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## Special Sections

1981 RSX SIG Menu Results
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## READ THIS FIRST

This is the last issue of volume 15. The combined date of May/June is misleading. We are not skipping an issue. Instead, the issue date is being advanced one month so in the future, the date reflects the month you receive the
Multi-Tasker and not the month it is prepared. Because it is the last issue for Multi-Tasker and not the month it is prepared. Because it is the last issue for FY ' 82 , the annual DECUS forms are appended for you to reproduce and use.
See the article on RSX-1IM V4.0 for some problems with on-line system generation of V4.0 using RSX-1IM V3.2. Also, there are some notes on undocumented features in RSX-1.IM v . 0 . Thise send any problems, hints, and thoughts to the Multi-Tasker ASAP so we ali don't invent the same wheels.

## SIG Leadership Changes

One of the reasons I find computers so fascinating is the high rate of change. Nothing stands still in this industry. But there is one part i would like to see never change - my friends at DECUS. Unfortunately, the change applies

The RSX-1l/IAS SIG is losing four of its best. More importantly, I will be seeing less of four friends: George Hamma, Margaret Knox, Jim McGlinchey, and Phillip Cannon. All are moving on to new frontiers inside and outside of DECUS.
George was recently elected to the U.S. Chapter Executive Board as sug Coordinator. The demands of the new job require him to resign as RSX-11/IAS SIG
Chairman effective July 1,1982 ,

Marg finally got delivery of her new VAX and is moving into the VAX/VMS SIG. Again, she will be resigning from the Executive Committee on July 1.

Jim has started a new company, Ra Enterprises, which requires his full energies. He is leaving a large hole as RSX-11/IAS SIG Symposium Coordinator.
Phil is getting his wish and moving to the west coast. His new job will not use PDP-Il's, so again, he is resigning on July 1 .
All will be hard to replace, but one of the strengths of the SIG is a wealth of talent. Legare Coleman has been appointed by the Executive Committee as the new RSX-11/IAS SIG Chairman and Legare will be appointing others to fill the vacant slots.
will miss phil the most. George, Marg, and Jim will still be at symposia and doing what they do best: dressing up (down, some say) for the Magic sessions, making sure find my room at night, keeping Digital honest about fortran Debuggers, and help close down the suites on the last night.

But Phil must give up DECUS - at least for a while. Each of you owe more than you know to phillip Cannon. Without him rounding up his band of rouges and staying up nights each symposium, there would probably be no such thing as tape copy. And without tape copy, you could not have CCL or virtual disks or SRD or Who or the Tools. And without tape copy, your local user group might not exist. Phil contributed mightly to the Q\&A sessions, was there when Magic started, and worked long and hard to help improve the DECUS library. Phil also has the distinction of being related to the second youngest DECUS member in the world and, given the hours he kept working for the SIG, married to the most

The SIG has gone through turnover like this in the past and will go through it again in the future. But all of us owe a thank-you to these four for the last few years.

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## DIGITAL Responds to SPR Resolution

At the Spring 1981 DECUS Symposium in Miamir the RSX-ll/IAS SIG passed a resolution calling for DIGITAL to publish all answers to all software Performance Resports and all unanswered, raw SPR's from customers. The text of the resolution follows:

Given Digital Equipment Corporation's current policy of publishing only selected RSX/IAS SPR's and their responses, customers paying for fixes. This results in degraded or incorrect system performance, or a duplication of effort to detect and fix problems."
"Be it therefore resolved that Digital publish in each and every SPR for RSX, IAS, and associated layered products in the Software Dispatch as follows: all valid SPR's received by Digital on or before the in the next month's Software Dispatch. Valid SPR's are those to which Digital is under contractual obligation to respond to. This resolution does not require publication of those SPR's for which non-publication has been requested by the submittor."
"Be it further resolved that Digital publish each and every SPR esponse for RSX, IAS, and associated layered products as follows all SPR responses mailed to a customer on or before the tenth of the month shall be published in the next month's Software Dispatch."
"The SIG membership realizes that additional cost may be incurred to support this additional service."

In response to the resolution, DIGITAL has adopted the following new policy
regarding what should be published in the software Dispatch. regarding what should be published in the Software Dispatch.
"As a general practice, all answers to Software Performance reports communicating a 'Correction Given or Documentation Correction' response should be published in the appropriate software publication that the above mentioned should be published only if the answer provides relief to multiple members of the user community (e.g. provides a workaround or bypass to a problem not correctable in the current release of the product)."
This policy statement is believed to be currently in effect for all Digital software engineering groups. The DIGITAL response covers only the second part the resolution. DIGITAL will still continue the policy of not publishing raw SPR's.

## From Five Years Ago

## Gail Green Multi-Tasker Historian

This month's "From Five Years Ago" covers both May and June 1977. The following two articles, concerning the SIG's 1977 efforts to improve the handing of SPRS wo articles, concerning the Sig's lop provide some history on the current SPR problem.

MAY 1977 (Vol. 7, No. 5) SPRs - Further Developments
As part of our project to help improve the handling of SPRs by Digital, I have reviewed the current procedures related to the publication of SPRs, both raw and processed, in the Software Dispatch. In general, Digital does not publish articles resulting from SPRs that information is provided, (2) user errors (although frequent user errors of a similar nature often generate articles clarifying the proper procedures), (3) unsupported software including superceded releases beyond the support termination date, (4) duplications of previously published information, (5) user-modified software, (6) suggestions, or (7) matters sensitive to the security of the system (e.g., an SPR that required publication of material that would permit the general user to access passwords of other users would not be published; rather, the solution would be distributed to field support
personnel for transmission to affected sites.)

Raw SPRs are not published if (1) they involve an unsupported version of the software, (2) the problem is invalid (e.g., the problem as stated reveals that the user did not apply previously published publication of more than one page of an attachment (the attachment must also be reproducible), (4) the problem has been published
previously either as a raw SPR or as a published article, (5) the difficulties, (6) the SPR is marked "Do not publish", (7) it represents a problem of very limited interest (for example, an SPR reporting a difficulty with RSX-1lD V6B output on an LAl80 attached to a PDP-11/34 would not be published because neither the 11/34 ror the LAL 80 is supported in V6B), or (8) the SPR is a suggestion only. A major problem with the publication of raw SPRs involves the submission of SPRs to SPR centers other than Maynard. These SPRs, mostly submitted from Europe, are forwarded directly from the receiving center to the maintainers (in Maynard for RSX-11M/S, in Reading for RSX-11D/TAS) Consequently, these SPRS are never seen in raw form by result, only SPRs from North America are published in raw form.

Of the 44 SPRs sent to the SIG since the first of the calendar year 39 had not been published in any form as of the March Software Dispatch and did appear to meet the criteria for publication outlined above. At the current time the Software Communications office in Maynard is researching these 39 SPRs to determine exactly how they were disposed of and what reasons were given for non-publication. I hope to have a report on the disposition of these SPRS within a few eeks, so that we can rationally re-assess the SPR publication policy of The Multi-Tasker. - Mark F Lewis

JUNE 1977 (Vol. 7, No. 6) SPRs - Further Developments
As promised last month, we now have aditional details, about what happened to the SPRs that met the criteria for publication, but were not published either in fixed or raw form in the Software Dispatch. We forwarded copies of these SPRs, which represented almost 90 percent of the SPRs sent to the SIG for publication in The Multi-Tasker. AS soon as the procedures and guidelines for publication

Other May-June Highlights

* George Hamma provided a summary of RSX-1lD directives as implemented in RSX-1.M V2, for those undergoing conversion efforts.
* Mark Lewis criticized the new (one-year-old) format for DECUSCOPE and the value of the publication in the new format. The format had changed from a collection of user-written technical areicles a formicle for society news and a
* The June issue included a questionnaire requesting feedback on the value of the DECUSCOPE publication and reaction to the possibility of subscription fees for SIG publications.


## DECUS/RSX SIG Library News

Library News Editor

Over the years, DECUS, through the DECUS library, and the RSX-11/IAS SIG, through the SIG tapes, have accumulated a huge set of useful software. If you have news about any of this software, please send to the Multi-Tasker c/o this column. This includes any problems discovered, patches to existing software, you may have Send submissions to Multi-Tasker- Librany Nows, c/0 DECUS Iron Way, MR2-3/E55, Marlboro, MA 10752.

## Most Frequently Ordered DECUS Library Programs

During February 1982, the program/tapes most frequently shipped by the DECUS ibrary, on a world-wide basis, were as follows. The number in parentheses is the total copies shipped for the program.

| 1) | 11-SP-18 | (33) | C Language System |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2) | 11-370 | (22) | DUNGEON: A Game of Adventure |
| 3) | 11-456 | (21) | DUPLEX: Serial Communication Between Computers |
| 4) | 11-Sp-10 | (20) | RSX Special Collection \#1 |
| 4) | 11-SP-11 | (20) | RT-11 Special Collection |
| 4) | 11-SP-12 | (20) | RSX Special Collection \#2 |
| 7) | VAX-6 | (19) | SPICE2: General Purpose Circuit Simulator |
| 7) | 11-LR-2 | (19) | RSTS-II Library Tape \#2 |
| 7) | 11-Sp-16 | (19) | Symposium Tape from the PASCAL SIG, Spring 1980 |
| 10) | 11-314 | (18) | RT-11 RUNOFF, Version: MOl-C, April 1980 |
| 11) | VAX-LIB-1 | (17) | Special VAX Package |
| 11) | $11-L R-1$ | (17) | RSTS-11 Library tape \#1 |
| 11) | VAX-sp-1 | (17) | Symposium Tape from the VAX SIG, Fall 1979 |
| 14) | 11-417 | (16) | MINC BASIC/FORTRAN IV, Virtual Terminal Support |
| 15) | 11-464 | (15) | SPACE WAR: for Cursor Addressing CRTs |
| 15) | 11-SP-25 | (15) | APL for RSX-11M and RSX-1IM PLUS |

## New Submissions to DECUS Library

The following list of new and revised programs is condensed from the abstracts published each month in the DECUS U.S. Chapter Library Comittee newsletter "OFF T日E SHELF". I will try to publish the complete abstracts for all of these during the next few months.

## New Catalogs Available

The new DECUS 1982 library catalogs are now available. Your last issue of DECUScope had an order form. An order form is included in the are $\$ 3.00$. Microfiche versions are available for free.

| 11-SP-6 | DDT22: Mapping DDT/Sysaid Package (Revision) 600' Magtape (MA) | RSX-11D, M, S, IAS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11-SP-8 | RSX/IAS Fall 1979 San Diego Symposium (Revision) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-ILM, IAS |
| 11-SP-14 | Fall 81 European RSX Tape (New) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-11D, M, S,IAS |
| 11-SP-18 | C Language System <br> (New) $2400^{\prime}$ Magtape (PA) | RSX-11M V3.2 |
| 11-SP-19 | Fall 80 Structured Languages SIG Tape (New) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-11D, M, S |
| 11-SP-20 | Fall 80 European RSX-Il and VAX Tape (New) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-11D, M, IAS |
| 11-SP-21 | Fall 80 RSX/IAS SIG Tape (New) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-11D, M, S, IAS |
| 11-SP-23 | Spring 81 Canadian RSX-11 Tape (New) $2400^{\prime}$ Magtape (PA) | RSX-11M V3.1,3.2 |
| 11-SP-24 | Tektronix $8001 / 8002 / 8550$ Communication (New) 600' Magtape (MA) | RSX-11D, M, IAS |
| 11-SP-25 | APL-11 for RSX-IIM and RSX-11M+ (New) 2400' Magtape (PA) | RSX-11M, M + , IAS |
| 11-SP-28 | Fall 81 Canadian RSX-ll Tape (New) $2400^{\prime}$ Magtape (PA) | RSX-11D, M, S, IAS |
| 11-346 | PASCAL Compiler Version: October 1981 (Revised) $600^{\prime}$ Miagtape (MA) | RSX-1.1D, M, IAS |
| 11-421 | Seven BASIC Games Version: Feb 1981 (Revised) 600' Magtape (MA), Floppy (KA) | RSX-11D, M, IAS |
| 11-468 | DOC: Document Output Program (New) 600' Magtape (MA) | Ind. (MAC, F4P) |
| 11-470 | VSV-01 Device Driver for RSX-11M <br> (New) $600^{\circ}$ Magtape (MA), Floppy (KA) | RSX-11M |

# New Submissions to DECUS Library - Abstracts 

## DDT22: Mapping DDT/Sysaid Package <br> 1l-sp-6 (revision)

Version \#: V03, January 1982
System(s): IAS, RSX-11D V6 or later, RSX-11M V3 or later, RSX-11S V3 or later, RT-11 V2 or later, BSX and MSX are provided.
Languages: MACRO-11, FORTRAN IV-PLUS
Documentation on magnetic media.
Media (Service Charge Codes): 600' Magtape (MA)
A debugging and PDP-11 system package (mainly RSX-11 oriented) is provided. A symbolic debugger two operating systems-11, and several utilities are inciuded. They run on PDP-11/03 through FDP-11/70 (possibly VAx also.)

DDT22 is a symbolic debugger with PDP10-1ike commands. It can run on any PDP-ll and handle all languages. It gives a large superset of ODT commands including instruction display, floating point, long integers, watchpoints, and NAMED adöresses; can read symbol table files or debug disk images in RSX-ll. DDr22 can be built totally nonprivileged and debug tasks from a separate task in RSXIIM/M-PLUS (and probably VMS), requiring only 200 words or so of task space. Versions able to examine arbitrary memory can be built also by a powerful dDT build command file.

DDTSYM is a mod of the DEC flavor of DDT, allowing 22 bit space access but no other extras. GHASP is a generalized FORTRAN histogrammer/scatterplot maker. FPEM is a floating point emulator for llm/lls (llm-PLUS?) systems that need no
sysgen. When run (in its own partition, fixed), it makes the PDP-1I appear to have a floating point processor a la $11 / 45$ except no ${ }^{\text {F.P. }}$ traps. RSX-11 must not know about it, F4P must be built with F4PEIS in its ors to use, and tasks need /FP switch. It has been used for years and currently has no prohlems.
VDDRV gives virtual, optionally encrypted disks for TAS/RSX-1lD systems for all functions except task load. This permits use of secure databases by unmodified functions except task load, This permits use of secure databases by unmodi

NPUT and NGET are used to move fields of "n" bits from any bit address to any other bit address. DSKFIX is my handy old disk patcher (DDT is better at it!). Disown renames all tasks at the terminal and gives them to co: allowing other DSo just renames or users to log off. If the line that changes UCB is removed Dso just renames tasks (Fine under
recoverer (still only single header).
BSX is a simple, tiny realtime exec for standalone use (or under RSX-1IM) and MSX is a distributed exec for multiple PDP-lls (with some security kernel code) one develops tasks with BSX or MSX emulating themselves under RSX. 11 or TAS then moves them to standalone systems. Use these if you can't afford RSX-Ils

## Iicenses.

Note: The following improvements have been made: bugfixes, various enhancements, support for RT-11 V4 and RSX-llM-PLUS V2, improved DDT generation. estrictions: DDT22 has not been tested under RSX-11M-PLUS V2 with I/O space enabled; support code is present but untried except in Vl.

## RSX/IAS Fall $1979 \underset{11-S P-8}{\operatorname{San} \text { Diego Symposium Tape }}$

## Version \#: 79 FASD <br> Author (s): Various

Submitted: Phillip. . Cannon, Science Applications, Inc., Oakbrook, IL System(s): IAS V3.0, RSX-11MV3.1, 3.2
Languages: Various
Documentation on magnetic media.
Media (Service Charge Codes): 2400' Magtape (PA)
Format: DOS
This submission represents most of the material submitted to the RSX/IAS SIG at the Fall decus symposium in San Diego for inclusion on the RSX/las Symposian rape. There are 1,046 files using a total of 12,629 blocks and organized into 61 accounts. The file READTI.TXT in account [2,2] contains an abstract of programs on the tape. The account [2,2] contains command files that are helpful in installing the tape on your system. You will find mention of a second tape in account [2,2]. This will not be available until the spring 1980 Decape are in file READT2.TXT in account [2,2]. No guarantees are made as to the completeness, usability, or quality of the programs on the tape. The material has not been checked or reviewed and documentation may or may not be included.

The following is a very brief description of the programs to be found on the tape.
[300,*] TPC a neat program to replicate this tape, FORTRAN interface to FCS macros, some TECO macros, modifications to RUNOFF, use of illegal instruction trap in the RSX-11M executive, a version of SRD.
365.1] SRD 5.0 from the FILES-11 working group in the RSX/IAS SIG.

301,*] SELECT allows terminal oriented option selection, FORTRAN callable MATRIX routines, Inter computer communications programs ( 4800 baud) written in FORTRAN under 11M V3.1, V3. 2 and uses TT: driver, Graphic representation of most of the control blocks in the 11MV3.1 pool space.
[302,*] MULTI-TREK multi terminal STARTREK (IAS), subroutine to make spooler requests, HANGUP hangs up modems not in use, search a file for requests, HANGUP hangs up modems not in use
[305,100] RUNOFF - latest version from DECUS Library.
[307,*] Contains programs to help you recover the files on a disk pack after a disaster (say parity error in storage bit map).
[310,*] Directories of past Symposium tapes that have comments about the type and quality of the software.
[312.315] 22 bit DDT, RSX-11M floating point emulator allows you to run $F 4 P$ on a machine without floating point hardware, a program to give nicely formatted directory listings.
[323,*] Another set of commented directories of past symposium tapes.
[324,*] Primarily IAS accounting programs, plus a cross assembler command line scanner.
[325,*] An image processing utility and an inage display driver and access package.
$[340,20]$ A Keyword index program and template document generator.
[342,1] Teco version 35
[344,*] CCL a console command language that lets you define your own MCR commands on RSX-11M V3. 2 (makes your system easy to use and can save pool space by reducing the number of installed tasks), a small RMDEMO for llm v3.2, a system performance accounting package.
[357,*] The FORTRAN Cross-Reference program (XRF) and object module diss-assembler (DOB), are improved versions from the Iall '77 SIG tape, a potpourri of correction files for new features in RSX 1 m V3.2, routines for Digital Pathways' clock (TCU-130) and VOTRAX voice synthesizer

## Symposium tape from the European RSX Library Group <br> $11-5 P-14$

Version \#: Fall 1981, Hamburg
Author ( $s$ ): Various
Submitted: Roland Kessi, Swiss Institute for Nuclear Research, Switzerland System(s): IAS, RSX-11D, RSX-1IM, RSX-11S Languages: Varíous

Partial documentation on magnetic media.
Media (Service Charge Codes): 2400' Magtape (PA)
Format: DOS-11
This tape contains the programs submitted by users at the European 1981 DECUS Symposium. The following is a very brief description of the programs to be found on this tape:
-Submissions from the Netherland
README.1ST of the NL-RSX SIG submissions

FORTRAN-IV-Plus verifier
A down line load atility
Utility to renumber labels in FORTRAN programs
Directory sorting program
Terminal simulator and FORTRAN debugging tool (IAS only)
-Submissions from Germany
RECFIL - recover deleted files
HELP for IAS (IAS only)
Implementing background tasks (TAS only)
Mini post mortem dump for RSX-11M
-Submissions from SwitzerIand
RSXLTB (CERN) library
A collection of macros to write device driver tables
tild to take online system dumps
An additional page for RMD
-Submissions from Israe]
FLECS - a FORTRAN preprocessor
SUPDUK - a structured macro library
An INCLUDE preprocessor
-Submissions from Hungary
A magtape $A C P$ supporting foreign tapes
-Submissions from Training seminar notes
Notes of Stamerjohn's training seminar on ACPs
No guarantees are made to the completeness, usability, or quality of the programs on this tape. The material has not been checked or reviewed and documentation may or may not be included.

## C $\underset{11-S p-18}{\text { Language }} \underset{\text { Systen }}{ }$

Version \#: November 1980
Author (s): David Conroy, Martin Minow, Robert Denny, Charles forsythe Subnitted: Martin Minow, Digital Equipment Corporation, Tewksbury, MA System(s): RSTS/E V7.0, RSX-11MV3.2, RT-11 V3Br VAX/VMS V2.0
System(s): RSTS/E V7.0
Languages: MACRO-11, C
Documentation on magnetic media
Media (Service Charge Codes): See ordering information listed below.
Format: DOS-11
"C" is a general purpose programming language well suited for professional usage. The DECUS "C" distribution contains a complete "C" programming system including:

- A compiler for the "C" language. The entire language is supported except for floating-point, macros with arguments, bit fields, and enumerations.
- A common runtime library ('standard I/O library') for "C" programs running under the RSX-11 or RT-ll operating systems. By using this library, "C" programs may be developed on one operating system for
eventual use on another.
o A RSTS/E extensions library allowing access to all RSTS/E executive services.
- An RSX-ll/M extensions library allowing access to all RSX-11/M executive services.
- More than 20 "C" programs, including a cross-reference lister for "C" programs, a lexical analyzer program generator, cross-assemblers for microcomputers, and several games.
- Extensive documentation for the compiler and runtime libraries.

All software is distributed in source format. "C" may be built to run under
RSTS/E V7.0, RSX-11M V3.2, RT-11 V3B, OR VMS V2.0 (compatibility mode). It may be modified to run on earlier versions of these operating systems.
For a description of "C", the reader is referred to The $C$ programming Language by Brial W. Kernighan' and Dennis M. Ritchie, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1978.

Associated Documentation: The "C" language is described in Kernighan and Ritchie, "The C Programming Language" Prentice Hall ISBN 0-13-110163-3.

Note: One copy of the Release Notes (1l-SP-18A) will be shipped automatically with all magtape requests.
o Order $11-\mathrm{SP}-18$ for the $2400^{\prime}$ Magtape (PA)
o Order 1l-SP18A for Release Notes (AA)
The following documentation is on the magtape:
o Order ll-Sp-18B for the Reference Manual (EA)
o Order 1l-SP-18C for Lex: A Lexical Analyser Generator Library (EA).
o Order Il-SP-18D for the Tool Library Reference Manual (EA).
o Order ll-Sp-18E for the RSX-llM V3. 2 Executive C Extensions
Library (EB).
o Order $11-S p-18 F$ for the Compiler and Library Software Support Manual (EC).

## Working Group News

## Elizabeth Bailey Working Group News Editor

For the benefit of recent newcomers to the RSX SIG (as well as for my own benefit!) my first column will describe the purposes and current statas of most another: they will be covered in future Working Group Columns.

Several working group chairmen expressed a need for new members and new ideas. list of working group chairmen was printed in the December/January 1982 issue of the Multi-Tasker. If you would like to participate in any of these groups, contact the appropriate working group chairman.
The TRALNING group tries to determine new topics for which training courses are needed. The SIG Steering committee makes some recommendations, but the working group also looks to the sig membership for new ideas. in This gr

The RSX UNSUPPORTED VERSIONS group was organized recently for the benefit of those users who, due to small system size or lack of funds, choose not to upgrade and therefore are still running RSX versions 3.0 or 3.1 . This group will shortly pick up version 3.2 as well, since indications are that a number of users currently do not plan to upgrade to version 4.0 . This group is trying to
formulate a user to user support mechanism for patches and for adding some of formulate a user to user support mechanism for patches and for adding some of the features available in the newer systems to the older systems. For example,
an article describing some patches to support 9 -character file name in FLX on an article describing some patches to support 9 -character file name
versions 3.0 and 3.1 appeared in the March 1982 issue of the Multi-Tasker. Another activity in process is the compilation of a differences document to note the changes between different versions of RSXllm for users who may switch from one version to another.

Because there are substantial differences between the three RSX versions, this group plans to organize into three subgroups, one to handle each version. At the time of this writing (before the Atlanta symposium), a volunteer was needed to handle responsibility for version 3.2.
The SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTING group gathers material on performance measurement and optimization of RSX-11M. It became involved in accounting primarily for the purpose of monitoring system performance. This group has submitted programs on previous SIG tapes and presented sessions at previous tuning. An enhancement package for RSX version 4.0 will appear on the upcoming SIG tape.
The DECUS LIBRARY group evaluates programs from the DECUS library. Approximately 30 programs have been distributed to working group members and are currently in the process of being evaluated.

The VIRTUAL DISKS group's purpose in life is to maintain and consolidate the implementation of virtual disk packages and keep them compatible. It is currently in the process of working on a virtual disk driver for RSX-11M/M+
which will allow the user to combine multiple devices or files into one virtual volume.

The IAS group is in an uncertain state at this time. It was originally started after DEC announced the non-support of IAS after June, 1983. Since DEC is reconsidering, this group is waiting on the final decision before evaluating the scope of its future activities.

The FILES-1l working group is alive but much in need of direction. The original intent of the group was to maintain SRD, a very nice utility because it sorted the directory entries and allowed wild character support. Version 4 of RSX/PIP
now has wild character support so we need to redefine the current role and future focus of this working group.
The PROCESS CONTROL group works with computer control of industrial and manufacturing processes. Usually, although not always, this involves working with the ICS-ICRIl driver. The group provides two functions: a front for
discussing the users' needs with DEC, and a user forum for exchanging discussing the users needs with DEC, and a user for um for exchanging
information. A mailing list is available for the purpose of locating users who have implemented specific applications and specific equipment. Questionnaires have been sent to the people in this group in order to update the current status of each group member.
The SRD group's main goal is the creation of a "standard" reliable version of SRD which combines the useful features of the various SRD's currently in use. The working group will submit its version to the sumposium tapes and to the DECOS library. It will act as a point be contact sor users With proble informed via the Multi-Tasker where to find their version and what problems have been reported.

The working group members have not had the time to create a version for the Spring 1982 Atlanta tape, but they exptect to have a tested version on the fall 1982 Anaheim tape.

## Help Yourself

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elp Yourself Editor
"Help Yourself" is a place for you to get your tough questions answered. Each month, questions from readers will be published. If you have a question, send a letter to the Multi-Tasker - Help Yourself, c/o DECUS, One Iron Way, MR2-3/E55, Marlboro, MA 01752.
We would also like to publish the answers to questions. If you can help someone, contact the Multi-Tasker. Your answer will be sent directly to the person in need and published in the next edition.

## Answers to Previous Questions

## HP 7221 Support

Chris Doran of the Sira Institute had a partial answer for Randy Bialles's question about support subroutines for the HP 7221 plotter (December/January Multi-Tasker). He suggests three possible sources:

1. PLOT-21 from Hewlett-Packard. This package is quite cheap, but is written in HP 3000 FORTRAN and requires some conversion to run under RSX. The main problem is the large size of the object code.
2. Directory [310,135] on the Spring 1980 (Chicago) RSX SIG tape has some HP 7221 routines, also written in FORTRAN.
3. The "Plot Processor" from Sira Institute Limited (South Hill, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5EH, England) interprets a device independent plotter comand file and drives one of several output devices. It uses
separately loaded device driver overlays (a la RMDEMO), and currently separately loaded device driver overlays (a la RMDEMO), and currently
supports the HP 7221 and HP 2648 . The plotting functions provided include basic line-drawing, automatic scaling of data to user-specified units and a defined plotting area, rotation about any angle and position, extensive character set (ASCII, Greek, Cyrillic, APL, and
mathematical symbols), and area fill.

## RegIS Color Output

Kreigh Tomaszewski reported that Houston Instruments replied to his question about ReGIS compatible plotters (November Multi-Tasker) with a letter stating that they will be soon be releasing a line of Regis compatible color pen plotters. He also received several answers to his question about auto-dialer software, some referring him to Martin Heller's DECUS library submission ("DUPLEX", 11-456 -- does not support auto-dialing).

## Overlapped Seek for Small Disks

I was alarmed to find that the RL01/RL02 disk driver (DL:) simply spins in a tight loop waiting for the seek operation to complete before issuing a data transfer. Does anyone have a modified version of this disk driver that performs seek overlap? Also, does anyone have an RKO5 driver that performs seek overlaps?
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> From the "Help Yourself" Editor

The RLIl/RLVIl controller does not interrupt on seek complete (as the RKll does), so that the driver has to loop to know when to initiate the data transfer. overlapped seeks on multiple RL01/RL02's are possible, however, as described in the $\frac{R L O 1 / R L 02}{\text { EK-RL012-UG-002. Disk }}$ Also, sumsystem $\frac{\text { User's }}{\text { information on }}$ GKide, overlapped seeks appeared in the February 1977 Multi-Tasker. Does anyone have working v3.2/V4
compatible drivers?

## Computer Automation Cross Assembler

Does anyone have a cross assembler for the Computer Automation LSI $2 / 20$ to run on an 11/34 under RSX-11M?

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## Expanding IAS Node Pool

At the DeviAs meeting in January, Cliff Harvey, IAS product manager, announced that a group within DEC was working on a method of expanding the IAS node pool Does anyone have more information about this rumor? We are in great need of
many more nodes.

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(919) $541-3975$.

From the "Help Yourself" Editor
A session named "IAS Node Pool Expansion" is
scheduled for the Atlanta symposium (which has not
taken place as of this writing). The session is
carry more information in the next issue.

## RM80 Support Under IAS

The code to support RM80 disk drives is included in the IAS V3.1 DR: driver (this driver also supports RP07's, RM05's, and RM03's). Has anyone tried this out?

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## Hints And Things

"Hints and Things" is a monthly potpouri of helpful tidbits and rumors. Readers are encouraged to submit items to this column. Any input about any way to make life easier on RSX/IAS is needed. Please beware that items in this column have not been checked for accuracy. Send any contributions to Multi-Tasker - Hints and Things, c/o DECUS, one Iron Way, MR2-3/E55, Marlboro, MA 01752 .

## Common RSX Spelling Errors

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Careful study of the RSX SIG tapes and the Multi-Tasker reveals that RSX "Wizards" find it almost impossible to correctly spell certain common words. "Wizards" find it almost impossible to correctly spell certain common words. Although chronic misspelling is a harmless vice among one seers, it may
inspire contempt (as opposed to the normal respect and/or awe) among callow new inspire contempt (as opposed to the normal respect andor awe) among callow new illustrious RSXperts from further embarrassment, and ask readers to send in their own favorites.

```
Compatible
Delimiter
Global
Label
Mnemonic
```


## Parameter <br> Receivege <br> Retrieve

Separate
ubterranean
Supersede
Weird

## Visi-Disc

## Colin Mercer

Prosig Computer Consultants Limited
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Great Britain

## Background

At the 1981 European DEc symposium, the subject of non-rotating electronic disks came up at the magic session. Such a device allows DMA block transfers to and from memory to allow very fast disk-like Digital really made two different devices with these characteristics, the ML-11 and the vs-11. Phis note brings you up to date on current progress in the field.

As you know the original suggestion for a visual disc based on the vsil was made by Anders Wahberg during the RSX Magic session at the DECUS Hamburg in september 198. Since that time Anders has actually implat dimension to crash dump analysis.

Actually seeing disc blocks being allocated and fragmentation happening appears to give users a better appreciation of what goes on at the physical level in a Eile system. perhaps this will become yet another Essential Training Aid (ETA) or even a management Total objective Yardstick (Toy) for disc performance monitoring.
It is possible the product will be marketed under the name visi-Disc in Europe (and visi-Disk in the U.S.A.). An annoucement is expected imminently. Effecte spon the RSX community are being evaluated together with a research suggestion for a stero model.

## A PO.E.M.

Blessings on thee, little crash, Reducing all my work to ash. pwoing on the floor And your rudeness at Leaving 'fore I could say BYE. Taking all my code from me; Just when I'd purged my UIC

And gone back for a minor edit,
ittle crash, that's when you did it!
once more the deadline must be slashed...
Andy Scincenteto

## Upgrading to a New CPU

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We decided to upgrade our current RSX-11M V3.1 system to a more powerful configuration. We had stayed on V3.1 because our turnkey numerical control tape preparation software worked well enough and there was no advantage to upgrading to V3.2. We do anticipate an ungrade to RSX-11M VA.0. However, in the two and
a half years we have used the V3.1 system, our needs for NC tape preparation a half years we have used the V3.1 system, our needs for NC tape preparation
have grown and we need more CPU power, more disk storage, and more terminals.
The original configuration consisted of a PDP-11/40, 2 RLOI disk drives, 128 KW Mos memory and 4 DLIl-B serial line interfaces. The new system consists of a pressing need was more cpu power. I felt that we wanted to since our most pressing need was more CPU power, I felt that we wanted to avoid a sysgen to
upgrade to V .2 , since $V 4.0$ would be available in another two months. Theradere, i wanted to take my DLII's and RLOl's from the ill/40 and move them to the $11 / 44$ in place of the new DZIl and RL02's. Obviously, since I had not sysgened those devices into my V3.1 system, I could not expect them to function. However, I was hoping that a $11 / 44$ CPU would run a system generated for a $11 / 40$ Inquiries with the local DEC office did not offer a greate deaj of encouragement. Generally, the attitude was either "It won't work" to "It cannot hurt to try, but don't be suprised if it does not work."

We bravely proceeded since we would save ourselves a great deal of work. After installing the $11 / 44$, we cabled the RLOl drives into the $11 / 44$ RL controller installing the $11 / 44$, we cabled the RLOl drives into the $11 / 44$ RL controller, li/44 backplane. We booted the system and it came up and ran fine. Two problems surfaced shortly. TTl: and TT3: were not working. After much research and effort we determined that the DEll for Tr3: had died during the nove. Fixing rar: proved to be more difficult. We determined that the ru58 interface on the PDP-11/44 had the same CSR address as the DLIl. At first we attempted to patch RSX and move the DLIl CSR address and vector to some new location. That was only partially successful. Finally, we found the dip switch settings necessary to move the the csi adders and

Also, note that if you have a machine full of core memory, your local field service may be interested in working a trade-in of your core for a new mos memory board. The savings in maintenance costs alone will pay for the cost of a the new MOS memory board.

## Two Debugging Hints

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Monitoring Subroutine Calls
F4P routines comoiled with any of the TR (trace) options generate a call to NAMS (an OTS routine) upon entry. Thus, all subroutine calls in a task can be
monitored with a single breakpoint on NAMS. When NAM\$ is reached, the following information is available:
(1) The two words on top-of-stack contain the called subroutine name in RAD50.
2) R5 is the argument list pointer
(3) The current line number of the calling program is located at \$SECC. (This value is the exact the number for routines compiled with TR:ALI, the "block" line number for routines compiled with TR:BLOCKS, and is undefined for routines
(4) The word at इNAMC points to the traceback list. The first entry describes the calling program, the next entry describes the caller's the following format.

| first word: link to next entry |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| second word: | line number of next entry |
| third word: | first three characters of <br> subroutine name (RAD50) |
| fourth word: | second three characters of <br> subroutine name (RAD50) |

The addresses of NAM\$, \$NAMC, and \$SEOC will be reported in the TKB map if the object module list for rKB contains LB:[1,1]SYSLIB/LB:\$NAM:\$OTV/MA. Also, note that ODT has features for translating RAD50 (\%) and for following pointers (©).

ODT in Operational Tasks
Tasks built with ODT are not appropriate for operational use because (a) it is not "friendly" to require the user to type the $G$ after RUNning the task and (b) ODT tasks require "operator attention" when cun from a command procedure. To work around this problem, some installations build every task twice.
once as *.TSK for operational use and once as $*$. ODT once as *.TSK for operational use and once as ${ }^{\star}$.ODT
with ODT for diagnosing problems. This awkardness is with obI for diagnosing problems. This awkwardness is enable/disable ODT in an existing task file.

It is straightforward to write a program which tickles the task header on disk to enable/disable ODT. (The algorithm is described below.) with such a program,
all tasks can be built with ODT and ODT can be all tasks can be built with ODT and ODT can b logically disabled for operational use.

Disabling/enabling ODT involves manipulating the header block of the task file. The format of the task file is described in Appendix $B$ of the Task Builder Manual. To disable ODT, move the task's initial value of R0 to offset H.IPC of the task's header block. The header block's virtual block number is at offset LSBHRB of the first virtual block. The initial value of R0 is in the header block, one word before the guard word, whose offset is stored at H.GARD. Note that if the initial value of RO is zero, the task was not built with ODT

To re-enable ODT, move the word at offset L\$BXFR of the first virtual block to offset H.IPC of the header block.

## From The Wizards Book Of Magic

The Magic sessions at the symposium have become one of the most popular features of the RSX/IAS SIG. This column bas the same purpose: to exchange and discuss ideas on non-standard RSX and IAS programming. Readers are encouraged to submit items to this column and are also warned that the material here have not been checked for accuracy. Also, implementation of any items from this column will incorrect usage could result in system crashes and other incorrect system operations. Send any submissions to Multi-Tasker - Magic, c/o Decus, one Iron Way, MR2-3/E55, Marlboro, MA 10752.

## Rotating Lights for Machines Without Lights

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 Here is a program for those RSX users who have always wanted to have rotatingpatterns in their data lights，but have never had data lights on their cPU＇s． patterns in their data lights，but have never had data lights on their CPU s． keyboards of your logged－out VIIOO＇s．As listed，LEDS attempts to rotate the LEDS once per second－－if you have many VTl00＇s，you may wish to increase， reduce，or eliminate＂rottim＂．Also，if you happen to have a gap in your terminal numbers（i．e．TT0：，TTI：，then TT23：），LEDS will not see the terminals past the gap．
LEDS uses RO－R4 to store information which may be of interest to those who like to snoop around with RMDEMO，Specifically，RO is the currently assigned TT unit，R1 is the current LED number（ASCII），R2 is incremented on each pass，R3
is the last TT unit which actually had an escape sequence sent to it，and R4 is is the last Tr unit which actually had an escape sequence sent to it，and R4 is

Although LeDS is essentially frivolous，it does provide a diagnostic function （it proves that the terminal and computer are active and connected properiy），as well as a rough indication of system load．Note that the proper method for clearing the screen of a logged－out VTl00 with LEDS running is to type＜NO SCROLL〉 〈SET－UP〉＜0＞．

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text {.Title LEDS } \\
\text { - Enabl } & \text { LC } \\
\text {-Ident }
\end{array}
$$

；IEDS by D．Digiacomo
；This program rotates the LEDS on any logged－out VTIOO＇s in an RSX－llM system．It requires the full－duplex termina ＇ariver with most on the options．Also，so weird situations will＇confuse it
；TKB commands：LeDS／PR：0／－FP＝LEDS，LB：［1，I］EXELIB／LB：EXEDF／SS
／ASG＝TT： 1
PRI＝1
STACK＝16
TASK＝LED
UNITS＝
／／

|  | ．mcall． <br> ．mcall | alun\＄s qiows | astx\＄s <br> wtse | cmkt\$ |  | glun\＄ | mrkt |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| esc | $=33$ | ；ASCII | escape | char． |  |  |  |
| rotefn | $=1$ | ；event | flag for | rota | on tim |  |  |
| rottim | $=1$ | ；rotat | ion delay | ，sec |  |  |  |
| trmefn | $=2$ | ；event | flag for | r term | 1 I／O |  |  |
| trmiun | $=1$ | ；LUN |  |  |  |  |  |
| tmoefn | $=3$ | ；event | flag for | I／O | meout |  |  |
| tmotim | $=15$ ． | ；I／O | imeout， | second |  |  |  |
| cmkt： | cmkt \＄ | tmoefn |  | ；canc | 1／O | meout | ktim |
| glun： | glun\＄ | trmlun， | lunbuf | ；get | ermina | UN inf | mat |
| rotmrk： | mrkts | rotefn， | rottim，2 | ；rot | ion de | markt |  |
| tmomrk： | mrkt\＄ | tmoefn， | tmotim， | ，tmoas | ；I／O | cout | ay |
| rotwat： | wtse\＄ | rotefn |  | ；wai | for ro | e timer |  |
| ```; Get terminal characteristics QIOW gmcgio: qiow$ sf.gmc,trmlun,trmefn,r,<<gmcbuf,gmclen>``` |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ；Send LED escape sequence QIOW |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| rotqio：qiow\＄ |  | ＜io．wbt！tf，wal＞，trmlun，trmefn，，，＜rotmsg，rotlen＞ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ；Cancel escap kilqio：qiows |  | sequence I／O QIOW io．kil，trmlun，trmefn |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| lunbuf： gmebuf： gmocts： | ．blkw |  |  |  |  |  | ；LUN information buffer |  |  |  |
|  | ．byte | tc．cts |  | ；terminal characteristics buffer |  |  |  |
|  | ．byte | 0 |  | ；control－S，control－O status |  |  |  |
|  | ．byte | tc．ttp |  |  |  |  |  |
| gmcttp： gmc1en | ．byte | 0 |  | ；terminal type |  |  |  |
|  | $=.-\mathrm{gmc}$ |  |  | ；characteristics buffer length |  |  |  |
| rotmsg： <br> rotled： | ．ascii | ＜esc＞＂${ }_{\text {lq＂}}$ |  | ；LED escape sequence |  |  |  |
|  | ．ascii |  |  | ；ASC | LED n | goes |  |
| rotlen | $=.-$ rotmsg |  |  | ；length of escape sequence |  |  |  |
|  | ．even |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LEDS： | mov | \＃＇0，rl |  | ；initialize LED no． |  |  |  |
|  | clr | r2 |  | ；initialize pass no． |  |  |  |
|  | clr | $r 3$ |  | ；initialize last terminal |  |  |  |
|  | clr | r4 |  | ；initialize timeout count |  |  |  |
|  | cl r | r5 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | br | 15\＄ |  | ；branch around wait |  |  |  |
| 10\＄： | dir\＄ | \＃rotwat |  | ；wait for rotate timer |  |  |  |
| 15\＄： | dirs | \＃rotmrk |  | ；start rotate timer |  |  |  |
|  | inc | r2 |  | ；bump pass count |  |  |  |
|  | inc | r1 |  | ；rotate LED |  |  |  |
|  | cmp | r1，\＃＇4 |  | ；past led 4 ？ |  |  |  |
|  | blos | 20\＄ |  | ；no， | ontinu |  |  |


| 20\$: | mov | \#'l,rl | ; yes, restart w/LED l |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | movb | rl,rotled | ; Copy LED no. to esc. seq. |
|  | mov | \#-1, r 0 | ; start unit scan w/TTO: |
| 30\$: | inc | ro | ; next unit |
|  | alun\$s | \#trmiun,\#"TT, ra | ; assign LuN to TTn: |
|  | bcs | 10\$ | ; failed, wait for rotate timer |
|  | dirs | \#glun | ; get luN info |
|  | bcs | 30\$ | ; failed, try next unit |
|  | bit | \#fd.tty,lunbuftg | .lucw ; is it a terminal? |
|  | beq | 30\$ | ; no, oddly enough |
|  | bit | \#u2.log, lunbuftg | .lucw+2 ; yes, is it logged on? |
|  | beq | $30 \$$ | ; yes, try next unit |
|  | dir \$ | \#grncq io | ; no, get terminal characteristics |
|  | bes | 10\$ | ; failed, wait for rotate timer |
|  | bitb | \#1,gmects | ; is it in ${ }^{\text {a }} \mathrm{S}$ state? |
|  | bne | $30 \$$ | ; yes, don't send escape seq. |
|  | cmpb | \#t.v100,gmcttp | ; no, is it a VTloo? |
|  | bne | 30\$ | ; no, don't send escape seq. |
|  | dir\$ | \#tmomrk | ; yes, start I/O timeout timer |
|  | bcs | 10\$ | ; failed, wait for rotate timer |
|  | mov | r0,r3 | ; set last terminal indicator |
|  | dirs | \#rotqio | ; send LED escape sequence |
|  | bes | 10\$ | ; failed, wait for rotate timer |
|  | dir\$ | \#cmkt | ; cancel $\mathrm{I} / \mathrm{O}$ timeout marktime |
|  | br | 30\$ | ; and try next unit |
| tmoast: | tst | (sp) + | ; I/O timeout AST- pop event flag |
|  | inc | r4 | ; indicate failure |
|  | dir\$ | \#kilqio | ; and kill I/O |
|  | astx\$s |  | ; back to main program |
|  | . end | LEDS |  |

## Putting VIRTUAL Arrays in Common

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A drawback of FORTRAN's virtual arrays is that they may not be placed in COMMON and thus shared between subprograms, except by passing as arguments. This is not always convenient.
The object code produced by VIRTUAL declarations sets up a "mapped array" PSECT named SVIRT (see TKB manual, section A.1.8). The task builder's special virtual arrays are always local to the segments where they are declared. The patch described in this note enables the PSECT attribute to be changed to overlaid (OVR), placing all virtual arrays in a task into the same common area.

They are then globally accessible throughout the program. VIRTUAL then becomes a special case of COMMON.

There are two ways of doing this. The simplest is to alter the two words in TKB where the CON attribute is set. Add the following two lines to the task builde build command file (BIGTKBBLD.CMD):

GBLPAT=P3PRE: $\$$ PRCLM+4470:20344
GBLPAT $=$ P3LBSR: SPRCLM $+4470: 20344$
and rebuild TKB. All tasks built with the modified task-builder then overlay irtual arrays. The mapped PSECT type cannot be generated by programs written in Macro-ll, so this should not affect any DIGITAL utilities, although other high-level languages possible use the facility.
A safer solution is to make concatenation or overlaying a TKB option. The three files below, IODAT. PAT, P2OPT. PAT, and PRCLM. PAT, applied to the respective TKB object modules implement a new "VARRAY" task builder option. The new syntax is:

$$
\text { VARRAY }=\text { CON } \quad \text { or } \quad \text { VARRAY }=\text { OVR }
$$

with the default being ths standard of CON. The PAT checksums are:

| IODAT.OBJ | 066245 | IODAT. POB | 014641 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| P2OPT.OBJ | 124225 | P2OPT. POB | 064404 |
| PRCLM.OBJ | 115206 | PRCLM. POB | 007035 |

Note that consecutively declared arrays should not be assumed to be contiguous in memory. For example, statements VIRTUAL A(1000) in one program segement and VIRTUAL B(500), C(500) in another will overlay B and C onto A. But it is not correct to take $C(1)$ as equivalent to $A(501)$ as it would be with normal con This idea has been used successfulty with RSX . It has not been tried with FOR and the patches will probably be different under RSX-11M V4.0.

IODAT. PAT

## -TITLE IODAT

; 28A CJ Doran 26-Mar-82
Add globally accessible \$VAROC for new VARRAY option.
$\$ \$ \$=$
. $=\$ \$+16$
\$VAROC:: WORD CS\$VAS*400!CS\$TYP!CS\$GBL!CS\$REL,\$VAROC ;Default CON
END

## P2OPT. PAT

TITLE P20PT
; 24 A CJ Doran 26 -Mar- 82
;
$\$=$.
$=\$+26$
$=\$+354$ JSR PC, INIT
; Initialize, including \$VAROC
\$P2OPE:
$=\$+612$
INIT: MOV
MOV \#CS\$VAS*400!CS\$TYP!CS\$GBL!CS\$REL, \$VAROC ;Default CON
. PSECT ARGBLK, D,GBL
$\$ \$=.+220$
. WORD \$RR
-l Radix-50 parameter
. PSECT OPTBLK,D,GBL
$\$ \$ \$=$
$=\$ \$ \$+466$
. RAD50
$\cdot$ BYTE $^{2}$ . BYTE
. WORD . WORD /VARRAY/
1,1
\$KWRDE: :
\$\$, VARRAY
S $\$ \$ \$=$. PSECT $\quad$ OPCD $\$ \mathrm{FI}, \mathrm{I}, \mathrm{GBL}$
.$=\$ \$ \$ \$+1726$
; Process new option
; VARRAY=CON or VARRAY=OVR

| VARRAY: | CMP | @R5, \#^ RCON | ; Is it CON |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BEQ | SETCON | ;Yes, go set flags |
|  | CMP | @R5,\#^ROVR | ; No, must be OVR |
|  | BEQ | SETOVR | ;Yes, go set flags |
|  | MOV | (PC) + , R 3 | ; Else load error message |
|  | - BYTE | E\$R29,S\$V1 | ; "INVALID KEYWORD" |
|  | JMP | \$P20PE | ;Print error and try next |

SETOVR: MOV \#CS\$VAS*400!CS\$TYP!CS\$GBL!CS\$REL!CS\$ALO,SVAROC ;Set OCT RTS PC
SETCON: $\underset{\text { RTS }}{\text { MOV }} \underset{\text { PCS }}{\text { \#CSVAS*400!CS\$TYP!CS\$GBL!CS\$REL, } \$ V A R O C \quad \text { iset CON }}$
RTS
PC
. END

PRCLM, PAT

```
-TITLE PRCLM
    .IDENT /07A/
; 07A CJ Doran 26-Mar-82
; Set mapped array PSECT type to OVR or CON as set by new
    VARRAY option.
        . PSECT
$$$=.
        MOV $VAROC,C$SFLG(Rl) ;Set flags
    .END
```


## RSX-11M V4.0 Release Notes (continued)

## Ralph Stamerjohn

RSX-IlM V4.0 is out! This version is good! Digital has done an excellent software engineering job, even to the point of changing all messages to upper/lower case. By the time you read this, you should have gotten your kit if under warranty support or on auto-update subscription service.
This is the first in a series of articles on RSX-llm V4.0 problems, hints,
undocumented features, and other information. If you find something about undocumented features, and other information. If you find something about RSX-llm V4.0 you did not know about, send a note to the Multi-Tasker so everyone else finds out also.

### 1.0 SYSGEN PROBLEMS

The only problems reported to date are smallerrors in the . BLD files in [l, 20]. following the release note procedure to update V3.2 INDirect MCR (section 3.2 .2 page 30).
The problems are that some of the . BLD files have. DATA statements which do NOT have a space following the .DATA. This causes a syntax error to ind and terminates the SYSGEN command file. In some cases, the problem is the .DATA a space to the line. In other cases, the. These lines can be fixed by appending horizontal tab (<TAB>). These lines can be fixed by changing the tab to a space.

Joe Sventek did an exhaustive search on [1,20]*. BLD and found the following files need to be editted (note, because of conditionals, not all files may generate an error for a particular generation):
$[1,20]$ ACNBLD. BLD
$[1,20]$ CFLBLD.
$[1,20]$ FTBBLD
$[1,20] M C R B L D . B L D$
$[1,20]$ RMDBLD. BLD
$[1,20]$ SAVBLD. BLD
$[1,20]$ VMRBLD. BLD

### 2.0 PROBLEM RUMORS

It has been reported that on PDP-11/24 and PDP-11/44 processors with dual RL02 controllers, the second controller will not work. I do not have this configuration and cannot verify it. If anyone can, I would like to hear from you. I am told Digital is working on the problem.

### 3.0 DOCUMENTATION ERRORS

The SYSGEN manual has a few errors. The most glaring $I$ have found so far is question 5 (EAE support) in the Target Confiquration section (page 4-14). The explanation states that "This question does not appear if the target processor has a memory management hardware (KT-11) or is not a UNIBUS PDP-1l (for example, a PDP-11/03, PDP-11/23, and LSI-11). SYSGEN automaticaliy includes EAE support for those systems."

In fact, the opposite is true. EAE support cannot be selected for those systems because the EAE is not supported on this system. SYSGEN does work correctly, only the documentation is wrong.

The Executive Reference Manual documentation for the new STIMS directive (Set System rime) states on page 5-195 that "When this directive changes the system time by a specified amount, it also effectively changes the time anything resident on the clock queue by the same amount. Thus, time synchronization of events is maintained."
I believe this statement is incorrect. I examined the module DRGTP where the directive is processed and can find no code that updates the clock queues. Even time back one hour, does my mark time due to elapse in io seconds get changed to go off in 1 hour and 10 seconds or still go off in lo seconds? can anyone confirm my belief that the code only changes the time and date and has no effect on the clock queues? The manual set I received had only an update for the Macro-il Reference Manual
(AD-5075B-T1). However, my RSX-11M v3.2 Macro-11 Refernce manual is order number DEC-ll-OIMRA-B-D. The only problem this caused was a skew in the table of contents from page iv to $v$. The contents now jump from section 6.8.1.2 to section 7.3.5.
4.0 UNDOCUMENTED FEATURES

All releases of RSX-11M have undocumented or documented but hidden features. It is a great game to find them out. For example, I always use opEn to patch a 777 at the start of CSIS2 in every utility. I then find the switch table address
and dump it with OPEn to find any undocumented switches. So far, I have seen or heard about the following and would like any additional input.

### 4.1 Machine-Readable Manuals

The help files in [1,2]HELP.ULB are incredible. In fact, they are so good that machine-readable manuals on MCR, DCL, Indirect MCR, Executive directives, all Utilities, ODT, FCS, RMS, ERRLOG, and System-Library routines can be generated. you can simply extract and print the help files or get carried away like me and actually use Runoff to pretty-print them. My basic procedure was to use the BUILD module in [1,2] HELP. ULB to extract all the modules, edit the root modules MCR. HLP and DCL. HLP into files on MCR commands, DCL commands, RMS and its utilities, Indirect MCR, Utilities, and general documentation (directives, FC
system library routines).

I then use the command file below to build the various master Runoff help files. The command file changes all help keywords in header levels, strips leading blanks, processes blank lines in paragraphs, converts synonyms into forward references, and processes lines starting with tabs as literals. Note, two of the help files had lines longer than 80 characters which causes the command file to terminate. one was RMS. HLP which had two such lines. Unfortunately, I cannot remember the other file or the lines in question.

The resulting Runoff files took about two days to edit the exceptions into pretty formats, but once done we printed 50 copies (including microfiche sets) pretty formats, but once done we printed so copies (includi - ENABLE SUBSTITUTION
; Edit . HLP file into Runoff format. Assume all help files have been extracted from Help. Ulb
and are in this account. If not, type $\wedge \mathrm{Z}$ to next question and setup help files.
. ASKS HLPF Name of master help file
.ASKS OUTF Name of Runoff output file
; We will now pause so you can edit this file. You may want to reorder some of the text or remove some. When finished continue the command file.

- PAUSE

Starting processing...this will take some time.
.OPEN $\# 0$ 'OUTF'.RNO
-SETN FN 1
－OPENR \＃＇FN＇＇HiLPF＇．HLP
－SETF LITRL
－SETF BLINE
：$;$
：$;$ Read next input line．
．NXTLIN：
\＃＇EN＇LINE
．；Check for EOF and pop up to previous file if done．
：； IFF 〈EOF〉 ．GOTO DISPT
．CLOSE \＃＇FN＇
－DEC FN
－IF FN $=0$ ．GOTO NXTLN IDONE
－GOTO NXTLN
：；Get first character and dispatch on type of line．
．DISPT：


$:$ ：Output normal lines as normal．If in literal，come out．
：NORML：．IFT LITRL ．IFT BLINE－DATA \＃O
－IFF LITRL ．IFT BLINE ．DATA \＃0．$P$
－ift Litrl ．Data \＃0 ．end literai
－SETF Litrl
．DATA \＃0＇LINE＇
．GOTO NXTLN
．；
$:$ ：Output lines starting with tabs as literals．
．TABLN：
：iff LifRL ．DATA \＃O ．LITERAL
－IFF LITRL BLINE ．DATA \＃O
－SETT LITRL
DATA \＃0＇LINE
．GOTO NXTLN
：；Flag a blank line seen．It will be output later．
．BLANK ：
－
－SETHY BLINE
．GOTO NXTLN
$\cdot:$
：；Remove any leading spaces from input line．
．SPACE：－TEST LINE
．SETS LINE LINE［2：＜STRLEN〉］
．SETS CHAR LINE［1：1］
． IF CHAR $=$＂＂．GOTO TABLN
－IF CHAR＝＂＂－GOTO SPACE
－IF LINE＝＂n ．GOTO BLANK
－GOTO NORML
$\cdot$
$\cdot$
$\cdot$
$;$
．；Get indirect help file and chain to new file．
．TNDTR：．＇TEST LINE
－TETS LINE LINE［2：＜STRLEN＞］
－INC FN
．ONC FN \＃＇FN＇＇LINE＇．HLP
GOTO NXTEN
－；
：；Output help keywords as header levels and set blank line．
：；Also output to terminal so we know something is happening．
．HEADL：．：ift LITRL ．DATA \＃0 ．END LITERAL
．SETE LITRL
－DATA \＃O ．HL＇LINE＇
．GOTO NXTLN
$\cdot!$
$\because$ Output synoymns as line refering to actual text．
．SYNOM：．$\cdot$ IFT LITRL ．IFT BIINE ．DATA \＃0
－IFF LITRL．IFT BLINE ．DATA \＃0 ． P
－IFT LITRL ．DATA \＃0 ．END LITERAL．
－SETF LITRL
－TETFT BLINE
．SETS LINE LINE［2：＜STRLEN＞
－DATA \＃0 see section＇LINE＇below
－GOTO NXTLN
：；All done，close output file．You will still need to make
$:$ ：edits to get the format correct．
IDONE：．． CL OSE \＃0

### 4.2 EGCML

In the help files on system libraries are notes on EgMCL form of the Get command Line modules. This extended form has some nice extensions like indirect command file extraction from user libraries, control of terminal timeout, and write with break through of Control-0 terminal state.

### 4.3 INDSYS. CLB

in [12,10] on the distribution kit is a file INDSYS.CLB. This file is a library of neat Indirect MCR command files, which again is documented in the help files. Among the contents are the following:

* INDDMP dumps all defined symbols and values to $\mathrm{TI}:!$
* INDPRF fully parses filename specifications!
* INDCFG displays the current build parameters of Indirect MCR.
* INDSFN returns system configuration status (\$FMASK).
* INDVFY displays all values on indirect special symbols.
* QIOERR outputs an ASCII message, given the error code.


### 5.0 THINGS NEEDING INVESTIGATION

My one week with RSX-11M V4.0 has wetted by curiosity in several areas. I want any and all inputs, no matter how trivial you may feel they are But here is a you get into any of them, please write up a note and send to the Multi-Tasker.

* The release notes talk about an interactive introduction to RSX-1IM for getting new people started. I would like to hear from new users on how gfective they found this.
* I would like to hear from anyone who has never seen RSX-IIM before and is starting with RSX-llm V4.0. How do you find it? What things did you not understand?
* I would like to hear from anyone coming from a version older than V3.l. How great is the jump skipping directly to V. 40 ?
* If someone has only RK05's, what is a system generation like?
* What are external headers?
* What are ancillary control devices? * RX-llM V4.0 seens to have invented a language for describing devices
to error logging. If anyone adds a user-written device, I would like a note on how you did it.
* The DCL implementation uses a table-driven parser that seems to be quite fully documented. Also, all sources are available. If anyone quite fully documented. Also, all sources are available. If an
* If anyone has a technique, especially an automated procedure, for generating loadable drivers with loadable data bases, how do you do it? Along the same line, I am interested in any techniques that allow the same system and privilege tasks to work on systems with different devices. There must be a way to generate a 22-bit executive that works on pDP-11/24's, $11 / 44^{\prime} s$ and $11 / 70^{\prime}$ s that only differ in their devices
and amount of memory.
* Does BRU work? Would someone like to volunteer to run a set of worst case tests on BRU, doing things like save and restoring directories case tests on BRU, doing things
with thousands of files, large multi-header contiguous files, and any other conditions that can be dreamed up.
* The executive commons move a lot, but there might be other code that could move to open up even more pool. Is there? it seems to me that CRASH and ERROR might be obvious modules to move out of the low core executive.


## The Journey from RSX to VMS -- Part II

Site Prep and New User

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Site Preparation
Digital Field Service promptly arrived to do our site survey and preparation guide for the VAX installation. The goal of their report is to cite their requirements for power, air conditioning, space, and facilities. Our site is fairly straight forward since we already have DEC equipment:

1. existing air conditioning is more than adequate (some would say it is an arctic zone...)
2. existing filtered power will handle the vax, although during the cutover period the PDP-11 will be on unfiltered power. large box will be added to hold the VAX circuit breakers.
3. all new receptacles for the vax to plug into (for power) are needed. There is a phenomenal number of different type plugs needed ( 5 for us!). Since we have a raised floor, I decide to have the receptacles placed on rubber cords rather than wall mount them. This way we can move the dax easily. By the way, $11 / 780$ CPU expansion cabinet uses an "E" connector not a "B"; and the TU77/78 does require power ("C"). Be sure to check with field service before you have contractors install power!
4. our space is adequate for the VAX. During the transition period it will be very crowded and we will eliminate our very popular tours. Digital wants at least a 30inch service area on al. sides of their equipment.
5. the vAX is a "right-hand" machine only -- the CPU expansion and UNIBUS cabinets all attach to the right of the CPU (when looking at it from the front). Unfortunately, a jeft-hand system would work better for us. I briefly considered turning configuration that works. Now the UNIBUS cabinet wil be within the cabling tolerances of our vector General graphics system ( 25 cabling feet max).
6. we need to order a direct phone line. Our phone system is the PBX type, and the Remote Diagnosis computer cannot ask the phone operator for the VAX'es extension number. The last vax installed in Austin has not yet received their modem from field
service ( 6 month delay) so this is not a rush order.
7. DEC will come check our to be installed power prior to installing the Vhx. They are especially serious about a good isolated ground for every receptacle.
8. we will install a thermal shutoff so that if air conditioning fails during the night and the room overheats, power will. be turned of f

New User
Fortunately for us, a local company is taking delivery of a vax $11 / 750$ and will let us watch the installation and learn on the machine. My first impression of the 750 is that it is tiny. Just about the right heigth to have a plant put on top. Installation was delayed a day because the wiring was incorrect -- the contractors had daisy-chained was not yet availabje for this system, but since it was January, the machine could be kept adequately cooled by killing heat to that building. Needless to say, the extra air conditioning was immediately installed!

After installation came the "sysgen". RSX'ers, remember all those nour of answering questions, the grinding assemblies, the ... well you kno what a pain an RSX sysgen can be. The MS one is so simple! It take 25 minutes to read in the DSC TU58 cartridges (5 minutes for 780 floppies), 1 hour to read the MS 2.3 tape including verify (using a TS 11 tape), then conversationally boot the system, speoify MINIIMM.PAR a listing so this took time), reboot using a more correct PAR (e. १GUSER), autocorfigure, and voila! Of course there is a trade-off -- on RSX there is a long sysgen and little or no tuning of the system. VMs is exactly the opposite.

Unfortunately VMS did not work the first time because it could not find the DZ's. Digital redid the software install to no avail. The problem turned out to be that the 750 was shipped with an unordered DUP-11. Field service removed it but did not realize that the DZ's addresses were affected. Both are in floating space with the DUP first, so Autoconfigure to work. After this, WMS "ran like a champ"

We logged on as soon as possible to begin looking at WMS. Since most of our user community will never read a VMS manual we decided to also not read the manuals first. This way we will know first hand how robust and usable the HELP system is for our users. So here are some observation about the HEL? system

1. "HEIP subiect.." gives everytring available on the subject but "HELP subject qualifier..." does not work. Unfortunate if you want to know everything about a quailifier.
2. There is no help for compatibility products such as PIP. B00.
3. Heip on RSX is very forgiving about slashes on qualifiers. WMS is rigid. If the subkey needs a slash, you must include it.
4. One help subject is "SPECIFY" and other help files reference it. This was initially confusing since there is no DCL command SPECIFY (I know, I tried it). This subject is "how to specify
things..." Not prereading the manuals can cause trouble.
5. Help on subdirectories demonstrated a nole in the system. VMs help rarely provides a live example, only text explanantion. help rarely provides a live example, omly text explanantion It is very hard to imagine the subdirectory fornat from the
text. A simple example (CREATE/DIR [TOP.SUBDIR]) would have been a big help.
6. Help on the lexical functions (heavily used in indirect commands) is all blocked together. You must read the entire section to find your one function.

The above is the bad aspect of the VMS help files (especially for the non manaul reader). The good news is that we got a lot of work done, and learned a lot using the help system. Only rarely will an average user need to resort to manuals. We'll prepare a 10 page introductory document for our users, add some obvious help files such as Fortran syntax, and go with it. By the way, the spring 1981 VMS SIG tape has a
nice help file for DSR.

Next month: off to manager school.

## USER Program Corrections

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$$
\begin{aligned}
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\end{aligned}
$$

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$$

The USER program and related files published in the March 1982 issue of the Multi-Tasker (Vol. 15, No. 8) have some errors in the handing of warning messages to terminals. The article was titled "Idle Terminal Monitor" and started on page 30.

The following SLP command file corrects the version that was published in the Multi-Tasker. Also, a minor bug in the generation command file is corrected.

A correct version of the program will be submitted to the Atlanta symposium tape and the the DECUS library.

I apologize for any problems this may have caused. If anyone finds more problems, please get in touch with me.

## USER.SLP

$-2,2$
$-38,38$
;
$\stackrel{i}{9}_{92,92}$
; .IDENT /V01.06/
; DECUS release version
27-Feb-82 Warning message flags cleared for active terminals 15-Mar-82 Correct conditionalization in warning routines for HTs

If Decnet $\mathrm{HT}:$ support is selected, the user monitor MUST be started AFTER DECnet is completely up. The user monitor may try to access the DECnet HT: driver structures while they are being built or accessed by DECnet if the monitor is loaded and run before DECnet is up; this will cause flaky, intermittent crashes during DECnet startup, and the cause will not be immediately obvious.

An additional problem with systems which support DECnet (whether
or not idie HT : support was included) is that no task appears to be active on a terminal which is logged in to a remote site via RMT. This places a time limit on a remote session of the sum of the warning times (default of 30 minutes). Anyone with any idea of how to solve this problem should contact me and, if feasible a patch will be promptiy generated.

IF DF RS.NSL ; If number of HT: terminals defined

## $-170,171$ $-534,534$

; Terminal logged in with active task; reset necessary flags

| 30\$: | BIC | \#<TM.1ST!TM.2ND!TM.3RD>, TRMDAT(R0) | ; Clear warning flags |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CLR | TRMDAT+2(R0) ; Active tas | clear idle counter |

$-559,559{ }^{\text {CLR }}$
; $\quad$ DECnet terminal logged in with active task; reset necessary flags
70\$: BIC \#〈TM.IST!TM.2ND!TM.3RD〉, NETDAT(RO) ; Clear warning flags
-581,582
CKTIME: $\begin{array}{ll}\text { CLR } & \text { R1 } \\ \text { CLR } & \text { R2 }\end{array}$
R2 is terminal number
R2 is offset in terminal data block
IF DF RS.NSL
CLR R3

- ENDC
-646

|  | MOV | \#1, R3 | ; | Terminal type is HT: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -742 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | R3-0 if | 1 | if terminal HT |
| $-769$ |  |  | ; | If DECnet is supported |
|  | TST | R3 | ; | Is this a TT or an HT |
|  | BEQ | 15\$ | ; | If a TT, jump around HT code |
|  | CLR | NETDAT (R2) | ; | Clear all flags for HT |
|  | BR | 20\$ | ; | And continue |
| 15\$: | CLR | TRMDAT (R2) | ; | Clear all flags for terminal |
| . IFF |  |  | ; | If DECnet not supported |
|  | CLR | tRMDAT (R2) | ; | Clear all flags for terminal |
| . ENDC |  |  |  | DF RS.NSL |




- ENDC
-879,881
.IF DF RS.NSL

| TST | R3 |
| :--- | :--- |
| BEQ | $25 \$$ |
| BIS | \#TM.3RD, NETDAT (R2) |

RETURN
25\$: BIS \#TM.3RD, TRMDAT(R2)
RETURN
. IFF
BIS \#TM.3RD, TRMDAT (R2)
RETURN
. ENDC
$/$

## USERGEN. SLP

; If DECnet is supported
; Is this a TT or an HT
; Set final message sent flag
; Return to caller
; Set second message sent flag
; Return to caller
; If DECnet not supported
; Set second message sent flag
; Return to caller
; DF RS.NSL

USERGEN. CMD/-AU-USERGEN.CMD

- 166,166
.IFF DECNET .GOTO NONET
IFT NETSUP .DATA LB:'NETUIC'RMHPRE/PA:1, -
$;^{\text {NONET: }}$
; DF RS.NSL

RETURN
. ENDC
/

## Notes on Overlaying FORTRAN Tasks

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## Introduction

Since "making programis fit" is such a popular PDP-11 pastime, I would like to pass on some techniques concerning the use of overlays. The techniques
described here are used under RSX-1im; IAS and RSX-11M+ applicability is assumed but has not been tested.

## References

In addition to the RSX manuals (especially, the Task In adaition to the RSX manuals (especially, the and excellent Multi-Tasker references:
(1) "Overlaying the FORTRAN OTS", June 1978, page 14.
(2) "Building Overlaid FORTRAN Programs", Ron Schaefer, July 1979, page 22.
(3) "Comment on Building Overlaid FORTRAN Programs", Don Harbaugh, December, 1979.
(4) "Using ODT in Overlaid Programs", Kenneth Johnson, Auqust 1980, page 122
(5) "Reducing the size of a FORTRAN Program", Larry Baker, February, 1982.

In addition to the above references, several . ODL files (e.g., FCSIIM.ODL) are delivered with FAP to assist in verlaying the OTS and FCS libraries. These files are well-commented and are recommended reading.

## Use of ODT

ODT requires about 3 kbytes. If a task does not have room for ODT, whatever overlaying effort is required to room for ODT, whatever overlaying effor

Reference (4) describes how to place ODT breakpoints in overlays. The following note supplements reference (4):

Breakpoints in an overlay should be removed before another overlay is loaded. This is because ODT temporarily removes all breakpoints whenever ODT is re-entered (so that the programmer may see the actual contents of breakpointed instructions), and re-plants the breakpoints when the programer proceeds. ODT does not know which overlays are in be mistakenly re-planted at the same address in overlay B.

## Use of Libraries

For a highly-overlaid task with many object files, it is recommended that all the object modules be placed in
a library before task building. This technique (which is used in linking the RSX monitor) has the followin advantages:
(1) A substantial decrease in task builder run time may be realized
(2) In oDL, subroutines can be referenced individually, e.g., "APPLIB/LB:SUB". (If a to referencing object modules. An object module typically contains multiple subroutines because, in a large application coded with because, in a large application coded with one source and one object file per subroutine.)

The library technigue does not require that each subroutine be individually referenced; the following ODL factor defines an overlay consisting of the subroutine ABC and all subroutines in APPLIB called by BC :
$A B C$ : .FCTR APPLIB/LB:ABC - APPLIB/LB

## F4PNIO. OBJ

 The "no I/O" version of the OTS is delivered with f4pas F4PNIO.OBJ. (Unfortunately, no such file is delivered with FOR.) This library is much smaller than the normal OTS because FCS and the oTS interface to FCS are not needed. F4PNIO can be used for applications which do no file I/O; READ and WRITE statements are restricted to non-file structured devices. F4PNIO.OBJ appears to be identical to F4Plls.OBJ, the RSX-1IS version of ots.

F4PNIO is also appropriate for tasks which do file I/O by calling user-written macro subroutines interfacing thisecty to FCS or RMS. In addition to saving space, burden imposed by FORTRAN I/O.

## Small Subroutines

A popular coding practice is to limit each subroutine to an "intellectually manageable" size of fewer than 50 lines of code. A popular criticism of the technique is that, in a task with many such subroutines, the memory burden impo

We vote for the small subroutines: the additional memory required (and the associated work in making the task fit) is many times repaid in reliability and subroutines is flexibility in overlaying: with small subroutines, one is rarely tempted to decompose subroutine in order to spread it between overlays.

## Bouncing

Consider the following ODL segment

$$
X: \quad . \operatorname{FCTR} A-B-*(C, D)
$$

If C calls D, the task buildex will report the error as an undefined reference. However, the task builder does not detect bouncing , the error produced by calling $B$ and $B$ calling $D$. The problem with bouncing is that when $B$ returns to $C$ there is no linkage to cause $C$ to be re-loaded.

The typical run time manifestation of bouncing is a The typical run time manifestation of bouncing is a
trap with $c$ showing as the active subroutine in the trap with chowing as the active subroutine in the
traceback display. The traceback will also report a current line number in $C$ corresponding to the CALL $B$. C's variables examined with ODT after the trap will appear to be garbage because $D$ is the active overlay.

The fix is to place $C$ and $D$ in the same segment or to get $C$ and $D$ in different co-trees

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Toral | Rsx-118 | BALbOTS | 12 | 3.65 |
| TOTAL | Rsx-11M4 | BALCOT8: | 49 | 3.78 |
| total | 11m/518/ | Class | 794 | 92.0 |


| total ias | BALLOTS: | 58 | 6.74 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL REX-110 | BALLOTS: | 11 | 1.38 |
| TOTAL 1AS/11号 | CLAS8: | 69 | 1.0s |

TOTAL ALL BALLOTS CAST: 863 100.04

| RSX-11m | VERSIONS: | 3.28 | 615 | 3.12 | 77 | 3.08 | 16 | 4.01 | 2 | 7378 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RSX=113 | VERSIONS: | 2.21 | 17 | 2.18 | 13 | 2.08 | 1 | 177: | 0 | 173: |  |
| RSX-11退 | YERSIONS: | 1.08 | 19 | 1118 | 0 | 1288 | 0 | 2238 | 0 | 7738- | 0 |
| IAS | VERSIONS: | 3.08 | 21 | 2.08 | 1 | 1.28 | 0 | 3.18 | 36 | 77? |  |
| RSX-180 | VERSIONS: | 6.28 | 6 | 6.88 | 0 | 6.18 | 0 | 1278 | 5 | ? 388 |  |



| AVERAGE VOTES PER ITEM: | 413.87 |
| :--- | :--- |
| GVERAGE VOTING FREQUENCY: | 24.51 |

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| 384POR | A ers it | ceorsima |  |  |



## MENU ITEMS

## . 0 COMMUNICATIONS

1. Merge DECNET functions into DCL a la VMS.
2. Provide command terminal support in DECNET across operating systems (i.e., IAS to RSX-11M).
2.0 CONSOLE SERVICES
3. Provide a mechanism for incorporating user-defined commands into the system command line interpreter (MCR/PDS). Alternately, allow invalid MCR/PDS commands to be passed to a user-written CLI and document this interface.
4. Allow users to log on using either DCL or MCR commands regardless of present terminal CLI status; set the terminal to the appropriate CLI.
5. The time stamp written to the console $\log$ should include the date.
6. Add to terminal driver or $M C R$ the ability to recall the last command line.
7. DMO should have a switch to force a final dismount even if files are open on a volume.
8. Add support for default MCR Indirect Command Processor device and UIC. This would allow sites to establish libraries of command files.
9. DMO should indicate what files are open, and which tasks have the files open, if a dismount can not comtasks
plete.
10. Add option to INS to prevent non-privileged users from running non-checkpointable tasks.
11. Extend IND to allow arguments to be passed to the indirect command file with the invocation.
12. Limit the number of unsolicited input lines queved fro: a single terminal to a reasonable number.
3.0 DEBUGGING TOOLS
13. PMD dumps are difficult to interpret. Modify PMD to optionally save the image of the aborted task for later use as target of octal or (better) symbolic assembler debugger.
14. Provide assembly language symbolic debugging tool with support for PDP-ll instruction mnemonics and local and global symbols.
4.0 DOCUMENTATION
15. Document in detail the differences between IAS and RSX-11M as a guideline for implementation of RSX user tasks under IAS, and vice-versa.
16. Document the use of each file on the distribution kit especially which ones may be deleted or off-loaded under what conditions.
17. Provide documentation and/or feature updates as direct page replacements, with changes marked by change bars
18. Add an index to the RSX-11M SYSGEN Manual.
19. Kewrite the RSX/IAS I/O Operations Manual with emphasis on more tutorial information for the first-time user and details of the RSX/IAS file system.
5.0 EDITORS
20. Prcide a screen-mode keypad editor with support for user-defined terminal types. The editor should make effective use of the operating system, terminal driver, effective use of the operating system, terminal driver,
21. All editors ahould copy the status of the protection bits of the input file when closing the output file, if irput end output files
22. Aod enhancements to EDT. Specifically, Allow EDT to have access to all control characters. Allow EDT to macro copility to eharacter mode and allow repetitive macros in line mode macros in line mode.
23. Add enhancements to EDI. Specifically, enable EDI to
save the current search string and refer to it viz a single special symbol. Add a command to EDI to abort a page search.
6.0 EXECUTIVE SERVICES
24. Provide a facility for checkpointable, transient resident libraries.
25. Add an RSX11m-1ike ASN function to IAS.
26. Create a means for users to write exec directives without needing to modify the executive, particularly the table of ID codes in the directive dispatcher. Reserve at least one directive code for user allocation.
27. Include support for stop for giobal, group global, and local event flags.
28. Add option to return error on attach request (IO.ATT) if device is already attached.
29. Add the ability to reset a timeout (on terminal, etc. input) without canceling all mark tifnes outstanding.
30. Add a facility in the executive which enables the user to chain executive directives together. This would prevent performance degradation due to system context switch overhead while executing several consecutive directives.
31. Queue send data blocks on disk when the memory queue reaches a predetermined limit.

### 7.0 FILE SYSTEM

32. Add modifications to BRU to increase its usefulness. Specifically, Make BRU append additional backup sets to a continuation tape. Modify BRU to (optionally) create rive" on a Files-il volume being restored, in an "addimand. Support BRU under IAS. The BRU switches /CREATmand. Support bru under IAS. The BRU SWitches :AFTER. A new parameter, :BETWEEN, is needed.
33. Provide system library routines that allow user programs to perform complete wild-card "find" operations. The routines should inelude support for wildi-card oi rectories and wild-card and eharacter filenames.
34. Provide a magnetic tape utility which, given the proper formatting description, would read most commonly used Eoreign-format magnetic tapes.
35. Limit the number of unsolicited input lines queued from a single terminal to a reasonable number.
8.0 HARDWARE
36. Offer Winchester disk technology in small disk drives (10-50 MB) for RSX/IAS systems.
9.0 IAS
37. Add capability to add user written DCL commands to PDS.
38. Provide Logic Manuals for PDS and TCP.
39. Add an RSXIIM-like ASN function to IAS.
40. Add more manual control information and manual control of scheduler levels for all active tasks, such as moving a task from and to batch level, from and to real-time.
41. Include RMS file copy facility in the DCL COPY command.

### 10.0 LANGUAGES

42. Add enhancements to BASIC-11. Specifically, Allow commend line specification of a program to be loaded and fun, so that BASIC programs can be run from commar fibrary programs. supplya sys function which will return the amount of free space available so that an imminent string storage overflow can be detected. Supply a BASIC-11 compatible compiler that doesn t require RMS. Print error code on FCS error. Accept filenames in lower case. Support all types of fCS files.
43. Provide a COBOL switch to eliminate internal $1 / 0$ buffers when not reguired.
44. Add enhancements to FORTRAN and F4P compilers. Specifically, Support all system calls and options from Specifically, Support All system calls and options from
FORTRAN. provide warnings for non-ANSI standard coding 50
in FORTRAN and FAP. Provide initialization macros for the FORTRAN OTS so that if a MACRO-1l program calls a FORTRAN subroutine, it can properly initialize the FORTRAN OTS. Add the equivalent of conditional assembly parameters. Add the equivalent of MACRO-11 macros.
45. A standard structured language should be chosen by DEC and supported across ALL operating systems and calls to appropriate layered products.
(Fill in language name on ballot)
46. Provide a cross reference facility for FOR/F4P.
47. Add option to FOR/F4P to flag undeclared variables and mixed-mode variable usage. Also add option to perform parameter type checking on subroutine and function calls.
48. Supply an EXPAND utility to process a MACRO-1l source file and expand all macros in the resulting output file.
11.0 RSX-11M
49. Implement batch facility for RSX-11M.
50. Provide time-sharing services like IAS for RSX-11M.
51. An additional RSX-11M Distribution should be added for those installations which have $11 / 34$, $11 / 50$, etc. systems. This level would not be bound by the reguiresome of the RSX-11M PLUS features added without the requirement of an 11/44 or 11/70.

### 12.0 RSX-11M PLUS

52. Make DCL source available.
53. Provide supervisor mode library facility BASIC-plUS Libraries on RSX-11M PLUS.
54. The limitation on task size of 32 KW should be increased to 64 KW or larger
13.0 RSX-13S
55. Reconfigure RSX-115 so that its executable code can be run from Read-Only Memory (ROM).
14.0 SOFTWARE SUPPORT
56. Provide a limited telephone consultation service for the occasional caller on a tight budget.
57. Provide an installation-wide contract for support of systems under basic and DEC support agreements.
58. Supply Software Dispatch as a separate item, not bundled with other services.
15.0 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
59. Provide capacity planning and benchmerk tools which can be used to predict the correct CPU, I/O,a nd Operating System for the User's application.
16.0 SYSTEM GENERATION
60. Relax the 16 K minimum memory requirement for RSX so that utilities such as PIP and FLX can be expanded with all the functionality that the users request.
61. SYSGEN documentation should have more information on system optimization. options should be more thoroughly explained as to their impact.
62. Change SYSGEN so that Phase One builds RSXIIM. OLB. The current SYSGEN procedure deletes RSXIMM.OLB at the be ginning of Phase II, making it very inconvenient to just run Phase II.
17.0 TERMINAL SERVICES
63. Add enhancements to TTDRV. Specifically, add a device-independent Clear Screen function. Add System Level Typeahead. Enhance the Full-Duplex Driver to 52
support Pragrammable Parity, Programable Character Length, Transmit Break (long space). Support disconnect of remote terminals that log off and do not log on within some period of time.
18.0 UTILITIES
64. Change utilities which are waiting for receive data or Mark Time requests to use the STOP form of these directives.
65. Create a utility to do in-place disk compression, a la the RT-li Squeeze function.
66. Improve the documentation of utilties. Specifically, Document which utilities would benefit by being in stalled with en increment. Document exit status of al utilities. Allowfile specification by file ID in all utilities.
67. Provide general purpose tape utility (ASCII/BCD/EBCDIC).
the system data Provide utility that will dis
structures in a cDA-like format.
68. Add enhancements to LbR. Specifically, Add a listing switch to display all the global references within an object module. Improve speed on Universal libreries.
69. Add enhancements to PIP. Specifically, Allow PIP to display index file statistics. Provide a way to mark a file as contiguous when you rally know it is, e.g. after a DSC. Enable PIP to manipulate the carriag
control attributes of a file.
70. Improve functionality of QMG. Specifically, Add 9-Character Job Names. Allow specific file deletion
within job. Allow indirect comand files for print job control. Document the QMG/PRI/despooler interface. Modify QMG to display print job size. Expand the number of forms types available for spooling.
71. Add enhancements to TKB. Specifically. Allow a TKB option to set the starting virtual address of one or more PSECTS. Remove og increase the 255 block size dimit on TKB's work file
72. VMR INSTALL should re-use deleted space in the task table during updated REM's and INS's. VNR should retable during updated REM's and INS's. VNR should reREMove a task that is not installed.
73. Add support to PIP for file selection on basis of lock bit or zero-length.
74. CMP should extend itself, and use a disk overflow area if necessary, when it needs more buffer space

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APPLICATION (FIRSI CHOICE)


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## PRODUCT LIMES (FIRST CHOICE)



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## LAYERED PRODUCTS (ALL CHOICES)



## LOCATIONS VOTING




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# Forms, Forms, Forms 

Ralph Stamerjohn Multi-Tasker Eáitor

Following this article are blank forms for various DECUS and RSX/IAS SIG purposes. Please save these forms and make however many copies you need. The forms will be a once-a-year feature of the Multi-Tasker and will be repeated the last issue of each volume. Volume numbers change every July, the start of the DECUS fiscal year.

In this issue are blank forms for DECUS membership, changing current membership enrollment, DeVIAS membership, DECUS library submissions, RSX/IAS SIG menu input, ordering DECUS library catalogs, and back issues of the Multi-Tasker. If you use a form, please return it to the specified address and not to the Multi-Tasker editor.

The DECUS membership form is for new members. Please use this to enroll others at your site or yourself if you do not get the Multi-Tasker directly and must depend on a circulation list. If you are a current member and wish to join other SIG's, please use the second form. Note, almost all of the other SIG's publish newsletters. If you have an interest in another area, you will find their newsletters and activities very useful to you.

DeVIAS is a world-wide Local User's Group. It is for IAS sites only. While meetings are held in the Philadelphia area, DeVIAS publishes a very good newsletter for IAS specific topics.

The DECUS library submission form is for submitting your software to the DECUS library so others can use it. One unfortunate aspect of the success of the RSX/IAS SIG tape copy is the submissions from our users to the DECUS library have fell off. This is regretable because the library provides a valuable service, especially because well-written catalogs are provide so you do not have to hunt through hundreds of feet of magtape to find one item.

The RSX/IAS SIG has a very active project under the direction of Legare Coleman to gather user input for new features in Digital's products and prioritize this input. The process is called the Menu and a form for submitting your input is included in this section.

Finally, are simple order forms to get the new DECUS library catalog and/or back issues of the Multi-Tasker.

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1. SIG Newsletter
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5. SIG Symposia Planning Sessions

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MR02-3/E55
Marlboro, MA 01752

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    2\square BASIC
    4\square COBOL
    6\square DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
    5\square DATATRIEVE
    7\square DIBOL Business
    8\square EDUSIG
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```Graphics Applications
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```HMS - Hardware Management
31 LABS
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## APPLICATION FOR DECUS MEMBERSHIP

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TYPE OF DIGITAL HARDWARE USED: Please check those applicable to you.

| 82 | $\square$ DECsystem-10 |
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| 52 | $\square$ LSI- 11 |
| 3 | $\square$ PDP- - Family |


| $50 \square$ PDP -11 . Family | $54 \square$ VAX $-11 / 750$ |
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| $14 \square$ PDP -12 | $55 \square$ VAX $-11 / 780$ |
| $33 \square$ PDP-15 | $5 \square$ WPS-8 |
| $16 \square$ PDT | $51 \square$ WPS-11 |

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| $18 \square$ CONSULTANT | $3 \square$ | EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY | $22 \square$ | OEM-TECHNICAL |
| $13 \square$ DATA PROCESSING SERVICES | $5 \square$ | GOVERNMENT AGENCY | $20 \square$ | RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT |
| $17 \square$ DIGITAL EMPLOYEE-ENGINEERING GROUP | $4 \square$ | HOSPITAL | $10 \square$ | RETAIL |
| $15 \square$ DIGITAL EMPLOYEE-MARKETING GROUP | $14 \square$ | library | $19 \square$ | TELEPHONE/UTILITIES |
|  |  |  | $12 \square$ | TRANSPORTATION SERVICES |
| $\square$ OTHER |  |  |  |  |

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| $13 \square$ COMPUTATION | $25 \square$ GRAPHICS |
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$9 \square$ MEDICAL RESEARCH
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Associate Membership Applicant Signature: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$
Installation Delegate Membership Application Signature
The Bylaws of the Society entitle an Installation to appoint one delegate per CPU. My immediate concern with the use of this CPU constitutes my installation appointing me as their delegate representing this CPU to DECUS.
I understand my delegate appointment as qualification to receive all official communications and to participate in voting on U.S. Chapter policies and elections.

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1. Object Computer (on which this program runs):
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QVAX
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2. Submission Name: $\qquad$ Version/Date: $\qquad$ $\square$ New or $\square$ Revised
3. Keywords for Index:
4. Current Author: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$
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8. Operating System(s): Check all that apply. $\quad$ Operating System Independent (e.g., higher-level languages)
PDP-8/12 PDP-11 DECsystem-10/20

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| $\bigcirc$ OS/12 version | OIAS version | DOther: |
| $\bigcirc$ Paper Tape System | CMUMPS-11 version |  |
| $\bigcirc$ Other: | $\square$ QSTS/E version | OTHER |
|  | $\square \mathrm{CRSX}$-11D version | $\square$ |
| PDP-15 | $\bigcirc$ ORSX-11M version _______ |  |
| $\square$ DOS-15 version | ORSX-11S version ___ |  |
| $\square \mathrm{RSX}-15$ version | $\bigcirc \mathrm{QT}$-11 version |  |
| DOther: | OOther: |  |
| Is a particular operatin | red? $\quad \square$ Yes or $\square$ No |  |
| If YES please explain: |  |  |

9. Source Language:

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