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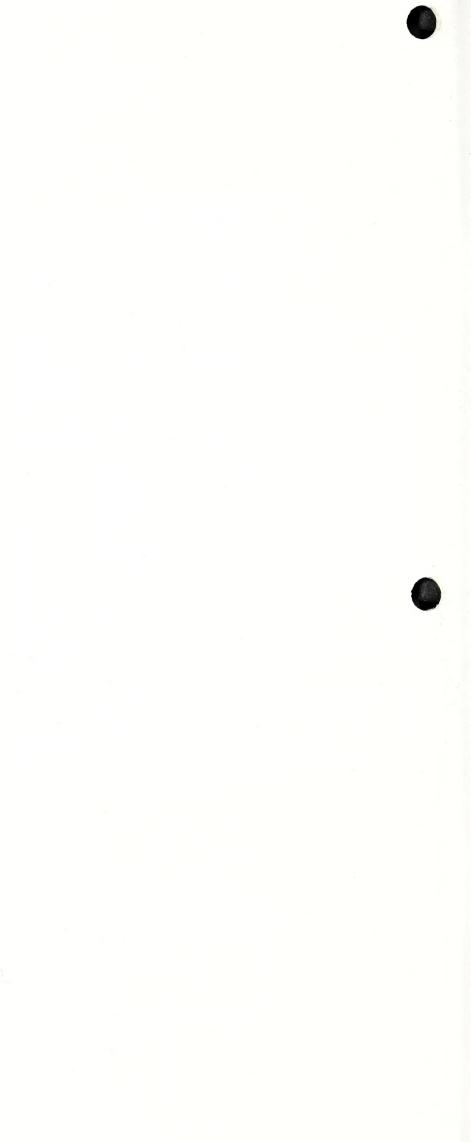
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### NOTATIONS FOR SYNTAX DIAGRAM USAGE

• WORDS—Underlined uppercase words are required when the function of which they are a part is used, e.g., **PICTURE** 

Uppercase words which are not underlined are optional when the function of which they are a part is used, e.g., <u>CURRENCY</u> SIGN <u>IS</u> Lowercase words in a syntax diagram are generic terms used to represent

Lowercase words in a syntax diagram are generic terms used to represent COBOL words, literals, PICTURE character-strings, comment-entries, or complete syntactical entries that must be supplied. Where a generic term appears more than once in a format, a number or letter appendage to the term serves to identify it for explanation or discussion in American National Standard X3.23-1974. See Definition topic for a list of these lowercase words.

- BRACKETS []-Used to show words or phrases which are optional entries, e.g., [VALUE IS literal]
- ELLIPSES •••-Used to represent the position in a syntax diagram at which repetition may occur at the user's option. They occur immediately following a right bracket or right brace and indicate that everything between that bracket or brace and its *paired* left bracket or left brace may be repeated.
- COMMA, and SEMICOLON; -These symbols may appear where shown in a format and are interchangeable. Their inclusion is optional as desired by the programmer for readability
- PERIOD . -- When one is shown in a syntax diagram, it is required.
- SPECIAL CHARACTERS + / \* \*\* > = < -Where one appears in a syntax diagram (although not underlined), it is required.

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### DEFINITIONS

alphabet-name-A user-defined word, in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, that assigns a name to a specific character set and/or collating sequence.

arithmetic-expression—An arithmetic-expression can be an identifier of a numeric elementary item, a numeric literal, such identifiers and literals separated by arithmetic operators, two arithmetic-expressions separated by an arithmetic operator, or an arithmetic-expression enclosed in parentheses. See topic on Arithmetic Expressions.

cd-name—A user-defined word that names a Message Control System interface area described in a communication-description-entry within the COMMUNICATION SECTION of the DATA DIVISION.

**character-string** – A sequence of contiguous characters which form a COBOL word, a literal, a PICTURE character-string, or a comment-entry.

comment-entry-An entry in the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION that may be any combination of characters from the computer character set.

communication-description-entry-An entry in the COMMUNICATION SECTION of the DATA DIVISION that describes the interface between the Message Control System (MCS) and the COBOL program. See syntax diagrams in Data Division topic.

computer-name-A system-name that identifies the computer upon which the program is to be compiled or run.

condition—A status of a program at execution time for which a truth value can be determined. It is a conditional expression consisting of either a simple condition (optionally parenthesized) or a combined condition consisting of the syntactically correct combination of simple conditions logical operators, and parentheses, for which a truth value can be determined. See syntax diagrams in Condition Format topic.

condition-name—A user-defined word assigned to a specific value, set of values, or range of values, within the complete set of values that a conditional variable may possess; or the user-defined word assigned to a status of an implementor-defined switch or device.

data-description-entry—An entry in the DATA DIVISION that is composed of a **level-number** followed by a data-name, if required, and then followed by a set of data clauses, as required. See syntax diagrams in Data Division topic.

data-name—A user-defined word that names a data item described in a datadescription-entry in the DATA DIVISION. When used in the general formats, data-name represents a word which can neither be suscripted, indexed, nor qualified unless specifically permitted by the rules for that format, i.e., there are some restrictions on using the syntax diagram for an identifier.

declarative-sentence-A compiler-directing sentence consisting of a single USE statement terminated by the separator period. See syntax diagrams in Procedure Division topic.

file-control-entry – An entry in the **FILE-CONTROL** paragraph of the **ENVIRONMENT DIVISION** by which a data file is declared. See syntax diagrams in Environment Division topic.

file-name-A user-defined word that names a file described in a file description entry or sort-merge file description entry within the FILE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION.

identifier-A data-name, followed as required by the syntactically correct combination of qualifiers, subscripts, and indices necessary to make unique reference to a data item. See syntax diagrams in Identifier Format topic.



imperative-statement—A statement that begins with an imperative verb and specifies an unconditional action to be taken. An imperative statement may consist of a sequence of imperative statements. An imperative verb is any except for IF, ENTER, USE, COPY, or which contain the optional phrases SIZE ERROR, INVALID KEY, ON OVERFLOW, NO DATA, AT END, or END-OF-PAGE.

**implementor-name**-A system-name that refers to a particular feature available on that implementor's computing system.

index-name—A user-defined word that names a computer storage position or register associated with a specific table, the contents of which identify a particular element in the table.

integer-A numeric literal without a decimal point which must neither be signed nor zero unless explicitly allowed by the rules of that format.

**language-name**—A system-name that specifies a particular programming language.

**level-number**—A user-defined word which indicates the position of a data item in the hierarchical structure of a logical record or which indicates special properties of a **data-description-entry**. A **level-number** is expressed as a one or two digit number. **level-numbers** in the range 1 through 49 indicate the position of a data item in the hierarchical structure of a logical record. **level-numbers** in the range 1 through 9 may be written either as a single digit or as a zero followed by a significant digit. **level-numbers** 66, 77, and 88 identify special properties of a **data-description-entry**.

**library-name**-A user-defined word that names a COBOL library that is to be used by the compiler for a given source program compilation.

**literal**—A **character-string** whose value is implied by the ordered set of characters comprising the string or by specification of a reserved word which references a figurative constant. Every **literal** is one of two types, non-numeric or numeric. Rules for particular format sometime constrain the type or length of a **literal**.

mnemonic-name—A user-defined word that is associated in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION with a specified implementor-name.

aragraph-name-A user-defined word that identifies and begins a paragraph in the **ROCEDURE DIVISION**. A paragraph-name need not contain any alphabetic characters.

procedure-name-A user-defined word which is used to name a paragraph or section in the **PROCEDURE DIVISION**. It consists of a paragraph-name (which may be qualified), or a section-name.

program-name-A user-defined word that identifies a COBOL source program.

**pseudo-text**—A sequence of **character-strings** and/or separators bounded by, but not including, **pseudo-text** delimiters (two contiguous characters ==).

record-description-entry—The total set of data-description-entries associated with a particular record. The first data-description-entry in the set must have a level-number of 1.

record-name-A user-defined word that names a record described in a recorddescription-entry in the DATA DIVISION.

relation-condition—The proposition, for which a truth can be determined, that the value of an arithmetic-expression or data item has a specific relationship to the value of another arithmetic-expression or data item. See syntax diagrams in Condition Format topic.

relational-operator-The permissible operators are:

IS [NOT] GREATER THAN IS [NOT] > IS [NOT] LESS THAN IS [NOT] < IS [NOT] EQUAL TO IS [NOT] =



report-group-description-entry-In the **REPORT SECTION** of **DATA DIVISION**, an **OI level-number** entry and its subordinate entries. See syntax diagrams.

**report-name**-A user-defined word that names a report described in a **report-description-entry** within the **REPORT SECTION** of the **DATA DIVISION**.

routine-name-A user-defined word that identifies a procedure written in a language other than COBOL.

section-name-A user-defined word which names a section in the **PROCEDURE DIVISION**. A section-name need not contain any alphabetic characters.

segment-number—A user-defined word which classifies sections in the **PROCEDURE DIVISION** for purposes of segmentation. segment numbers may be expressed either as a one- or two-digit number.

sentence-A sequence of one or more statements, the last of which is terminated by period (.) followed by a space.

simple-condition-Any single condition chosen from the set:

Relation-Condition Class Condition Condition-Name Condition Switch-Status Condition

Sign Condition

or a simple-condition enclosed in parentheses. See syntax diagrams in Condition Format topic.

statement-A syntactically valid combination of words and symbols written in the **PROCEDURE DIVISION** beginning with a verb.

subscript-An integer or a numeric data item (with no digits to the right of the assumed decimal point) whose value identifies a particular element in a table.

**text-name**-A user-defined word which identifies a particular sequence of **character-strings** within a COBOL library.

word-A character-string of 1 to 30 characters which forms a user-defined word, system-name, or a reserved word.

**77-level-description-entry**—A **data-description-entry** that describes a non-contiguous data item with the **level-number 77**. See syntax diagrams for **data-description-entry** in Data Division topic.



A figurative constant is a value referenced by the following reserved words. A figurative constant may be used wherever **literal** appears in a syntax diagram, subject to contraints in particular formats or the type (numeric or non-numeric).

**ZERO**, **ZEROS**, **ZEROES**-Represents numeric value "0", or one or more of the character "0", depending on the context in which used. When a literal must be of numeric type, these are the only figurative constants which can be used.

**SPACE**, **SPACES**-Represents one or more of the character space from the computer's character set.

HIGH-VALUE, HIGH-VALUES-Represents one or more of the character which has the highest ordinal position in the program collating sequence. For the **STANDARD-1** collating sequence, this is the DEL character, ASCII 7/15.

LOW-VALUE, LOW-VALUES-Represents one or more of the character which has the lowest ordinal position in the program collating sequence. For the **STANDARD-1** collating sequence, this is the NUL character, ASCII 0/0.

QUOTE, QUOTES-Represents one or more of the character ("). This figurative constant cannot be used in place of a quotation mark in a source program to bound a non-numeric literal. i.e., QUOTE ABC QUOTE cannot be used for "ABC".

ALL literal—Represents one or more of the string of characters comprising the literal. The literal must be either a nonnumeric literal or any other figurative constant. Cannot be used with the DISPLAY, INSPECT or STOP statements.

Notes:

- 1. The singular and plural forms of the figurative constants are equal and may be used interchangeably.
- 2. Figurative constants may not be bounded by quotation marks.
- 3. When a figurative constant is not associated with another data item, it is assumed to be one character long, otherwise it assumes the length of the data item with which it is associated.



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# PICTURE CHARACTER STRING

A PICTURE character-string contains 1 to 30 characters describing the characteristics and editing requirements of an elementary data item. An unsigned integer which is enclosed in parentheses following the symbols A X 9 P Z \* B / 0, + - or the currency symbol indicates the number of consecutive occurrences of the symbol, e.g., X(5) is equivalent to XXXXX. (Note that SV. CR and DB may appear only once.) The rules for forming **PICTURE character-strings** for the different categories of data are:

| SYMBOL  | REPRESENTS                | MAY<br>APPEAR<br>WITH | RESTRICTIONS                      | NOTES |  |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|
|         | A                         | PHABETIC              |                                   |       |  |
| А       | Alphabetic character      | AB                    | At least one A must<br>be present |       |  |
| В       | Space character insertion | AB                    |                                   |       |  |
| NUMERIC |                           |                       |                                   |       |  |

| 9 | Numeric character                                   | 9 P V S | At least one 9 must<br>be present              | 1       |
|---|---|---------|--|---------|
| Р | Assumed decimal scaling position                    | 9 P V S | Either first or last<br>except for S and V     | 1, 2, 3 |
| V | Location of assumed<br>decimal point within<br>item | 9 P S   | Only one V allowed                             | 2, 3    |
| S | Presence of operational sign                        | 9 P V   | Must be leftmost;<br>only one <b>S</b> allowed | 4       |

### AL PHANLIMERIC

|             | AL11  | MUMERIC | ·   |  |
|-------------|---|---------|---|--|
| X<br>A<br>9 | Any allowable character<br>in the computer character<br>set | X A 9   | Either at least one<br>X must be present<br>or else both A and<br>9 must be present |  |

### Notes:

The total number of digit positions in a numeric or numeric edited item must be between 1 1. and 18. The symbols 9 P Z \* and the second and following occurrences of + - \$ count as digit positions.

2. The symbol V used in conjunction with P is redundant and is not required -e.g., VPP99 is equivalent to PP99, and 99PV is equivalent to 99P.

 The symbols P and V do not count in the size of an item in standard data format.
 The symbol S is counted in the size of an item in standard data format only if SIGN . . . SEPARATE has been specified.

5. A numeric edited item must contain either at least one 9 Z \* or else at least two + - \$. A numeric edited item cannot consist entirely of 9PV symbols (which would be numeric category).

6. If all digits are represented by Z or floating + - and the data has the value zero, the entire data item will be spaces. If all digits are represented by \* and the data has the value zero, the data item will be all asterisks except for the actual decimal point. Otherwise, replacement will occur left of either the decimal point or the first non-zero digit represented by an insertion symbol, whichever is farther to the left.

7. Any , B0/ insertion characters embedded in Z or \* zero suppression symbols will be replaced by space or asterisks, respectively, if the digit position to the left has a leading zero suppressed by inserting space or asterisk.

The second floating character from the left represents the leftmost limit of numeric data 8 that can be stored. A single floating character is inserted immediately to the left of the first non-zero digit (or the decimal point) in a position represented by floating + -  $\$  or by , B 0 /; and any other positions back to the first floating + - \$ are replaced with spaces. 9. If the CURRENCY SIGN clause is specified (SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph), the character

specified as the currency symbol is used instead of \$ in the PICTURE character-string. It may be any character in the computer character set except 0123456789ABCDLPRSVXZ\*+ - , .; () " / = or space.

- , . ; ( ) " / = or space. 10. If the DECIMAL-POINT IS COMMA clause is stated (SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph), the rules for period ( . ) and comma ( , ) are exchanged.

| SYMBOL | REPRESENTS | MAY<br>APPEAR<br>WITH | RESTRICTIONS | NOTES |  |
|--------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|--|
|--------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|--|

### ALPHANUMERIC EDITED

| X<br>A<br>9 | Any allowable character<br>in the computer character<br>set | Х А 9 В<br>0 / | At least one X or<br>else at least one A<br>must be present |  |
|-------------|---|----------------|---|--|
| В           | Space character insertion                                   | X A 9 B        | At least one <b>B 0</b> or                                  |  |
| 0           | Zero (0) character insertion                                | 0/             | / must be present;<br>cannot consist entirely               |  |
| /           | Slash (/) character<br>insertion                            |                | of A and B (which<br>would be alphabetic<br>category)       |  |

### NUMERIC EDITED

|                |  | KIC LDITLD  |   |                  |
|----------------|--|---|---|------------------|
| 9              | Numeric character  | any other<br>except A X                               | May not precede Z<br>* \$ or floating + - ;<br>may not appear if<br>Z * or floating \$ +<br>- occurs to right of<br>decimal point<br>position | 1, 5             |
| Z              | Numeric character:<br>replace leading zeros<br>with spaces   | 9 Z P . V<br>CR DB ,<br>B 0 / and<br>single \$ +<br>- | May not follow 9;<br>if it occurs right of<br>decimal point posi-<br>tion, all digits must<br>be represented by<br>P or itself                | 1,5,6,<br>7      |
| *              | Numeric character; replace<br>leading zeros with asterisk<br>(*) characters  | 9 * P . V<br>CR DB , B<br>0 / and<br>single \$ + -    |   |                  |
| floating<br>\$ | Numeric character;<br>insert currency symbol<br>left of first non-zero<br>digit.                                       | 9 \$ P . V<br>CR DB , B 0<br>/ and single<br>+-       | May not follow 9;<br>if it occurs right of<br>decimal point posi-<br>tion, all digits must<br>be represented by<br>P or \$                    | 1, 5, 6,<br>8, 9 |
| floating<br>+  | Numeric character;<br>to left of first non-<br>zero character insert<br>minus (-) if negative,<br>else insert plus (+) | 9 + P . V<br>, B 0 / and<br>single \$                 | May not follow 9;<br>if it occurs right of<br>decimal point posi-<br>tion, all digits must<br>be represented by<br>P or itself                | 1, 5, 6,<br>8    |
| floating       | Numeric character;<br>to left of first non-<br>zero character insert<br>minus (-) if negative,<br>else insert space    | 9 – P . V<br>, B 0 / and<br>single \$                 |   |                  |
| P              | Assumed decimal scaling position   | 9 Z * + -<br>\$ P V , B<br>0 /                        | Must either precede<br>or follow all digit<br>positions represented<br>by 9 Z * or floating<br>+ - \$   | 1, 2, 3          |
| single<br>\$   | Insert purrency symbol   | 9 Z * + -<br>P CR DB<br>. V , B 0 /                   | Leftmost except for single + -  | 9                |
| single<br>+    | lnsert minus (-) if negative;<br>else insert plus (+)  | 9 Z * \$ P.<br>V, B0/                                 | Either leftmost or rightmost  |                  |
| single         | Insert minus (-) if negative;<br>else insert space character   |   |   |                  |
| CR             | Insert two characters "CR"<br>if negative; else insert two<br>spaces   | 9 Z * \$ P<br>. V , B 0 /                             | Rightmost   |                  |
| DB             | Insert two characters "DB"<br>if negative; else insert two<br>spaces   |   |   |                  |
|                | Actual decimal point   | 9 Z * \$ +<br>- CR DB ,<br>B 0 /                      | May not be rightmost;<br>only one . allowed   | 10               |
| V              | Location of assumed decimal point within item  | 9 Z * \$ +<br>- P CR DB<br>, B 0 /                    | Only one V allowed  | 2, 3             |
| ,              | Comma (,) character insertion  | any other<br>except A X                               | May not be rightmost  | 7, 8, 10         |
| В              | Space character insertion  | any other<br>except A X                               |   | 7,8              |
| 0              | Zero (0) character insertion   |   |   |                  |
| /              | Slash (/) character insertion  |   |   |                  |

# SPECIAL REGISTERS

Special registers are compiler generated storage areas into which automatically stored information is produced in conjunction with the use of certain COBOL features.

**DEBUG-ITEM**—Provides information about the condition that caused the execution of a debugging section with the following items implicitly described:

- DEBUG-LINE--Implementor-defined means of identification of particular source statement.
- DEBUG-NAME-Contains first 30 characters of the name (file-name, identifier, procedure-name or cd-name) that caused the debugging section to be executed.
  - DEBUG-SUB-1, DEBUG-SUB-2, DEBUG-SUB-3—If the referenced data item is subscripted, the occurrence number of each level is entered in these items respectively as necessary.
  - DEBUG-CONTENTS-Contains information concerning where the debug is taking place, e.g., "START PROGRAM," "SORT OUTPUT," the entire contents of a record which is read, etc.

The implicit description of DEBUG-ITEM is:

| DEBU | JG-ITEM   |  |
|------|---|--|
| 02   | DEBUG-LINE  | PICTURE IS X(6).   |
| 02   | FILLER  | PICTURE IS X VALUE SPACE.  |
| 02   | DEBUG-NAME  | PICTURE IS X(30).  |
| 02   | FILLER  | PICTURE IS X VALUE SPACE.  |
| 02   | DEBUG-SUB-1   | PICTURE IS S9999 SIGN IS LEADING   |
|      |   | SEPARATE CHARACTER.  |
| 02   | FILLER  | PICTURE IS X VALUE SPACE.  |
| 02   | DEBUG-SUB-2   | PICTURE IS S9999 SIGN IS LEADING   |
|      |   | SEPARATE CHARACTER.  |
| 02   | FILLER  | PICTURE IS X VALUE SPACE.  |
| 02   | DEBUG-SUB-3   | PICTURE IS S9999 SIGN IS LEADING   |
|      |   | SEPARATE CHARACTER.  |
| 02   | FILLER  | PICTURE IS X VALUE SPACE.  |
| 02   | DEBUG-CONTENTS  | PICTURE IS X(n).   |
|      | 02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>02<br>0 | <ul> <li>62 FILLER</li> <li>62 DEBUG-NAME</li> <li>62 FULLER</li> <li>62 DEBUG-SUB-1</li> <li>62 FILLER</li> <li>62 DEBUG-SUB-2</li> <li>62 FILLER</li> <li>62 DEBUG-SUB-3</li> <li>62 FILLER</li> </ul> |

LINAGE-COUNTER-Register(s) generated by the presence of a LINAGE clause in an FD entry. It points to the line at which the device is positioned within the current page body. It may be referenced (qualified by file-name if more than one used) but not modified by **PROCEDURE DIVISION** statements. It can represent a range of 1 through the value in data-name-5 or integer-5 in the FD syntax diagram.

LINE-COUNTER-Register(s) generated for each RD entry. It is used to determine the vertical positioning of the report. The Report Writer Control Section maintains the value of this register(s) which may be accessed but not modified by **PROCEDURE DIVISION** statements. It can represent a range of 0 through 999999 and has an implicit description of PICTURE 9(6).

**PAGE-COUNTER**-Register(s) generated for each **RD** entry, that is used by the program to number the pages of a report. The Report Writer Control Section maintains the value of this register(s) but it *may* be altered by a **PROCEDURE DIVISION** statement. It can represent a range of 1 through 999999 and has an implicit description of PICTURE 9(6).

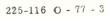
### IDENTIFIER FORMAT



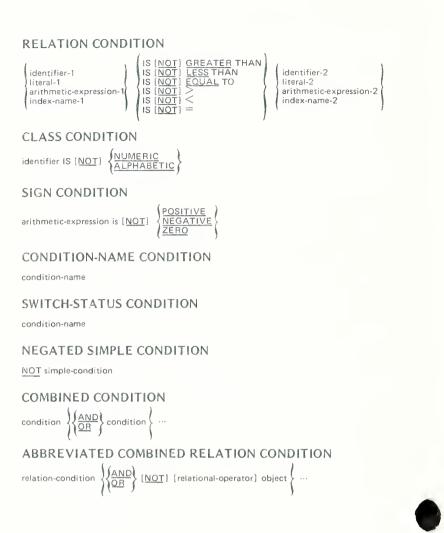
# COPY STATEMENT FORMAT







# CONDITION FORMAT



### Note:

When parentheses are not used or when parenthesized conditions are at the same level of inclusiveness, the following order of evaluation is observed:

- 1. Values are established for any arithmetic expression.
- 2. Truth values for simple conditions are established.
- 3. Truth values for negated simple conditions are established.
- Truth values for combined conditions are established with all combinations of AND evaluated first followed by OR.
- 5. Truth values for negated combined conditions are established. (A negated combined condition is **NOT** followed by a combined condition in parentheses.)

### ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

| BINARY | MEANING        |
|--------|----------------|
| +      | Addition       |
| -      | Subtraction    |
| *      | Multiplication |
| /      | Division       |

\*\* Exponentiation

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+

Effect of multiplication by numeric literal +1 Effect of multiplication by numeric literal -1

### FORMATION RULES

- 1) Arithmetic expressions may only begin with the symbols (+- or a variable (identifier or literal) and may only end with ) or a variable. There must be a one-toone correspondence between left and right parenthesis, with each left parenthesis to the left of its right parenthesis.
- 2) Parentheses may be used to specify the order in which elements of the expression are to be evaluated or they may be used to eliminate the ambiguities in logic.
- 3) Expressions within parentheses are evaluated first; and within nested parentheses, evaluation proceeds from the least inclusive set to the most inclusive set. When parentheses are not used the order of execution of consecutive operations of the same hierarchical level is from left to right with the following hierarchical order implied: 1

3rd - Multiplication and division \* /

- 4th Addition and subtraction + -
- 4) Allowable combinations of operators, variables, and parentheses in arithmetic expressions are:

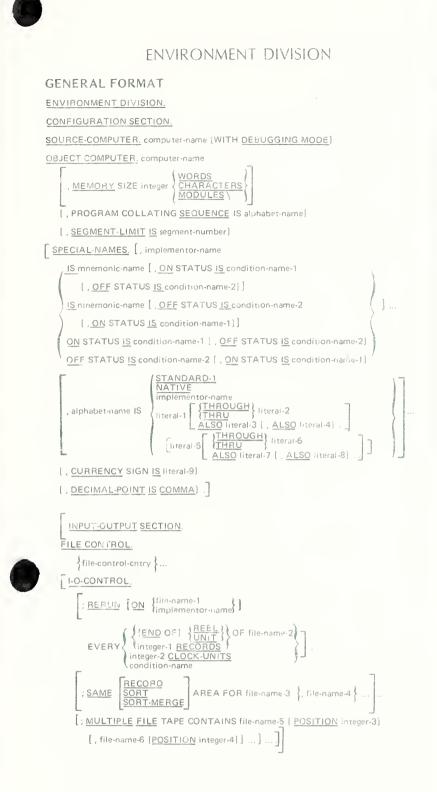


| FIRST    |          | SECOND SY | MBOL  |     |     |
|----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----|-----|
| SYMBOL   | VARIABLE | BINARY    | UNARY | (   | )   |
| VARIABLE | NO       | YES       | NO    | NO  | YES |
| BINARY   | YES      | NO        | YES   | YES | NO  |
| UNARY    | YES      | NO        | NO    | YES | NO  |
| (        | YES      | NO        | YES   | YES | NO  |
| )        | NO       | YES       | NO    | NO  | YES |



# IDENTIFICATION DIVISION





### file-control-entry

### FORMAT 1:

SELECT [OPTIONAL] file-name

 $\frac{\text{ASSIGN}}{\left[ : \frac{\text{RESERVE}}{\text{C}} \text{ integer-1} \begin{bmatrix} \text{AREA} \\ \text{AREAS} \end{bmatrix} \right]}$   $[: \frac{\text{ORGANIZATION}}{\text{ORGANIZATION}} \text{ IS SEQUENTIAL}]$ 

[ ; ACCESS MODE IS SEQUENTIAL]

[; FILE STATUS IS data-name-1].

FORMAT 2:

 $\frac{\text{SELECT}}{\text{file-name}}$   $\frac{\text{ASSIGN}}{\text{ASSIGN}} \text{ TO implementor-name-1 [ , implementor-name-2] ...}$   $\left[; \frac{\text{RESERVE}}{\text{RESERVE}} \text{ integer-1 } \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{AREA} \\ \text{AREAS} \end{array} \right] \right]$   $; \frac{\text{ORGANIZATION}}{\text{ORGANIZATION}} \text{ IS } \frac{\text{RELATIVE}}{\text{RELATIVE}} \text{ KEY IS data-name-1} \right]$   $\left[; \frac{\text{ACCESS}}{\text{MODE}} \text{ MODE } \text{ IS} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\text{SEQUENTIAL}}{\text{QYNAMIC}} \right\}, \frac{\text{RELATIVE}}{\text{RELATIVE}} \text{ KEY IS data-name-1} \right\}$   $\left[; \text{FILE STATUS IS data-name-2} \right].$ 

FORMAT 3:

### SELECT file-name

ASSIGN TO implementor-name-1 [, implementor-name-2] ...

 ; RESERVE integer-1
 [AREA]

 ; ORGANIZATION IS INDEXED

 ; ACCESS MODE IS
 [SEQUENTIAL]

 ; ACCESS MODE IS
 [SEQUENTIAL]

; RECORD KEY IS data-name-1

[ ; ALTERNATE RECORD KEY IS data-name-2 [WITH DUPLICATES] ] ...

[; FILE STATUS IS data-name-3].

FORMAT 4:

SELECT file-name ASSIGN TO implementor-name-1 [ , implementor-name-2] ...





# DATA DIVISION

**GENERAL FORMAT** DATA DIVISION. FILE SECTION. FD file-name ; BLOCK CONTAINS [integer-1 TO] integer-2 {RECORDS CHARACTERS [; RECORD CONTAINS [integer-3 TO] integer-4 CHARACTERS] ; LABEL {RECORD IS RECORDS ARE } {STANDARD } [; VALUE OF implementor-name-1 IS {data-name-1 | Iteral-1 } [, implementor-name-2 IS {data-name-2}] ...] [; DATA { RECORD IS RECORDS ARE { data-name-3 [, data-name-4] ... ]  $[; LINAGE IS { data-name-5 \\ integer-5 } LINES , WITH FOOTING AT { data-name-6 \\ integer-6 }$ [, LINES AT TOP {data-name-7}] [, LINES AT BOTTOM {data-name-8}]] [; CODE-SET IS alphabet-name] [ {REPORT IS {REPORTS ARE } report-name-1 [ , report-name-2] ... ]. [record-description-entry] ... ] ... SD file-name [; RECORD CONTAINS [integer-1 TO] integer-2 CHARACTERS] ; DATA {RECORD IS RECORDS ARE } data-name-1 [ , data-name-2] ... {record-description-entry} ... ] ... ] WORKING-STORAGE SECTION. {77-level-description-entry } ... ] NKAGE SECTION. 17-level-description-entry ...] COMMUNICATION SECTION. [communication-description-entry [record-description-entry] ...] ...] REPORT SECTION. [RD report-name [; CODE literal-1] 
 [ <u>CONTROL</u> IS
 } data-name-1 [, data-name-2] ... }

 {CONTROLS ARE
 {FINAL [, data-name-1 [, data-name-2] ... }}
 [; PAGE [LIMIT IS LIMITS ARE] integer-1 [LINE] [, HEADING integer-2] [, FIRST DETAIL integer-3] [, LAST DETAIL integer-4] [, FOOTING integer-5] . {report-group-description-entry } ... ] ... ]





### data-description-entry

FORMAT 1: level-number {data-name-1} [; REDEFINES data-name-2] ; { PICTURE } IS character-string COMPUTATIONAL COMP DISPLAY ; [<u>USAGE</u> IS] [; [SIGN IS] {LEADING } [SEPARATE CHARACTER] [; OCCURS {Integer-1 TO integer-2 TIMES DEPENDING ON data-name-3 } [ {ASCENDING KEY IS data-name-4 [, data-name-5] ...]... [INDEXED BY index-name-1 [ , index-name-2] ... ] ; {SYNCHRONIZED } [LEFT] [; {JUSTIFIED } RIGHT] [ ; BLANK WHEN ZERO] [; VALUE IS literal] . FORMAT 2: 66 data-name-1; <u>PENAMES</u> data-name-2  $\left[\left\{\frac{\text{THROUGH}}{\text{THRU}}\right\}$  data-name-3. FORMAT 3: 88 condition-name;  $\left\{ \frac{VALUE}{VALUE} ARE \right\}$  literal-1  $\left\{ \frac{THROUGH}{THRU} \right\}$  literal-2 , literal-3  $\left[ \left\{ \frac{\text{THROUGH}}{\text{THRU}} \right\}$  literal-4  $\right]$  ... communications-description-entry FORMAT 1: CD cd-name; FOR [INITIAL] INPUT [[ ; SYMBOLIC QUEUE IS data-name-1] (; SYMBOLIC SUB-QUEUE-1 IS data-name-2) [ , SYMBOLIC SUB-QUEUE-2 IS data-name-3] [; SYMBOLIC SUB-QUEUE-3 IS data-name-4] [ ; MESSAGE DATE IS data-name-5] { ; MESSAGE TIME IS data-name-6] [ ; SYMBOLIC SOURCE IS data-name-7] [ ; TEXT LENGTH IS data-name-8] [; END KEY IS data-name-9] [ ; STATUS KEY IS data-name-10] [ ; MESSAGE COUNT IS data-name-11] ] [data-name-1, data-name-2, ... , data-name-11] FORMAT 2: CD cd-name; FOR OUTPUT [ ; DESTINATION COUNT IS data-name-1] [; TEXT LENGTH IS data-name-2] [; STATUS KEY IS data-name-3] [ ; DESTINATION TABLE OCCURS integer-2 TIMES [; INDEXED BY index-name-1 [, index-name-2] ... ]] [ ; ERROR KEY IS data-name-4] [; SYMBOLIC DESTINATION IS data-name-5] .

### report-group-description-entry



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# PROCEDURE DIVISION

### GENERAL FORMAT

### FORMAT 1:

PROCEDURE DIVISION [USING data-name-1 [, data-name-2] ...]. [DECLARATIVES. {section-name SECTION [segment-number]. declarative-sentence [paragraph-name. [sentence] ...] ... }... END DECLARATIVES.] {section-name SECTION [segment-number].

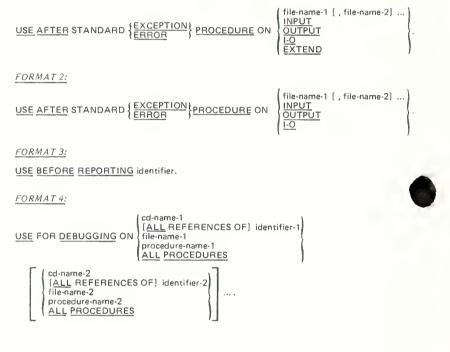
[paragraph-name. [sentence] ... ] ... }...

### FORMAT 2:

PROCEDURE DIVISION [USING data-name-1 [ , data-name-2] ... ] . {paragraph-name. [sentence] ...}.

### declarative-sentence

FORMAT 1:





### VERBS

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FORMAT 1:
ACCEPT identifier [FROM mnemonic-name]
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FORMAT 2:

ACCEPT identifier FROM

FORMAT 3:

ACCEPT cd-name MESSAGE COUNT

FORMAT 1:

ADD {identifier-1 } [, identifier-2 ] ... <u>TO</u> identifier-m [<u>ROUNDED</u>] [, identifier-n [<u>ROUNDED</u>]] ... [; ON <u>SIZE ERROR</u> imperative-statement]

FORMAT 2:

ADD {identifier-1} , {identifier-2} [,identifier-3]... [,iteral-3]... GIVING identifier-m [ROUNDED] [,identifier-n [ROUNDED]]...

[ ; ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

FORMAT 3:

ADD {CORRESPONDING { identifier-1 TO identifier-2 [ROUNDED]

[; ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement]

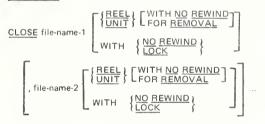
<u>ALTER</u> procedure-name-1 <u>TO</u> [<u>PROCEED</u> <u>TO</u>] procedure-name-2 [, procedure-name-3 <u>TO</u> [<u>PROCEED</u> <u>TO</u>] procedure-name-4] ...

CALL {identifier-1} [USING data-name-1 [ , data-name-2] ... ]

[; ON <u>OVERFLOW</u> imperative-statement]

CANCEL {identifier-1} [, identifier-2]...

FORMAT 1:



### FORMAT 2:

CLOSE file-name-1 [WITH LOCK] [, file-name-2 [WITH LOCK]] ... COMPUTE IdentIfIer-1 [ROUNDED] [, identifier-2 [ROUNDED]] ... = arithmetic-expression [; ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement] DELETE file-name RECORD [; INVALID KEY imperative-statement] DISABLE {INPUT [TERMINAL]} cd-name WITH KEY {identifier-1} Iteral-1 } DISPLAY {identifier-1}[, identifier-2]... [UPON mnemonic-name]

FORMAT-3: INSPECT identifier-1 TALLYING 
 {BEFORE}
 INITIAL
 {identifier-4}

 AFTER
 INITIAL
 {identifier-4}
 REPLACING  $\begin{array}{c} \underline{\mathsf{CHARACTERS}} \ \underline{\mathsf{BY}} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathsf{identifier-6} \\ \mathsf{literal-4} \end{matrix} \right\} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \underbrace{\mathsf{BEFORE}} \\ \underline{\mathsf{AFTER}} \end{matrix} \right\} & \mathsf{INITIAL} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \mathsf{identifier-7} \\ \mathsf{literal-5} \end{matrix} \right\} \\ \end{array} \end{array}$  $\left\{ \frac{\text{ALL}}{\text{LEADING}} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{(identifier-5)} \\ \text{(literal-3)} \end{array} \right\} \underbrace{\text{BY}}_{\text{(literal-4)}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{(identifier-6)} \\ \text{(literal-4)} \end{array} \right\}$ [{BEFORE AFTER} INITIAL {identifier-7}]} ...}... MERGE file-name-1 ON {ASCENDINC DESCENDING} KEY data-name-1 [, data-name-2] ... ON {ASCENDING } KEY data-name-3 [, data-name-4] ... ... [COLLATING SEQUENCE IS alphabet-name] USING file-name-2, file-name-3 [ , file-name-4] ...  $\left( \begin{array}{c} \underline{OUTPUT} \ \underline{PROCEDURE} \ IS \ section-name-1 \end{array} \right) \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{THROUGH} \\ \underline{THRU} \end{array} \right\} \ section-name-2 \end{array} \right\}$ GIVING file-name-5 FORMAT 1:  $\frac{MOVE}{\text{literal}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-1} \\ \text{literal} \end{array} \right\} \underbrace{TO}_{i} \text{identifier-2} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \underbrace{dentifier-3}_{i} \ldots$ FORMAT 2: MOVE {CORRESPONDING | identifier 1 TO identifier-2 FORMAT 1:  $\frac{\text{ULTIPLY}}{\text{literal-1}} \xrightarrow{\text{BY}} \text{identifier-2} [ROUNDED]$ [, identifier-3 [ROUNDED]] ... [; ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement] FORMAT 2:  $\frac{\mathsf{MULTIPLY}}{\mathsf{literal-1}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{BY}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{identifier-2} \\ \mathsf{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{GIVING}} \mathsf{identifier-3} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{ROUNDED} \end{array} \right]$ [,identifier-4 [ROUNDED]] ...[;ON SIZE ERROR imperative-statement] FORMAT 1: INPUT file-name-1 [REVERSED WITH NO REWIND] , file-name-2 [REVERSED WITH NO REWIND] OPEN (OUTPUT file-name-3 [WITH NO REWIND] [, file-name-4 [WITH NO <u>REWIND</u>]] ... I-O file-name-5 [ , file-name-6] ... EXTEND file-name-7 [ , file-name-8] ... FORMAT 2:  $\begin{cases} \underline{\mathsf{INPUT}} \text{ file-name-1 [ , file-name-2 ] } \dots \\ \underline{\mathsf{OUTPUT}} \text{ file-name-3 [ , file-name-4 ] } \dots \\ \underline{\mathsf{I-O}} \text{ file-name-5 [ , file-name-6 ] } \dots \end{cases}$ OPEN

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FORMAT T.  $\frac{\text{PERFORM}}{\text{PERFORM}} \text{ procedure-name-1} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\text{THROUGH}}{\text{THRU}} \right\} \text{ procedure-name-2} \right]$ FORMAT 2:  $\frac{\text{PERFORM}}{\text{PERFORM}} \text{ procedure-name-1} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\text{THROUGH}}{\text{THRU}} \right\} \text{ procedure-name-2} \right] \left\{ \frac{\text{identifier-1}}{\text{integer-1}} \right\} \frac{\text{TIMES}}{\text{TIMES}}$ FORMAT 3:  $\frac{\text{PERFORM}}{\text{PERFORM}} \text{ procedure-name-1 } \left[ \left\{ \frac{\text{THROUGH}}{\text{THRU}} \right\} \text{ procedure-name-2} \right] \\ \frac{\text{UNTIL}}{\text{UNTIL}} \text{ condition-1}$ FORMAT 4:  $\frac{1}{PERFORM} \text{ procedure-name-1} \left[ \left\{ \frac{THROUGH}{THRU} \right\} \text{ procedure-name-2} \right]$ (identifier-3 index-name-2 literal-1 VARYING {identifier-2 index-name-1} FROM {identifier-4 } <u>UNTIL</u> condition-1 <u>ΒΥ</u> (iden tifier-6 index-name-4 literal-3 {identifier-5 {index-name-3} AFTER FROM {identifier-7 { literal-4 } <u>UNTIL</u> condition-2 ΒY { iden tifier-9 index-name-6 literal-5 {identifier-8 } {index-name-5} AFTER FROM

BY {identifier-10} UNTIL condition-3]

FORMAT 1:

READ file-name RECORD [INTO identifier] [ ; AT END imperative-statement]

FORMAT 2:

READ file-name [NEXT] RECORD [INTO identifier]
[; AT END imperative-statement]

FORMAT 3:

READ file-name RECORD (INTO identifier) [ ; INVALID KEY imperative-statement]

### FORMAT 4:

READ file-name RECORD [INTO identifier]

- [ ; KEY IS data-name]
- [ ; INVALID KEY imperative-statement]

RECEIVE cd-name {MESSAGE SEGMENT} INTO identifier-1 (; NO DATA imperative-statement)

### RELEASE record-name [FROM identifier]

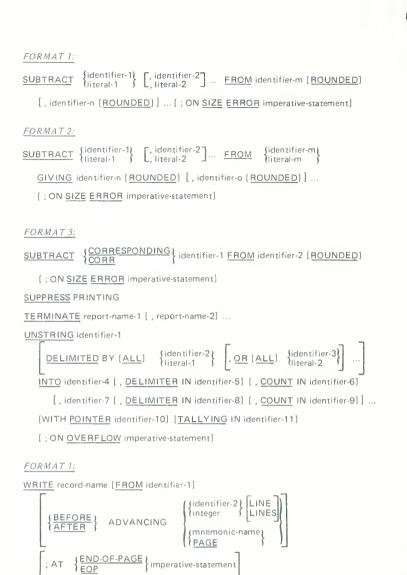
RETURN file-name RECORD [INTO identifier] ; AT END imperative-statement

<u>FORMAT 1:</u> <u>REWRITE</u> record-name (<u>FROM</u> identifier)

<u>FORMAT 2:</u> <u>REWRITE</u>record-name [<u>FROM</u> identifier] { ; <u>INVALID</u> KEY imperative-statement]



FORMAT 1: SEARCH identifier-1 VARYING {identifier-2 index-name-1} [; AT END imperative-statement-1] mperative-statement-2 Imperative-statement ; WHEN condition-1 ; WHEN condition-2 {imperative-statement-3} FORMAT 2: SEARCH ALL identifier-1 [ ; AT END imperative-statement-1] identifier-3 ; WHEN data-name-1 {IS EQUAL TO } literal-1 arithmetic-expression-1 condition-name-1 Identifier-4 data-name-2 {IS EQUAL TO} literal-2 arithmetic-expression AND condition-name-2 { imperative-statement-2 } NEXT SENTENCE } FORMAT 1: SEND cd-name FROM identifier-1 FORMAT 2: WITH identifier-2 WITH <u>ESI</u> WITH <u>EMI</u> WITH EGI SEND cd-name [FROM identifier-1] ADVANCING LLINES BEFORE AFTER (mnemonic-name PAGE FORMAT 1: {identifier-3 index-name-3 integer-1 SET {identifier-1 [,identifier-2] ...}TO RMAT 2:  $\underline{ET}$  index-name-4 [, index-name-5] ...  $\frac{UPBY}{DOWNBY}$ {identifier-4} {integer-2 SORT file-name-1 ON {ASCENDING DESCENDING} KEY data-name-1 [ , data-name-2] ... [ ON {ASCENDING DESCENDING} KEY data-name-3 [, data-name-4] ...]... [COLLATING SEQUENCE IS alphabet-name] USING file-name-2 [ , file-name-3] ... OUTPUT PROCEDURE IS section-name-3 { THROUGH section-name-4 ( GIVING file-name-4 IS <u>EQUAL</u> TO IS = IS <u>GREATER</u> THAN IS > START file-name KEY data-name IS IS N [; INVALID KEY imperative-statement] STOP {RUN literal} {identifier-3 literal-3 STRING {identifier-1} [, identifier-2]... DELIMITED BY SIZE  $\begin{bmatrix} , \text{ identifier-5} \\ , \text{ iteral-5} \end{bmatrix} \dots \underbrace{\text{DELIMITED}}_{\text{BY}} \text{BY} \left\{ \begin{cases} \text{identifier-6} \\ \text{iteral-6} \\ \underline{\text{SIZE}} \end{cases} \right\}$ {identifier-4} literal-4 INTO identifier-7 [WITH POINTER identifier-8] [; ON OVERFLOW imperative-statement]



FORMAT 2:

WRITE record-name [FROM identifier] [ ; INVALID KEY imperative-statement]



### RESERVED WORDS

Reserved words are the following and may be used in COBOL programs as specified in the syntax diagrams.

ACCESS ADD ADVANCING **AFTER** ALL **ALPHABETIC** ALSO ALTER ALTERNATE AND ARE AREA AREAS ASCENDING ASSIGN AT **AUTHOR BEFORE BLANK BLOCK** BOTTOM BY CALL CANCEL CD Ĥ CHARACTER **CHARACTERS CLOCK-UNITS CLOSE** COBOL CODE CODE-SET COLLATING **COLUMN COMMA** COMMUNICATION COMP **COMPUTATIONAL** COMPUTE CONFIGURATION CONTAINS CONTROL **CONTROLS** COPY CORR CORRESPONDING COUNT **CURRENCY** 

ACCEPT

DATA DATE DATE-COMPILED DATE-WRITTEN DAY

DE **DEBUG-CONTENTS DEBUG-ITEM DEBUG-LINE DEBUG-NAME DEBUG-SUB-1 DEBUG-SUB-2 DEBUG-SUB-3** DEBUGGING **DECIMAL-POINT** DECLARATIVES DELETE DELIMITED DELIMITER DEPENDING DESCENDING DESTINATION DETAIL DISABLE DISPLAY DIVIDE DIVISION DOWN **DUPLICATES DYNAMIC** EGI **ELSE** EMI **ENABLE END END-OF-PAGE ENTER ENVIRONMENT** FOP EOUAL ERROR **ESI EVERY EXCEPTION** EXIT **EXTEND** FD FILE **FILE-CONTROL FILLER FINAL** FIRST FOOTING FOR FROM **GENERATE** GIVING GO GREATER GROUP

**HIGH-VALUE HIGH-VALUES** I-O I-O-CONTROL **IDENTIFICATION** IF IN INDEX INDEXED **INDICATE** INITIAL INITIATE INPUT **INPUT-OUTPUT INSPECT INSTALLATION INTERCHANGE** INTO INVALID IS JUST **JUSTIFIED** KEY LABEL LAST LEADING LEFT LENGTH LESS LIMIT LIMITS LINAGE

LINAGE-COUNTER

LINE-COUNTER

LINE

LINES

LOCK

LINKAGE

MEMORY

MESSAGE

MODULES MOVE

**MULTIPLE** 

MULTIPLY

NEGATIVE

NUMBER

NUMERIC

NATIVE

NEXT

NO

NOT

MERGE

MODE

LOW-VALUE

LOW-VALUES

HEADING

**OBJECT-COMPUTER OCCURS** OF OFF **OMITTED** ON **OPEN OPTIONAL** OR ORGANIZATION OUTPUT **OVERFLOW** PAGE PAGE-COUNTER PERFORM PF PH PIC PICTURE **PLUS** POINTER POSITION POSITIVE PRINTING PROCEDURE PROCEDURES PROCEED PROGRAM **PROGRAM-ID** QUEUE QUOTE **QUOTES** RANDOM RD READ RECEIVE RECORD RECORDS REDEFINES REEL REFERENCES RELATIVE RELEASE REMAINDER REMOVAL RENAMES REPLACING REPORT REPORTING REPORTS RERUN RESERVE RESET RETURN REVERSED REWIND REWRITE RF RH RIGHT ROUNDED RUN





SAME SD SEARCH **SECTION** SECURITY SEGMENT SEGMENT-LIMIT SELECT **SEND** SENTENCE **SEPARATE SEOUENCE SEQUENTIAL** SET SIGN SIZE SORT SORT-MERGE SOURCE SOURCE-COMPUTER SPACE **SPACES** SPECIAL-NAMES **STANDARD STANDARD-1 START STATUS** STOP STRING **SUB-OUEUE-1 SUB-OUEUE-2 SUB-OUEUE-3** SUBTRACT PRESS ABOLIC SYNC **SYNCHRONIZED** TABLE TALLYING TAPE

TERMINAL TERMINATE TEXT

THAN THROUGH THRU TIME TIMES то тор TRAILING TYPE UNIT **UNSTRING** UNTIL UP UPON **USAGE** USE USING VALUE VALUES VARYING WHEN WITH WITHIN WORDS WORKING-STORAGE WRITE ZERO ZEROES ZEROS +\* / > <\_\_\_\_



### SYSTEM NAMES

For a specific implementation of COBOL, the implementor is expected to define certain system names for his compiler in accordance with American National Standard X3.23-1974. Such a system name is shown in the syntax diagrams as a language-name, a computer-name, or an implementor-name.

Make notes here on specific implementations:

language-name

computer-name

### implementor-name

The words which can be used for implementor-name depend upon the entry in which the implementor-name is used.

□ The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the CONFIGURATION SECTION of the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

with mnemonic-names and/or condition-names

with alphabet-names



□ In the file-control-entry of the FILE-CONTROL paragraph of the INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION in a SELECT clause



□ The RERUN clause in the I-O-CONTROL paragraph of the INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

 $\hfill$  The VALUE OF clause in the FD entry within the FILE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION



# ASCII CHARACTER SET

# The **STANDARD-1** alphabet consists of the following characters of the American Standard Code for Information Interchange, ASCII:

| ASCII<br>Character | Octal<br>Value | Meaning                      |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| NUL                | 000            | Null or time fill character  |
| SOH                | 001            | Start of heading             |
| STX                | 002            | Start of text                |
| ETX                | 002            | End of text                  |
| EOT                | 004            | End of transmission          |
| ENQ                | 005            |                              |
| ACK                | 005            | Enquiry (who are you)        |
| BEL                | 007            | Acknowledge<br>Bell          |
| BS                 | 010            | Backspace                    |
| HT                 | 010            | Horizontal tabulation        |
| LF                 | 012            | Line feed (new line)         |
| VT                 | 012            | Vertical tabulation          |
| FF                 | 013            | Form feed                    |
| CR                 | 014            |                              |
| SO                 | 016            | Carriage return<br>Shift out |
|                    |                |                              |
| SI                 | 017            | Shift in                     |
| DLE                | 020            | Data link escape             |
| DC1                | 021            | Device control 1             |
| DC2                | 022            | Device control 2             |
| DC3                | 023            | Device control 3             |
| DC4                | 024            | Device control 4             |
| NAK                | 025            | Negative acknowledgement     |
| SYN                | 026            | Synchronous idle             |
| ETB                | 027            | End of transmission blocks   |
| CAN                | 030            | Cancel                       |
| EM                 | 031            | End of medium                |
| SUB                | 032            | Substitute                   |
| ESC                | 033            | Escape                       |
| FS                 | 034            | File separator               |
| GS                 | 035            | Group separator              |
| RS                 | 036            | Record separator             |
| US                 | 037            | Unit separator               |
| SP                 | 040            | Space                        |
| ţ.                 | 041            | Exclamation point            |
| 66<br>6            | 042            | Quotation mark               |
| #                  | 043            | Number sign                  |
| \$                 | 044            | Currency symbol              |
| %                  | 045            | Percent                      |
| &                  | 046            | Ampersand                    |
| 3                  | 047            | Apostrophe or acute accent   |
| (                  | 050            | Opening parenthesis          |
| )                  | 051            | Closing parenthesis          |
| *                  | 052            | Asterisk                     |
| +                  | 053            | Plus                         |
| 5                  | 054            | Comma                        |
| -                  | 055            | Hyphen or minus              |
| •                  | 056            | Period or decimal point      |
| /                  | 057            | Slant                        |
| 0                  | 060            |                              |
| 1                  | 061            |                              |
| 2                  | 062            |                              |
| 3                  | 063            |                              |
| 4                  | 064            |                              |
| 5                  | 065            |                              |
| 6                  | 066            |                              |
| 7                  | 067            |                              |
| 8                  | 070            |                              |
| 9                  | 071            |                              |
| :                  | 072            | Colon                        |
| *                  | 073            | Semicolon                    |
| <                  | 074            | Less than                    |
|                    |                |                              |



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Meaning

Equal Greater than Question mark Commercial at

Octal

Value

Opening bracket Reverse slant Closing bracket Circumflex Underline Grave accent

Opening brace Vertical line Closing brace Tilde Delete

# COBOL CHARACTER SET

The COBOL character set consists of the 51 characters listed below.

| Character | Meaning                        |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 0,1,,9    | digit                          |
| A,B,,Z    | letter                         |
|           | space (blank)                  |
| +         | plus sign                      |
| -         | minus sign (hyphen)            |
| *         | asterisk                       |
| /         | stroke (virgule, slash)        |
| =         | equal sign                     |
| \$        | default currency sign          |
| 2         | comma (optional decimal point) |
| *         | semicolon                      |
|           | period (decimal point)         |
| 46        | quotation marks                |
| (         | left parenthesis               |
| )         | right parenthesis              |
| >         | greater than symbol            |
| <         | less than symbol               |









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