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USER LETTER Jan Fair. SPR Administration

Customers (and others) have brought to our attention the need for additional information regarding SPR service, particularly as it involves SPR Administration. The following represents our attempt to fulfill this need. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

HOW TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF SPR FORM

What WE Can Do for YOU

- 1. Blank SPR forms are available upon request in the desired quantities through SPR Administration (P.O.Box F) and your local office/SPR Center.
- 2. Copies of the SPR acknowledgment and answer are sent to the appropriate DIGITAL Office/SPR Center for their information.
- 3. SPRs marked SOFTWARE ERROR or INQUIRY will have a response for supported Category A and B products. These SPRs should refer to suspected deficiencies in the software.
- 4. SPRs marked FYI or SUGGESTION are forwarded to the pertinent software group for information purposes, and are responded to at their discretion.
- 5. SPRs marked *DOCUMENTATION ERROR* should report those problems dealing with software manuals or newsletters, and will be forwarded to the pertinent software group.

What YOU Can Do For US

- 1. Customer Name and Address and Problem Statement should always be typed or printed clearly.
- 2. SPRs should not be used for problems concerning software policy, software distribution, or hardware. Your local office should be contacted in these cases.
- 3. It would be most helpful to all concerned, if problems with patches are reported as soon as possible.
- 4. For security SPRs, it is imperative that the DO NOT PUBLISH box be marked.
- 5. It would be helpful if tapes submitted with SPRs are labeled (track and density), and have a directory attached.
- 6. Should you ever receive an unacceptable SPR response, please contact us or the appropriate SPR Center so that the response may be readdressed.

COS-31Ø V8

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MAXIMUM SIZE OF DATA DIVISION (MD)

The COS-300/310 System Reference Manual (DEC-08-OCOSA-G-D) incorrectly indicates that the data division of a DIBOL program can be up to 32K bytes. This should be 24K bytes.

On page 4-11, the meaning of the error message TOO MUCH DATA should be changed to read: Program's Data Division exceeds 24K bytes.

OS/8 V3D PIP10 V3A Seq 21.24.1 M

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DATE '78 PATCH TO PIP10 (SR)

PROBLEM:

When PIP10 creates a new file on a PDP-10 DECtape,

the file gets the wrong date.

DIAGNOSIS:

PIP10 does not understand about the new OS/8 extended

date bits for today's date.

CURE:

Install the following patch which fixes this problem

until 1984.

.GET SYS:PIP10

. ODT

2612/1023 4760;1116

2760/XXXX 1554

1555/XXXX 1765;176;7112;7012;3116;1023;156;5754;7777

4320/6301 6301

^C

.SAVE SYS:PIP10

This patch upgrades PIPlØ to V3B.

OS/8 EXTENSION KIT V3C MSBAT V2A

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DIM STATEMENT NOT WORKING IN MSBAT (SR)

PROBLEM:

MSBAT V2A is converting a 'DIM' punch in a mark sense card into a dimension statement. This statement is not

recognized by BASIC.

DIAGNOSIS:

The punch should be translated to 'DIM', not

'DIMENSION'.

SOLUTION:

Apply the following patch:

.GET SYS:MSBAT

. ODT

4015/1505 1500 3671/6201 6202 C

.SAVE SYS:MSBAT

This patch upgrades MSBAT to V2B.

OS/8 EXTENSION KIT V3D MSBAT V3A

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DIAGNOSIS:

The punch should be translated to 'DIM', not

'DIMENSION'.

SOLUTION:

Apply the following patch:

.GET SYS:MSBAT

. ODT

4015/1505 1500 3671/6301 6302 ^C

.SAVE SYS:MSBAT

This patch upgrades MSBAT to V3B.

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IMPORTANT!

The following numerical system has been grouped in logical order.

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- N = NOTE. This information may be helpful to the user.

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DECUS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

A DECUS Special Interest Group (SIG) is an activity whereby members of the DIGITAL Equipment Computer Users Society who share common interests in a particular field, join together to promote the interchange of information. Specialization may be in application areas such as education or industry, specific software systems such as OS/8 and RSX-11, or a specific mainframe such as the DECsystem-10/20.

SIG members derive numerous benefits from communicating with others who share specialized interests and who may wish to share their experiences. SIG s sponsor business meetings, tutorials, and workshops at the various chapter symposia which fulfill the two-fold purpose of fostering communication among users and between users and DIGITAL. Channeled communication provides DIGITAL and the users with insight into the direction of future developments. SIG s provide direct feedback to DIGITAL's in-house activities and have thereby made substantial contributions to OS/8, RSX-11, RSTS and TOPS-10.

User submitted articles, minutes of local meetings, and letters comprise the major portion of the individual SIG newsletters. Suggestions, hints, bug fixes, program plans, or questions of a non-commercial nature are suitable material for SIG newsletters.

SIG members are encouraged to make presentations at the SIG sessions held during DECUS Symposia.

The semi-annual U.S. Symposia sessions are organized by special interest areas. Submissions received from the user community are reviewed by symposia committee members from the special interest groups for appropriate placement on the agenda.

Special Interest Group participation in the review of programs submitted to the DECUS Program Library provides an opportunity to improve the quality and utility of programs available to you and to fellow users.

DIGITAL standards are issued to DECUS members for review and on the theory and philosophy of the standards. DECUS is a voting member of ANSI X3. Users are encouraged to register their areas of expertise with DECUS and assist with reviewing standards. SIG s often play a role in this process.

Below is a list of U.S. based Special Interest Groups within DECUS.

If you would like information regarding membership in any of the Special Interest Groups, contact DECUS U.S. Chapter, 129 Parker Street, PK3-1/E55, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754 or one of the other DECUS Chapter offices in Kanata, Sidney or Geneva.

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DIGITAL EQUIPMENT COMPUTER USERS SOCIETY

12-BIT Special Interest Group

The 12-Bit Special Interest Group is an informal group of users interested in 12-Bit software and related subjects. The principle activities of the group are a newsletter and panel-workshop sessions at the DECUS Symposium. The only requirement for membership in the 12-Bit SIG is an interest in its goals and activities.

The goals of the 12-Bit SIG are:

- Provide an informal means for quick dissemination of information and ideas about software developments and related topics.
- 2.. Encourage users to write and make available useful programs.
- Act as a forum for the development and communication of needs and ideas for future developments.
- 4. Serve as a communication channel between DEC and the user community.
- Coordinate Special Interest Group sessions at the DECUS Symposia with the DECUS meetings committee and assist the DECUS librarian with 12-Bit submissions.

User generated software that the 12-Bit SIG has been involved with includes:

- 1. Extended and improved versions of the monitor systems.
- 2. Extensions to system programs such as the compilers, assemblers and loaders.
- 3. Many special device handlers.
- 4. New compilers and other language processors.
- 5. Routines to support special requirements such as a laboratory environment.
- 6. Adaption of many existing programs to the 12-Bit environment.

Correspondence or submissions to the newsletter should be sent to:

12-Bit Special Interest Group c/o DECUS Office One Iron Way - MR2-3/E55 Marlboro, MA 01752

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Questions, problems, and enhancements to DIGITAL software should be reported on a Software Performance Report (SPR) form and mailed to the SPR Center at one of the following DIGITAL Offices: (SPR forms are available from the SPR Center).

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