

The XGP queuer accepts file commands, which specify a file to be printed and optionally a font to be used. The general form is:

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:XGP [;file-command][file-specification][_ fonts-specification]
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:XGP .INFO.;DDT ORDER_20FG
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#### ;file-command

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;PRINT the default, which prints the text-file  
;THESIS prints the text-file like ;PRINT but places the re-  
quest in the T queue, to be printed on Thesis forms.  
;LIST prints the text-file with default header (time, date,  
page number)  
;PLOT prints plot-file of coordinate positions  
;SCAN read XGP commands from scan-file
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Only one file may be explicitly specified in a file command.

#### \_ fonts-specification

Any number of font names or file-specifications delimited by commas that define the fonts to be used. Optional.

#### file-specification

The normal ITS file name, which may be a text-file, plot-file, or scan-file. <device> defaults to local DSK: (i.e. if you are on MC, <device> defaults to MC:), <sname> defaults to your <msname> (i.e. the default <sname> for the job). Required.

In general a file is printed as specified by the file-command using the fonts-specification.

#### Status of XGP queue

The XGP^F command to DDT lists the status of the XGP queue. The index number is the QIN (Queue Identification Number) of each request.

The QIN may be interpreted as follows:

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high order digit --> queue priority class, one of [T, 1, 2,  
or 3], where T is for ;THESIS requests, and 1, 2,  
and 3 refer to successively lower priority classes.  
low order digits --> position of that request in that queue.
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#### Specification Commands

When XQUEUE is entered without any JCL, then specification commands may be given, which apply to the next file command. Specifications are reset after a file command to their default. After the initial "\*" is displayed, additional prompts are returned only after file commands. Defaults are in brackets.

#### Input Editing Commands

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^C queue command if input buffer not empty, and commit suicide  
^D flush entire input buffer  
^H same as RUBOUT  
^L re-display the buffer  
^M terminate current line, and queue buffer if line was a file  
command (also clear buffer)
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`^Q` quote the next character in a file specification  
`^R` re-display the current line  
`^U` kill current line

`;AUTCUT n [1]` If n is nonzero, automatically cut between pages  
`;BOTMAR n [124]` Use n points of bottom margin  
`;CANCEL qin` cancels the request if it has not already started printing. The qin may be obtained via XGP`^F`  
`;FFCUT n [0]` If n is nonzero, cut only on form feeds  
`;HEADER text` Use text as header  
`;HEIGHT` Type height of current font  
`;KSET font` Use font defined in file  
`;LFTMAR n [128]` Use n points of left margin  
`;LIST file_font` Print text file with default header (time, date, page number)  
`;LSP n [31]` Use n points per line (includes font height and points between lines)  
`;NLINES` Type number of lines per page  
`;PLOT file` print file containing coordinate positions  
`;PRINT file_font` Print text file  
`;RESET` Reset value of commands to default  
`;ROTATE` Rotate bit map of points that are converted into scan line  
`;SAMPLE font` Type the character set in font defined by file  
`;SCAN file` Read commands from file (allows a wildcard file specification)  
`;SIZE n [11]` Use page size of n inches  
`;SKIP n [0]` Skip n pages before printing  
`;SNDFNT` Send font to PDP-11  
`;SQUISH` Purge useless character from font  
`;TEST` Test XGP by sending a CONTROL-C and forcing the buffer  
`;THESIS file_font` Prints the text-file like `;PRINT` but places the request in the T queue, to be printed on Thesis forms.  
`;TOPMAR n [128]` Use n points of top margin  
`;TXTCMD n [-1]` If n is nonzero, read specification commands from text file  
`;VSP n [6]` Use n points between lines  
`;X0 n [1100]` Use n as initial x-coordinate  
`;Y0 n [-180]` Use n as initial y-coordinate

### Scan Line

The XGP uses a scan line averaging 200 points per inch, and is controlled to also produce 200 points per inch vertically. The scan line extends over the entire eight and one-half inch wide paper supplied on 2000 foot rolls.

### Font Files

Both MIT and CMU font formats are accepted. The file `.INFO.;`FED ORDER describes the FED program, which creates the font files.

### XGP Console Commands

`^G` Current request stops printing. Asks if request should be requeued.  
`^X` Enter maintenance mode, in which commands are accepted from the XGP console. It is antisocial to use this mode for personal usage since it disables spooling.

## Maintenance Mode Commands

**;HELP** Type list of command on XGP console  
**;KILL** Kill XGP spooler (for debugging purposes only)  
**;SHOW** Type value of selected commands on the XGP console  
**;VERSE** Type name and version number of queuer on XGP console

## Priority Algorithm

Priority for queued requests is determined on the basis of file size and user group (the latter is an administrative decision; Bug-XGP is NOT the place to complain about it). In the basic form, files larger than 30 blocks are put into queue 3, the lowest priority queue; files between 5 blocks and 30 blocks are put into queue 2, and files lower than 5 blocks go into queue 1. Small files are always guaranteed high priority; however, if there are a large number of requests in the queues already, it is advisable to wait until the queues become less heavily loaded.