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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue has more articles on the Miami Symposium. It includes a brief transcript of the Customer Services Q&A Session and some trip reports by three of the attendees. Also, Jim Kauffman of Digital has submitted a copy of the overheads he used for the Queue Manager Session.

I apologize for the lateness of this issue. It is now July 15 and the edition should have been sent to Decus two weeks ago. The fault is all mine. The next issue will also probably be delayed as I am taking some vacation. Bear with me, and some day we will get back on schedule.

> Ralph Stamerjohn Multi-Tasker Editor

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.

NON-PHYSICAL DEVICE SPOOLING

The following article is from Frank Penner, Searle Research and Development, Box 5110, Chicago, Illinois, 60680.

It is possible with the RSX-11M V3.2 Queue Manager to spool to other than physical device names.

INS \$LPP/TASK=SAP0 QUE SA0:/SPOOL/FLAG:0/FORM:0/EX QUE LPO:/ASSIGN:SAQO

The first two commands will create a queue for the non-existent device SAO:. The last command assigns that queue to the physical device queue LPO:. The secret is the /EX switch which is obscurely documented in the V3.2 release notes, section 5.14.2. This device independent queue will enable you to hard code into your programs and command files commands like:

PRI SA0:=FILE.EXT

When you reconfigure your system, just change your startup command file.

SLAVING THE CONSOLE ON SYSTEM BOOT

The following article is from Ted Bardusch, Radio KING AM 1090, 333 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, 98124. Phone (206) 343-3666.

In RSX-11M 3.2, any person with access to the computer and console terminal can boot up the system and have a live privileged terminal. The SAV task can be stopped by a ^C, whereupon the entire protection scheme is void. The obvious solution is to SET /SLAVE=TTO:, but this will not work, since SAV actually resets the U2.SLV bit during wakup.

The following patch to SAVE.MAC will force the console to wake up as a slaved terminal, so that ^C will be ineffectual. If a ^Z is entered, to exit AT., the terminal is dead. If you incorporate this patch, modify your STARTUP.CMD file to include SET /NOSLAVE=TI: at the end (after SET /NOPRIV=TI:).

You will find SAVE.MAC in [12,10] on RLUTIL (RLO1 kits). Apply the following SLP file to it:

Then assemble it with:

>MAC [1,24]SAVE=[11,10]RSXMC/PA:1,[1,1]EXEMC/ML,[12,10]SAVE

Then remove the RLUTIL pack, mount MAPSRC, LBR[1,24]SAV/RP=SAVE, then TKB @SAVBLD. Be sure you have assigned TK: and MP: before doing the TKB. These instructions have been tested with no problems arising. If you do have any problems, feel free to contact me.

SYSTEM-WIDE COMMAND FILES

The following article is from I. Holtz, Unilever N.V., Engineering Division, Schiedamsedijk 18, 3134KK Vlaardingen, Netherlands.

We run a large program development RSX11M system and found that several users were "inventing" command files which were of general interest. To avoid unnecessary duplication we modified MCR to allow "system wide" command files. An MCR command, starting with '#' will be expanded into @LB0:[1,5] so that AT. may find the appropriate command file. To install this facility on a multi user system, apply the following correction file to [12,10]MCRDIS.MAC and follow the release notes (pages 12-14) to update an MCR source module.

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| -2,2 | TDDUM | 100 007 / | |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| -51 | • IDENT | /02.20A/ | |
| ; | | | |
| ; % | IH01.1 | ADD '#' | FOR SYSTEM-GLOBAL INDIRECT COMMAND: |
| 。 −/MCR2 | :/ | | |
| | / / ; IHO | 1.1/ | |
| 17\$: | TST | DISLEN | ;LOOKING AT FIRST COLUMN? |
| | BNE | 19\$ | ;BR IF NOT |
| | CMPB | R1,#'# | ;IS IT GLOBAL .CMD |
| | BNE | | ; IF NOT IGNORE |
| | CMP | R2,#11. | ;MUST BE MORE THAN 11 |
| | BLE | 19\$ | ;ELSE IGNORE |
| | ADD | R2,R3 | POINT OVER TOP OF BUFFER |
| | DEC | R3 | ; POINT BUFFER TOP +1 |
| | SUB | | ;THROW 10. CHARS AWAY AT THE END |
| | MOV | | ;SAVE R2 FOR LATER |
| 16\$: | MOVB | | ;MAKE A 9 BYTE HOLE IN BUFFER |
| | SOB | R2,16\$ | ;MOVE THE REMAINDER 9.BYTES UP |
| | MOV | #10.,R1 | ;INSERT 10.CHARS |
| | MOV | R1,DISLEN | ;SET OUTPUT LENGTH OK |
| | MOV | #101\$, R2 | JUSE R2 TO POINT THE STRING |
| 18\$: | MOVB | (R2)+,(R0)+ | ;SET STRING INTO COMPACTED BUFFER |
| | SOB | RI,18\$ | ;DO THE 10. CHARS |
| | MOV | R0,R3 | ;MAKE SURE R3 AND R0 POINT RIGHT |
| | MOV | (SP)+,R2 | ;RESTORE R2 |
| | BR | 6\$ | DO REST OF BUFFER |
| 101\$: | .ASCII | /@LB0:[1,5]/ | GLOBAL STRING |
| 19\$: | MOVB | R1,(R0)+ | ;NO, STORE CHAR IN BUFFER |
| / | | | |

TTDRV BREAKTHROUGH WRITE BLOCKING

The following article is from C.T. Mickelson, Goodyear Aerospace Corporation, 1210 Massillon Road, Akron, Ohio, 44315.

In our word processing applications it has become necessary to find a way to block breakthrough write functions from BRO and other tasks during production of final letter quality manuscript copy. An examination of the status bits defined in UCBDF\$ for the U.TSTA words shows that the 40000 bit in U.TSTA and the 2000, 1000, 20, 4, 2, and 1 bits in U.TSTA+4 are not currently defined. If one of these bits could be set by an IO.ATT sub-function, when an IO.WBT function was directed to the attached terminal, the bit could be used to block the breakthrough write from destroying the manuscript being output on the terminal. The enclosed patches to TTATT and TTINI use the 1 bit fo U.TSTA+4 to accomplish this function. This feature is activated by a QIO call with function code IO.ATTIFF.WBT. The feature is cancelled by an IO.DET QIO. The continued use of this bit for this feature can not be guaranteed in RSX11M V4.

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TTATT.MAC=[11,10]TTATT.MAC;-1/AU/-BF -2,2 .IDENT /V02B/ -36 CTM01 1-JUN-81 ; BLOCK BREAKTHROUGH WRITE FOR ATTACHED TERMINALS ; ጽ -/PPATT:/,,/;CTM01/ .IF DF T\$\$BTW BIT #TF.WBT, I.FCN(R3) ;BLOCK BREAKTHROUGH WRITES? BEQ 45\$; NO BIS #1,4(R5) :YES - SET WBT BLOCK BIT IN U.TSTA+4 45\$: . ENDC ;T\$\$BTW -/PPDET:/,,/;CTM01/ -/10\$:/ .IF DF T\$\$BTW BIC #1,4(R5) ;DON'T BLOCK WBT ANY MORE . ENDC ;T\$\$BTW TTINI.MAC=[11,10]TTINI.MAC;-1/AU/-BF -2,2 .IDENT /V01.24/ -27 CTM01 1-JUN-81 ; BLOCK BREAKTHROUGH WRITE FOR ATTACHED TERMINALS ; 웡 -/QPWLB:/ -/BEQ...ERRPRI/,,/;CTM01/ BIT #1,U.TSTA+4(R5) ;TEST FOR BLOCKED WBT BNE ERRPRI

The following patch to TTICH can be used to eliminate the alternate escape characters (ASCII codes 175 and 176) when a terminal is SET /NOLOWER.

TTICH.MAC=[11,10]TTICH.MAC;-1/AU/-BF -2,2 .IDENT /V01.46/ -67 ; CTM02 1-JUN-81 ; DELETE 175 AND 176 AS ALTERNATE ESCAPE CHARACTERS % -/I2DEF1:/ -/CMPB...R2,#175/,.+2,/;CTM02/

Apply these updates to the TTDRV modules in UIC [11,10]. Then assemble the new modules, add them to the TTDRV object library and task build a new terminal driver. The new driver can be added by using VMR on your virgin system image.

SOFTWARE PERFORMANCE REPORTS

This section contains SPR's submitted to the Multi-Tasker by users. SPR's should always be sent to DIGITAL. However, if you feel that a report should be published in the Multi-Tasker, you may send a duplicate copy to the editor at the addresses listed on the cover. Publication of an SPR in the Multi-Tasker does not imply endorsement by the SIG. Implementation of suggested fixes must be at the reader's own risk. The SPR's published in this column may be abstracts of the original submission and have not been checked for accuracy.

The following SPR on IAS V3.0 PIP was submitted by Linda Brown (I have misplaced her address). Linda does not know if the problem was corrected in IAS V3.1. Linda also submitted the response she got from Digital.

PIP exits with outstanding I/O when it is given a command:

PIP [x,y],[n,m]/LI

and the UIC [n,m] does not exists.

The problem is that there is a conflict in event flag usage between PIP and FCS which causes PIP to exit before its terminal output is completed. PIP uses the multi-buffering feature of FCS and, therefore, at times has asynchronous I/O requests pending. FCS uses event flag 32. to synchronize these requests. However, PIP also uses event flag 32. to output error messages. By making PIP's error event flag unique, we will be assured all I/O is complete before PIP exits. To make this change, do the following:

- 1. Ensure the directories [11,5], [111,5], [11,1] and the files [11,5]PIPBLD.CMD or PURPIP.CMD, [11,5]PIPBLD.ODL, [11,5]PIP.OLB, and [11,5]PIPUTL.OLB exists on your system disk (these files can be copied from your objects distribution media).
- 2. Edit the file [11,5]PIPBLD.CMD or [11,5]PURPIP.CMD to include the new line:

GBLPAT=PIP:.EFEFN:4

- 3. Re-taskbuild PIP or PURPIP.
- 4. Reboot the system, remove the old PIP, install the new PIP, and save your system.

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| Oxford, Engla | and. Richar | K-11M + VI.0 TKB was submitted by Richard Kirkman, ATMOS, and also submitted the answer he got from Digital. | | MOV CLR MOV CLR CALL RETUR | \$INPPT,R0 R1 #1,R2 R3 .POINT N |
|------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| library. | g patches re | er-mode shared library to be linked to a supervisor mode emove this restriction as long as no overlays are used in cary. | PAT2 | BNE JMP TST | #SW\$CC,E\$LSWT(R0) 10\$ NOCC REWND |
| - | .TITLE .IDENT | /11B/ | 20\$: | BNE CALL MOV JMP | 20\$ PAT1 #1,REWND CC |
| ; ; ; ; | | IX TO POINT TO BEGINNING OF FILE IF CURRENT FILE IS SAME AS PREVIOUS. | PAT3 | CALL JMP | PATI ALCMT RET2 |
| ; ; .BLK. | .PSECT | IX TO WORK WITH CONCATENATED FILES. | PAT4 PAT5 | JMP | REWND RET1 REWND OPEN |
| OPEN | .PSECT | \$\$STIN,I,GBL | R EWN | RETUR | RN |
| | N =. TIN+32 CALL TIN+52 | PAT5 | •=\$\$ | • END | |
| RET1 .=\$S' | TIN+436 JMP NOP NOP | PAT2 | ; MO | | JE P2LBR NT /07B/ |
| CC: | C: TIN+530 TIN+562 JMP | PAT3 | ;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;; | | - CHECK FOR SUPERVISOR LIBRARY WHEN VERIFYING LIBRARY DOES NOT INTERESCT WITH OTHER LIBRARIES. - ALLOW USER MODE SHARED REGION TO LINK TO SUPERVISOR |
| | | PAT4 | ; ; | .MCAI | MODE LIBRARY. LL CLOSE\$,NMBLK\$ CT |
| ALCM .=\$S | | ۲ C C J M J | LBRN | .=. LK.+2 3: NMBLH | |
| \$\$PA' | | 7 | | GK.+412 BEQ GK.+442 | 63\$ |

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63\$: $= BLK_{+} + 672$ JMP PAT2 .=.BLK.+720 RET1: .=.BLK.+730 NOP NOP NOP NOP NOP NOP .=.BLK.+1074 CALL PAT1 .=.BLK.+1422 FNDLF: .=.BLK. .PSECT \$\$PAT1 \$PAT1 = .PAT1: BIT #LD\$SUP,L\$DFLG(R5) BEQ 10\$ CALL **\$VTKMP** BR 20\$ 10\$: CALL **\$VLBMP** 20\$: RETURN

PAT2: CLOSE\$ \$INIPT CLR LBRNB+N.FVER CALL FNDLF JMP RET1

.=\$\$PAT1

. END

Assemble the patch files and update the object modules. The modules to be updated (TKB) must be extracted from the distribution version of the object library (TKB.OLB). Furthermore, the updated module must be replaced into a copy of the library that will accumulate all patches made to TKB.

> P2LBR.OBJ;2=P2LBR.OBJ;1/CS:77417,P2LBR.POB/CS:32450 STINP.OBJ;2=STINP.OBJ;1/CS:52754,STINP.POB/CS:43751

Replace the module and retaskbuild TKB.

RSX/IAS CUSTOMER SERVICES Q&A

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This is a brief summary of the questions and answers from the RSX/IAS Customer Services Question and Answer Session at the Miami Symposium. It is not a verbatim transcript. The following people were panelists:

Angela Cossette - Corporate Administration Systems Steve Doan - Telephone Support Saundra Dickinson - Software Services Haywood Gandy - Documentation

Also answering questions were:

Chuck Turley - IAS Steve Paavola - RSX-11M

- IAS updates to manuals do not fit, page size is wrong, holes punched in wrong place, etc. Gandy & Turley: Will look at this to make sure it doesn't happen again.
- 2. TSC will not fill out SPRS. Doan: As of 2 months ago TSC will submit duplicatable SPRS.
- 3. I have a 3 month old open problem with TSC. Been told that TSC cannot get to developers. Doan: Local software manager should be escalating the problem. Talk to me later so I can get particulars.
- 4. I need 1600 BPI autopatch and can't get it. Dickinson: Yes you can. Paavola: Should not be having problem for RM03 kit but there is an RK07 kit problem for 1600 BPI.
- Very tiresome to hand compare patches that turn out to be identical in M and M+ section. Also please note in Dispatch index which items are in an Autopatch kit. Cossette: Looking at number 2 now.
- RSX-11D Dispatch used to include raw SPRS. Why did they stop? Cossette: Perhaps because 75% said see attachment.
- 7. KED SPR (A level product), KED thrashes when checkpointed. Six months later a patch to disable part of KED's functionality arrives. It has never been published. Paavola: No consistent policy on publishing

SPR's. I'm trying to get a consistent policy to publish all responses with fixes.

- No documentation is provided on exactly what is needed to do sysgen, for example, you need unmapped UIC's for a mapped sysgen! TSC doesn't know either. Paavola: Noted.
- 9. Consistency of TSC people is poor. Some are great, some terrible. Why not provide a questionaire for feedback. Doan: We're trying to stabilize work force and not be all things to all people. And DEC already has too many surveys. Rebuttal: Classify the contacts. Doan: TSC could store that information.
- 10. TSC gave me three wrong answers for M+ so we've dropped TSC. I also can't get 1600 BPI autopatch (TS11) and field service can't get 1600 BPI diagnostics.
- 11. I want the following options in autopatch: save files (applause); density question. My Dispatches arrive on time and quality is good.
- 12. I've tallied the responses I've gotton for my SPRs:
 - 10 next release (there is no next release of IAS)
 - 11 I sent in patches and got 6 thank yous, 5 no mention
 - 5 no answer
 - 3 sorry it took so long
 - 6 solved problem (3 were trivial)
 - 6 unacceptable answers

I got 6/41 viable response! Dickinson: IAS will get Dispatch but no new releases. Your concern for not getting you value is noted.

- 13. Oct. '79 Dispatch (IAS) listed undocumented messages. But later manuals still do not include them. Turley: Fell in a crack or was a joint product.
- 14. I got my SPR response in 1 day but local office had sat on it for 4 months. Doan: Cannot deal with tapes or printouts.
- 15. We're a multiple CPU shop, salesmen will sell anything but there are 4 field service product lines. I want one FS representative.
- 16. Can't get IAS answers locally. Got a name but the name keeps changing and I'm never told ahead of time.
- 17. Give a copy of all SPR responses to TSC please! Doan: I agree. TSC should now be getting them.
- 18. FORTRAN and Datatrieve violate patching algorithms. Doan: A lot of interest in this, CSSE looking at it.
- 19. TSC quality control is poor. Doan: Call back or call me.

20. I have an information overload on raw SPRs. How many would there be? Cossette, Dickinson: We'll check.

Angela then summarized: I've brought blank SPR forms with me; you get a blank form with each response; quality has improved and will continue to improve; you will now know if your SPR will not be published.

Haywood then requested: Please sign up for the new Documentation Directory.

Steve Doan invited everyone for the TSC session.

I took a poll (approximately 250 people) of which was the best customer service, and which service is the worst. One vote for each category per person. Overwhelmingly, field service was best and sales was the worst. Choices were field service, documentation, TSC, software services, and sales.

UND, A PROGRAM TO UNDELETE FILES

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The following is a listing of UNDelete, a program which attempts to recover Files-11 files from a disk on which they have been accidentally deleted to another disk. The files are created in your current UIC on the output disk. Any file which is recovered should be checked for validity, since all the program does is to find a suitable index file entry and copy all the blocks associated with that file header.

The program is in terrible state. The first version was made one night when at 7 p.m. I was told someone just erased some 200 output files, the results of days of processing using tapes and disk. This version is only minimally cleaned up (it actually has a command line, the original was hardwired for the owning UIC and input and output disks). However it may be of interest to someone else in DECUS.

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. ITILE CHID IDENT /X01.01/ Richard JD Kirkman Author: 10th August-80 ; Date : UNDelete Name: : Function: To attempt to recover a recently deleted file. Accepts vic of owner, input and output disks (must be different) Algorithm: Scans indexfile of input disk for deleted files, and uses IO. RLB from priv task to read all blocks of a file which matches according to the map area of the file. Note: This program will only succeed in recovering a file, if the file header ; has not been reused. It will not check if the data blocks have been reused ; but will simply create a new file containing all the listed blocks with the ; listed attributes. ; . MCALL GCML\$, GCMLB\$, CSI\$, CSI\$1, CSI\$2, CSI\$ND . MCALL FHDOF\$. MCALL NMBLK\$, FDOP\$A, FDRC\$A, FDBK\$A, OPEN\$R, READ\$. MCALL EXIT\$5, QIOW\$5, ALUN\$5, QIOW\$, DIR\$, GLUN\$5 . MCALL OPEN\$W, FINIT\$, FDBDF\$, FSRSZ\$, CLOSE\$, WRITE\$, WAIT\$ FHDOF\$ DEF\$L CSI\$ CSIBLK: . BLKB C SIZE GCLBLK: GCMLB\$ 4, UND, , 1 UIC OF OWNER OWNER: . WORD 0 STBK: . BLKW 8. . BLKB BUF: 80. HDR : . BLKW 256. DATA: . BLKW 256. ; ; . ENABL LC ERR1: .ASCII /UNDelete - Devices must be distinct/ ERR1L=. -ERR1 ERR2: . ASCII /UNDelete - syntax "UND>DUO:=INO:[101,201]"/ ERR2L= -ERR2 TXTLIN: . ASCII /UNDELETE [x01.01] Recovery of / T1: . ASCII / to / T2. . ASCII / TXTL=. -TXTLIN . EVEN . DSABL LC QIOW\$ IO. WLB, 5, 5, , , , <ERR1, ERR1L, 40> QI01: IO. WLB, 5, 5, , , , <ERR2, ERR2L, 40> 0102: QIOWS QID3: QIOW\$ 10. WLB, 5, 5, , , , <TXTLIN, TXTL, 40> FDB: FDBDF\$ FDRC\$A FD. RWM FDBK\$A DATA, 1000 FDOP\$A 2,, DENB, FO. WRT DFNB: NMBLK\$ FILE, DAT, O INDX: . WORD 0,0,5, INXU, 10., INXF INXU: . ASCII /[0,0]/ INXF: . ASCII /INDEXF. SYS/ . EVEN

INXFDB: FDBDF\$

FDRC\$A FD. RWM FDBK\$A HDR, 1000 3, INDX, , FO. RD FDOP\$A ;1 FOR GCML FSRSZ\$ 1 ; PROGRAM ENTRY POINT START: FINIT\$ ALUN\$S #1,#"TI,#O GET A COMMAND LINE GCML\$ #GCLBLK BCC 10\$ EXIT\$S ; ASSUME EOF #CSIBLK, GCLBLK+G. CMLD+2, GCLBLK+G. CMLD 104. CSI\$1 305 SYNERR GET OUT DEV #CSIBLK, OUTPUT CSI\$2 SYNERR BCS #<CS. NMF!CS. DIF!CS. WLD!CS. MOR>, C. STAT(RO) BITB BNE SYNERR #CS. DVF, C. STAT(RO) BITB BEQ SYNERR CALL DEVICE ALUN\$S #2, R3, R4 #CSIBLK, INPUT CSI\$2 BCS SYNERR #<CS. NMF!CS. WLD!CS. MOR>, C. STAT(RO) BITB BNE SYNERR BITB #<CS. DVF>, C. STAT(RO) BEQ SYNERR MOV #CSIBLK+C. DIRD, R2 MOV #DWNER, R3 CALL . ASCPP CALL DEVICE ALUN\$S #3, R3, R4 ALUN\$S #4, R3, R4 CALL DEVCHK DEVERR BCS HANDLE THSI INDEXFILE CALL INDEX START BR SYNERR: DIR\$ #QI02 BR START DEVERR: DIR\$ #GI01 START BR ; DEVICE CHECK, RETURNS C IF BOTH DEVICES ON LUN2 3 ARE SAME DEVCHK: MOV #HDR, RO GLUN\$5 #3, RO ; GET INFP ON INPUT MOV (RO), R1 ; SAVE INFO MOVB 2(RO), R5 MOV #T1.82 MOV RO, R4 MOVB (R4)+, (R2)+ (R4)+, (R2)+ MOVB (R4)+, R4MOVB

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MOVB

#'0,R4

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| IGS: NOV FILE FOR ALL BUDGE AND ENTITIES NOV FILE FOR ALL BUDGE AND ENTITIES DEVICE - ROUTINE TAKES CSIGLK & RETURN DEVICE NAME IN RS, UNIT IN R4 FOR ALL BEAVICE RTS FC RTS FC | | M⊡V CLR CALL GLUN≢S CMP BNE BNE BNE SEC RTS | R1,(R0) | CES DIFFER = OK | 20\$: | MOV READ\$ WAIT\$ READ\$ WAIT\$ MOV READ\$ WAIT\$ | STBK+6, INXFDB+F #INXFDB ; BOOT RO #INXFDB RO HDR,R5 #INXFDB RO | |
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| HOUB NOUB NOUB NOUB NOUB NOUB NOUB NOUB N | 10\$: | MOV MOVB MOVB MOVB | #T2, R4 (R0)+, (R4)+ (R0)+, (R4)+ (R0)+, R0 | | 30≢: | READ\$ BCS WAIT\$ | #INXFDB 50\$ RO | ;SKIP BITMAP |
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| <pre>50 CP PROVIDE TAKED CSIBLK & RETURN DEVICE NAME IN R3, UNIT IN R4 FOR ALUN GEVICE FOR ALUN GEVICE FOR ALUN GEVICE FOR ALUN GEVICE FOR ALUN GEVICE MOV (R0)+R1 MOV (R0)+R2 MOV (R0)+R2</pre> | ; ; | | PC | | 40 \$: | BCS CALL | 40\$ COPY | |
| DEVICE: MOV #CSIBLK+C. DEVD.RO ; POINT TO DESC 0000 (R0)+R1 ; GET LENGTH ; GET LENGTH MOV (R0)+R2 ; AND POIJTHER MOV (R0)+R3 ; SET OTHER CHAR SMAB R3 ; GET ORDER CORRECT CLRB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT SWAB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT CLRB R4 ; UDN 2 IS ASSIGNED TO OUTPUT DEVICE SWAB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT CLRB R4 ; UDN 2 IS ASSIGNED TO DUPUT DEVICE SWAB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT SWAB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT SWAB R3 ; OET ORDER CORRECT SWAB R4 ; UDN 3 IS OPEN UNT DIE CORR SWAB R3 ; OUT TH ALSO DONE SWAB R4 ; MULT OLD R4 EY 8. ASL R4 | | | | JRN DEVICE NAME IN R3, UNIT IN R4 | | CLOSE\$ | #INXFDB | FOR NEW COMMAND |
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| ASL R4 i MULT OLD R4 BY 8. MOV #HDR,R1 ; GET INFO ADDRESS ASL R4 ; AND ADD IN VALUE MOVB H.IDOF(R1),R2 ; GET OFFSET TO ID AREA ADD R2,R4 ; ADJUST COUNT ASL R3 B6T 1* ; MDRE TO DO ASL R2 routine to HANDLE INDEXFILES ; R3,R4 SETUP. R0,R1,R2 DESTROYED ADD R1,R2 ; RUUTINE TO HANDLE INDEXFILES ; R0,R1,R2 DESTROYED ADD R1,R2 ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #5,R5 ; S WORDS (FILENAME, TYP; EXT) ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #5,R5 ; S WORDS (FILENAME, TYP; EXT) ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #FDB ; OPEN #FIB ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #FDB ; OPEN #FIB ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #FDR ; ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #FDB ; OPEN #FIB ; ; LUN 2,LUN3,LUN4 ASSIGNED AS REQUIRED! IO\$*: MOV #FDB <td>1\$:</td> <td>CLRB BISB SWAB CLR SUB BEQ CMPB BEQ MOVB SUB</td> <td>R3 (R0)+,R3 R4 #2,R1 10≢ (R0),#': 10≢ (R0)+,R2 #'0,R2</td> <td>;GET ORDER CORRECT ;UNIT DEF = O ;USED 2 OF LENGTH ; IF DONE STOP ; OR IF ":" ; THEN ALSO DONE ; ELSE GET CHAR</td> <td>; FUNC ; A) ; B) ; ; C) ; D)</td> <td>; LUN 2 ; LUN 3 ; LUN 4 ; TIONS TO OPEN OU FOR ALL AND THE COPY AT</td> <td>IS ASSIGNED TO D IS OPEN IN INDEX IS FOR BLOCK REA PERFORM ITPUT FILE OF RELL . BLOCKS IN HEADE N USE WRITE\$ TO I TRIBUTES BACK TO</td> <td>UTPUT DEVICE FILE DS OF INPUT DISK EVANT NAME ON LUN2 R OF FILE, COPY BLOCK TO DATA BUFFER PUT IN OUTPUT FILE</td> | 1\$: | CLRB BISB SWAB CLR SUB BEQ CMPB BEQ MOVB SUB | R3 (R0)+,R3 R4 #2,R1 10≢ (R0),#': 10≢ (R0)+,R2 #'0,R2 | ;GET ORDER CORRECT ;UNIT DEF = O ;USED 2 OF LENGTH ; IF DONE STOP ; OR IF ":" ; THEN ALSO DONE ; ELSE GET CHAR | ; FUNC ; A) ; B) ; ; C) ; D) | ; LUN 2 ; LUN 3 ; LUN 4 ; TIONS TO OPEN OU FOR ALL AND THE COPY AT | IS ASSIGNED TO D IS OPEN IN INDEX IS FOR BLOCK REA PERFORM ITPUT FILE OF RELL . BLOCKS IN HEADE N USE WRITE\$ TO I TRIBUTES BACK TO | UTPUT DEVICE FILE DS OF INPUT DISK EVANT NAME ON LUN2 R OF FILE, COPY BLOCK TO DATA BUFFER PUT IN OUTPUT FILE |
| <pre>MOV #DFNB+N.FNAM, R4 ; GET ADDRESS TO STUFF NAME INFO MOV #5, R5 ; 5 WORDS (FILENAME, TYP; EXT) MOV #5, R5 ; 5 WORDS (FILENAME, TYP; EXT) MOV #5, R0V (R2)+, (R4)+ ; SOB R5, 10\$; OPEN\$W #FDB ; OPEN FILE FOR WRITING BCC 10\$ HALT 10\$: MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. HIBK MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. HIBK MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 SOB R5, 30\$</pre> | 10\$: | ASL ASL ADD DEC BGT | R4 R4 R2, R4 R1 1\$ | ; AND ADD IN VALUE ; ADJUST COUNT ; MORE TO DO | | MOVB MOVB ASL ASL ADD | H. IDOF(R1), R2 H. MPOF(R1), R3 R2 R3 R1, R2 | ;GET OFFSET TO ID AREA |
| INDEX: MOV #STBK, INXFDB+F. STBK OPEN\$R #INXFDB BCC 10\$ HALT 10\$: MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. HIBK MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. EFBK MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK STBK STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 STBK STBK STBK STBK STBK STBK STBK STBK | ; LUN 2 | | |)! | 10\$: | MOV MOV MOV | #DFN3+N.FNAM,R4 #5,R5 (R2)+,(R4)+ | ;5 WORDS (FILENAME, TYP; EXT) |
| BCC 10\$ 20\$: CALL COPYBK HALT MOV #HDR.R1 10\$: MOV #FDB,RO ; MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. HIBK MOV #FDB,RO ; MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. EFBK MOV #FD,RO ; MOV STBK+4, INXFDB+F. EFBK MOV #7,R5 ; 7 WORDS MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 30\$: MOV (R1)+, (RO)+ SOB R5, 30\$ SOB R5, 30\$ | | OPEN\$R | #INXFDB | | | OPEN\$₩ BCC | #FDB | OPEN FILE FOR WRITING |
| MOV STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+2 30\$: MDV (R1)+, (R0)+ SDB R5, 30\$ | 10\$: | HALT MOV | STBK+4, INXFDB+F. HIBK | | 20\$: | CALL MOV MOV ADD | #HDR, R1 #FDB, RO #H. UFAT, R1 | POINT TO USER ATTRIB FOR FILE |
| | | MOV | STBK+6, INXFDB+F. HIBK+; | | 30\$: | MOV | (R1)+,(R0)+ | |

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CLOSE\$ #FDB CLOSE WITH INFO RESTORED RTS PC ROUTINE TO COPY THE FILE BLOCKS POINTED TO BY THE MAP AREA ; . COPYBK: ; FILE NOW OPEN ON LUN 2 ; R3 HAS ADDRESS OF MAP AREA CLR **R5** BISB M. USE (R3), R5 #M. RTRV, R3 ; IS NOW POINTER TO FIRST GROUP 10\$: ADD 10\$: TST R5 ; IF NILL OR <0 THEN DONE BLE 50\$; NOW DONE ; CLR R1 ; CLR R4 BISB (R3)+,R4 BISB (R3)+,R1 MOV (R3)+,R2 20\$: QIOW\$S #ID. RLB, #4, #4, , , , <#DATA, #1000, , R4, R2> WRITE\$ #FDB BCC 30\$ HALT 30\$: WAIT\$ RO BCC 40\$ HALT 405: ADD #1,R2 STEP ON BLOCK # ; IN DOUBLE PREC ADCB R4 DEC R1 DONE WHEN NEG BPL 20\$; AT LEAST 1 MORE TO GO #2,R5 SUB ; BR 10\$ RTS 50\$: PC ; ROUTINE TO CHECK IF FILE IS TO BE COPIED TO OUTPUT MEDIA ENTERED WITH BLOCK "HDR" CONTINING FILE'S HEADER RESULT C SET - DO NOT COPY C CLEAR - COPY TO OTHER MEDIA CHECK: CMF HDR+H. FOWN, OWNER GORRECT USER ?? BNE 10\$; INSERT OTHER CHECKS OR MAKE BELOW INTO RPR, SETTING C IF ANSWER N ï . ; NOW DISPLAY NAME OF FILE BEING COPIED ; MOV #BUF, RO MOV #HDR+S. HDHD, R5 MOV (R5)+,R1 CALL \$C5TA MOV (R5)+,R1 CALL \$C5TA MOV (R5)+,R1 CALL \$C5TA MOVB #'.,(RO)+ MOV (R5)+,R1 CALL \$C5TA MOVB #';,(RO)+

(R5)+,R1 R5, R2 \$CBOMG CALL #40, (0)+ MOVB #8UF, R1 R1, R0 QIOW\$5 #ID. WVB, #1, #1, , , , <R1, R0, #40> PC PC

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MOV

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MOV SUB

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RTS

SEC

RTS

. END

START

Task build with following:-

RESSUP=[3,54] FCSFSL/SV

UND/PR:0/CP=UND

STACK=64

PRI=100

TASK=...UND

UIC= [377,377]

MIAMI DECUS SYMPOSIUM TRIP REPORTS

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Multi-Tasker Editor

Most of the attendees at the Spring 1981 Decus Symposium in Miami Beach write trip reports when they return to their organizations. At the end of the Symposium, I invited everyone to copy the Multi-Tasker in their trip reports and promised I would publish whatever I received. Also, I invited people to submit their thoughts on the value of Decus and the symposium. This way, all RSX/SIG members would get a feeling for the Symposium.

The following are abstracts from the three submissions I received. I have editted out items which pertain only to the author's site. I think the reports give an excellent summary of what a Decus Symposium is all about.

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During the period 17-21 May, 1981, I attended the Spring Decus Symposium at Miami Beach. During this period I was present at a total of more than twenty different sessions covering a wide variety of topics ranging from RSX-11M technical sessions to sessions of more general interest such as RSX-11M/M+ product reviews, local area networks, alternative operating systems for PDP-11's, DEC field service and telephone/SPR support, and system optimization.

The symposium provided one of the greatest concentrations of DEC system expertise that I have experienced. This has led me to conclude that you need to carefully limit your involvement at the symposium to your specific areas of need or endeavor. I quickly found myself becoming saturated by trying to take in and absorb too much. If other people need exposure to certain informational areas, then they should attend the symposium themselves to obtain that information.

The specific value and benefits of the symposium, I believe, would depend upon an individual's job orientation. For the application oriented person (i.e. anyone who is a user of DEC systems but is not directly responsible for maintaining the DEC supplied portions(s) of that system) then occasional attendance at a Decus Symposium would be beneficial for the ideas and thought processes that exposure to other users and new products can generate. It is unlikely, however, that the symposium would provide the specific detailed information that would be required to implement any of those ideas.

On the other hand, for the individual engaged in technical support of DEC products whose job requires detailed knowledge of the system executive, hardware interfacing, etc., the benefits of the symposium are not only invaluable, but

attendance at every symposia should be required. I make this statement for many reasons.

The symposium provides the best single method that I have seen of direct contact with Digital. The menu, product panels, Q&A sessions, etc. all provide formal communications which I firmly believe do effect the direction of DEC product development and of which we should be taking advantage. Perhaps more important is the informal contact provided with the developers of the DEC products that we use. The influence coming from these open discussions is immeasurable, but my own experience dictates must be present. I know, for instance, that the course of my own software development has often been strongly influenced because of an informal comment or suggestion coming from within our own user community.

The symposium also draws together the highest level of expertise available in the world with respect to the use and maintenance of DEC software and systems. If questions can be answered, they can be answered there. Continuing symposia attendance promotes the development of personal relationships which can be drawn upon throughout the year to broaden an available technical base.

The symposium has made me aware of the benefits of participating in a Decus local user's group. This could not be done without a corporate commitment to the time and resources required but the returns would certainly make it worthy. Symposia tapes would be received free-of-charge and on a much more timely basis. We have historically drawn heavily from software on the symposia tapes and the LUG could provide the facility for organizing, distributing, and assessing the value and applicability of these programs. Finally, the LUG can provide the vehicle for drawing together the substantial local PDP-11/RSX community, thereby permitting the free interchange of valuable information and avoiding needless redundancy of effort.

While the value of many aspects of symposia attendance is mostly intuitive, the value of other aspects can be quantitized and, to some degree, measured. It is not difficult to apply simple financial analysis to the cost versus returns of Decus attendance to determine the knowledge, software, etc. obtained will generate sufficient savings within months to more than cover the cost of attendance.

In summary, I have found myself enlightened on many, many subjects. I liken this to the development of electronics technology whose growth will not diminish in the foreseeable future. I am convinced, given the technical orientation of these symposia which is so specific to the products and services that we use, that I and others of similar orientation could return indefinitely to symposia and never leave without being able to remote more than was expended in having attended.

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As a 'first-timer' at Decus, I am replying to your request for first impressions. Overall, I found the sessions interesting, well-planned, and informative. There were holes in each day that allowed me time to enjoy the

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exhibit area and talk to other users.

The few complaints I have may be caused by misconceptions. I thought I might be able to copy some useful things to tape so I brought one along. This turned out to be wasted. Also, I found my varied interests made the first day very hectic, while my non-use of such things as PDS, RMS, and similar packages made Wednesday a very light day.

The special session I attended on Sunday [ED: New User's Orientation] was superb. It gave me enough information to work from and a source to refer to for future help.

The Q&A and Magic sessions were especially interesting. My main question on the Q&A session is "Why are so many users so intent on ways to bastardize supplied DEC utilities instead of ways to utilize the same packages?" So many of the questions started with "If I could have the source for ... I could make it do what I want it to do!"

The RSX papers were interesting. We are about to convert a system from an RSX PDP-11/70 to a VAX/VMS 11/780. The experience of the man who spoke on that topic was welcome news.

I would like to see continued support for sessions such as Magic and Q&A and more guidance for new attendees as to "What are working groups" and "How do I know what working groups I may be interested in." Finally, the IAS friends I have were sad to hear of IAS'S terminal status. Perhaps an IAS support working group could be added to the present list [ED: at the end of the symposia, such a group was formed].

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From 17 May 1981 through 22 May 1981, I attended the 1981 Digital Equipment Computer Users Society (DECUS) Spring Symposium held in Miami Beach. Approximately 4000 attendees were present. For this symposium, there were twelve concurrent sessions enabling a wide range of subjects to be sampled. The reason for attending was to increase my knowledge of the operating system (RSX-11M) used by the electronic techniques PDP-11/45 minicomputer.

Two symposia are sponsored by Decus each year at which users of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) computers and DEC interact on technical issues of mutual interest. DEC supplies travel funds and time for developers, engineers, service personnel, and managers to attend these symposia. These DEC representatives are available to talk freely with attendees on a one-on-one basis.

The Decus symposium is really a collection of all the Special Interest Groups (SIG) that interact with DEC. These groups represent people with interests in RSX-11M as well as other fields (structured languages, VAX, site management, laboratory applications, engineering graphics, and more). The DEC hardware and software specialists are available for discussions with individuals in addition

to their scheduled presentations of topics of interest. Membership in a SIG as well as attendance to the symposium is limited to Decus members [ED: Decus membership is free]. Also, Decus members may belong to Local Users Groups (LUG). I am currently on the steering comittee of the North texas Local Users Group (NTLUG). Local meetings every other month provide for local interests and a possible forum for a discussion of common problems and interests. The last meeting of NTLUG was held at the E-Systems Greenville Division on May 21, 1981 and was very successful in presenting the E-Systems PDP-11/55 as a modern software development system. Many favorable comments were made about the quality and quantity of the software available. Through NTLUG, free software is available that has been submitted by the general community at each symposium. The tape for this symposium will be available in approximately one month and will consist of 28 megabytes of source code.

One of the main features of each symposium is the exhibit hall where DEC exhibits new equipment and features. On display for user interaction were 3 VAX/780, 2 VAX/750, a PDP-11/44, a DECsystem-20 mainframe, plus a sampling of several types of terminals - including the new DEC color graphics units. All computers were hooked through DEC's network (DECNET) to one another and into the Digital Engineering Network. All terminals were available for use by attendees and the relative merits of each system and terminal were easily ascertained. Displays featuring DEC software, hardware, and educational services were also present as well as laboratory and word processing equipment.

The session I attended that were in my SIG (RSX-11M) were:

- o RSX/IAS Roadmap
- o RSX/IAS SIG Opening Session
- o RSX Product Panel
- o RSX/IAS SPR's Question and Answers
- o My Favorite RSX/IAS SIG Tape Program
- o RSX-11M Magic Session
- o Field Service Response to San Diego Menu Items
- o RSX Queue Manager and Despooler
- o RSX/IAS Working Group Session
- o RSX/IAS Menu Session
- o RSX Word Processing Product Overview
- o RSX System Tuning Workshop
- o RSX-11M Questions and Answers
- o RSX Papers
- o RSX/IAS SIG Closing Session

During the RSX Working Group Session there was a discussion of the enhancements made to the RSX-11M operating system accounting system developed by Jim Downward of KMS Fusion. The report programs developed for this system by me were presented and favorably received. The system performance measurement and accounting development working group steering committee decided on further work to be attempted by KMS Fusion and E-Systems.

This symposium also initiated a Software Clinic where attendees could talk with many different "doctors" about particularly stubborn hardware and software problems. This was well received and will probably remain a feature of future symposia.

Other meetings I attended on areas other than my special interest field were:

- o Site Management SIG Business Meeting
- o Files-11 Tutorial
- o System and Site Management Panel
- o PDP-11 Fortran IV Plus Workshop
- o Fortran Execution Profiles
- o VAX/VMS Real-Time Applications Panel
- o VAX SIG System Improvement Request
- o SPM-11M Software Performance Monitor

Among the sessions that time and convenience prevented me from attending were sessions on the VAX and VAX operating system and the following others that would have been informative:

- o Office Systems of the Future and How to Get There
- o Current DECNET/Network Applications
- o Programming the IEEE-488 BUS on VMS and RSX-11M
- o TEDI A New Text Editor
- o Custom Tailoring EDT V2.0
- o On the Fragmentation of Disks
- o New Site Preparation

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The current status of DEC products and future plans were very educational and should help in future decisions. There were many other attributes of this symposium that are of benefit to E-Systems. Included in these are:

- 1. A large amount of system tuning ideas were obtained in the System Performance Workshop and Pool Clinic. These ideas should help in the increased throughput in the area of program development.
- 2. It was confirmed that only the next version of the operating system will be supported by our machine. Further versions cannot be used by our machine without the addition of larger disk storage space. New versions appear on the average of every 18 months. By not updating to the new version, DEC will no longer provide software support and compatability with other machines will be lost.
- 3. I found out an undocumented bug in one of the utilities that is used extensively on our machine and the appropriate action was taken.
- 4. I found out from a software services representative from DEC that a current patch not yet applied to our system is wrong and not to apply it.
- 5. A method of increasing the throughput of task building was revealed that will be implemented on our system.
- 6. A preview of the new industry standard Fortran was shown. This will be the ANSI Fortran-77 and should be acquired.
- 7. DEC stated flatly that they are not going to produce an interactive Fortran debugger for our operating system. This annoucement was greeted with considerable demonstration by approximately 200 angry attendees.

[ED: many other items in the list were removed because they were

specific to the author's site]

In conclusion, I feel that my participation in the Spring Decus Symposium was both beneficial to me and E-Systems as well as being prestigious to E-Systems by placing us in the forefront of development work being done with DEC equipment. Potential savings in development time and software acquistion more than make up for the minimal cost of attending. I recommend that we send at least one person to both the Spring and Fall Symposium each year.

RSX-11 QUEUE MANAGER AND DESPOOLER

Presented: Spring DECUS Miami Beach 19 May, 1981

o RSX-11M V3.2 and RSX11M-PLUS V1.Ø Queue Manager

o Information can be found in:

- o The MULTI-TASKER, March 1981
- o RSX-11 Utilities Manual, Chps 6,7
- o RSX-11M/M-PLUS Batch and Queue Operations Manual

o Expectations

- o Overview of Current Queue Systems
- o System Manager Viewpoint
- o Not a User-Written Despooler Tutorial

QUEUE SYSTEMS

o Definition - Set of tasks that synchronize and control access to a serial, shared resource

o Basic Operation - Take in user-specified Jobs, store them in ordered queues, and release them sequentially to the most appropriate processing device

o Types of Queue Systems

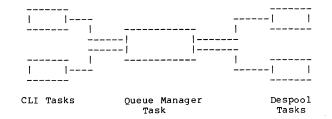
- o Original PRT...
 - o FCS Interface
 - o No Options
 - o No Queue Features
 - o RSX-11M only

o RSX-11M/M-PLUS Queue Manager

- o Common Sources
- o Not Available on Unmapped systems
- o Requires following EXEC support:
 - o Stop Bit Support
 - o Parent/Offspring Support
 - o Exit Status
 - o AST Support
 - o Send/Receive Data Directives

o Components of the System

- o Despool Task
- o Queue Manager Task
- o CLI Interface



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DESPOOLER TASK

o Processes "JOBS" given to it by the Queue Manager

o Components

- o Hardware Device (Symbiont)
- o Despooler Task (ddPn)

o Types of Despoolers

- o Print Processors
- o Batch Processors
- o Application Processors

QUEUE MANAGER TASK (QMG)

| o Controls aco | cess to | shareable | serial | resources |
|----------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|
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o Prevents multiple user interference o Allows issuing task to continue before Job completes

o Basic Operation - Accepts a Job from a CLI interface, stores it within ordered queues, and releases it to a Despooler at an appropriate time

o Stores Queues and Despooler information in Disk File:

| 0 | SYØ:[1,7]QUEUE.SYS | RSX-11M |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| 0 | LBØ: [1,7]QUEUE.SYS | RSX11M-PLUS |

o Supports up to:

o 16 Queues (includes default queue PRINT) o 15 Processors (Despoolers) o 16 Batch Oueues (M-PLUS only) (includes default queue BATCH)

o Oueues

o Types

- o Active o Held
- o Time-Blocked

o Ordered by:

- o Priority
 - o Length of time in queue if same priority

o Naming Conventions

o Device Specific Queues - must have one named

ddQn for every spooled device ddn:

o General Queues - queue with any name that has

- no specific associated processor
- o Can be assigned to any processor

o BATCH and PRINT are system defaults

o M-PLUS allow specific creation of these;

11M does not

o Assignment Changes

o Any queue can be assigned to any processor

o A queue can be assigned to multiple processors

o Multiple queues can be assigned to one processor

OUTPUT PROCESSOR INTERFACE

o Processor (Despooler Task) communicates to QMG to acknowledge

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certain actions via packets:

o Uses

- o Send/Receive Data Directives
- o Exit With Status
- o Receive Data AST
- o QMG stays stopped until a packet arrives, then unstops, and processes
- o QMG also unstops occassionally to service time based requests
- o QMG communicates with processors to:
 - o Start Processor
 - o Cause Processor to Exit
 - o Process a JOB
 - o Stop an Active Processor
 - o Continue a Processor

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| Q.MOPT | | | Q.MFUN |
|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
| - | * | QM.DUN | |
| | | | Q.MPP |
| | Pages | Processed | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

QM.FIL - File Done QM.JOB - JOB Done

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PAUSE

| | Q.MFUN |
|----------------------|--------|
| unused * | O.MPP |
| Pages Processed | ~ |
| unused copies proc. | Q.MCP |
| | O.MCUR |
| Current Page | ~ |
| | |

* QM.SPA - Solicited Pause QM.UPA - Unsolicited Pause

o Processor STARTUP - Initialize the processor

o QMG attaches device to processor

- o QMG connects to processor
- o QMG request the processor
- o Line printer processor assigns LUN to LPn:
- o Processor stops itself and waits for data packets

o Application processors ignore the device checks

| | unused QM.STA | Q.PFUN |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 0.PCAS | Device Mnemonic | Q.FDEV O.PUNT |
| Q.PCRS | Case Flag Device Unit | Q. PUNI |

OMG -> PRO : STARTUP

o Processor Exit - terminates the specified processor

- o QMG unstops processor, sends packet
- o Processor returns exit status
- o QMG detaches device (if not application processor)

O.PFUN

------unused QP.EXT

QMG -> PRO : EXIT PRO -> QMG : exit status o Processing a Job - series of packet communications causing a

Job to be defined and each file within it to be processed

o Packets involved:

START OF JOB - 2 sequentially sent packets

indicating start of processing for a series of files

o PROCESS FILE - describes single file to be
 processed next

• END OF JOB - indicates all files and the Job

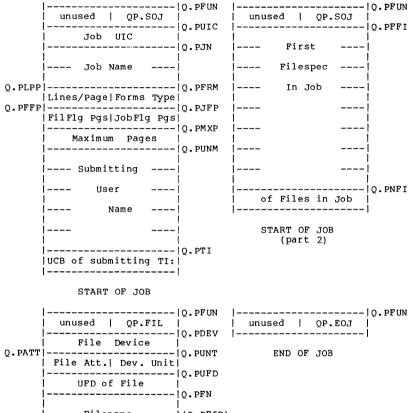
are completed; also used to delete an

active job if issued before the last

file is finished

 $QMG \rightarrow PRO$: START OF JOB $QMG \rightarrow PRO$: START OF JOB (part 2) $|-> QMG \rightarrow PRO$: PROCESS FILE $|-< PRO \rightarrow QMG$: DONE (file) $QMG \rightarrow PRO$: END OF JOB $PRO \rightarrow QMG$: DONE (job)

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PROCESS FILE

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o STOP an Active Processor - tells processor to halt and await further instructions

Q.PFUN Unused | QP.STP QMG -> PRO : STOP PRO -> QMG : SOLICITED PAUSE O Sequence for deleting an active Job QMG -> PRO : STOP PRO -> QMG : SOLICITED PAUSE QMG -> PRO : END OF JOB PRO -> QMG : DONE

o CONTINUE a processor - restart a processor that previously was stopped

| Q. POPT | Q.PFUN * QP.CON |
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| | Q.PX Value used in options |
| | * QP.CUR - at current page QP.AT - at page X QP.FWD - forward X pages QP.BAK - back X pages QP.ALN - align to top of form |
| | QMG -> PRO : CONTINUE |

CLI INTERFACES

o Definition - a system task that communicates with QMG to specify Job parameters and queue system control commands

o RSX-11M

o QMGPRT (FCS Interface)

o Installs as PRT...

o Serves as interface for .PRINT PRINT\$ Utilities with /SP

o Doesn't accept parameters

o Compatible with old spooler

o OMGCLI

o Installed as: ...PRI for specifying Jobs ...QUE for queue display and manipulation

o RSX11M-PLUS

o OMGPRT (FCS Interface)

o Assorted DCL commands

o QMGCLI (MCR Interface)

o only installed as ...QUE

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BRINGING UP OMG

o Install:

o QMG o LPP as LPPx (one per printer) o BPR as BAPx (M-PLUS only) o QMGPRT o QMGCLI (both: ...QUE, 11M: ...PRI)

o Start the Queue Manager

o Initialize the Queues (M-PLUS)

o Initialize Processors

o Assign Queues to Processors

o RSX-11M

>INS \$QMG >INS \$LPP/TASK=LPPØ/SLV=YES >INS \$QMGPRT >INS \$QMGCLI/TASK=...QUE >INS \$QMGCLI/TASK=...PRI/CKP=NO >QUE /START:QMG >QUE LPØ:/SPOOL/FORM:Ø/FLAG:1 >QUE LPØ:/ASSIGN:PRINT

o RSX11M-PLUS

>INS \$QMG >INS/TASK:LPPØ/SLAVE \$LPP >INS/TASK:PRT... \$QMGPRT >START/QUEUE/MANAGER >INIT/QUEUE LPQØ >INIT/PRINTER LPPØ/FORM:Ø/FLAG:1 >ASSIGN/QUEUE PRINT LPPØ >INS/TASK:BAPØ \$BPR >INIT/BATCH_PROCESSOR BAPØ >ASSIGN/QUEUE BATCH BAPØ

OTHER QUEUE CONTROL COMMANDS

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| QMGCLI | DC L |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| QUE /STOP | STOP /QUEUE /PROCESSOR |
| QUE /START | START /QUEUE /PROCESSOR |
| QUE /DEASSIGN | DEASSIGN /QUEUE |
| QUE /HOLD | HOLD /QUEUE |
| QUE /REL | RELEASE /QUEUE |
| QUE /DEL | DELETE /QUEUE[/ERASE] /PROCESSOR |
| QUE /MOD | SET QUEUE |
| QUE /LI | SHOW QUEUE |

