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1 OVERVIEW

THE B90 CMS SYSTEM SOFTWARE RELEASE LEVEL 3.04 IS A FULL SYSTEM SOFTWARE RELEASE FOR B90 SYSTEMS CONFIGURED WITH THE MINIMUM MEMORY SIZES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 6 (PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS) OF THE SYSTEM AND MCP DOCUMENTATION FILE (SYS.NOTES) - SEE ALSO SECTION 6 POINT 1 OF THIS INTRODUCTION.

THIS RELEASE SUPPORTS THE NEW B96 SERIES OF PRODUCTS.

THIS RELEASE ALSO SUPPORTS THE B81 SERIES.

THIS DOCUMENT PRESENTS A SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR NEW FEATURES, LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE B90 CMS 3.04 RELEASE.

2 THE B96 SYSTEM

THE B90 RANGE OF SYSTEMS HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE B96 SERIES. THIS SYSTEM CONSISTS OF A 4MHZ PROCESSOR WITH OPTIONAL INBUILT 1MB BSM DISK OR FREE-STANDING MAGNETIC TAPE STREAMER AS A LOAD/DUMP DEVICE. THE B96 SYSTEM SUPPORTS THE FULL RANGE OF PERIPHERALS SUPPORTED BY THE B90 SERIES SYSTEMS.

FOR SYSTEMS EQUIPPED WITH ONLY 1MB BSM DISK AS REMOVABLE MEDIA, A MAXIMUM OF 512KB OF RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY CAN BE CONFIGURED. THIS LIMITATION IS SCHEDULED TO BE REMOVED ON THE NEXT MAJOR SOFTWARE RELEASE. FOR SYSTEMS EQUIPPED WITH OTHER REMOVABLE DISKS (2.3MB OR 4.6MB CARTRIDGE OR 3MB BSMII REMOVABLE DISKS) OR MAGNETIC TAPE STREAMER, A MAXIMUM OF 1.5MB OF RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY CAN BE CONFIGURED.

THE SYSTEM IS CONFIGURED WITH A MINIMUM OF 1 DATA COMMUNICATIONS POWER PAK USING TOT INTERFACE AND CAN SUPPORT A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CHANNELS OF DATACOMM WITH A TOTAL BANDWIDTH CAPABILITY OF UP TO 60K BITS PER SECOND.

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3 OPERATING SYSTEM INCLUDING DATACOMM

FULL DETAILS OF THESE FEATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PRINTOUT OBTAINED FROM THE DOCUMENTATION FILES SYS_NOTES AND DC_SYS_NOTES.
FOR SOFTWARE INSTALLATION, REFER TO THE PRINTOUT OBTAINED FROM THE DOCUMENTATION FILE 890.INST.

THE MAJOR NEW FEATURES OF THE MASTER CONTROL PROGRAM (MCP) INCLUDING DATA COMMUNICATIONS, ARE:

1. THE NEW MAGNETIC TAPE STREAMER IS SUPPORTED. THIS DEVICE OFFERS FAST BACKUP OF DATA. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, IT CAN RUN AT 100 INCHES PER SECOND ON A B94 AND B96, OFFERING A DATA TRANSFER RATE OF UP TO 160 THOUSAND CHARACTERS PER SECOND. ON B92 AND B93 SYSTEMS (AND B94 AND B96 SYSTEMS WHEN SYSTEM USAGE IS HIGH) THE DEVICE RUNS AT 25 INCHES PER SECOND WHICH GIVES A TRANSFER RATE OF UP TO 40 THOUSAND CHARACTERS PER SECOND.

THE TAPE STREAMER IS NOT SUPPORTED ON THE B91 SYSTEM.

- 2. THE MUMBER OF USER TASKS WHICH MAY BE RUN CONCURRENTLY HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 8 TO 23 ALTHOUGH THIS FACILITY DOES NOT DIRECTLY INCREASE THE PROCESSING POWER OF THE B90 SERIES, IT ALLOWS DORMANT TASKS TO REMAIN IN THE MIX WITHOUT FILLING ALL AVAILABLE MIX SLOTS.
- 3. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO OVERRIDE THE NAME OF A FILE AT TASK EXECUTION TIME BY SPECIFYING THE NEW FILE NAME IN THE TASK EXECUTION MESSAGE.
- 4. PRINTER OUTPUT MAY NOW BE DIRECTED TO DISK IF A PRINTER IS NOT AVAILABLE. PRINTER BACKUP IS A USER-SELECTABLE OPTION.
- TRANSLATION FOR CERTAIN PERIPHERALS. THE CRT/SELF-SCAN DISPLAY, LINE PRINTER, SERIAL PRINTER AND CONSOLE KEYBOARD CAN ALL HAVE CHARACTER TRANSLATION SPECIFIED.
- 6. SYSTEM MESSAGE AND MAINTENANCE MESSAGE LOGGING HAS BEEN IMPROVED.
- 7. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO ACCESS BOTH INDEXED AND SEQUENTIAL FILES BY MULTIPLE CONCURRENT USERS.
- 8. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR A SHARED FILE USER TO DETECT THAT A BLOCK IN A FILE IS IN USE AND LOCKED BY ANOTHER USER OF THE

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4 SYSTEM UTILITIES ________

FULL DETAILS OF THESE FEATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PRINTOUT PRODUCED BY THE DOCUMENTATION FILES UTIL NOTES1 AND UTIL NOTES2.

NEW FEATURES AND NEW UTILITIES INCLUDED IN THIS RELEASE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- CARTRIDGES, BSM DISKS AND 2011 FIXED DISKS CAN NOW BE INITIALISED UNDER MCP CONTROL.
- THE BOOTSTRAP AREA ON A DISK CAN NOW BE UPDATED WITHOUT DESTROYING THE DATA ON THE DISK, THAT IS WITHOUT RE-INITIALISING OR REFORMATTING.
- 3. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO BACKUP TO TAPE OR DISK ONLY THOSE FILES WHICH HAVE BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE LAST BACKUP.
- IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A DUMP OF A COBOL OR RPG PROGRAM WHICH RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE DATA-NAMES USED IN THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM SOURCE.
- 5. THE STAND-ALONE UTILITIES CAN NOW BE RUN ON A SYSTEM WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A CONSOLE (893, 894 AND 896). THIS IS DONE BY MEANS OF A DATACOMM INTERFACE. THE SAU COPY FUNCTION NOW PERFORMS A READ-AFTER-WRITE WHEN A 3MB BSMII IS BEING USED AS AN OUTPUT DISK.
- FILEUTL IS A COMPLETELY NEW UTILITY WHICH ALLOWS CREATION, 6. DISPLAY AND MODIFICATION OF ANY USER DATA FILE. FILEUTL USES A DATACOMM INTERFACE AND IS DRIVEN BY MEANS OF SIMPLE TO USE MENU SCREENS.
- A NEW FACILITY CALLED COLDSTART HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO ENABLE SYSTEM SOFTWARE TO BE INSTALLED ON A B96 SYSTEM.

5 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

5.1 COBOL ______

FULL DETAILS OF THESE FEATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PRINTOUT PRODUCED FROM THE DCCUMENTATION FILE COBOL.NOTES.

THE FOLLOWING NEW FEATURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE COBOL LANGUAGE:

- THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE DATA-NAMES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 1. APPROXIMATELY 3700 TO 6300.
- 2. A NEW DOLLAR OPTION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED PROVIDE TO SOURCE-RELATED DUMP INFORMATION.
- 3. PRINTER BACKUP FILE ATTRIBUTES CAN NOW BE SPECIFIED.
- 4 -THE CONSTRUCT ON EXCEPTION ALLOWS DETECTION OF LOCKED BLOCKS WHEN USING SHARED FILES. THE VERB FREE ALLOWS A BLCCK LOCK TO BE RELEASED WITHOUT PERFORMING UNNECESSARY I/O.
- THE WITH IOCCMPLETE CONSTRUCT FORCES 1/0 TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE TASK EXECUTION CAN CONTINUE.
- IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO SPECIFY A PROGRAM VERSION NUMBER. THIS NUMBER IS STORED IN THE CODE-FILE AND IS PRINTED BY THE DIRECTORY LIST (LR) PROGRAM. *

5.2 MPLII _____

FULL DETAILS OF THESE FEATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PRINTOUT PRODUCED BY THE DOCUMENTATION FILE MPL.NOTES.

THE FOLLOWING NEW LANGUAGE FEATURES HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN MPLII:

- IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO SPECIFY A PROGRAM VERSION NUMBER. THIS NUMBER IS STORED IN THE CODE-FILE AND IS PRINTED BY THE DIRECTORY LIST (LR) PROGRAM AND CAN ACCESSED PROGRAMATICALLY-
- A NEW BUILT-IN FUNCTION, TRANSLATE, PROVIDES CHARACTER BY CHARACTER IN-PLACE TRANSLATION USING A PROGRAM SUPPLIED TRANSLATION TABLE. ASCII.TO.EBCDIC AND EBCDIC.TO.ASCII ARE SUPPLIED AS BUILT-IN TABLE NAMES WHICH GIVE ASCII TO EBCDIC AND EBCDIC TO ASCII TRANSLATION RESPECTIVELY.
- USING THE 1/0 OPTION, SHARED, IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETECT A LOCKED BLOCK WHEN USING A SHARED FILE.
- THE FREE_BLOCK FUNCTION ALLOWS A LOCKED BLOCK TO BE RELEASED WITHOUT PERFORMING UNNECESSARY 1/O ON A SHARED FILE.
- 5. THE WAIT FUNCTION CAN NOW SPECIFY A LIST OF EVENTS AS WELL AS A WAIT TIME. THIS ALLOWS THE PROGRAM TO BE "WOKEN UP" BY ONE OF THE LIST OF EVENTS, NOT JUST BY THE TIME BEING EXHAUSTED.
- 6. MPLII NOW CONTAINS PRINTER BACKUP FILE ATTRIBUTES.
- 7. A NEW DOLLAR OPTION, XREF, PRODUCES A COMPLETE CROSS-REFERENCE LISTING OF A SYNTACTICALLY CORRECT PROGRAM.

5.3 RPG

FULL DETAILS OF THESE FEATURES ARE CONTAINED IN THE PRINTOUT PRODUCED BY THE DOCUMENTATION FILE RPG.NOTES.

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THE FOLLOWING NEW FEATURES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE RPG LANGUAGE:

- 1. PRINTER BACKUF CONSTRUCTS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE LANGUAGE.
- 2. THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE FILES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 20 TO 31.
- 3. IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A SOURCE-RELATED DUMP LISTING.
- 4. A NEW DOLLAR CPTION, XREF, PRODUCES A COMPLETE CROSS-REFERENCE LISTING OF A COMPILATION.

1. THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM MEMORY SIZES REQUIRED FOR OPERATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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256K BYTES FOR A DATACOMM ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT TERMINAL SPO

384K BYTES FOR A DATACOMM ENVIRONMENT USING TERMINAL SPO

- THE 3.04 SPIM (SPO INTERFACE MODULE) PROGRAM MUST BE RUN WITH THE 3.04 SPONDL. THE INTERFACE HAS BEEN CHANGED SINCE THE 3.03 RELEASE AND THE NEW SPIM WILL NOT RUN WITH PRE 3.04 SPONDL PROGRAMS.
- 3. SIMILARLY, THE 3.04 SPONDL WILL NOT RUN WITH A 3.03 SPIM.
- COMPLEX WAIT IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MPLII WRITTEN PROGRAMS.
- 5. THE MAXIMUM DATACOMM BANDWIDTH FOR B91, B92 AND B93 SYSTEMS USING DATA COMMUNICATIONS POWER PAK CONTROLLERS IS 38.4K BPS.
- 6. THE MAXIMUM DATACOMM BANDWIDTH FOR 894 AND 896 SYSTEMS IS 60K BPS USING DATA COMMUNICATIONS POWER PAK CONTROLLERS.
- 7-MAGNETIC TAPE STREAMER, WHEN USED ON B92 AND B93 SYSTEMS, WILL ALWAYS OPERATE AT 25 INCHES PER SECOND.
- THE STAND-ALONE UTILITIES CANNOT SUPPORT DUAL-PACK FILES WHEN THE TWO HALVES OF THE FILE RESIDE ON DISKS WITH DIFFERENT ALLOCATION UNITS. FOR EXAMPLE, A DUAL PACK FILE WHICH RESIDES ON BOTH 211 DISK AND 3MB DISK, WILL NOT BE HANDLED BY SAU.

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