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Multics Change Requests

Enclosed are copies of Multics Change Requests which were approved from November 1 - 15, 1974,

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	MULTICA CHANGE	PROCESO		MCR 801		
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REASONS:

Secure mail makes it feasible for privileged users such as SysDaemon to send mail. A mail sending subroutine is useful in this context.

SUMMARY: Install subroutine called send_mail_, described on the attached sheet. send_mail_ sends to ring 1 mailboxes and is compatible with the to-be-installed new mail command. See details in MTB 122. mail_table will not be installed yet.

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TITLE: Now o	rror t	able_ codes for	tane ansi	STATUS	DATE
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REASONS: The tape_ansi_ 10 Module requires new error_table_ codes.

SUMMARY: Install 15 new error_table_ codes.

Bug Fix

Increased Consistency

Simplification

Generalization

MPLICATIONS: None

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Improvement

DETAILED PROPOSAL: See attached list of new codes.

system;
duplicate_file_id:
file_aborted:
insufficient_open:
invalid_block_length:
invalid_cseg:
invalid_record desc:
incompatible encoding mode:
invalid_label_format:
invalid_record_length:
invalid_file_set_format:

nine_mode_parity:
no_next_volume:
not_ascii_subset:
unexpired_file:
incompatible_file_attribute:
end;

dupfid, File identifier already appears in file flabort, Defective file deleted from file set insufopn, Insufficient information to open involk, Invalid physical block length.; invcseg, Internal inconsistency in control se invrdes, Invalid variable-length record descrincenced, Invalid character encoding mode.; invibfmt, File set contains invalid labels.; invrec, Invalid logical record length.; invreshmt, File set structure is invalid.;

par9md, Attempt to write invalid data in 9 mo nonxtvol, Unable to continue processing on next volum nascsub. Characters not in 63-character ASCII sub unexpfi, Cannot overwrite an unexpired file.; incflatt, specified attribute incompatible with file

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TITL	E: Add error code		ecks to change_wdir		STATUS	DATE
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_ASONS:

"change_wdir" assumes that errors cannot occur when it calls "hcs \$fs search set wdir". With the Access Isolation Mechanism, it is now possible for an error to occur. However, "change_wdir" does not check the returned error code as it should.

Summary: 'change "change wdir" to test the error code returned and report error

to the user.

Implications: none. Upward compatible

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TITLE: Fix bug in mseg index					STATUS	E/A P/E
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REASONS:

When mseg_index_ is called to close a message segment, it terminates the segment and invalidates the index. This is bad if several programs are using and closing the same message segment.

SUMMARY: Keep a reference count for each message segment opened and invalidate the index only when ref_count(index)=0.

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REASONS:

Bad error message

"compare: Entry not found. path offset is foo"

will be changed to

"compare: Entry not found. foo"

SUMMARY:

Fix message.

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TI'	THE: Fix bug in	n an	swer command		STATUS	DARW
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REASONS: The command line given to answer has a maximum of 132 characters. A line longer than this writes over answer's automatic storage and causes a bad error.

SUMMARY: Fix answer command to take any length command line.

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TITLE:		SMACTS	TS 8 II P			
Add sym	Add symbolic tag designations to ALM					
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REASCNS: The current (slated for installation) ALM accepts expressions of the form

tsx foo,bar

to mean tsx3 bar where foo is booled or equated to 3. It does not, however, accept tsx2 bar, foo

to mean tsx2 bar,3

This apparent oversight negates the entire reason for using the first form of symbolic designations, i.e., mnemonic designations for register usage, and crossreferencing of register usage.

Several large ALM coding tasks, including a new page control and a major revision to BOS, lie ahead of us. This feature DOES NOT increase the power or utility or attraction of the ALM language, but only increases its consistency and makes ALM programs more debuggable.

SUMMARY:

A two-line change to the program modev1_.pl1 fully implements this downward-compatible change.

IMPLICATIONS: Greater comprehensibility of ALM code, greater ease in finding register usage bugs and reassigning register usages.

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TITLE: Fix bug in acl_ AUTHOR: E. Stone			STATUS Written Status	DATE 11/4/74		
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SUMMARY:

A bug was introduced in the latest version of acl which caused the incorrect deletion of an entire ACL. This bug has the property of causing a loop if the ACL is an Initial ACL, if the directory has not been salvaged for some time and if many deletions of ACLs take place within a directory.

Improvement

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TITLE: Rem	ove exten	STACUS			
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REASONS: The current specifications for the I/O system allow file extension to be specified at attach time or at open time. The option to say extend at epen time turns out to be a pointless duplication of function. Fortunately, it appears that no one yet uses this facility, so we can safely remove it.

SUMMARY: Change the MPM documentation. As existing I/O modules are worked on, have them return error table \$no operation if the third argument of open is "1"b.

M	ultics Change Request	•		MCR 852 Page 1 of 1
TITLE: Upgrade peruse_text to VAUTHOR: C. T. Clingen	Version 2 PL/I.		STATUS Written	DATE 11/6/74
-Coded in: XPL/I ALM _other-	Category (Check One)	Status Expires	A 1/12/74
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Make minor changes to peruse text, make peruse text, build peruse text, string to label to convert them from version 1 to version 2 PL/I.

REASONS: Reduce system dependency on version 1 PL/I. Improve performance (bound object code size is reduced by 14%).

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	TITLE: Add PRU1200/1600 printer support to BOS AUTHOR: Nov I. Nort		STATUS Writte	n 11/06/74
	-Coded in: PL/I AIM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 2.0 -Fixes Bug Number(s) -Documented in MTB -User/Operations-visible Interface change? yes no -Incompatible change? yes no -Performance: Better Same Worse -Replaces MCR	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools Sys. Prog. Tools 355 X BOS Salvager Ring Zero Ring One SysDaemon/Admin. Runtime User Cmmd/Subr.	EXPITE	Specify One or More Sect.) 8.2.1
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SUMMARY:

Modify the BOS utility procedure "getprt" to initialize and load the train image and VFC image for the PRU1200 and PRU1600 printers. other BOS modifications are needed.

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TITLE: Modify Multics printer AUTHOR: Interfacer	er DIM to use I/O	STATUS Writte	
-Coded in: XPL/IX AIM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 2.0	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		A 1V12/74
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SUMMARY: A user-ring DIM for operating printers through the I/O Interfacer will be provided. A new ALM-coded printer code conversion package will also be provided. The entire package will provide the capability of running any ASCII printer model from PRT202 through PRU1600.

Installation procedure:

Installation of the new software can take place in three steps:

- 1. The entire package can be bound into a single segment, bound_prtdim_. This segment can be installed as an online installation. The old printer DIM in bound_iodd_ can be removed at this time. The old printer DCM will remain in the hardcore, but will not be used by the new software.
- 2. The printer DCM can be removed from the hardcore. Those portions of the new printer software (i.e. printer initialization and code conversion) which may also be used by the salvager print package and the trace package will be installed as a new segment in collection 1. This segment will be accessible in rings 0 through 5. The trace package and salvager print package will be modified at this time to take advantage of the new software.
- 3. Those portions of the new printer software which have been installed in the hardcore can be removed from bound prtdim.

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	TITLE: Modify I/O Daemon for AUTHOR: Noel I. Morris	new printer DIM		STATUS Written	DATE 11/8/74
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SUMMARY: Two changes are needed to the I/O Daemon to support the new printer software:

- Since the I/O Interfacer does not set the interaction switch, a means is needed to keep the printer running on a heavily loaded I/O Daemon driver initialization will be modified to call hphcs_\$pxss_set_timax if the process in which the daemon is running has hphcs access. This change will be removed or modified when a new priority scheduler is implemented.
- The write entry of the new printer DIM will sometimes return to 2. its caller with printer I/O still in progress. Under certain conditions, the last few lines of a print request may not be output until the next request is started. (This is identical to the operation of the punch DIM.) An order call is provided in the printer DIM to "runout" the unprinted output. The I/O Daemon driver will be modified to make a "runout" order call for printed output as well as punched.

Implications:

The setting of a low timax in a process which is I/O bound cannot result in any significant reduction of system performance since such a process is blocked most of the time. If we assume that the printer runs at 1200 lpm (it is actually slower than that) and that conversion and queuing of a print line takesapprox. 1 millisecond, the printer driver process can get no more than 2% of the machine.

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TITLE: Modify nonstandard ta	ape DIM for 1600 bp	i	STATUS Written	DATE 11/8/74
-Coded in: PL/I AIM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR NA	Category (Check One Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		Status Expires DOCUMEN	A 11/19/14 5 19/7-5 TATION CHANGES
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SUMMARY:

It is desirable to be able to read and write nonstandard tapes at any density that the tape handlers are capable of accommodating. Four new order codes will be provided in the DIM. These are summarized below:

order	set density to
d2 00	200 bpi
d556	556 b pi
008b	800 bpi
d1600	1600 b p i

The default density will remain at 800 bpi. The existing order codes of "high" and "low" will continue to set the tape handler to 800 bpi and 556 bpi respectively.

er. 3 MCR 857 41022 Multics Change Request Page TITLE: Printing of access classes by lar/ldr DATE STATUS AUTHOR: Jerry Stern Written Status -Coded in: PL/I ALM other-Category (Check One) Expires explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL Lib. Maint. Tools DOCUMENTATION CHANGES -Planned for System MR 3.0 Sys. Anal. Tools -Fixes Bug Number(s) Sys. Prog. Tools 355 -Documented in MTB Document Specify One or More -User/Operations-visible BOS Vol 3 Interface change? Vyes no MPM (Vol. Sect.) Salvager -Incompatible change? yes Ring Zero PLMS (AN #) -Performance: Better Same Ring One SysDaemon/Admin. Worse MOSN (Sect.) Runtime -Replaces MCR

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Objections/Comments:

SUMMARY: Change the commands list abs requests and list daemon requests to print the access class of each request when the "-long" option is specified. The access_class of requests will be printed if not equal to the current authorization of the process. If the access_class string would be null under this situation, the message "null access class" will be printed instead. Upward compatible and invisible at MIT.

User Cmmd/Subr.

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Info Segs Other (Name) None (Reason) Sect 9

Reasons: Once the Access Isolation Mechanism is available, it will be of interest to users to know the access classes of requests in the absentee and I/O queues.

Implications: For compatibility with sites not wishing to use the Access Isolation controls, the access class line will be entirely omitted when the character string associated with the access class is null. However, even in this case, there will still be a slight additional cost incurred to convert the binary access class to a character string.

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TITLE: Fix inconsistent declare AUTHOR: E. Stone	ation of ACL tag		STATUS Written	DATE 11/8/74	
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SUMMARY: The declaration for the tag field of an intermediate form of an ACL is declared char (1) aligned in some procedures and char (1) unaligned in others. The program acc list should be changed so that this item is declared char (1) aligned to be consistent with declarations of this datum in other programs.

REASONS: This mis-declaration in the module acc name resulted in a bug that was most difficult to identify. While this experience is in recent memory, I would like to preclude any repetition.

The problem results from the fact that when storing into this item the PLI compiler does not pad with zeros if declared unaligned, but does assume a zero pad when comparing it.

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SUMMARY:

Remove the entry hcs_\$get_entry_name and delete get_entry_name and get_defname from bound file system.

REASONS: I wish to delete the hardcore programs get_entry_name and get_defname. Both are unused and obsolete, since their functions are provided by get_entry_name and get_defname_. According to cross-reference listings, no other system program refers to either of these entries; and according to metering done on hcs_, the entry hcs_\$get_entry_name is not called by users.

IMPLICATIONS: None. Removes obsolete and unused programs from hardcore.

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TITLE: Cross check for salvage shutdown.	not preceded by a		STATUS	DATE	
AUTHOR: D. Vinograd	· &		Written	11/11/74	
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SUMMARY:

Prior to running the Salvager, a shutdown operation should be done to update the paging device and secondary storage. A change to BOS is proposed which checks that this sequence of operations has been done and if not, asks the operator if he wants to proceed.

Other (Name)
None (Reason)

REASONS: If the shutdown operation is not done prior to a salvage, information in core will be lost. This may cause the salwager to delete valuable portions of the hierarchy.

IMPLICATIONS: If a save of an inconsistent hierarchy is restored and then salwaged the questioning of the operator may occur when it should not.

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TITLE: Fix bug in syserr_log	g size computation		STATUS Written	DATE 11/12/74
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Objections/Comments:		Info Other	(Sect.) Segs r (Name) (Reason)	internal change

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SUMMARY: Make syserr_log_init compute the size of syserr_log from the SLT bounds field instead of the AST size.

REASONS: Currently, in a non-foolproof attempt to make the system idiot-resistant, syserr_log_init computes the size of the syserr_log (stored in the syserr_log header) as the minimum of the size on the PART LOG card and the size of the AST used. This can result in a bounds fault in syserr_logger in ring 0 if the PART LOG card specifies a 256. K log (as it does now), and the header specifies a max_length not equal to an AST size. (It should be 255 to keep the log from wrapping around often. It is now 64.)

IMPLICATIONS: One less crash in the future.

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

- 1. Change header max_length for syserr_log to 255.
- 2. Change syserr_log_init to use the SLT bounds field for syserr_log in its log size computation.

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	TITLE: Installation of user con AUTHOR: Susan Barr	mmand, trace		STATUS Written	DATE 11/11/74
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	on the system tape; pref segment as pls_operators	ferably in the same	Othe	r (Name) (Reason)	
	Use these headings: SUMMARY, REASONS, IMPLICATIONS, DETAILED PROPOSAL (Options of the system_library_standard with a few modifications. The major change enables trace to use a set of pll_operators_ that do trace that the hardcore pll_operators_ won't have the tracing over head.				
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Proposal:

Install the current trace with the following modifications:

- 1. The option "-stream" for stream name should be changed to "-io_switch" ("-is") to be compatible with the iox naming conventions.
- 2. The options "-halt" and "-stop" are confusing and should be renamed. The function should be changed to make the options more general.
 - a. Current stop options:
 - -halt requests trace to call debug before the procedure being traced has been entered (before its stack frame has been created.)
 - -stop requests trace to call debug after the procedure being traced has finished, (when its stack frame is no longer available.)
 - b. Proposed stop options:
 - -before requests trace to call the command processor before the procedure being traced is entered.
 - -after requests trace to call the command processor after the procedure being traced is completed.

3. There should be an option to permit programmers to call a procedure (such as debug) instead of the command processor with stop requests.

-stop_proc refname\$entry -stop_proc ""

This option changes the procedure called on all "-before" and "-after" requests. If a null string is given the command processor will be called. The default, if no stop_proc is specified, is the command processor.

- 4. There will be two sets of pil_operators_: the hardcore version, without tracing instructions; and trace version, with tracing, This proposal for two sets of operators will be the subject of another MCR.
 - a. If the user is not at level 1, trace prints an error message and returns. If trace changed the operators at this point the stack would be inconsistent -- the stack frames already present would use the standard pll_operators_ and later procedures would use the trace pll_operators_.
 - b. The first time trace is called it changes the pll_operators_ from the standard version to the trace version. If the user is not using the standard, operators no change is made; a message is printed; and trace assumes the pll_operators_ in use have the tracing instructions.
 - c. When the user removes tracing from all procedures, trace also restores the standard pll_operators_, (if trace had made the change originally).

TITLE: Modify grab_tape_drive t system 24.1 AUTHOR: Susan Barr	o be compatible with	STATUS Written	DATE 11/11/74
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PROPOSAL:

The procedure should call ring_zero_peek_ to get the data base instead.

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TITLE: Fix bug in get_quota AUTHOR: S. Herbst			STATUS Written	DATE 11/12/74
-Coded in: XPL/I ALM other-explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR NA	Category (Check One Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		Status Expires DOCUMEN	A 11/9/74 5/19/75 TATION CHANGES
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SUMMARY:

Fix get quota to work correctly when given the starname ">**".

REASONS:

After the star convention is applied to ">**", pathnames are formed by putting a ">" between the directory name and each entry name. When the directory name is ">", the result is ">> entry_name".

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TITLE: Fix bug in change tunin	g_parameters	STATUS	DATE
AUTHOR: S. Herbst		Written	11/11/74
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SUMMARY:

Fix change_tuning_parameters to work with the answer command.

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TITLE: Fix bug in mexp AUTHOR: S. Webber			STATUS Written	DATE 11/11/74
-Coded in: XPL/I ALM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR NA	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		Status Expires DOCUMEN	TATION CHANGES
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The code will be converted to full EIS as part of the fix.

IMPLICATIONS:

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

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<u></u>	TITLE: Change pll frame a expect new entry position. S. Webber				STATUS Written	DATE 11/11/74
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	RRASONS: Part of the call/m	ish/	return change = a :	nerfor	mance immr	ovement.

IMPLICATIONS: These programs should be installed before the new operators are.

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TITLE: Install new pll_opcurrents: turn improvements: S. Webber	erators_ for call/push,	/re-	STATUS Written	DATE 11/11/74
-Coded in: PL/I ALM Mother- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR NA	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		Status Expires DOCUMEN	TATION CHANGES
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Ph/I programs) is	turn sequence (affecting proposed. The faster s	ETAILI ng ohl sequen	y the vers ce results	ion II from:
	trace code in the operation use of the larger number			_

REASONS:

Performance improvement (20% for argumentless call).

DETAILED PROPOSAL: The installation plan is as follows:

entry_ptr.

- 1. Install pll_frame_ and get_entry_name_ and any other necessary online programs to recognize new entry pointer values. (MCR 869)
- 2. Incorporate the new trace operators into pll_operators_ and install in the hardcore.

changing (for version II PL/I only) the meaning of stack_frame,

3. Install trace.

pll_operators_ will be converted from alm to mexp to allow the trace code to be conditionally assembled.

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TITLE: Fix security hole in init branches

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Better X Same

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Interface change? yes X no

-Incompatible change? yes no

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BOS

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Ring One

Runtime

SUMMARY:

AUTHOR:

Change init branches to remove acl of "s *.*.*" on process dir dir and initializer's process directory.

REASONS:

Currently the ACL of the above-mentioned directories is set to status for everyone, for historical reasons. This glitch allows any user to create a list of the process_group_id to process_id binding for all processes on the system (since the process id is used to create the unique name for the user's process directory, and since status permision on pdd allows both the names (and hence process id) and ACLS (and hence, process_group_id) to be listed). Thus any user may find out who is really logged-in, even if a user has the "nolist" attribute which keeps him/her out of the whotable.

IMPLICATIONS:

Closes an information path. Does not prevent users from listing their own process directory, nor from obtaining the quota on their own process directory. It will prevent them from listing the ACL on their own process directory (which they would not be able to change, anyway).

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

Above changes have been coded and tested on the CISL development machine. While this module is open, one change will also be made at the request of MIT; the name "st" will be added to system library 1.

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SUMMARY:

Implement a mechanism to automatically delete main memory pages on which parity errors are taken. This prevents repetitive errors, and the likelihood of fatal errors. Thus, it is a reliability improvement.

REASONS:

The system should be adaptive to hardware problems.

IMPLICATIONS: MOSN/MOH documentation

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

Parity fault handler, after checking again for problem via abs_seg, will call new page-control primitive to delete core block.

Page control, on noticing a parity error on a page write at interrupt time, will do similarly.

TITLE: Implement DELMEM co	mmand	STATUS	DATE
AUTHOR: B. Greenberg		Written	11/14/74
-Coded in: X PL/I ALM other-explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR NA -Fixes Bug Number(s) -Documented in MTB -User/Operations-visible Interface change? X yes no -Incompatible change? yes no -Performance: X Better Same Worse -Replaces MCR	EOS Salvager Ring Zero Ring One X SysDaemon/Admin.	Status Expires DOCUMEN Document MPM (Vol, Sect PLMS (AN #) MOSN (Sect.) MPAM (Sect.)	TATION CHANGES Specify One or More .) 71 6.6
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REASONS:

Needed for dynamic reconfiguration. This would be the only way to delete

a partial controller, i.e., a memory as opposed to a controller.

IMPLICATIONS:

PLM, MOSN documentation

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

Extend the Daemon/Admin commands:

ADDMEM port block no number of blocks DELMEM port block_no number_of_blocks

- port is the processer port number defining the system controller being 1. affected.
- block no is the block number of the first of possibly several blocks (of 1024 2. words) to be added or deleted.
- number_of_blocks is the number of contiguous 1024-word blocks of memory 3. affected

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FITLE: t and d gate				STATUS	DATE	
AUTHOR: B. Greenberg				Written	11/14/74	
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SUMMARY:

Objections/Comments:

A gate is needed for test and diagnostic functions, particularly certain entries at the I/O interfacer. hphcs_ is too powerful for such

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functions.

Create a gate t_and_d_ cumulating such functions. PROPOSAL: