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**CP/M\***

Versions 1.4 & 2.X

**Programmer's  
Reference  
Guide**

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## BUILT-IN COMMANDS

DIR                                    Display file directory {current drive  
DIR d:                                {designated drive  
DIR filename.typ                    Search for named file, current drive  
DIR \*.typ                            Display all files of named type, curr drv  
DIR filename.\*                      Display all types of designated filename  
DIR x????.\*                         Display all filenames 5 characters  
                                     long and start with letter x  
TYPE filename.typ                    Display ASCII file {current drive  
TYPE d:filename.type                {designated drive  
ERA filename.typ                    {named file, current drive  
ERA \*.\*                              {all files, curr drv, V2.x curr user  
ERA \*.typ                            Erase {all files } designated {type  
ERA d:filename.typ                  {named file}                        {drive  
ERA filename.\*                      {all types of named file, curr drv  
REN n:filename.typ=olname.typ } RENAME file {current drive  
REN d:n:filename.typ=olname.typ } {designated drive  
SAVE n filename.typ                 SAVE as named file {current drive  
SAVE n d:filename.typ               {designated drive  
                                     n pages (page=256 bytes) start @ 100H  
d:                                    Switch to designated disk drive  
                                     A-D V1.4; A-P V2.x  
USER n                                Change user area (Version 2.x)

## ED COMMANDS

nA                    Append n lines to buffer (n=0 -use half of buffer)  
B                    Move pointer to {beginning}  
-B                    {end } of file  
nC                    {forward n characters  
nD                    Delete n characters forward  
E                    End edit, close file, return to CP/M  
nFs                   Find n-th occurrence of string 's'  
H                    end edit, move pointer to beginning of file  
I                    Insert text at pointer until ^Z typed  
Is                    Insert string at pointer  
nK                    Kill n lines starting at pointer  
nL                    move pointer n lines  
nMx                   execute command string 'x' n times  
nNs                   global F-command- until end of file  
O                    abort ED, start over with original file  
nP                    list next n pages of 23 lines (n=0 -current page)  
Q                    Quit without changing input file  
Rfn                   Read fn.LIB into buffer at current pointer  
nSx^Zy               Substitute string 'y' for next n forward  
                         occurrences of string 'x'  
nT                    Type n lines  
U                    change lower case to upper case (next entry)  
V                    enable internal line number generation  
nW                    Write n lines to output file (start at  
                         beginning of buffer)  
nX                    Write next n lines to file 'X\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.LIB'  
nZ                    Pause n/2 seconds (2MHz)  
n                    {n lines}  
<CR>                Move {forward } and type one line  
-                    {backward }  
n:x                   move to n line number and perform 'x' command  
:mx                   perform command 'x' from current line to line m  
n::mx                move to n line number and perform command 'x'  
                         through line number m

note: "-" valid on all positioning and display commands  
for backward movement (e.g. -nC)

## PIP COMMANDS

PIP Initiate Peripheral Interchange Program  
\*d:=s:filename.typ Copy named file } from source drv  
\*d:nunname.\*=s:olname.typ Copy&change filename } to destinat drv  
PIP d:=s:filename.typ Initiate PIP and copy named file  
PIP d:=s:\*. \* from source drv { all files  
PIP d:=s:filename.\* to { all named files  
PIP d:=s:\*.typ destination drv { all files named typ  
PIP LST:=filename.typ send named file to { list device  
PIP PUN:=filename.typ send named file to { punch device  
PIP CON:=filename.typ send named file to { console device  
PIP filename.typ=RDR: Copy data from reader device to  
named file (current drive)  
\*nunname.typ=aname.typ,bname.type,cnametyp { ASCII } copy&con-  
\*d:nunname.type=s:aname.typ,s:bname.typ { } catenate  
\*nunname.typ=aname.typ[X],bname.typ[X] { non-ASCII } files  
PIP LST:=s:name.typ,bname.typ send files in sequence  
PIP LST:=s:name.typ,s:name.typ to list device

## PIP PARAMETERS

[B] - read data block until ^S character  
[Dn] - delete characters past column n  
[E] - echo all copy operations to console  
[F] - remove form feeds  
[Gn] - get file from n user area - V2.x  
[H] - check for proper hex format  
[I] - same as H plus ignores ":^0"  
[L] - change all upper case characters to lower case  
[N] - add line numbers with leading zeros suppressed  
[N2] - same as N plus leading zeros & tab  
[O] - object file transfer; ignores end-of-file  
[P] - { insert form feed every {^0 } lines  
[Pn] - { n }  
[Qstring^Z] - Quit copying after { string is found  
[Sstring^Z] - Start copying when { }  
[R] - read SYS file (V2.x)  
[Tn] - expand tab space to every n columns  
[U] - change all lower case characters to upper case  
[V] - verify copied data  
[W] - delete R/O files at destination (V2.x)  
[X] - copy non-ASCII files  
[Z] - zero parity bit on all characters in file

## PIP KEYWORDS

CON: CONsole device (defined in BIOS)  
EOF: send End-of-File (ASCII-^Z) to device  
INP: INPut source (patched in PIP)  
LST: LISt device (defined in BIOS)  
NUL: send 40 NULLs to device  
OUT: OUTput destination (patched in PIP)  
PRN: same as LST; tabs every 8th character, numbers  
lines & page ejects every 60 lines with  
initial eject  
PUN: PUNCh device } defined in BIOS  
RDR: ReaDeR device }

refer to IOBYTE section for additional physical devices

## ASM CONVENTIONS

labels followed by colon 1- 6 alphanumeric characters  
symbol (eg. EQU) no colon first must be alpha, ? or .

Assembly Program Format (space separates fields)  
label: opcode operand(s) ;comment

### Operators (unsigned)

a+b a added to b  
a-b difference between a and b  
+b 0+b (unary addition)  
-b 0-b (unary subtraction)  
a\*b a multiplied by b  
a/b a divided by b (integer)  
a MOD b remainder after a/b  
NOT b complement all b-bits  
a AND b (AND) of a and b  
a OR b bit-by-bit (OR) of a and b  
a XOR b (XOR) of a and b  
a SHL b shift a {left} b bits, end off, zero fill  
a SHR b {right}

### Hierarchy Of Operations

highest: \* / MOD SHL SHR  
- +  
NOT  
AND  
lowest: OR XOR

### Constants

Numeric (post radix)  
B=binary  
0,Q=octal  
D=decimal (default)  
H=Hexidecimal  
ASCII - in quotes (e.g. 'A')

### Pseudo-ops

ORG const Set program or data origin (default=0)  
END start End program. Optional address where execution begins  
EQU const Define symbol value (may not be changed)  
SET const Define symbol value (may be changed later)  
IF const Assemble block conditionally until ENDIF  
ENDIF Terminate conditional assembly block  
DS const Define storage space for later use  
DB byte[,byte...,byte] Define bytes as numeric or ASCII constants  
DW word[,word...,word] Define word(s) (two bytes)  
const=constant (true if bit-0=1 otherwise false)

## ASM ERROR CODES

D Data error (element cannot be placed in data area)  
E Expression error (ill-formed expression)  
L Label error  
N Not implemented  
O Overflow (expression too complicated to compute)  
P Phase error (label has different values on each pass)  
R Register error (specified value not compatible with op code)  
U Undefined label (label does not exist)  
V Value error (operand improper)

## TRANSIENT COMMANDS

DDT	Initiate Dynamic Debugger Tool program
DDT filename.typ	Initiate DDT and load named file
ASM filename	Assemble named ASM {current drive
ASM d:filename	file on: {designated drive
ASM filename.abc	a=source file drv; b=HEX file destination drv (Z=skip); c=PRN file destination drv (X=console, Z=skip)
LOAD filename	Make .COM file from {current drive
LOAD D:filename	named HEX file on: {designated drive
DUMP filename.typ	Display file in hex {current drive
DUMP d:filename.typ	{designated drive
MOVCPM n	{and execute nKbyte CP/M system
MOVCPM n *	Create {image of nKbyte CP/M system
MOVCPM * *	{image of maxKbyte CP/M for SYSGEN or SAVE
SYSGEN	Initiate SYSTEM GENERate program
SUBMIT filename parameters	Execute SUB file using optional parameter(s)
XSUB	Execute eXtended SUBmit program (V2.x)
ED filename.typ	Execute EDitor program to create or edit named file
ED d:filename.typ	
STAT	Display STATUS-R/W or R/O {current drv
STAT d:	and available disk space {named drive
STAT DEV:	{DEVICE assignments
STAT VAL:	{VALid device assignments
STAT DSK:	{DiSK characteristics} V2.x
STAT USR:	{current USEr areas}
STAT filename.typ \$\$	{size of file}
STAT filename.typ	{file characteristics} curr drv
STAT d:filename.typ	{named drv
STAT d:=R/O	{designated drive to Read-only
STAT filename.typ \$R/O	{Read-only
STAT filename.typ \$R/W	{Read-Write} V2.x
STAT filename.COM \$\$SYS	{named file to {System file}
STAT filename.COM \$DIR	{Drctry file}
STAT gd:=pd:	Change general device (CON:,LST:,PUN: and/or RDR:) assignment of physical device (see IOBYTE)

## CP/M DISK FORMAT

**Media:** 8" soft-sectored floppy-disk single density (IBM 3740 standard)

**Tracks:** 77 (numbered 0 thru 76)

**Sectors/Track:** 26 (numbered 1 thru 26)

**Bytes/Sector:** 128 data bytes (one logical record)

**Storage/Disk:** 256,256 bytes (77\*26\*128)

**File Size:** any number of sectors from zero to capacity of disk.

**Extent:** 1Kbytes-8 sectors (smallest file space allocated)

**Skew:** 6 sectors standard (space between consecutive physical sectors on track): 1-7-13-19-25-5-11-17-23-3-9-15-21-2-8-14-20-26-6-12-18-24-4-10-16-22

**System:** Track 0 & 1 (optional)

Track-0, sector 1: boot loader

Track-0, sectors 2-26: } CCP & BDOS

Track-1, sectors 1-17: }

Track-1, sectors 18-26: CBIOS

**Directory:** Track 2: 16 sectors typ. 32-bytes/entry (64 entries typ.) - extents-0 and 1

**User File Area:** Remaining sectors on Track-2 and -3 to 76 Extents 2 and above

# COMMAND CONTROL CHARACTERS

charac	function	ASCII code
C	Reboot CP/M (warm boot)	03H
E	Start new line	05H
H	Backspace and delete (V2.x)	08H
I	Tab 8 columns	09H
J	Line feed	0AH
M	Carriage return	0DH
P	Printer on/printer off	10H
R	Retype current line	12H
S	Stop display output - any character except ^c restarts output	13H
U	Delete line	15H
X	same as ^U (V1.4)	18H
Z	backspace to start of line (V2.x)	1AH
delete	End of console input (ED & PIP)	7FH
rubout	Delete and display last character (tape only)	7FH

## IOBYTE (0003H)

Device		LST:	PUN:	RDR:	CON:
Bit	Position	7 6	5 4	3 2	2 1
Dec	Binary				
0	00	TTY:	TTY:	TTY:	TTY:
1	01	CRT:	PTP:	PTR:	CRT:
2	10	LPT:	UP1:	UR1:	BAT:
3	11	UL1:	UP2:	UR2:	UC1:

TTY: TeleType  
 CRT: Cathode Ray Tube type terminal  
 BAT: BATCH process (RDR=input, LST=output)  
 UC1: User defined Console  
 LPT: Line Printer  
 UL1: User defined List device  
 PTR: Paper Tape Reader  
 UR1: User defined  
 UR2: Reader devices  
 PTP: Paper Tape Punch  
 UP1: User defined Punch  
 UP2: devices

## FILE TYPES

ASC ASCII text file, usually Basic source  
 ASM ASSEMBly language file (source for ASM program)  
 BAK BAcKup copy file (created by editor)  
 BAS BASic source program file, usually tokenized  
 COM COMmand file (transient executable program)  
 DAT DATa file  
 DOC DOCument file  
 FOR FORtran source program file  
 INT INTermediate Basic program file (executable)  
 HEX HEXadecimal format file (for LOAD program)  
 LIB Library file used by macro assembler  
 PLI PL/I source file  
 PRN PRINt file (source and object produced by ASM)  
 REL RELocatable module  
 SAV System file (V2.x)  
 SUB SUBmit text file executed by SUBMIT program  
 SYM SID symbol file  
 TEX TEXT formatter source file  
 XRF Cross reference file  
 \$\$\$ Temporary file

Filename - 8 characters maximum  
 Filetype - 3 characters maximum

Invalid filename and filetype characters:  
 < > . , ; : = ? [ ]



## DDT COMMANDS

A sad	Assemble symbolic code ; start at sad
D	Dump RAM
D sad	to console
D sad,ead	from:
	{cad; 16 lines {sad; 16 lines {sad thru ead
F sad,ead,const	Fill RAM from sad thru ead with constant
G	Start
G sad	program
G sad,bp1	execution
G sad,bp1,bp2	at:
G,bp1,bp2	
	{saved PC {sad {sad and stop at bp1 {sad and stop at bp1 or bp2 {cad and stop at bp1 or bp2
H a,b	Display hex a+b and a-b
I filename	Set up FCB
I filename.typ	(5CH) for:
	{user code {R-command (HEX or COM file)
L	Dissassemble
L sad	RAM
L sad,ead	from:
	{cad; 12 lines {sad; 12 lines {sad thru ead
M sad,ead,nad	Move RAM block from sad thru ead to nad
R	Read file specified by I command to RAM at
R offset	normal address + optional offset
S sad	Substitute into RAM starting at sad
T n	Execute n instructions (default=1) with
	register dump (trace)
U n	Execute n instructions (default=1) with
	register dump after last instruction
Xr	Examine/change registers or flags
X	Examine registers (flag reg:C=carry, Z=zero, M=sign, E=parity, I=aux carry)

cad=current address                      sad=start address  
nad=new address                          ead=end address  
?=error, can mean: file cannot be opened,checksum error  
in HEX file or Assembler/Dissassembler overlaid.

## LOGIN BYTE (0004H)

low nibble = current drive (0=A,1=B,etc.)  
high nibble = current user (V2.x only)

## FILE CONTROL BLOCK

Byte(s)	function
0	dr Drive code (0=current, 1=A, 2=B, etc)
1-8	f1-f8 File Name
9-11	t1-3 File Type t1=1-R/O; t2=1-SYS
12	ex current Extent number
13	s1 reserved
14	s2 =0 on BDOS call to { V1.4 } not used Open,Make,search { } always 00H
15	rc extent Record Count
16-31	d0-dn Disk map
32	cr current record for r/w
33-35	rn random record number

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
dr	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	f7	f8	t1	t2	t3	ex	s1	s2	rc				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
d0	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8	d9	d10	d11	d12	d13	d14	d15	cr	r0	r1	r2

# MEMORY ALLOCATIONS

(b=memsize-20K V2.x; memsize-16K V1.4)

	Hex Memory Locations	Contents
System Scratch Area (0-FFH)	0-2	jump to BIOS warm start entry point
	3	IOBYTE
	4	login drive number and current user
	5-7	jump to BDOS
	8-37	reserved: interrupt vectors & future use
	38-3A	RST7-used by DDT or SID programs
	3B-3F	reserved for interrupt vector
	40-4F	scratch area used by CBIOS
	50-5B	not used
	5C-7C	File Control Block (FCB) area (default)
7D-7F	Random record position-V2.x (default)	
80-FF	DMA buffer area (128 bytes) for input and output (default)	
Transient Program Area	{100...33FF+b} {100...28FF+b}	COM file area {V2.x {V1.4
CCP area	{3400+b-3BFF+b} {2900+b-30FF+b}	Console Command Processor {V2.x {V1.4
BDOS area	{3C00+b-49FF+b} {3100+b-3DFF+b}	Disk Operating System {V2.x {V1.4
BIOS area	{4A00+b-4FFF+b} {3E00+b-3FFF+b}	I/O system {V2.x {V1.4

# BIOS ENTRY POINTS

Hex addr	Vector Name	Function	Value Passed	Value Returned
**00	BOOT	cold		C=0
**03	WBOOT	warm		C=drv no
**06	CONST	check for console ready		A=const
**09	CONIN	read from console		A=chara
**0C	CONOUT			
**0F	LIST	write to {console list device punch device}	C=chara	
**12	PUNCH			
**15	READER	read from reader device		A=chara
**18	HOME	move head to track-0		
**1B	SELDSK	select drive	C=drv no	HL=dph*
**1E	SETTRK	{track number	C=trk no	
**21	SETSEC	{sector number	C=sec no	
**24	SETDMA	{DMA address	BC=DMA	
**27	READ	read		A=dskst
**2A	WRITE	write		
**2D*	LISTST	get list status		A=lstst
**30*	SECTRAN	sector translate subroutine	{BC=lsecno DE=smap	HL=pysec

const=console status

00=idle

FF=data avail

dph=disk parameter/  
header address

dskst=disk status

00=OK

01=error

lstst=list status

00=busy

FF=ready

lsecno=logical sector number

pysec=physical sector number

smap=sector interlace map

address

chara=character

drv no=drive number

trk no=track number

sec no=sector number

DMA=DMA address

\* not used in V1.4

\*\*= contents of location 0002H



# BDOS FUNCTION CALLS

(request to BDOS to perform specified functions)

	Function Number in C reg	Dec Hex	Function	Value Passed to BDOS in DE(or E)regs	Value Returned in A (or HL) regs
	0	00	system reset	--	--
	1	01	console read	--	char
	2	02	console write	E=char	--
	3	03	reader read	--	char
	4	04	punch write	{E=char	--
Peripheral I/O	5	05	list write	--	--
	6	06	direct con IO (V2.x)	E= {FFH(input) char(output)	0=not ready char IOBYTE
	7	07	get IOBYTE	--	IOBYTE
	8	08	set IOBYTE	E=IOBYTE	--
	9	09	print string	string addr	--
	10	0A	read console buffer	addr of data buffer	chars in buffer
	11	0B	get console status	--	00(not ready) FF(ready)
	12	0C	lift head(V1.x)	--	--
	13	0D	get vers (V2.x) reset disk **	--	HL=version no. --
	14	0E	select disk	{E=drive no	--
	15	0F	open file	--	--
	16	10	close file	{FCB addr	{dir FF(not found)
Disk I/O	17	11	search for file	--	*
	18	12	search for next	--	00(valid)
	19	13	delete file	--	--
	20	14	read next recrd	{FCB addr	{dir {FF(disk full) directory code {FF(not found) HL=drive code A=cdn
	21	15	write next recrd	--	HL=ava
	22	16	create file	--	HL=R/O vector
	23	17	rename file	old file FCB addr	dir HL=dpba
	24	18	get login vectr	-- (V1.4)	--
	25	19	get disk no.	--	HL=drive code
	26	1A	set DMA addr.	DMA addr	A=cdn
	27	1B	get alloc vectr	--	HL=ava
	28	1C	write protect	--	--
	29	1D	get R/O vector	--	HL=R/O vector
V2.x only	30	1E	set file attrib	FCB addr	dir
	31	1F	get addr (disk parameters)	--	HL=dpba
	32	20	set/get user code	E= FFH(get) user code(set)	current code --
	33	21	read random	--	{error code***
	34	22	write random	{FCB addr	}random record field set
	35	23	compute file size	{(r0,r1,r2 format)	
	36	24	set random rec	--	--
V2.2 & later	37	25	reset drive	drive vector	0
	40	28	write random with zero fill	FCB addr	return code
not used	38	26			
	39	27			

\* V1.4 none

\*\* V1.4 initializes system and selects A drive

\*\*\* error codes: 01-reading unwritten data  
 03-cannot close current extent  
 04-seek to unwritten extent  
 05-directory overflow (write only)  
 06-seek past physical end of disk

char=character (ASCII)

addr=address

dir =directory code

cdn =current drive number (A=0,R=1,etc)

dpba=disk parameter block address

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