK_SIZE,SD_W_M8READLEN(R11) ;SET INITIAL M8 READ LENGTH										
29 48 0200 8F 90 002F 141												
29 48 0200 8F 90 002F 142	MOVM	#SMBSK_TBUFSIZ,SD_W_TBUFCNT(R11) ;SET LENGTH OF TEMP BUFFER										
29 48 0200 8F 90 002F 143	MOVM	#SMBSK_TBUFSIZ,SD_W_TBUFSIZ(R11) ;SET LENGTH OF TEMP BUFFER										
29 48 01F2 C8 0E 0035 144	MOVAL	SD_T_TBUF(R11),SD_A_TBUFAADR(R11) ;SET ADDRESS OF TEMP BUFF										
56 00F3 C8 0E 0039 145												
56 00F3 C8 0E 0039 146	MOVAL	SD_G_FAB(R11),R6 ;GET ADDRESS OF FAB										
57 0148 C8 05 0040 147	MOVAL	SD_G_RAB(R11),R7 ;GET ADDRESS OF RAB										
58 018C C8 0E 0045 148	MOVAL	SD_G_NAM(R11),R8 ;GET ADDRESS OF NAM BLK										
58 0044 149												
58 0044 150	ASSUME	FABSS_BID+1 EQ FABSS_BLN										
58 5003 8F 80 006A 151	MOVM	#FABSC_BID<FA8SC_BLN#2>,FABSS_BID(R6) ;CREATE FAB										
58 006E 152	ASSUME	RASSB_BID+1 EQ RASSB_BLN										
57 4401 8F 90 006F 153	MOVM	#RABSC_BID<RA8SC_BLN#2>,RABSS_BID(R7) ;CREATE RAB										
58 6002 8F 80 0054 154	ASSUME	NAMSS_BID+1 EQ NAMSS_BLN										
58 6002 8F 80 0054 155	MOVM	#NANSC_BID<NA8SC_BLN#2>,NANSS_BID(R8) ;CREATE NAM BLK										
28 46 53 00 0059 156	MOVL	R8,FABSL_NAM(R6) ;SET NAME BLOCK ADDRESS IN FAB										
3C A7 56 00 0050 157	MOVL	R6,RABSL_FAB(R7) ;SET FAB ADDRESS IN RAB										
20 A7 0200 8F 80 0061 158	MOVM	#SMBSK_LBUFSIZ,RABSM_USZ(R7) ;SET RECORD BUFFER SIZE										
20 A7 0067 159	SETBIT	RABSY_RAM,RABSL_ROP(R7) ;USE READ-AHEAD										
006C 63 0C 94 006C 160	MOVZBL	#QIOS_WARGS,SD_G_QIOBLK(R11) ;SET QIO BLOCK LENGTH										
0000 C8 0000 8F 3C 0071 161	MOVZWL	SD_G_WRITEBLK,SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_FUNC(R11) ;SET I/O FUNCTION										
02 48 84 0072 162	CLRM	SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) ;CLEAR BOTH SETS OF FLAGS										
0632 C8 01A2 C8 05 0073 163	MOVAL	SD_T_LBUF(R11),SD_G_SUPPNT(R11) ;SET FIRST ADDRESS										
0634 C8 0632 C8 05 0082 164	MOVAL	SD_T_LBUF1(R11),SD_G_BUFFPNT+4(R11) ;SET SECOND ADDRESS										
0089 165												
0089 166	ASSUME	STATES_IDLE EQ 0										
0089 167												
0089 168												
04 48 94 0089 169	CLRB	SD_B_STATE(R11) ;SET INITIAL STATE TO IDLE										
008C 170												
008C 171												
008C 172 :												
008C 173 : ASSIGN THE SYMBIONT MANAGERS MAILBOX												
008C 174 :												
008C 175												
008C 176 :ASSIGN_S JBCMAILBOX,-		:ASSIGN CHANNEL TO THE JOB CONTROL										
008C 177 SD_W_JBCCHAN(R11)		:MAILBOX=CHANNEL NUMBER STORED HERE										
11 50 E9 009C 178	BLBS	R0,108 ;BR IF NO ERROR										
009F 179 SIGNAL JBCS_MBASGN,R0,R0		;SIGNAL THE ERROR										
33 11 00AE 180	BRB	203 ;EXIT										
0080 181												
0080 182 :												
0080 183 : CREATE SYMBIONT'S MAILBOX												
0080 184 :												
0080 185												
0080 186 10\$: SCREMBX_S -		;CREATE A MAIL BOX FOR COMMANDS										
0080 187 PROMSK = \$X0FF0F,-		;PROTECTION										
0080 188 MAXMSG = #SIMSK_SIZE,-		;MAXIMUM MESSAGE SIZE										
0080 189 BUFOUD = #2*SIMSK_SIZE,-		;2 MESSAGES MAX										
0080 190 CHAN = SD_W_MBCHAN(R11)		;CHANNEL OF CREATED MAILBOX GO										
0080 191												
19 50 E8 C0D1 192	BLBS	R0,30\$ ;BR IF NO ERROR										
00E3 193 SIGNAL JBCS_SYMBCRE,R0,R0		;SIGNAL THE ERROR										
00E3 194 20\$: SEXIT_S		;FORCE IMAGE EXIT										
00EC 195												

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**Listing 4-3 Initialization Code (page 4 of 4)**

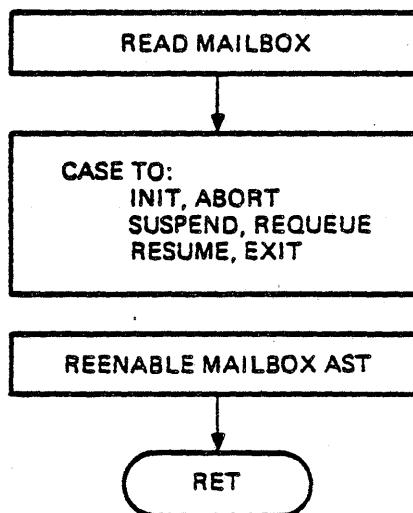
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IT      - SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION          3-JUN-1982 18:55:52 VAX-11 Macro V03-00    Page   5
00      SYMBIONT INITIALIZATION ROUTINE  12-MAR-1982 16:05:50 _0890:CPRTSM8.SRCJSMBINIT.MAC:1 (1)

        00EC  196 : 
        00EC  197 : SET MAILBOX CHANNEL INFO
        00EC  198 : 
        00EC  199 : 
        00EC  200 30$: 
      50  68  08  00EC  201      MOVAL  SD_W_MBCHAN(R11),R0  ;SET ADDR OF CHANNEL
      FF0E* 30  00E8  202      BSWH  SMB$GETCHAN           ;GET CHANNEL INFO
      00F2  203 : 
      00F2  204 : 
      00F2  205 : SET UNSOLICITED AST FOR MY MAILBOX
      00F2  206 : 
      00F2  207 : 
      *PCB*  30  00F2  208      BSWH  SMB$SETMBAST           ;SET THE MAILBOX AST
      50  C1FE C8  80  00F5  209      MOVM  SD_T_TSUF+12(R11),R0  ;SET MAILBOX UNIT NUMBER FOR INIT MSG
      39  A3  50  00FA  210      MOVM  R0,SD_W_MBUNIT(R11)  ;SAVE UNIT FOR SOELMBX
      *PERF* 30  00FE  211      BSWH  SMB$INIT_DONE           ;SEND MGR THE INIT DONE MESSAGE
      0101  212 : 
      0101  213 : 
      0101  214 : ENABLE ASTS NOW
      0101  215 : 
      0101  216 : 
      0101  217      BSETAST_S  #1  ;ENABLE ASTS
      0104  218 : 
      FEB#3* 21  C10A  219      BRW    SMB$MAIN             ;GOTO MAIN LOOP
      01C9  220 : 
      01C9  221      END    SMB_START

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Figure 4-16 Mailbox AST Code Flow

Init	Abort/Requeue	Suspend	Resume	Exit
Assigns Device	\$Cancel I/O	Set state suspend	Restore state	\$Exit_s
Get Channel Info		Read MB		
\$OPEN \$CONNECT				
Set wake bit \$WAKE				

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### Listing 4-4 Mailbox Ast (page 1 of 8)

- SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE DECLARATIONS 3-JUN-1982 18:57:33 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
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0000 79      .SSTTL DECLARATIONS
0000 71
0000 72
0000 73 :
0000 74 : INCLUDE FILES:
0000 75 :
0000 76 : CPRTSM8.SRCJSMBPRE.MAR
0000 77
0000 78 :
0000 80 : MACROS:
0000 81 :
0000 82
0000 83
0000 84 :
0000 85 : EQUATED SYMBOLS:
0000 86 :
0000 87      SPCBDEF          : PROCESS CONTROL BLOCK OFFSETS
0000 88      SJSCWMSGDEF    : JOB CONTROLLER MESSAGES
0000 89      ISHROEF          : SHARED MESSAGES
0000 90 :
0000 91 : OWN STORAGE:
0000 92 :
0000 93
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### Listing 4-4 Mailbox Ast (page 2 of 8)

SMBAST  
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- SYMBIOT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 18:57:33 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
MAILBOX AST CODE           12-MAR-1982 16:06:07 _0880:EPRTSMSB.SRCJSMBAST.MI

      0000    95      .S9TTL MAILBOX AST CODE
      0000    96 :++
      0000    97 : "FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
      0000    98 :
      0000    99 :
      0000   100 : CALLING SEQUENCE:
      0000   101 :
      0000   102 : CALLED AT AST LEVEL WHEN SOMETHING IS PUT IN THE MAILBOX
      0000   103 :
      0000   104 : INPUT PARAMETERS:
      0000   105 :
      0000   106 : NONE
      0000   107 :
      0000   108 : IMPLICIT INPUTS:
      0000   109 :
      0000   110 : MESSAGE IN THE MAILBOX
      0000   111 :
      0000   112 :
      0000   113 : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:
      0000   114 :
      0000   115 : NONE
      0000   116 :
      0000   117 : IMPLICIT OUTPUTS:
      0000   118 :
      0000   119 : SEE EACH MSG HANDLER
      0000   120 :
      0000   121 : COMPLETION CODES:
      0000   122 :
      0000   123 : NONE
      0000   124 :
      0000   125 : SIDE EFFECTS:
      0000   126 :
      0000   127 : NONE
      0000   128 :
      0000   129 ;--+
      0000   130 :
      0000   131 : PURE_SECTION
      0000   132 :
      0000   133 :
      0000   134 : SMBAST:
      0000   135 : WORD ^MCR2,R3,R4,R5,R9,R10,R11> IENTRY MASK
      0000   136 : MOVAL W=SMBMSG_DATA,R11 ;SET IMPURE DATA BLOCK
      0000   137 : MOVZSL SD_B_STATE(R11),R10 ;GET CURRENT STATE
      0000   138 READ_MS AGAIN:
      0000   139 CMPS #STATES_ASNOEV,R10 ;TRYING TO ASSIGN THE PRINTER
      0000   140 SNEQ 10$ ;BR IF NO
      0000   141 BSBR ASNOEV ;TRY IT AGAIN
      0000   142 10$: BSBR READ_MS_NOW ;READ THE MAILBOX
      0000   143 BLBS R0,CHK_MSREAD ;BR IF OK
      0000   144 :
      0000   145 : RE-ENABLE AST
      0000   146 :
      0000   147 :
      0000   148 : SBRW SMBSETMBAST ;REENABLE THE AST
      0000   149 : MOVE R10,SD_B_STATE(R11) ;SET CURRENT STATE
      0000   150 : RET ;EXIT THE AST
      0000   151 :

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- SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 18:57:33  VAX-11 Macro V03-00      Page   5
MAIL-CX AST CODE           12-MAR-1982 16:06:07  _0890:[PRTSMB.SRC]SHMBAST.MAR;1 (1)

0021  152 :
0021  153 : CASE TO CORRECT MESSAGE HANDLER
0021  154 :
0021  155 :
0021  156 CHR_NBREAD:
ET AF  9# 0021  157     PUSHAB  READ_MS AGAIN      : SET NORMAL RETURN ADDRESS
0024  158     CASE SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMSW_MSGTYP(R11),- :DISPATCH TO MESSAGE HANDLER
0024  159             <INIT>,-      :INITIATE PRINT
0024  160             <ABORT>,-    :ABORT PRINT
0024  161             <SUSPEND>,-  :SUSPEND PRINTING
0024  162             <RESUME>,-  :RESUME PRINTING
0024  163             <EXIT>,-    :SYMBIONT EXIT
0024  164             <ABORT>,-    :SYMBIONT REQUEING FILE
0024  165             >LIMIT=<MSG3_INIDPR :START AT FIRST MESSAGE
0025  166     SIGNAL JBCS_INVMSG      :SIGNAL THE ERROR
C9  11  0040  167     BR9  READ_MS AGAIN      :READ MAILBOX AGAIN
0042  168 :
0042  169 UNEXPECT:
0042  170     SIGNAL JBCS_UNESYMSG      :UNEXPECTED SYMBIONT MANAGER MSG
0042  171     BR9  READ_MS AGAIN      :SIGNAL THE ERROR
004#  172 :

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## Listing 4-4 Mailbox Ast (page 4 of 8)

BMAST  
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= SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE  
MESSAGE HANDLER - RESUME

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    004E 174      .S9TTL MESSAGE HANDLER - RESUME
    004E 175
    004F 176 :
    004F 177 : RESUME PRINTING
    004F 178 :
    004F 179
    004F 180      .ENABL LSB
    004F 181
    004F 182 RESUME:
SA   05   91 004F 183      CMPB #STATES_EOF_CLOS,R10  ;ARE WE DONE
6F   13 0052 184      SEQL 308  ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
SA   95 0054 185      TSTS R10  ;ARE WE IDLE
62   13 0055 186      SEQL 308  ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
5A   06   91 0059 187      CMPB #STATES_SUSPEND,R10  ;ARE WE SUSPENDED
55   12 0058 188      SNEQ UNEXPECT  ;BR IF NO
5A   59 0050 189      MOVZL R9,R10  ;RESTORE PREVIOUS STATE
50   55 A9 0060 190      MOVM SD_T_MSGDATA+SINSH_REST(R11),R0 ;GET INDICATOR
50   13 0064 191      SEQL 308  ;BR IF NO INDICATOR - JUST RESUME
0065
0065 192
0065 193 :
0065 194 : BACKWARD SPACE FILE
0065 195 :
0065 196
5A   03   91 0066 197      CMPB #STATES_FLAGPAGE,R10  ;PRINTING FLAG PAGE
58   13 0069 198      SEQL 308  ;BR IF YES - GET OUT
50   2000 3F 0069 199      CRPW $X8000,R0  ;IS IT TOP OF FILE
10   12 0070 200      SNEQ 108  ;BR IF NO
0072 201 7$:
C072 202      $REWIND SD_G_RAB(R11)  ;REWIND THE FILE
39 50 E9 0073 203      BLSS R0,208  ;BR IF OK
1F   11 0080 204
0082 205 10$:
49 12 05 0082 206      TSTL SD_Q_TOP_FORMS(R11)  ;DO WE HAVE A TOP OF FORMS YET
E9   13 0085 207      SEQL 78  ;BR IF NO - REWIND
69 43 06 23 0087 209      MOVC3 #6,SD_Q_TOP_FORMS(R11),-
0158 C2 0088 209      SD_G_RAB+RABSM_RFA(R11) ;SET RFA OF LAST FORM FEED
0166 C3 02 90 008E 210      MOVB #RABSC_RFA,SD_G_RAB+RABSS_RAC(R11) ;SET RFA MODE
0093 211      SFIND RAB=SD_G_RAB(R11)  ;FIND THE FORM FEED RECORD
14 50 E9 0095 212      BLSS R0,158  ;BR IF SFIND OK
0042 213 12$:      SETBIT SD_V_GETERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) ;SET GET ERROR
0045 214      SIGNAL SHRS_RMSError(<4316>),R0,R0 ;SIGNAL THE ERROR
0086 215      RSB :
0085 216
0085 217      ASSUME RA99C_SEQ EQ 0
0085 218
0085 219 15$:
0165 C8 94 0085 220      CLR8 SD_G_RAB+RABSS_RAC(R11) ;SET ACCESS BACK TO SEQUENTIAL
C089 221 20$:
43 A3 64 A3 01 81 0089 222      40083 #1,SD_B_MAXLTP(R11),SD_B_LTPCNT(R11) ;FORCE FORM FEED IF NE
008E 223      SETBIT SD_V_FFREQ,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) ;SET FF REQUIRED BIT
00C3 224 30$:
00C4 225
00C4 226      .DSABL LSB
00C4 227
00C4 228      .DSABL LSS

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**Listing 4-4 Mailbox Ast (page 5 of 8)**

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- SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 18:57:33   VAX-II Macro V03-00      Page    7
MESSAGE MANAGER - RESUME             12-MAR-1982 16:06:07  _0880:EPRTSMB.SRCJSHMBAST.MAR;1 (1)

03C4  230     .ENABL LSB
03C4  231
03C4  232 SUSPEND:
- 54  05  91  C0C4  233    CMPB   $STATES_EOP_CLOS,R10  ;ARE WE DONE
16  13  00C7  234    BEQL   20$    ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
5A  95  00C9  235    TSTB   R10   ;ARE WE IDLE
12  13  00C3  236    BEQL   20$    ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
53  5A  94  00C3  237    MOVZL  R10,R9  ;SAVE CURRENT STATE FOR RESUME
53  06  94  00C7  238    MOVZWL $STATES_SUSPEND,R10  ;SET SUSPEND STATE
50  0000*9F  3C  00C3  239    MOVZWL $IDS_READVBLK,R0  ;SET FUNCTION CODE
09  10  00C9  240    BSBB   READ_MS  ;READ THE MAILBOX
SE  FF63 CF  9E  C0C1  241  CKHM91: MOVA8  CKR_MBREAD,(SP)  ; SET NEW RETURN ADDRESS
05  00D$  242  20$:  PSB
C0E9  243
00E9  244     .DSABL LSB
00E9  245
00E9  246 :
C0E9  247 : LOCAL SUBROUTINE TO READ THE MAILBOX
00E9  248 :
00E9  249 : INPUT - AT READ_MS WITH R0 = FUNCTION CODE
C0E9  250 :
C0E9  251     .ENABL LSB
00E9  252 READ_MS_NOW:           ; ENTER FOR READ-NOW
      MOVZWL $IDS_READVBLK10SM_NOW,R0 ; SET FUNCTION OF READ WITH NO WAIT
00E9  253
00E9  254 READ_MS:
51  7E  7E  C0E5  255    MOVAQ  -(SP),R1  ;CREATE SPACE FOR IOSS
00E5  256    SOTOW_S  -  ;READ THE MAILBOX
00E5  257    EF4=4SH89K_NSEFN,- ;EVENT FLAG
00E5  258    CHAN=$D_W_MBCHAN(R11),- ;MAILBOX CHANNEL
00E5  259    FUNC=R0,- ;FUNCTION
00E5  260    IOSS=(R1),- ;I/O STATUS BLOCK
00E5  261    P1=$D_T_MSGDATA(R11),- ;DATA BUFFER ADDRESS
00E5  262    P2=$D_W_MBREADLEN(R11) ;READ SIZE
00E5  263    MOVQ  (SP)+,R0  ;GET I/O STATUS
05  0105  264  10$:  RSS

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**Listing 4-4 Mailbox Ast (page 6 of 8)**

\* SYMBOLIC MAILBOX AST ROUTINE  
 MESSAGE HANDLER - INITIATE PRINT      3-JUN-1982 18:57:33 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
 MESSAGE HANDLER - INITIATE PRINT      12-MAR-1982 16:06:07 \_0880:CPRTSM8.SRCJSM8MBAST.MAI

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0109 266 .S9TTL MESSAGE HANDLER - INITIATE PRINT
0109 267
0109 268 :
0109 269 : INITIATE PRINT
0109 270 :
0109 271
0109 272 .ENABL LSB
0109 273 55: .LONG <-150000000>,-1 : WAIT FIVE SECONDS
0111 274
0111 275 INIT:
0111 276
0111 277 ASSUME STATES_IDLE EQ 0
0111 278
95 0111 279 TSTB R10 :ARE WE IDLE
13 0113 280 BEQL 10$ :BR IF YES
31 0115 281 BRW UNEXPECT :UNEXPECTED MESSAGE
0119 282 10$:
9A 0119 283 MOVZBL #STATES_ASNDEV,R10 :SET ASSIGNING DEVICE STATE
80 0119 284 ASNDEV: MOVM #4,_SD_V_MBRADLEN(R11) :SET READ LENGTH TO MINIMUM
9E 011F 285 12$: MOVA8 SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMST_PRTHNAME(R11),R0 :POINT AT DEVICE NAME
3E 0124 286 MOVA8 SD_G_QIOBLK+QIDS_CHAN(R11),R1 :ADDRESS OF WORD TO STORE CHAN
30 0129 287 BSBW SMBSASSIGNDEV :ASSIGN THE PRINTER
E9 012C 288 BLBS R0,17$ :BR IF ALL IS WELL
10 012F 289 BSBB READ_MS_NOW :SEE IF THERE IS ANY MAIL
E9 0131 290 BLBS R0,CHKMS1 :BR IF YES-CHECK OUT THE MESSAGE
0134 291 SSETMR_S #SMBSK_TIMEFN,5$ :SET TIME FOR A LITTLE WHILE
0144 292 SWATTER_S #SMBSK_TIMEFN
11 0140 293 BRG 12$ :TRY TO ASSIGN THE PRINTER
D6 014F 294 17$: INCL R10 :CHANGE STATE TO OPEN
DE 0151 295 MOVAL SD_G_QIOBLK+QIDS_CHAN(R11),R0 :GET ADDR OF CHANNEL
30 0156 296 BSBW SMBSGETCHAN :GET LP CHANNEL INFO
33 0159 297 CYTB8 SD_T_TBUF+6(R11),SD_B_PAGEWIDTH(R11) :SET PAGE WIDTH
93 015F 298 MOVB SD_T_TBUF+11(R11),SD_B_PAGELEN(R11) :SET PAGE LENGTH
12 0165 299 BMEQ 35$ :BR IF NOT ZERO
96 0167 300 INC8 SD_B_PAGELEN(R11) :MAKE EQUAL TO 1
83 0164 301 35$: SUBB3 #4,_SD_T_TBUF+11(R11),-
016F 302 SD_B_MAXLTPC(R11) :SET MAX LINES THIS PAGE
04 0171 303 CLR.L SD_L_GETCNT(R11) :INIT GET COUNT
04 0174 304 CLR.L SD_L_QIOCNT(R11) :INIT QIO COUNT
04 0177 305 CLR.L SD_L_LINECNT(R11) :INIT LINE COUNT
017A 306
017A 307 ASSUME NAMSW_FID EQ NAMST_DVI+16
017A 308 ASSUME NAMSW_DID EQ NAMSW_FID+6
017A 309
28 0174 310 MOVC3 $16+6+6,_SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMST_VOLNAME(R11),- :SET DEVICE, -
017E 311 SD_G_NAM+NAMST_DVI(R11) :FILE AND DIRECTORY ID'S
0181 312 SGETTIME_S SD_Q_PTIME(R11) :GET TIME FILE WAS PRINTED
94 0183 313 MOVZBL SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMST_FILENO(R11),- :CREATE FILENAME DESC
018F 314 SD_Q_FILENAME(R11)
9E 0192 315 MOVA8 SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMST_FILENO+1(R11),-
0196 316 SD_Q_FILENAME+4(R11)
30 0199 317 BSBW SMBSSETUIC :SET UIC TO REQUESTORS
D0 019C 318 MOVL #FABSM_NAM,_SD_G_FAB+FABSL_FOP(R11) :OPEN BY FILE ID
01A5 319 SD_G_FAB(R11) :OPEN THE FILE
01A5 320 SOPEN SD_G_FAB(R11) :OPEN THE FILE
0180 321 BLBS R0,20$ :BR IF OK
0183 322 18$:

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IT - SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE      3-JUN-1982 18:57:33 VAX-11 Macro V03-00    Page 9
MESSAGE HANDLER - INITIATE PRINT      12-MAR-1982 16:06:07 _DB80:CPRTSM8.SRCJSM8MBAST.MAR:1 (1)

      0183 323      SETBIT SD_V_OPENERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) ;SET OPEN ERROR
SA 05 94 01E7 324      MOVZBL #STATES_EOF_CLOS,R10 ;SET EOF_CLOSE STATE
29 11 018A 325      BRB 30$ ;GET OUT
      01EC 325 20$:      :
      01BC 327      SCONNECT RAB=SD_G_RAB(R11);CONNECT THE RAB
09 50 E9 01C7 328      BLBS R0,25$ ;BR IF OK
      01CA 329      ASSUME FABSL_STV EQ FABSL_STS+4
      01CA 330      ASSUME RABSL_STV EQ RABSL_STS+4
0150 C8 79 01CA 331      MOVO SD_G_RAB+RABSL_STS(R11),- ;SAVE ERROR STATUS VALUES
0100 C8 01CE 332      SD_G_FAB+FABSL_STS(R11)
      50 11 01D1 333      BR9 18$ ;QUIT
      01D3 334 25$:      :
0174 C8 01EC C8 95 01C3 335      MOVAS SD_T_SQBUF(R11),SD_G_RAB+RABSL_RHB(R11) ;SET HEADER BUF ADDR
0137 C9 02 91 01D4 336      CMPB #2,SD_G_FAB+FABSL_FSZ(R11) ;IS THE FSZ OK
      04 12 01DF 337      BGEQU 30$ ;BR IF YES
0174 C8 04 01E1 338      CLR1 SD_G_RAB+RABSL_RHB(R11) ;DON'T GET THE RECORD HEADER
      30 10 01E5 339 30$:      BS88 SMSSRSTUIC ; RESTORE UIC TO DEFAULT
      48 AB 04 01E7 340      CLR1 SD_G_TOP_FORMS(R11) ;SHOW NO TOP OF FORM YET FOR RESUME
0117 C9 03 91 01EA 341      CMPB #FABSC_YPC,SD_G_FAB+FABSL_RPN(R11) ;SEQUENCE NO. OR PRINT FORMAT?
      0C 12 01E6 342      SNEQ WAKUP ;BR IF NOT
06 0116 C3 02 E0 01F1 343      BBS #FABSV_PRN,SD_G_FAB+FABSL_RAT(R11),WAKUP ;BR IF PRINT FILE FORMAT
      01F7 344      CLRBIT RABSV_LOC,SD_G_RAB+RABSL_ROP(R11) ;USE MOVE MODE
01F0 345 WAKUP: SETBIT SD_V_GOOD,WARE,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) ;SET GOOD WAKE FOR MAIN CODE
      0201 346      SWAKE_S ;WAKE THE SYMBIONT
      05 020C 347      RSB : ;:
      0200 348      :
      0200 349      .DSABL LSB : ;:
      0200 350      :
      0200 351 ;+ ;SETUIC - SET UIC TO THAT OF THE REQUESTOR
      0200 352 : SETUIC - SET UIC TO THAT OF THE REQUESTOR
      0200 353 : RSTUIC - RESET UIC TO NORMAL
      0200 354 ;-
      0200 355      .ENABL LSB
00010004 0203 356 DEFUIC: .LONG <#01316406> ; DEFAULT UIC = [1,4]
      0211 357      :
      0211 358 SMSSSETUIC:: ; SET UIC TO THAT OF REQUESTOR
50 57 AB 05 0211 359      MOVAL SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMBL_UIC(R11),R0 ; UIC IS HERE
      04 11 0215 360      BRB 10$ ;:
      0217 361 SMSSRSTUIC:: ; RESTORE UIC
50 F3 AF 9E 0217 362      MOVAS DEFUIC,R0 ; DEFAULT UIC
      0219 363 10$: SCMRKRL_S B^100$,R0 ; EXECUTE KERNL MODE ROUTINE
      05 0227 364      RSB : ;:
      0228 365      :
      0229 366 : ;:
      0229 367 : KERNAL ACCESS MODE ROUTINE TO SET SYMBIONT UIC
      0229 368 : ;:
      0000 0229 369 100$: .WORD 0 ; ENTRY
50 00000000'9F 00 022A 370      MOVL #SCMSHGL_CURPCB,R0 ; GET CURRENT PROCESS CONTROL BLOCK
      3098 C0 6C 00 0231 371      MOVL (AP),PCBSL_UIC(R0) ; SET THE UIC
      50 05 0236 372      INCL R0 ; MAKE AN ODD VALUE
      04 0239 373      RET : ;:
      0239 374      :
      0239 375      .DSABL LSB

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#MBAST  
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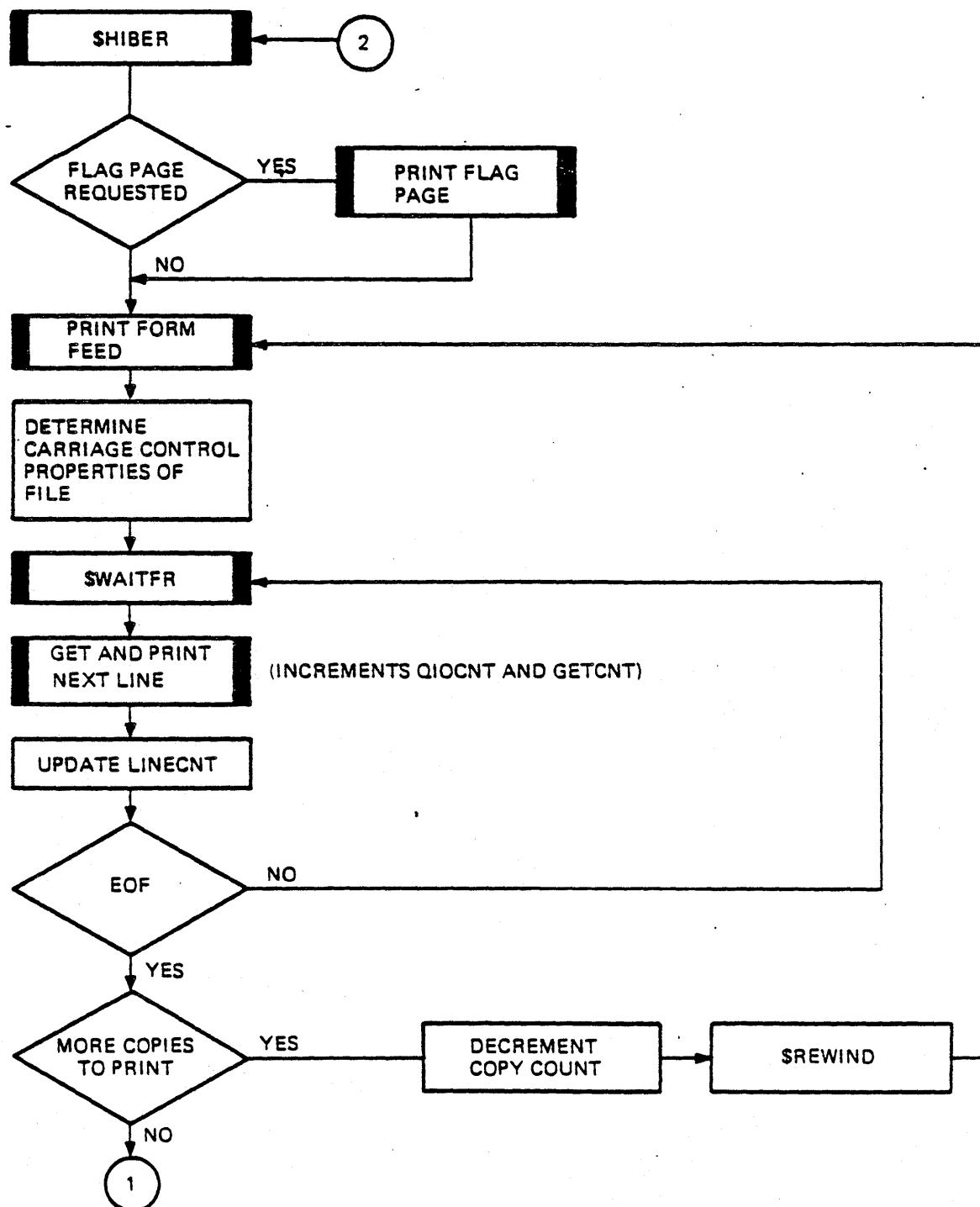
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- SYMBIONT MAILBOX AST ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 18:57:33 VAX-11 Macro V03-00
MESSAGE HANDLER - ABORT AND EXIT        12-MAR-1982 16:06:07 _0880:EPRTSMB.SRCJSMBAST.

      0239  377      .SBTTL MESSAGE HANDLER - ABORT AND EXIT
      0239  378 :
      0239  379 : ABORT PRINT
      0239  380 :
      0239  381
      0239  382      .ENABL LSB
      0239  383
      0239  384 ABORT:
SA 05  91 0239  385      CMPB #STATES_EOF_CLOS,R10  ;ARE WE DONE
2E 13  023C  386      BEQL 30$                ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
SA 95  023E  387      TSTB R10                ;ARE WE IDLE
2A 13  0240  388      BEQL 30$                ;BR IF YES - IGNORE IT
      C242  389      SETBIT SD_V_ABORT,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) ;SET ABORT PRINT BIT
      C244  390      SCANCEL_S SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_CHAN(R11) ;CANCEL PRINTER I/O
      C246  391      CMPLW SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMSW_MSGTYPE(R11),-
      53 A8  81 0252  391      #MSGS,REQUE   ; IS THIS A REQUEUE REQUEST?
      15    0255  392      BNEQU 15$              ; IF NEQ - THEN NO
      05    12 0256  393      CLRBIT  PQRSV_DELETE,- ; YES - CLEAR DELETE BIT
      0259  394      SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMSB_FLAGS(R11) ; IN FLAGS BYTE
      54 06  91 0250  395 15$:  CMPB #STATES_SUSPEND,R10 ;WERE WE SUSPENDED
      03    12 0260  397      BNEQ  20$                ;BR IF NO
      54 09  94 0262  398      MOVZBL R9,R10                ;RESTORE PREVIOUS STATE
      SA 01  91 0265  399 20$:  CMPB #STATES_ASNDDEV,R10 ; TRYING TO ASSIGN THE PRINTER?
      C2 12 0269  400      BNEQ  30$                ; BR IF NO
      SA 04  026A  401      CLRL  R10                ; SET IDLE
      05 026C  402 30$:  RS8
      026D  403
      026D  404      .DSABL LSB
      026D  405
      026D  406 :
      026D  407 : SYMBIONT EXIT
      026D  408 :
      026D  409
      026D  410      .ENABL LSB
      026D  411
      026D  412 EXIT:
SA 0C  91 026D  413      CMPB #STATES_IDLE,R10  ;ARE WE IDLE
      03 13  0270  414      BEQL 10$                ;BR IF YES
      F0CD  31 0272  415      BRW  UNEXPECT            ;UNEXPECTED MESSAGE
      0275  416 10$:  SDASSGN_S SD_W_JBCCHAN(R11) ;DEASSIGN THE MGR'S MB
      0275  417      SLLC R0,20$                ;BR IF ERROR
      0280  418      SDASSGN_S SD_W_MBCHAN(R11) ;DEASSIGN MY MB
      0283  419
      0280  420      SLLS R0,30$                ;BR IF OK
      0290  421 20$:  SIGNAL JBCS_MDOEAS,R0,R0 ;SIGNAL THE ERROR
      0294  422 30$:  SOELMBX_S SD_W_MBUNIT(R11) ;DELETE MY MB (JUST IN CASE)
      C2AA  423      SEXIT_S
      0283  424
      0283  425      .DSABL LSB
      0283  426
      0283  427      .END

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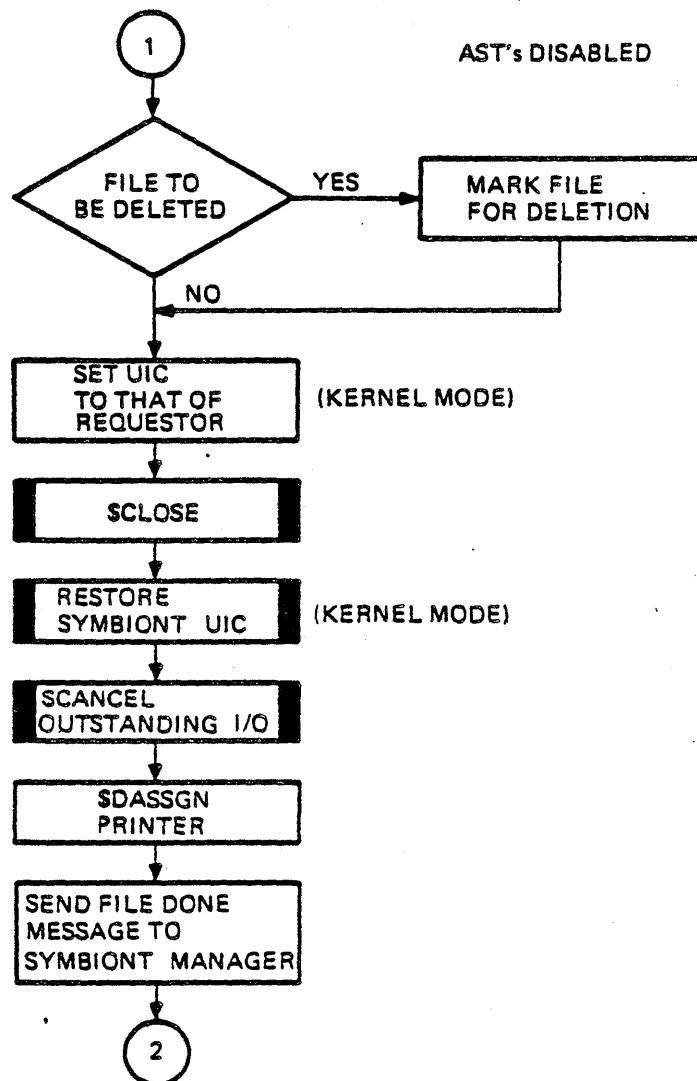
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Figure 4-17 Print Symbiont Main Loop

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Figure 4-18 Print Symbiont Main Loop

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REASON	MSGTYPE
	GETCNT
	QIOCNT
	PAGCNT
	PAGELEN

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Figure 4-19 FILE DONE Message send to Symbiont Manager

MSG TYPE=9      Symbiont Done

### Reason

- 1 Success
- 4 Aborted
- 12 Input Error
- 20 Print Error
- 28 Open Error

PAGCNT=LINECNT/PAGELEN

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### Listing 4-5 Main Loop (page 1 of 6)

MAIN  
02-001

- PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE DECLARATIONS 3-JUN-1982 18:56:35 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
24-APR-1982 18:15:36 \_DB80:CPRTSMB.SRCJSMBMAIN.MAI

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0000 59      .SBTTL DECLARATIONS
0000 59 :
0000 60 : INCLUDE FILES:
0000 61 :
0000 62 : CPRTSMB.SRCJSMBPRE.MAR
0000 63 :
0000 64 :
0000 65 : MACROS:
0000 66 :
0000 67 :
0000 68 :
0000 69 : EQUATED SYMBOLS:
0000 70 :
0000 71     SJ9CMSGDEF          ;JOB CONTROLLER MESSAGES
0000 72     S$HADEF           ;SHARED MESSAGES
0000 73 :
0000 74 :
0000 75 :
0000 76 : OWN STORAGES:
0000 77 :
0000 78 :
0000 79     IMPURE_DATA
0000 80 :
0000 81     SM3$G_DATASS        ;SYMBIONT DATA BASE
0000 82     .8LK3    SD_K_SIZE
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N
1      - PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1982 18:56:35 VAX-11 Macro V03-00    Page   3
      DECLARATIONS           24-APR-1982 18:15:36 _0880:EPRTSM8.SRCJSM8MAIN.MAR:1 (1)

      0634    86      PURE_SECTION
      0000    85  SMBSL_ADDDESC:                   ; DESCRIPTOR FOR PURGE WORKING SET
      0000    86      .LONG   0
      7FFFFFFF  0004    87      .LONG   ^X07FFFFFFF      ; PURGE ENTIRE WORKING SET
      0008    88
      0008    89      .S8TTL  PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE
      0009    90  ::=+
      0009    91  : "FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION:
      0009    92  :
      0009    93  : THIS IS THE SYMBIONT MAIN LOOP
      0009    94  :
      0009    95  : SINCE THE PRINTER DRIVER IS DOUBLE BUFFERED, IT IS OPTIMAL
      0009    96  : TO MAINTAIN TWO OUTSTANDING OUTPUT REQUESTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
      0009    97  : FOR THIS REASON, THIS MAIN LOOP UTILIZES 2 I/O STATUS BLOCKS
      0009    98  : AND 2 EVENT FLAGS. THE INDEX TO THE CURRENT EVENT FLAG AND
      0009    99  : STATUS BLOCK IS ALWAYS R2.
      0008    100  :
      0008    101  : CALLING SEQUENCE:
      0008    102  :
      0008    103  : ENTER DIRECTLY UPON COMPLETION OF THE INIT ROUTINE
      0008    104  :
      0009    105  : INPUT PARAMETERS:
      0009    106  :
      0009    107  : R11 CONTAINS THE ADDRESS OF THE IMPURE DATA BLOCK
      0009    108  :
      0009    109  : IMPLICIT INPUTS:
      0009    110  :
      0009    111  : AT WAKE, FILE TO BE PRINTED OPEN, PRINTER ASSIGNED - IN #BAST
      0008    112  :
      0008    113  : OUTPUT PARAMETERS:
      0008    114  :
      0008    115  : NONE
      0008    116  :
      0008    117  : IMPLICIT OUTPUTS:
      0009    118  :
      0009    119  : FILE PRINTED
      0009    120  : DONE MSG SENT TO MGR
      0009    121  :
      0008    122  : COMPLETION CODES:
      0009    123  :
      0009    124  : NONE
      0009    125  :
      0009    126  : SIDE EFFECTS:
      0009    127  :
      0003    128  : NONE
      0009    129  :
      0008    130  ::=-
      0009    131
      0009    132
      0008    133      .ENABL  LSS
      0009    134
      0008    135  SMBSLMAIN:::
      0003    136      $SETEF_S  $SMBSK_TOFEFN      ;MAIN LOOP
      0011    127  10%:                                ;START WITH TOP OF FORM DONE
      0011    138      $PURGWS_S  -                  ; PURGE WORKING SET
      0011    179      INADR=SMBSL_ADDDESC        ; ADDRESS OF DESCRIPTOR
      0011    140

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## Listing 4-5 Main Loop (page 3 of 6)

SMSMAIN  
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- PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE           3-JUN-1982 18:56:35 VAX-II Macro V03-00
- PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE           24-APR-1982 18:15:36 _DBB0:CPRTSM8-SRCJSM84MAIN

      0018 141      SHIBER_S          ;WAIT FOR SOMETHING TO DO
      0022 142      BECC   #SD_V_GOOD_WAKE,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11),10% ;BR IF SHOULDNT
      0027 143
      0027 144 :
      0027 145 : PRINT THE FLAG PAGE
      0027 146 :
      0027 147
      01   E1 0027 148      9BC    #PQRSV_FLAGPAGE,-
      0029 149      SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMSB_FLAGS(R11),30% ;BR IF NO FLAG PAGE
      0020 150      MOVE  #STATES_FLAGPAGE,SD_B_STATE(R11) ;SET FLAG PAGE STATE
      0031 151      9BBW  SMSFLAGPAGE          ;PRINT THE FLAG PAGE
      0034 152      BLBS  R0_20%          ;BR IF OK
      0037 153      BRW   SOS             ;QUIT
      0038 154      95SW  SMSSTOPOFORM        ;PRINT THE FORM FEED
      0039 155
      0030 156 30%:
      0030 157      9BC    #SD_V_OPENERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),35% ;BR IF OPENED OK
      0042 158      PUSHL  SD_G_FAB+FABSL_STV(R11) ;RMS STATUS VALUE
      0044 159      PUSHL  SD_G_FAB+FABSL_STS(R11) ;RMS STATUS CODE
      0044 160      PUSHL  SD_G_FILENAME(R11) ;ADDR OF FILE NAME DESCRIPTOR
      0045 161      PUSHL  #1                ;#1 FAB ARG
      0050 162      PUSHL  #C4B16DISHRS_OPENIN14 ;CONDITION CODE
      0056 163      CALLS  #5_WALIBSIGNAL        ;SIGNAL THE ERROR
      0059 164      9BBW  SMSSTOPOFORM        ;PRINT FORM FEED
      005E 165      BRW   90%             ;EXIT
      0061 166
      0061 167 35%:
      0061 168      MOVN  #1,SD_V_PAGE(R11) ;INIT PAGE NUMBER
      0066 169      9BC    #PQRSV_PAGHOR,SD_T_MSGDATA+SIMSB_FLAGS(R11),40% ;BR IF N
      006C 170      9BBW  SMSSPAGEHORNFF        ;PRINT A HEADER / NO FORM FEED
      006F 171 40%: SETBIT SD_V_FLGPAGODONE,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) ;SET DONE WITH FLAG
      0073 172      CLRBIT SD_V_FREQ,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) ;CLEAR FORM FEED REQUIRED
      0077 173
      0077 174 :
      0077 175 : CHECK IF INTERNAL CARRIAGE CONTROL
      0077 176 :
      0077 177
      0077 178      BITS  #FABSM_CRIFABSM_RTN(FABSM_PRN,-
      0079 179      SD_G_FAB+FABSS_RAT(R11) ;IS IT INTERNAL CAR CON
      007C 180      BNEQ  $0$             ;BR IF NO
      007E 181      CLRL  SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_P4(R11);NO CARRIAGE CONTROL
      0082 182      SETBIT SD_V_INTRNLCC,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) ;SHOW INTERNAL CARRIAG
      0086 183
      0086 184 :
      0086 185 : CHECK IF "CR-LF" CARRIAGE CONTROL
      0086 186 :
      0086 187
      0086 188 50%:
      0086 189      9BC    #FABSSV_CR,SD_G_FAB+FABSS_RAT(R11),60% ;BR IF NOT "CR-LF"
      008C 190      MOVZBL $A\ \,SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_P4(R11) ;SET SINGLE SPACE CC
      0091 191
      0091 192 :
      0091 193 : INITIALIZE THE I/O STATUS
      0091 194 :
      0091 195 60%:
      0091 196      $SETEF_S      #SMSBK_LPEFNO ;INITIALLY SET THE EVENT FLAGS,
      0094 197      $SETEF_S      #SMSBK_LPEFNI ;

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IN 01	- PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE				3-JUN-1982 18:56:35 VAX-11 Macro V03-00	Page 5		
	PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE				24-APR-1982 18:15:36 _0880:CPRTSMB.SRCJSM8MAIN.MAR:1 (1)			
	17 A8	TC	00A3	199	CLRQ	SD_Q_IOS80(R11)	:CLEAR I/O STATUS	
	1F A8	TC	00A6	199	CLRQ	SD_Q_IOS81(R11)	...	
	52	C4	00A9	200	CLRL	R2	:AND INITIALIZE THE I/O STATUS INDEX	
			00A9	201				
			00A8	202 :				
			00A9	203 : MAIN I/O LOOP				
			00A9	204 :				
	04 A9	04	90	00A9	MOV8	#STATES_GET_PRIN,SD_B_STATE(R11)	:SET GET/PRINT STATE	
			00A4	205				
			00A4	206				
			00A4	207 70\$:				
	50	52	01	C1	A00L3	#SM8SK_LPEFNO,R2,R0	:GET EVENT FLAG NUMBER	
			00B3	208	SWAITFR_S R0	:WAIT FOR THE I/O TO COMPLETE		
	5A 02	A8	00	E0	00BC	98S #SD_V_ABORT,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),80\$ :BR IF ABORTING		
	50	17	A8	62	TE	00C1	MOVAO SD_Q_IOS80(R11) CR23,R0 :GET THE IOSB ADDRESS	
			60	85	00C5	211 TSTM (R0)	:DID IT COMPLETE?	
			39	13	00C9	212 BEQL 77\$ :BR IF NO (OR 1ST I/O)		
	15	60	E8	00CA	BLBS (R0),75\$ :BR IF OK			
			00CD	213 SETBIT SD_V_PRINTERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) :SET PRINT ERROR				
			00D1	214 SIGNAL JBCS_PRINTOUT,40,(R0) :SIGNAL THE ERROR				
			39	11	00E0	BR9 80\$ :QUIT		
			00E2	215				
	51	04	A0	9A	00E2	219 75\$: MOVZSL 4(RC),R1 :GET #LINES PRINTED		
	45	A3	51	C0	00E6	220 A0DL R1,SD_L_LINECNT(R11) :ADD LINES PRINTED TO TOTAL		
	14	03	A9	03	E0	00EA	221 98S #SD_V_FREQ,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11),77\$ :BR IF LAST I/O WAS A FF	
			51	07	00EF	222 DECL R1 :ALREADY ASSUMED ONE LINE		
	43	A3	51	93	C0F1	223 ADDB R1,SD_B_LTPCNT(R11) :ADD TO LINES THIS PAGE COUNT		
	49	A8	43	A8	91	00F5	224 76\$: CMPB SD_B_LTPCNT(R11),SD_B_PAGELEN(R11) :< LINES GTR THAN PAGE SIZE?	
			07	13	00FA	225 BLEQU 77\$ :BR IF NO		
	43	A8	49	A8	92	00FC	226 SUBB SD_B_PAGELEN(R11),SD_B_LTPCNT(R11) :NORMALIZE	
			F2	11	0101	227 BRB 76\$ :CHECK AGAIN		
			08	93	0103	228 77\$: BITB #SD_M_GETERR SD_M_PRINTERR SD_M_ABORT,- :ANY ERRORS?		
	02	A8	02	0105	0105	229 SNEQ SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) :BR IF YES		
			12	12	0107	230		
			0109	231				
	04	A9	05	91	0109	232 CMPB #STATES_EOF_CLOS,SD_B_STATE(R11) :ARE WE DONE?		
	0C	13	0109	233 BEQL 80\$ :BR IF YES				
	"EEA"	30	0113	234 CLRBIT SD_V_FREQ,SD_B_GEN_FLAGS(R11) :CLEAR FF REQUIRED				
	52	01	8C	0114	235 BSBM SM8SGET :GET AND PRINT THE NEXT LINE			
		94	11	0119	236 YORG #1,R2 :TOGGLE I/O STATUS INDEX			
			0119	237 BR9 70\$ :GET AND PRINT NEXT LINE				
			0119	238				
			0119	239 :				
			0119	240 : FILE PRINTED. SET PAPER TO TOP OF PAGE, AND SEE IF ANY MORE COPIES				
			0119	241 :				
			0119	242 :				
			0113	243 30\$: #SETIMR_S #SM8SK_TOFEFN,8*85\$ :SET TIMER IN CASE PRINTER IS BROKEN				
	"E92"	30	0129	244 9SBW SM8STOPOFORM :PUT PAPER AT TOP OF FORM				
			C125	245 SCANTIM_S :CANCEL TOP OF FORM TIMER				
	02	A9	95	0139	246 TSTM SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11) :ANY ERRORS			
	20	12	013C	247 BNEQ 90\$ :BR IF ERRORS - CAN'T BE OPEN ERROR				
	00RC	CE	97	013E	248 DEC8 SD_T_MSGDATA+SIM8B_FILCOPY(R11) :SUBT 1 FOR THIS COPY			
			1A	13	0142	249 BLEQU 90\$ :BR IF DONE - CAN'T BE ANY ERRORS		
	04	A9	02	95	0144	250REWIND SD_G_RAB(R11) :REWIND THE FILE FOR NEXT COPY		
			FEE7	31	0153	251 MOVE #STATES_OPEN,SD_B_STATE(R11) :RESET STATE TO OPEN		
				0155	252 BRW 30\$ :PRINT NEXT COPY			
	FFFF	FFFF	0050	80	254 85\$: .LONG <-1#50000000>,-1 :5 SECOND DELTA TIME			

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## Listing 4-5 Main Loop (page 5 of 6)

SMBMAIN  
/03-001

- PRINT SYMBIOT MAIN ROUTINE  
PRINT SYMBIOT MAIN ROUTINE

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24-APR-1982 18:15:36 \_0880:EPRTSM8.SRCJSMBMAIN

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015E    255
015E    256 :
015E    257 : FILE PRINTING DONE
015E    258 :
015E    259
015E    260 90$:  !SETAST_S #0           ;DISABLE ASTS FOR SURE
0167    261
00FA CB   05 0167 262      TSTW  SD_G_FAB+FABSW_IPI(R11) ; HAS OPEN BEEN DONE?
32     13 0168 263      BEQL  120$           ; BR IF NO
0186 CB   05 0173 264      CLRBIT FABSV_DLT,SD_G_FAB+FABSL_POP(R11) ;CLEAR THE DELETE BIT
05     05 13 0177 265      BEQL  SD_G_NAM+NAME_SW_DID(R11) ;FILE HAVE A DIRECTORY?
05 02 A3   00 E0 0179 267      BBS  #SD_V_ABORT,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),115$ ;BR IF ABORTING
09 0088 C3   00 E1 017E 268 112$:  EBC  #PQRSV_DELETE,SD_T_MSDATA+SIMSB_FLAGS(R11),115$ ;BR IF
0184 CB   08 018A 269      SETBIT FABSV_DLT,SD_G_FAB+FABSL_POP(R11) ; TELL RMS TO DELETE T
PE73*  30 0180 270      BSBW  SMBSETUIC          ;SET UIC TO REQUESTOR'S
0164 CB   86 0198 272      CLRW  SD_G_RAB+RABSW_ISIC(R11) ;CLOSE THE FILE
*E61*   30 019C 273      BSBW  SMBRSRSTUIC        ;EFFECT A FAST DISCONNECT AFTER
019F    274
019F    275 :
019F    276 : SET ENDING STATUS
019F    277 :
019F    278
13 02 A2   91 E0 019F 279 120$:  MOVZBL #M005_INPERR,R3      ;ASSUME INPUT ERROR
53     1C 94 01A2 280      BBS  #SD_V_GETERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),130$ ; BR IF INPUT ERRE
13 32 A3   02 E0 01A4 281      MOVZBL #M005_OPNERR,R3      ; Assume open error
53     16 94 01A6 282      BBS  #SD_V_OPENERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),130$ ; BR IF OPEN ERRE
08 02 45   03 E0 01E2 283      MOVZBL #M005_PRTERR,R3      ;ASSUME PRINT ERROR
53     34 94 0187 284      BBS  #SD_V_PRINTERR,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),130$ ;BR IF PRINT ERRE
03 02 A5   00 E0 018A 285      MOVZBL #M005_ABORT,R3      ;ASSUME ABORT
53     01 94 018F 286      BBS  #SD_V_ABORT,SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11),130$ ;BR IF ABORT
01C2    287      MOVZBL #M005_SUCCESS,R3      ;SET SUCCESS
01C2    288
01C2    289 :
01C2    290 : DO FINAL CLEAN UP
01C2    291 :
01C2    292
01C2    293 130$:  CLRW  SD_B_ERR_FLAGS(R11)      ;RESET BOTH GROUPS OF FLAGS
02 4B   64 01C2 294      TSTW  SD_Q_TOFIOS8(R11)      ;DID TOF COMPLETE OR TIMEOUT?
0F 4B   85 01C5 295      BNEQ  140$           ;BR IF IO COMPLETED
0C     12 01C9 296      BNEQ  140$:  SCANCEL_S SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_CHAN(R11) ;ABORT THE IO IF NOT DONE
01D6   297      SDASSGN_S SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_CHAN(R11) ;DEASSIGN THE PRINTER
01E2    298 140$:  SDASSGN_S SD_G_QIOBLK+QIOS_CHAN(R11) ;DEASSIGN THE PRINTER
01E2    299
01E2    300 :
01E2    301 : SEND DONE MESSAGE TO MGR - R3 HAS STATUS
01E2    302 :
01E2    303
01E2    304
01E2    305      ASSUME STATES_IDLE EQ 0
01E2    306
04 4B   94 01E2 307      CLRB  SD_B_STATE(R11)      ;SET IDLE STATE
*E18*  30 01E5 308      BSBW  SMBFILE_DONE          ;SEND DONE MSG TO MGR
01E8   309      !SETAST_S #1           ;ENABLE ASTS
*E14*  31 01F1 310      BRW   SMBMAIN            ;GO AGAIN
01F4   311

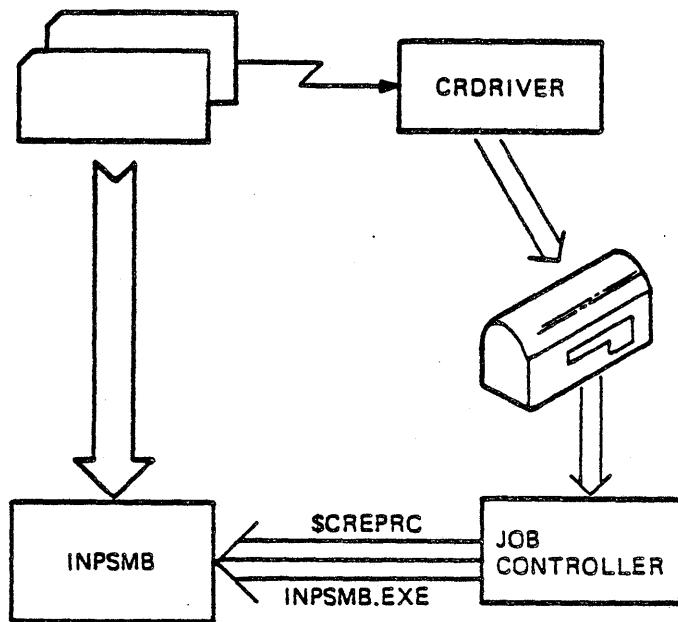
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### Listing 4-5 Main Loop (page 6 of 6)

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- PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE          3-JUN-1992 18:56:35 VAX-11 Macro V03-00    Page   7
PRINT SYMBIONT MAIN ROUTINE          24-APR-1982 18:15:36 _0880:CPRTSMB.SRCJSMBMAIN.MAR;1 (1)
01F4    312      .DISABLE LSB
01F4    312      .END
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Figure 4-20 Input Symbiont

- Card reader activated, generates interrupt
- CRDRIVER sends message to Job Controller's Mailbox
- Job Controller issues a \$CREPRC (using INPSMB.EXE)
- INPSMB.EXE issues SQIO's to the card reader

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#### **Listing 4-6 Card Reader Interrupt Routine**

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- CPII CARD READER DRIVER  
CPII CARD READER INTDERRUPTS

7-JUN-1982 13:40:50 VAX-11 Macro V03-00  
10-MAR-1982 20:31:59 \_DB80:[DRIVER.SRC]C

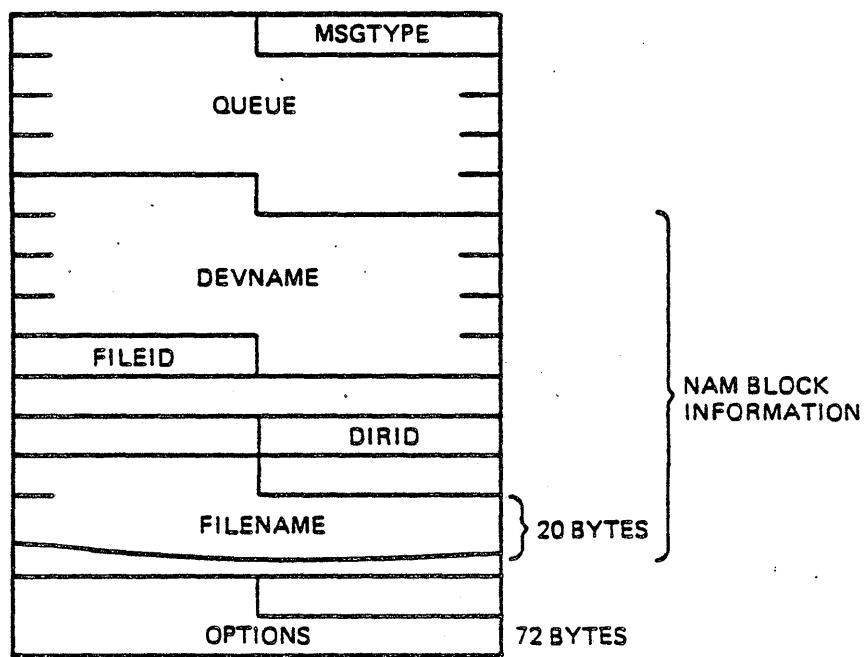
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0491 1007 .SBTTL CR11 CARD READER INTOERRUPTS
0491 1008 ::+
0491 1009 : CRSINT - CR11 CARD READER INTERRUPTS
0491 1010 :
0491 1011 : THIS ROUTINE IS ENTERED VIA A JSB INSTRUCTION WHEN AN INTERRUPT OCCURS ON A
0491 1012 : CR11 CARD READER CONTROLLER. THE STATE OF THE STACK ON ENTRY IS:
0491 1013 :
0491 1014 : 00(SP) = ADDRESS OF IDB ADDRESS.
0491 1015 : 04(SP) = 24(SP) = SAVED R0 - RS.
0491 1016 : 28(SP) = INTERRUPT PC.
0491 1017 : 32(SP) = INTERRUPT PSL.
0491 1018 :
0491 1019 : INTERRUPT DISPATCHING OCCURS AS FOLLOWS:
0491 1020 :
0491 1021 : IF THE INTERRUPT IS EXPECTED, THE DRIVER IS CALLED AT ITS
0491 1022 : INTERRUPT RETURN ADDRESS (UCBSL_FPC). IF THE INTERRUPT IS
0491 1023 : NOT EXPECTED AND THE DEVICE IS NOT ALLOCATED, A MESSAGE IS
0491 1024 : SENT TO THE JOB CONTROLLER TO INFORM IT THAT AN INPUT
0491 1025 : SYMBIOTIC PROCESS SHOULD BE CREATED TO READ THE CARDS.
0491 1025 :-+
0491 1027 :
0491 1028 CRSINT:: :CARD READER INTERRUPT
11 58 45 00 0491 1029 MOVBL 2(SP)+,R3 :GET ADDRESS OF IDB
56 63 7D 0496 1030 MOVQ UCBSL_CSR(R3),R4 :GET CONTROLLER CSR AND OWNER UCB ADDRESS
53 10 45 00 049C 1031 BBCC UCBSV_INT,UCBSW_STS(R5),10$ ;IF CLR, INTERRUPT NOT EXPECTED
0C 35 16 04A0 1032 MOVL UCBSL_FPC(R5),R3 :RESTORE REMAINING DRIVER CONTEXT
57 8E 7D 04A3 1033 JSB UCBSL_FPC(R5) :CALL DRIVER
52 8E 7D 04A6 1034 MOVQ (SP)+,R0 :RESTORE REGISTERS
56 8E 7D 04A9 1035 MOVQ (SP)+,R2 :
56 8E 7D 04A9 1036 MOVQ (SP)+,R4 :
02 04AC 1037 REI :
04A0 1038 :
04A0 1039 :
04A0 1040 : UNSOLICITED INTERRUPT
04A0 1041 :
04A0 1042 :
53 64 3C 04A0 1043 10$: MOVZWL CR_CSR(R4),R0 :GET READER STATUS
56 40 8F 93 04B0 1044 MOVZBW #CR_CSR_4_IE,CR_CSR(R4) :CLEAR STATUS, ENABLE INTERRUPTS
5C 0600 9F 23 04B4 1045 SITW CR_CSR_4_ONLINE,R0 :READER TRANSITION TO ONLINE?
0C 13 04B9 1046 BEQL 20$ :IF EOL NO
50 45 25 04B8 1047 TSTW UCBSW_FPC(R5) :DEVICE ASSIGNED OR ALLOCATED?
07 12 04B8 1048 BNEQ 20$ :IF NEG YES
02 04C0 1049 BBSS UCBSV_JOB,UCBSW_DEVSTS(R5),20$ ;IF SET, MESSAGE ALREADY SENT
04 10 04C5 1050 9598 30$ :SEND MESSAGE TO JOB CONTROLLER
53 8E 7D 04C7 1051 20$: MOVQ (SP)+,R0 :RESTORE REGISTERS
52 8E 7D 04C4 1052 MOVQ (SP)+,R2 :
54 8E 7D 04CD 1053 MOVQ (SP)+,R4 :
02 04D0 1054 REI :
00000000$GF 16 04D1 1055 30$: JSB G=EXEFSORK :CREATE FORK PROCESS
54 02 94 04D7 1056 MOVZBL GMSG3_CRUNSOLIC,R4 :SET MESSAGE TYPE
00000000$GF 9E 04D4 1057 MOVAB G=SYSGL_JOBCTLMS,R3 :SET ADDRESS OF JOB CONTROLLER MAILBOX
00000000$GF 16 04E1 1058 JSB G=AEXESNOEVMSG :SEND MESSAGE TO JOB CONTROLLER
04 50 E5 04E7 1059 BLSS R0,40$ :IF LBS SUCCESSFUL NOTIFICATION
5A 45 01 AA 04E4 1060 BICW UCBSM_JOB,UCBSW_DEVSTS(R5) :CLEAR MESSAGE SENT BIT
53 05 04EE 1061 40$: RSB

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Figure 4-21 Enter BATCH JOB Message

MSGTYPE=8	ENTER BATCH JOB
QUEUE	Batch Queue Name
FILENAME	Job Name
OPTIONS	From \$JOB Card

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### Alternate Input Symbionts

1. Create a separate process
2. Allocate device
3. Assign channel to device with associated mailbox
4. Issue QIO to mailbox that activates an AST
5. \$HIBER



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### INTRODUCTION

The VAX hardware is capable of executing either native mode instructions, or PDP-11 instructions in compatibility mode (CM). A bit in the Processor Status Longword (PSL) determines which instruction set is being used. The main reason for providing a compatibility mode is to allow programs written on PDP-11 systems to run (without modification) on VMS systems.

However, most PDP-11 programs will need assistance to run correctly on a VMS system, since they will typically request operations to be performed by the operating system (e.g., to perform an I/O operation). VMS will not be able to directly recognize the operations being requested, since the requests will be in the form of executive directives understandable by a PDP-11 operating system (like RSX-11M). A translator (emulator) is needed to convert these requests into VMS system service calls. An Applications Migration Executive (AME) serves the role of either emulating a PDP-11 operating system, and performing the requested function, or converting the requested function into an equivalent VMS system service call.

An AME is a native mode image that can issue VMS system services. It is run in the context of the process performing CM operations. It is the responsibility of the AME to load the PDP-11 program into part of its virtual address space. VMS only loads the AME, and the AME must load the CM image. Two images are therefore present in the process's context at the same time, the CM image, containing the program the user wants run, and the native mode AME image, serving as the interface between the user program and VMS. Control is transferred back and forth between these two images whenever intervention by the AME is required.

This module explains the basic details about CM exceptions necessary to write an AME for a PDP-11 operating system. The services provided by VAX/VMS to aid the writer of an AME also will be explained.

This module assumes that you are familiar with at least one PDP-11 operating system so that the functions performed by any AME can be understood. However, the module makes no attempt to explain the workings of any PDP-11 operating system, or how image files are structured by the linkers or task-builders of such systems. Rather, this module assumes you already understand the operating system that will be emulated.

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### OBJECTIVES

A specialist with a system level understanding of a PDP-11 operating system will be able to:

- Write a program that is capable of reading into the low 64K of P0 space an image (or task or program) that was created for the target PDP-11 operating system.
- Establish a compatibility mode exception service routine to handle the various exceptions that can occur from compatibility mode.
- Write an exception service routine that can distinguish the various compatibility mode exceptions, and dispatch control accordingly.

### RESOURCES

AME source code listings

VMS source code listings

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### Overview of Compatibility Mode

- Environment for execution of non-privileged RSX-11M programs
- - Hardware compatibility provided by VAX processor being able to execute subset of the PDP-11 instruction set
- Software compatibility provided by several programs that emulate RSX-11M operating system environment
  - The RSX-11M AME allows non-privileged tasks to execute without change
  - The MCR command language provided as an alternative to DCL.
  - File compatibility is provided at both the record and volume levels:
    - The record structure of RMS-11 files is identical to the record structure of VAX-11 RMS files
    - An ACP is provided on VMS to service Files-11 volumes which support the On-Disk Structure Level 1, ODS-1

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### PDP-11 Instructions That A Compatibility Mode Program Can Execute

- All PDP-11 non-privileged instructions, except MARK (including Extended Instruction SET, EIS)

Opcode (octal)	Mnemonic	Opcode (octal)	Mnemonic
000002	RTI	.063DD	ASL(B)
000006	RTI	0065SS	MFPI*
0001DD	JMP	0066DD	MTPI*
00020R	RTS	1065SS	MFPD*
000240-000277	Condition Codes	1066DD	MTPD*
0003DD	SWAB	0067DD	SXT
000400-003777	Branches	070RSS	MUL
100000-103777	Branches	071RSS	DIV
004RDD	JSR	072RSS	ASH
.050DD	CLR(B)	073RSS	ASHC
.051DD	COM(B)	074RSS	XOR
.052DD	INC(B)	077RNN	SOB
.053DD	DEC(B)	.1SSDD	MOV(B)
.054DD	NEG(B)	.2SSDD	CMP(B)
.055DD	ADC(B)	.3SSDD	BIT(B)
.056DD	SBC(B)	.4SSDD	BIC(B)
.057DD	TST(B)	.5SSDD	BIS(B)
.060DD	ROR(B)	06SSDD	ADD
.061DD	ROL(B)	16SSDD	SUB
.062DD	ASR(B)		

(\*) These instructions execute exactly as they would on a PDP-11 in user mode with Instruction and Data space overmapped. More specifically, they ignore the previous access level and act like PUSH and POP instructions referencing the current stack.

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### PDP-11 Compatibility Mode Trap Instructions

Opcode (octal)	Mnemonic
000003	BPT
000004	IOT
104000-104377	EMT
104400-104777	TRAP

- Execution of any of these instructions results in a compatibility mode exception

### PDP-11 Compatibility Mode Reserved Instructions

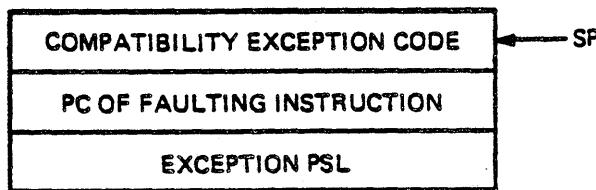
Opcode (octal)	Mnemonic
000000	HALT
000001	WAIT
000005	RESET
00023X	SPL
0064XX	MARK
07500R	FADD (FIS)
07501R	FSUB (FIS)
07502R	FMUL (FIS)
07503R	FDIV (FIS)
17XXXX	FP11 Floating Point Instructions

- These instructions are unavailable to PDP-11 programs
- Execution of these instructions results in a Reserved Instruction Compatibility Mode Exception.

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### Compatibility Mode Exceptions

- Generated when program executes an instruction that would result in a trap on the PDP-11.
- Hardware pushes PSL and PC on kernel stack, along with code that identifies the type of compatibility mode exception



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- The types of compatibility mode exceptions are:

Code	Reason For Compatibility Exception
0	Reserved Instruction Execution
1	BPT Instruction Executed
2	IOT Instruction Executed
3	EMT Instruction Executed
4	TRAP Instruction Executed
5	Illegal Instruction Executed
6	Odd Address Trap
7	TBIT Trap

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### The RSX-11M AME

- Integral part of the VAX/VMS system
  - Native mode image SYSSYSTEM:RSX.EXE
    - Shareable parts of the AME
      - SYSSSHARE:RSXSHR.EXE
      - SYSSSHARE:RSXUSR.EXE
  - Invoked by image activator
  - Allows non-privileged RSX-11M tasks to execute on VMS systems without change
  - Supplies an environment that simulates the RSX-11M operating system
- Basic functions
  - Initiates RSX-11M task
  - Establishes exception handler
  - Responds to compatibility mode exceptions
    - Identifies type of exception
    - Acts accordingly
  - Responds to native mode exceptions (e.g. access violations)
- Servicing EMT instruction special case
  - User-generated trap, or
  - Executive directive (EMT 377)
    - Can perform service itself
      - For example, Get Task Parameters, GTSKS
    - Or request service from VMS
      - For example, RSX-11 QIOS executive directive transformed into equivalent VMS \$QIO system service

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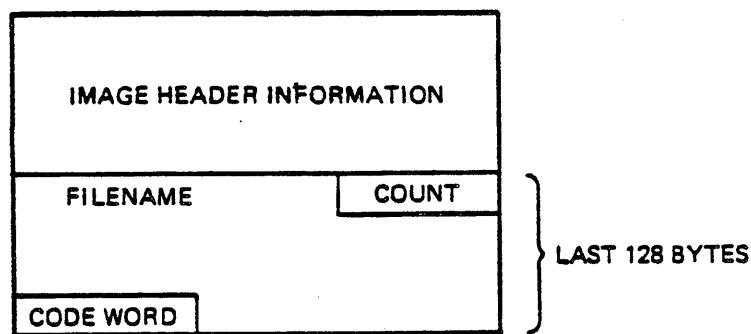
### Invoking an AME

- The RSX-11M AME activated automatically
  - By image activator
  - In response to \$RUN program
  - Using information in image file
  - Information placed there by task builder
  - Distinguishes native mode and compatibility mode images
- User-Written AME's can be activated in the following ways:
  - Could \$RUN user-written-AME
    - AME would prompt for compatibility mode image name
  - Could use foreign command to invoke AME
    - SMYAME ::= "\$SYSSYSTEM:MYAME.EXE"  
(in system-wide LOGIN.COM)
    - User types SMYAME MYPROG
      - MYAME invoked, it could use LIB\$GET\_FOREIGN to pick up image name (MYPROG)
  - Could add command to DCL tables to invoke AME
    - Would issue CLI callback to obtain image name (CLI\$GET\_VALUE)
  - Could place information in image file identifying AME

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### Identifying AME in Image File

#### First Block in Image File

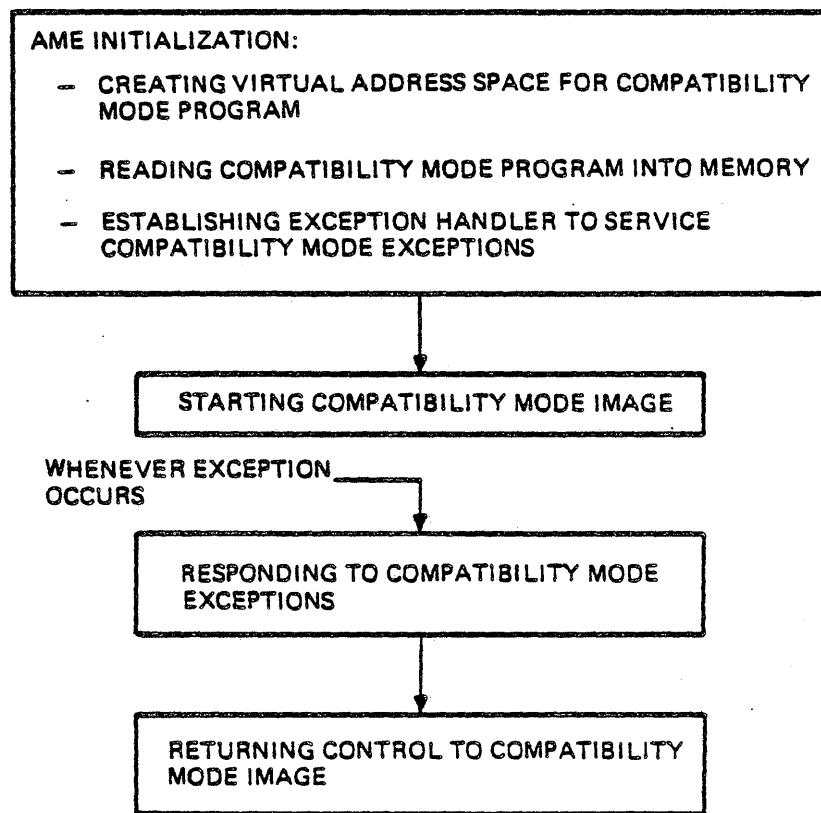


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Code Word Value	Image to Activate
<0	Native mode image in image file (VAX-11 Linker uses -1)
0	SYSS\$SYSTEM:RSX.EXE (RSX-11M AME)
1	SYSS\$SYSTEM:BPA.EXE (currently not used)
2	Filename specified by last 128 bytes (less last word used to hold code) Filename specified as counted ASCII string File could be an AME (or any other native mode image) Name of image file user specified on RUN command stored as counted ASCII string at <u>CTL\$AG_CMEDATA</u>

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## General AME Flow



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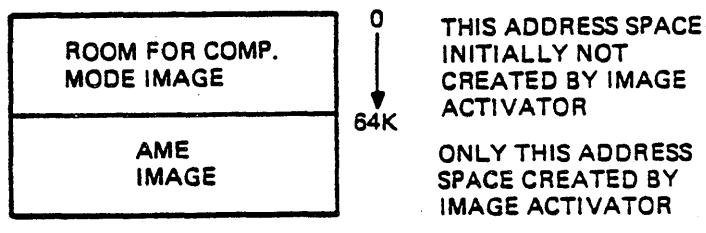
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### Creating Virtual Address Space For The CM Program

- AME image typically linked with base address of 64K.

\$LINK AME, BASE.OPT/OPTIONS where

BASE.OPT contains BASE=%X10000 ! hex 64K



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- Leave 64K for compatibility mode image since that is maximum address space for any PDP-11 image.
- Must leave low addresses (starting at 0) free, since compatibility mode image will need to use those addresses.
- AME typically creates virtual address space using \$CRETVA system service:
  - Amount created depends on environment being simulated
  - Must create enough space to hold entire image
  - Size of image is system dependent, and usually put into image file by that system's linker (or task builder)

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### Reading Compatibility Mode Program Into Memory

- Once address space created, can use \$QIO calls or RMS block reads.
  - Requires understanding of how image file structured by system's linker or task builder.
- If compatibility mode program contains overlays:
  - AME need only read root segment into memory
  - Overlay code that is part of compatibility mode image contains the calls necessary to read in the overlay segments as they are referenced
- Alternative Method to using \$CRETVA to create virtual address space, and reading in image:
  - Use \$CRMPSC system service
    - Creates required address space
    - Sets up the page tables in such a way that all the input from the image file is performed by the pager.
  - Cannot be used if overlays are involved

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### Establishing The Exception Handler

- Two Options

- Normal Condition Handler

```
CALL LIB$ESTABLISH (handler_address)
```

```
or MOVAL handler, (FP) ; MACRO only
```

- Must be established for handling non-compatibility mode exceptions
    - For example, access violations
  - May or may not want to service compatibility mode exceptions in this handler as well

- Special Handler for Compatibility Mode Exceptions

```
SDCLCMH system service (specify TYPE=#1)
```

- Normal exception dispatching bypassed
  - Control immediately passed to handler when compatibility mode exception occurs
  - Handler address stored in P1 space

```
CTLSGL_CMHANDLR
```

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### Starting The Compatibility Mode Image

- Once the image has been read into memory, final step of initialization is to pass control to the compatibility mode image.
- Push special PSL onto stack
- Then push PC at which compatibility mode image is to begin executing on stack.
  - Typically found in image file, but is system dependent
- Issue REI instruction

PSL Used to Enter Compatibility Mode = 83C000xx

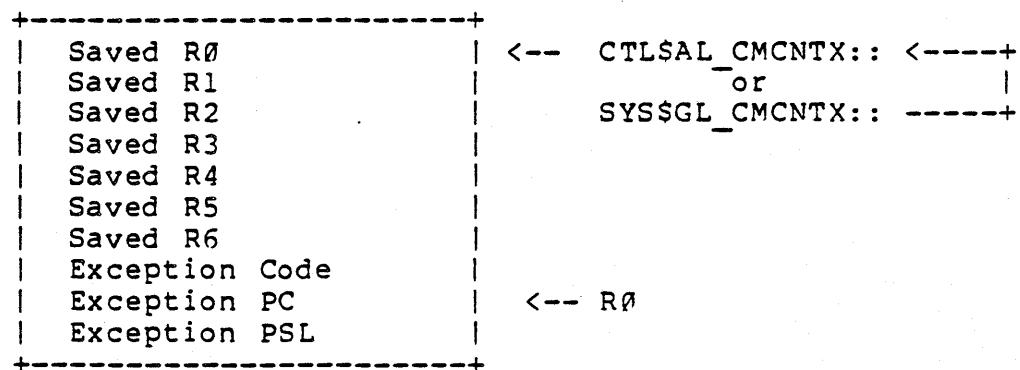
Bits in PSL	Meaning and Required Values
0-3	Condition codes (no required values)
4	T-Bit (no required value)
5-7	Arithmetic Trap Enables (must be zero)
8-15	All set to zero
16-20	IPL must be zero
21	Must be zero
22-23	Previous mode=User (both set)
24-25	Current mode=User (both set)
26-30	Must be zero (Bit 26=IS,30=Trace Pending)
31	Compatibility Mode (must be set)

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### Responding to Compatibility Mode Exceptions

#### System Response

- Push PSL, PC, and exception code on kernel stack
- Vector through SCB to routine EXE\$COMPAT
  - New PSL formed that indicates now running in native mode again
- EXE\$COMPAT performs the following operations:
  - Saves R0-R6 in area in P1 space
  - Pops exception code, PC and PSL
  - Saves exception code, PC, and PSL in P1 space
  - Transfers control to exception dispatcher
- Information stored in Compatibility Mode Context Area (in P1 space) before control is passed to Compatibility Mode Exception Handler.



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### Dispatch to Customized Compatibility Mode Exception Handler

- Established by SDCLCMH
- Control is passed to handler in user mode
- Handler accesses information in P1 space

```
MOVL G^SYS$GL_CMCNTX,R11 ; Put address of context
                             ; area into R11 for
                             ; subsequent displacement
                             ; mode addressing
MOVW (R0),R10             ; Pick up PC of
                           ; faulting instruction,
                           ; and also faulting
MOVW 4(R0),R9              ; PSL
```

- Use SYSS symbol not CTL\$ symbol to avoid linking to system symbol table
- If use CTL\$ symbol, access information in P1 space using:

```
MOVAL G^CTL$AL_CMCNTX,R11 ; Use MOVAL, not MOVL
```

- RSX-11M AME uses symbolic offsets to reference contents of the compatibility mode context area

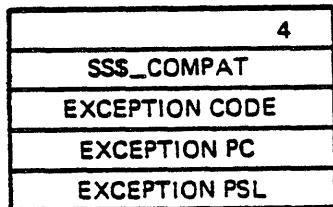
```
I_R0 = 0
I_R1 = 4
I_R2 = 8
I_R3 = 12
I_R4 = 16
I_R5 = 20
I_R6 = 24
I_TYPE = 28
I_PC = 32
I_PS = 36
```

- Exception handler must perform whatever action is necessary to service the exception.
  - May handle exception internally
  - May involve system service calls
  - May involve RMS calls

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### Dispatch to Normal Condition Handler

- No handler established via \$DCLCMH
- Exception dispatcher pushes exception PSL, PC, code, and symbol SSS\_COMPAT on kernel stack
- Signal and mechanism arrays, as well as argument list, built on user stack
- Signal array contains:



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- Exception handler must perform whatever action is necessary to service the exception.
  - May handle exception internally
  - May involve system service calls
  - May involve RMS calls

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### Returning Control To Compatibility Mode Image

- Normal Condition Handlers

- Must update PC in signal array to point to next instruction
  - Required since compatibility mode exception is a fault
  - If not updated, will loop indefinitely, since instruction will be re-executed
- May update PSL in signal array to alter condition code bits
  - To return information to compatibility mode image
- Place SSS CONTINUE in R0 to indicate exception has been successfully serviced
- Exit with RET instruction

- Customized Compatibility Mode Handler

- Must restore registers R0-R6
- PC in context save area must be updated as in normal handler case
- PSL in context save area may be updated as in normal handler case
- The new PSL and new PC are pushed onto the stack
- An REI instruction is issued

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### Summary Of Alternative Approaches To Declaring CM Exception Handler

Operation	Normal Handler	Customized CM Handler
Method of Declaring Handler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LIB\$ESTABLISH</li><li>- Capable of servicing all possible exceptions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- SDCLCMH</li><li>- Can only service compatibility mode exceptions</li><li>- Regular condition handler must also be established to handle other exceptions like access violation</li></ul>
Dispatching to the Handler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Normal exception dispatching used to locate handler</li><li>- Need entry mask</li><li>- Entered via CALLG</li><li>- Second longword of signal array must be tested for CM exception</li><li>- Exception code must be examined to distinguish type of CM exception</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Normal exception dispatching bypassed</li><li>- No time spent looking for handler</li><li>- Dispatching much faster</li><li>- No entry mask</li><li>- No special code required to determine which type of VMS exception occurred</li><li>- Only services CM exceptions</li><li>- Exception code still must be examined to distinguish type of CM exception</li></ul>

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### Summary Of Alternative Approaches To Declaring CM Exception Handler

Operation	Normal Handler	Customized CM Handler
Arguments Passed to Handler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard signal and mechanism arrays</li> <li>- Because condition handlers are a standardized part of VMS, their properties remain constant from release to release</li> <li>- No special link with executive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PC, PSL, CM exception code, and R0-R6 saved in P1 space</li> <li>- The format of P1 space, and the use of R0 to locate the faulting PC, are not governed by any standard, and could change in a future release of VMS</li> <li>- Handler may need to be linked with system symbol table</li> <li>- If so, handler must be relinked with each new version</li> <li>- Using SYSS symbol and not CTL\$ symbol avoids need to link with system symbol table</li> </ul>
Returning to the CM Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Put SSS_CONTINUE in R0</li> <li>- Issue RET</li> <li>- Exception dispatcher dismisses the exception, passing control back to CM program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must first restore R0-R6</li> <li>- PSL and PC from P1 space must be pushed on stack</li> <li>- Issue REI to dismiss the exception, and pass control back to CM program</li> </ul>

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