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TITLE: Install new MST copy, AUTHOR: Bernard Greenberg	/merge/list/excerpt/write. JWG	STATUS Written	DATE 1/26/76
Objections/Comments: add -brabbreviations from Tools (excretoring the author and conteveloped for MST's. Use these headings: Summar	Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Angl. Tools X Sys. Prog. Too	Document APM (Vol, Sect PLMS (AN #) MOSN (Sect.) APAM (Sect.) ASAM (Sect.) Info Segs Other (Name) None (Reason)	72 NoH
for edi Reasons: 1) The has a r	e copy_mst with a new version; iting MST's. installed copy_mst is in version; needlessly difficult interfact need has often been felt for	sion 1 PL/1, w e.	ith ios_, and
Implications: 1) vas copy_m 2) Th happen 3) Th is whi 4) I to be an in	stly improved interface for const tape1 tape2 vs. "Type # one ability to copy multi-reel ned in several years, will be ne ability to copy several tape ghly nonstandard, and not part will be very valuable for one able to replace single segment or eased effectiveness of the can fix tapes made at the MIT	opy_mst (i,e., of tames to be MST's, which lost. es in one invo- rticularly use debugging and outs on tapes. CISL Developm	tion or tother use. copied:".)) have not cation, which ful will be lost. system development This implies ent Site, whereby

of a single segment, or simply a patch.

Detailed Proposal: See attached documentation.

5) An ability to create usable MST's with no traceable origin or documentation is introduced. This is a tradeoff in a debugging

situation. Like all powerful things, such a tool must be used carefuly.

Name: copy_mst, cpm

copy_mst is used to copy a Multics System Tape (:either a

Multics or BOS bootload tape) onto another reel of tape.

Usage:

copy_mst tapeid-1 tapeid-2

WHERE tapeid-1 is the tape reel identifier of the tape to be copied, and tapeid-2 is the tape reel identifier of the tape onto which the copy is d be made.

Name: merge_mst, mgm

merge_mst is used to copy a Multics System Tape (either a Multics or BOS bootload tape) onto another reel of tape, 'replacing selected segments with segments from the Storage System.

Usage: merge_mst tapeid-1 tapeid-2 : name-1 name-2 ...aname-n

WHERE tapeid-1 is the tape reel identifier of the tape to be copied, and tapeid-2 is the tape reel identifier of the new MST to be made. name-1 to name-n are segment names (possibly star names, see "match_star_name_" in the MPM). Any segment which matches any of the names will be sought in the current working directory, and replaced in the tape copy. If no names are supplied, "**" is the default. If a segment with a separate linkage segment is replaced, a separate linkage segment will be sought in the working directory to replace it. However, if there is none, the linkage segment will be obtained from the object segment in the If a segment on the tape being replaced is working directory. not an object segment, but the matching segment in the working directory is, only the text of the segment will be written to the new tape. A separate linkage section cannot be replaced without replacing the segment from whence it was separated.

Each name may be preceded by the "-stop" (-sp) control argument, in which cakes a call to debug is made immediately before the segment is written out, whether or not it has been replaced. This allows the user to impect or modify the SLT entry in any arbitrary way. Before such a call is made, an informational message giving the address of the XK segment and the SLT entry is printed out.

An informational message is printed out every time a segment is replaced on the tape with one from the working directory.



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APILATION LISTING OF SEGMENT call_out
   Compiled by: Multics PL/I Compiler of November 24, 1975.
   Compiled on: 02/24/76 1530.3 ast Tue
       Options: list map optimize
 1 call_out: procedure;
 2
 3 /* *
 4 /*
                                                                  */
 5 /* This procedure demonstrates the interactions between a
                                                                  */
 6 /* user process and the Initializer in order to request
                                                                  */
 7 /* an auto call line be assigned to the user. This program
                                                                  */
     performs several functions:
                                                                  */
 9 /*
                                                                  */
10 /*
             1) Requests the Initializer to call a specified
                                                                  +/
11 /*
                phone number and assign the line to this
                                                                  */
12 /*
                process.
                                                                  */
13 /+
             2) Goes blocked to walt for confirmation from the
14 /*
                Initializer.
                                                                  */
15 /*
             3) Sets up an event call channel to be invoked
                                                                  +/
16 /*
                If the line is hungup from the other end.
                                                                  #/
17'/*
             4) Attaches the line to the process through an
                                                                  */
18 /*
                lox_ IO module.
                                                                  */
19 /*
             5) Provides an entry to allow the user to
                                                                  */
23 /*
                disconnect the line.
                                                                  */
21 /*
                                                                  */
22 /* All of these functions must be performed by any user
                                                                  #/
     program which uses the Auto Cali Facility.
                                                                  #/
24 /*
                                                                  4/
25 /* *
26
27 dc1
         nargs fixed bin,
28
         arg_ptr pointer,
29
         arg_len fixed bin.
30
         arg char(arg_ien) based(arg_ptr);
31
32 dcl ( dlaled,
                                                      /* Internal static switches used to keep track of */
33
                                                      /* the progress of a call_out attempt
         attached.
34
         opened ) bit(1) aligned internal static initial("0"b);
36 dcl 1 dial_manager_arg internal static aligned,
                                                      /* Structure used In calls to dial_manager_, kept */
37
                                                      /* In Internal static so that subsequent calls to */
         2 version fixed bin initial(1).
38
         2 phone_number char(22),
                                                      /* call_out will use the same values.
39
         2 wakeup_channel fixed bin(71),
40
         2 tty_name char(32);
41
                                                      /* Used in call to Ipc_$block, contains message
                                                                                                           */
42 dcl 1 reply aligned,
                                                                                                           */
43
         2 channel fixed bin(71),
                                                      /* from Initializer when ipc_$block returns ___
44
         2 message fixed bin(71).
45
         2 sender bit(36),
46
         2 origin blt(36),
47
         2 wait_fist_index fixed bin;
48
49 dcl. infop pointer,
                                                      /* Used to reference "hangup" message from ipc_
                                                                                                           */
                                                      /* event call
                                                                                                           */
50
       1 info based(infop) like reply;
51
                                                                                                           */
52 dcl 1 status_flags aligned,
                                                      /* Returned by convert_dlai_message_
                                                                                                           */
53
         2 dialed_up bit(1) unallyned,
                                                      /* = line is dialed and assigned
                                                                                                           #/
54
         2 hung_up bit(1) unaligned,
                                                      /* = line has been disconnected
                                                                                                           */
```

/* Not used in Auto Call functions

55

2 control bit(1) unaligned.

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56
         2 pad bit(33) unaligned;
57
58 dcl 1 walt_list aligned,
                                                     /* Used in calls to ipc_$block. Note that "chan" */
59
         2 n_channels fixed bin initial(1),
                                                     /* contains the same value as is kept in
                                                                                                        */
6J
         2 chan(1) fixed bin(71);
                                                     /* dlal_manager_arg.wakeup_channel
                                                                                                        */
61
62 dcl
         my_name char(32),
                                                     /* For call to lox_sattach_loname
63
         stream_name char(32),
64
         dev_name char(32),
                                                     /* Device name returned by convert_dial_message_
65
                                                     /* Dim name returned by convert_dial_message_
         dim_name char(32).
                                                                                                        */
66
         attach_description char(64);
                                                     /* For call to lox_sattach_loname
                                                                                                        */
67
68 dc1
        locb_ptr pointer;
69.
70 dcl
         n_dev fixed bin,
                                                     /* Number of tty lines attached by this process
71
         code fixed bin(35):
72
73 del
         call_out$hangup entry (pointer),
74
         convert_dial_message_%return_io_module entry (flxed bin(71), char(*), char(*), flxed bin,
75
                                                      i aligned like status_flags, fixed bin(35)),
         dial_manager_$dial_out entry (pointer, fixed bin(35)),
76
77
         dial_manager_$termInate_dial_out entry (pointer, fixed bin(35));
78
79 dc1
         com_err_ entry options (variable),
         convert_ipc_code_ entry (fixed bin(35));
80
81
         cu_Barg_count entry (flxed bin),
         cu_$arg_ptr entry (fixed bin, pointer, fixed bin, fixed bin(35)),
8 2
83
         iox_sattach_ioname entry (char(*), pointer, char(*), fixed bin(35)),
84
         lox_3close entry (pointer, fixed bin(35)),
85
         iox_$detach_locb entry (pointer, fixed bin(35)),
86
         lox_Sopen entry (pointer, fixed bin, bit(1) aligned, fixed bin(35)),
87
         ipc_sblock entry (pointer, pointer, fixed bin(35)),
         ipc_screate_ev_chn entry (fixed bin(71), fixed bin(35)),
88
89
         ipc_$deci_ev_cail_chn entry (fixed bin(71), pointer, pointer, fixed bin, fixed bin(35));
90
        error_table_$badcall external fixed bin(35);
91 dcl
92
93 dci ( addr,
94
         null ) bulltin;
95
```

96

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97
 98 /*
 99 /*
                                                                   +/
100 /* This is the main entry point. It is called with a
                                                                   */
101 /* telephone number to be called and the name of a stream
                                                                   */
102 /* that the line, once assigned, should be attached to.
                                                                   +/
103 /4
104 /*
105
106
              my_name = "call_out";
107
108
              If dialed
109
                 then do;
110
                    call com_err_ (error_table_Sbadcall, my_name,
                        "Call out aiready in use, Ta previously dialed.", dlai_manager_arg.tty_name);
111
112
                    return;
113
                 end;
114
115
              call cu_$arg_count (nargs);
              if nargs ~= 2
115
117
                 then do:
118
                     call com_err_ (error_table_$badcall, my_name,
119
                        ""/Usage is:
                                             call_out <phone_number> <stream_name>");
120
                    return:
121
                 end;
122
123
              call cu_sarg_ptr (1, arg_ptr, arg_len, code);
124
              dia!_manager_arg.phone_number = arg;
125
126
              call cu_$arg_ptr (2, arg_ptr, arg_len, code);
127
              stream_name = arg;
128
129 /*
                                                                   +/
130 /*
131 /* We now have the phone number and the stream. Before we
                                                                   */
132 /* can request that the Initializer place the call we must
                                                                   +/
133 /* set up an InterProcess Communication channel over which
                                                                   */
134 /* the Initializer will signal the success or failure of the */
135 /* call. Note that the channel must be passed to the
136 /* Initializer so that it will know what channel to use.
137 /*
138
139
140
              call ipc_%create_ev_chn (wait_list.chan(1), code);
              If code ~= 0
141
142
                 then do;
143
                     call convert_lpc_code_ (code);
144
                     call com_err_ (code, my_name,
                        "Unable to create Ipc event channel.");
145
146
                    return;
147
                 end;
148
149
              dial_manager_arg.wakeup_channel = wait_list.chan(1);
150
151
              call dial_manager_$dial_out ( addr (dial_manager_arg), code);
152
              If code == 0
153
                 then do;
154
                    call com_err_ (code, my_name,
155
                        "Unable to call out to ~a.", dial_manager_arg.phone_number);
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156
                   return:
157
                end:
158
159
             call lpc_3block ( addr (walt_(lst), addr (reply), code);
160
             if code = C
                then do:
161
162
                   call convert_lpc_code_ (code);
163
                   call com_err_ (code, my_name,
164
                      "Error calling lpc_$block.");
165
                   return;
166
                end;
167
168
             call convert_dial_message_%return_io_module (reply.message, dev_name, dim_name,
169
                n_dev, status_flags, code);
170
             if "status_flags.dlaled_up
171
                then do:
172
                   call com_err_ (code, my_name,
173
                      "Error: call out falled.");
174
                   return:
175
                end;
176
177
             dlaled = "1"b;
178
             dial_manager_arg.tty_name = dev_name;
179
181 7*
182 /* Now that the line has been assigned, we must prepare a
183 /* handler for a possible hang up at the other end. Note
184 /* that we must use the same IPC channel that we previously */
185 /* passed to the Initializer, as this is the only channel
                                                                */
186 /* that is known to the Initializer.
                                                                */
187 /*
188 /* * * *
189
190
             call lpc_$decl_ev_call_chn (walt_list.chan(1), addr (call_out$hangup), null(), 1, code);
191
             if code ~= 0
192
                then do:
193
                   call convert_ipc_code_ (code);
194
                   call com_err_ (code, my_name,
195
                      "Unable to set hangup handler, line will be attached anyway.");
196
                end;
197
198
             attach_description = dlm_name !: " " !! dev_name;
199
200
             call lox_$attach_ioname (stream_name, locb_ptr, attach_description, code);
             If code ~= 0
201
                then do;
202
203
                   call com_err_ (code, my_name,
                      "Unable to attach stream Ta to device Ta, line will be hung up.", stream_name, dev_name);
204
205
                   go to term_dial;
206
                end;
207
             attached = "1"b;
208
209
             call lox_sopen (locb_ptr, 3, "g"b, code);
210
             11 code ~= 0
211
                then do:
212
                   call com_err_ (code, my_name,
213
                      "Unable to open stream Ta, line will by hung up.", stream_name);
214
                   go to detach_locb:
215
```

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226
227 /* *
228 /*
                                                                  */
229 /* This entry point is used to terminate an Auto Call
                                                                  */
230 /* connection. Since we allow only one active connection
231 /* at a time and keep the channel name in Internal static,
                                                                  */
                                                                  +/
232 /* there are no arguments to this entry.
233 /*
234 /* * * * * * * * *
235
236 end_call_out:
                        entry;
237
238
              my_name = "call_out$end_call_out";
239
              If "dialed
240
241
                 then do;
242
                    call com_err_ (g, my_name,
243
                       "No lines currently attached.");
244
                    return;
245
                 end;
246
247
              If opened
248
                 then call lox_%close (locb_ptr, code);
249
              opened = "0"b;
250
251 detach_locb:
252
              if attached
253
                 then call lox_$detach_locb (locb_ptr, code);
254
              attached = "0"b;
255
256 term_dlal:
257
              If dialed
258
                 then call dlai_manager_$terminate_dlai_out ( addr (dlai_marager_arg), code);
259
              dlated = "0"b;
260
261
              call com_err_ (0, my_name,
                 "Connection terminated, Ta hung up.", dial_manager_arg.tty_name);
262
263
264
              return;
265
```

266

```
267
268 /*
269 /*
270 /* This entry will be invoked as an IPC event call
                                                                   */
271 /* procedure If the Auto Call line is hung up other than
                                                                   */
272 /* by our user's request. Note that we first check to see
273 /* that the wakeup is valid, and, if so, we then perform a
274 /* variety of cleanup operations.
                                                                   */
275 /*
276 /* * * *
277
278 hangup:
              entry (infop);
279
280
              my_name = "call_out$hangup";
281
              call convert_dial_message_$return_lo_module (Info.message, dev_name, dlm_name,
282
283
                 n_dev, status_flags, code);
284
              If code ~=6
285
                 then do:
286
                    call com_err_ (code, my_name,
287
                       "Hangup wakeup recleved, but unable to convert message from dlai_contro(.");
288
                    return;
289
                 end;
290
291
              If dev_name ?= dlal_manager_arg.tty_name
292
                 then do;
293
                    call com_err_ (g, my_name,
294
                       "Hangup wakeup ignored for unknown channel Ta.", dev_name);
295
296
                 end;
>97
              If "status_flags.hung_up
298
299
                 then do;
300
                    call com_err_ (0, my_name,
301
                       "Spurious wakeup ignored for "a.", dev_name);
302
                    return;
303
                 end;
304
305
              If opened
306
                 then call lox_%close (locb_ptr, code);
307
              opened = "0"b:
308
309
              If attached
310
                 then call lox_$detach_locb (locb_ptr, code);
              attached = "g"b;
311
312
313
              dialed = "0"b;
314
              call com_err_ (0, my_name,
315
                 "Hangup occurred, "a hung up and detached.", dev_name);
316
317
318
              return;
319
320 end call_out;
```

II. System Requirements for the Auto Call Facility

In order to make use of the Auto Call Facility, a site must first make changes to the hardware and to several system databases. The rest of this document covers:

- 1. Hardware Requirements
- 2. Configuration Cards
- 3. The Channel Master File (CMF) and the Channel Definition Table (CDT)
- 4. Channel Access Control
- 5. System Messages

1. Hardware Regulrements for Auto Call

The Multics Auto Call Facility utilizes three hardware componants. The first is an HSLA Auto Call board - board number HSC 351, supplied by Honeywell. The second is a Bell system auto call unit - unit number 801A ACU, supplied by the telephone company. The third componant is a standard Bell 103A modem.

The HSC 351 board includes installation instructions and one cable for connection to the Bell 801A auto call unit. The Bell 103A modem is also connected to the HSC 351 board, in this case by a standard dataset cable which should be ordered with the modem.

2. Configuration Cards

The HSC 351 auto call board uses an entire HSLA slot, unlike some other HSLA boards which allow two channels/slot. Thus HSLA slot 5, which, with a dual asynchronous HSLA board, provides HSLA channels 5 and 21, will provide only channel 5, an asynchronous 300 baud line, when the HSC 351 is used. Configuration cards should therefore be modified to indicate a single 300 baud channel for the appropriate slot.

3. The Channel Master File and the Channel Definition Table

When the appropriate hardware and configuration card changes have been made the Channel Master File should be modified. The only difference between a standard entry and an auto call entry is that the auto call entry should indicate a service type of "autocall". For example: "service: autocall;". Additional

changes to such Items as the charge rate for channel usage may be made but are not required. Once the Channel Master File has been updated it should be converted to a Channel Definition Table using the cv_cmf command and the CDT installed.

4. Channel Access Control

The Channel Master File provides the ability to limit use of a channel by Access Isolation Mechanism access class. This limitation is observed by the Auto Call Facility, but does not provide specific user/project oriented access control. In order to provide this additional control, the Auto Call Facility makes use of the Access Control Segment concept first implemented by the Resource Control Package. Before the Facility may be used, an Access Control Segment must exist in >system_control_dir>rcp for each available auto call channel. The segment(s) must have a name of the form <channel name>.acs, for example: "tty605.acs". When a user process requests that an auto call channel be assigned, the user's access to the Access Control Segment will be checked and the line will be assigned only if the user has at least "r w" access to the segment.

5. System Messages

With the addition of functionality to the Initializer, a number of new messages may appear in the Initializer's log and output. All of the new messages are produced by the procedure dial_ctl_ and are written to both the log and the Initializer console. In the messages listed below, the following generic terms are replaced with values as indicated:

<channel>

is the ASCII name of the tty channel involved.

<error message>

Is an error message extracted from error_table_ because of an error code returned to dla1_ct1_.

process id>

is the 12 digit octal process id assigned to a process when it is created. In the messages listed below, the process id is used only when the Initializer is unable to locate the process in question.

olect>

Is the project id portion of a process identifier. (ASCII)

<reason>

is a standard code for the reason for a process termination, for example, "new_proc".

<telephone number>

is the ASCII string representing the telephone number being called.

<user>

is the user ld portion of a process identifier. (ASCII)

"dial_ctl_: now terminating dial_out of <channel> for <user>.cproject>"

This message will be outputed whenever an auto call line hangs up for whatever reason. In general, it will be preceded by one of the messages below indicating the reason (line hungup, user requested, etc) the connection is being terminated.

This message occurs when a process with an active auto call connection terminates. <reason> is the cause of the process termination.

"dial_ctl_: can't find process <process id>"

This message results when the Initializer receives an autocall request from a process that can not be found in the answer table.

"dlal_ctl_: now dlaling <channel> to <telephone number> for <user>.<user>.

This message is printed when the Initializer begins to dial an auto call line for a user. Note that this message can be used to determine responsibility for calls placed by the Auto Call Facility for such purposes as billing for long distance time used.

"dial_ctl_\$finish_dall_out: can't find process <process id>"

This message appears if the Initializer has initiated an auto call dial for a user and is then unable to locate the appropriate process once the dialing has been completed.

"dial_ctl_: <channel> dialed out for <user>.ct>"

This message is outputted when a successful dial out has occurred and the Initializer is giving the line to the user

"dial_ctl_: <error message> getting dial_out_status or tty info (<channel> for <user>.

This message results when an error is encountered attempting to get the status of an auto call channel. <error message> is the ASCII string associated with an error_table_ code which details the error which occurred.

This message results from any other error returned to dial_ctl_ while attempting to complete a dial_out request.

This message occurs when a user requests that the auto call connection be terminated normally.

The following are additions to the Control Operation section of the tty_ writeup in the MPM (AG93), pages 3-12, 3-13, and 3-14.

dial_out initiates the dialing of a user specified phone number.

This operation is allowed only for the process that originally attached the device (generally the initializer process). The info_ptr must point to the following structure:

dcl 1 info_structure aligned,
 2 num_chars fixed bin,
 2 phone_number char(n);

where is greater than or info_structure.num_chars. The phone number dialed will be the numeric characters in the first (leftmost) num_chars characters of phone_number (non-numeric characters are ignored). Up to an 12 digit phone number may be dialed. Upon Completion of the dial out process, a wakeup is Issued on the event channel associated with the I/O switch. The dial_out operation is considered active until either status is obtained using the dial_out_status order (see below) or the lo switch is closed and detached. The I/O system status codes this order may return are error_table_\$blg_arg or error_table_\$small_arg If the phone number to be dialed contains too many, too few digits respectively, already dialed up, or error_table_\$lo_no_permission If the caller lacks needed permission.

dial_out_status

is used to obtain the status of an active dial_out operation. Valid status can only be obtained once (after valid status has been returned the dial_out operation is no longer active). Note that during the dial out process this operation may return an indicator that status is not yet available. Until status is available the dial out process has not completed. The process initiating the dial out can wait for a wakeup on the event channel for the try channel before issuing the dial_out_status order. The info_ptr_should_be_a null_pointer. The possible values of code are one of the following I/O system codes:

error_table_\$device_not_usable
No telephone auto-call unit attached to channel
(or no power to unit). This implies a physical
difficulty.

error_table_\$invalid_state

Telephone channel is already being used.

error_table_\$no_connection
The phone call was not completed.

error_table_\$no_operation

The channel can not support dial out. This implies a logical problem with the attempted dial out.

error_table_\$no_wired_structure
The dial out was successful but Multics was unable
to provide the needed wired storage to support use
of the channel. The phone line has been hungup.
Another attempt may be successful.

event_info

is used to obtain the event channel associated with a try switch. It is the same event channel returned by the "read_status" and "write_status" orders but this order call can be used even when the channel associated with the I/O switch is hungup. The info_ptr must be to a fixed binary (71) variable.

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-Performance: Better X Same Worse -Replaces MCR	Ring One SysDaemon/Admin. Runtime	MOSN (Se	et.)
Propraced Not	User Cmmd/Subr.	MPAM (Seconds)	
Objections/Comments:		Other (No	ame)

Use these headings: Summary of Proposal, Reasons for Proposal, Implications, Detailed Proposal.

Summary:

lock\$lock_ast to keep the following meters in the SST to be printed
 by fsm:

total time the AST is locked total time spent waiting for AST to unlock total number of AST lockings

Reasons:

The AST lock is suspected of being a bottleneck in NSS. If locked time real time >.3 it will imply a potential problem. If wait time >.5 it will imply that Multiprogramming real time

depth is increased by a small but intolerable amount.

Implications:

AST lock interference may be reduced if need be by:

- A. Using per aste or per AST pool locks
- B. Changing backup to dump according to dtem
- C. Growing AST or critical ASTEPOOLS.
- D. Unlocking AST during certain hardcore io operations.
- E. Reconfiguration of ASTE pools by salvager
- F. Attempt to not deactivate segs with pages on BulkStore
- G. Backup to call hphcs \$deactivate seg.

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•	TITLE: Command To Set Sons	DATE 3/2/76			
	-Coded in:XPL/I AIM other-explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 4.0 -Fixes Bug Number(s) -Documented in MTB -User/Operations-visible Interface change? yes X no -Incompatible change? yes no -Performance: X Better Same Worse -Replaces MCR	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools Sys. Prog. Tools 355 BOS Salvager Ring Zero Ring One X SysDaemon/Admin. Runtime User Cmmd/Subr.	Docum MPM (PLMS MOSN MPAM	(Vol, Sect. (AN #) (Sect.) (Sect.)	PATION CHANGES Specify One or More
	Objections/Comments:		Info	(Sect.) Segs r (Name)	

None (Reason)

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SUMMARY: Install highly privileged command to set the sons volume for a directory. The master-dir switch is not affected.

REASONS: In order to improve MIT performance it was necessary to set the sons volume of >pdd to the public hierarchy The entry hphcs \$set sons lvid already exists for the dumper; this change just supplies a command interface.

IMPLICATIONS: This command should only be used on >pdd or in situations where setquota is appropriate, since it falsifies master directory control records and quotas.

Name: set_sons_volume

This highly privileged command sets the sons-lvid for a directory, if the user has modify on the directory and its parent, and the directory is empty. The master directory switch is not affected.

Usage: set_sons_volume path I vname I where path is the directory to be modified and I vname is the logical volume

Notes: The normal use of this command is in the system_start_up.ec, to set the some volume of >pdd to a value other than "voot." This command should only be used on >pdd ar in situations where setquota is appropriate, since it falsifies master directory control records and quotas.

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Add the &rf and &qf features to the do command, SUMMARY: as natural complements to the recently installed &f feature. The string &rfn is replaced by a list of the nth through last arguments, requoted. The string &qfn is replaced by a list of the nth through last arguments with quotes doubled.

The string & qfi is replaced by & a list of the ith through last arguments with quotes doubled. The string & rfi is replaced by a list of the ith through last arguments, requoted.

The do command has three modes, the long/brief mode, the nogo/go mode, and the absentee/interactive mode. These modes are kept in internal static storage and are thus remembered from call to call within a process. The modes are set by invoking the do command as follows:

do mode

where mode is one of the following: -long (-lg), -brief (-bf), -nogo, -go, -absentee, or -interactive.

If the long/brief mode is long, then the expanded command line is printed on error_output before it is executed or passed back. If the long/brief mode is brief, then the command line is not printed. The default for this mode is brief.

If the nogo/go mode is nogo, then the expanded command line is not passed to the command processor for execution. If the nogo/go mode is go, then the expanded line is passed to the command processor (if the do command was invoked as a command). If do is invoked as an active function, then the nogo/go mode is ignored. The default for this mode is go.

If the absentee/interactive mode is absentee, then the do command establishes an on unit for the any_other condition during the execution of the expanded command line. This is mainly of use in an absentee environment, in which any invocation of the default any_other on unit terminates the process. In the absentee mode, any signal caught by do merely terminates execution of the command line, not the process. A number of conditions, however, are not handled by do but are passed on for their standard Multics treatment; they are cput, alrm, quit, program_interrupt, command_error, command_query_error, command_question, and record_quota_overflow. (For a description of these conditions see "List of System Conditions and Default Handlers" in Section VI of the MPM Reference Guide.) If the absentee/interactive mode is interactive, then do does not catch any signals. The default for this mode is interactive.

Quote-Doubling and Requoting

In addition to the parameter designators &1 ... &9, the do command also recognizes two more sets of parameter designators. They are &q1 ... &q9, to request quote-doubling in the actual argument as it is substituted into the expanded command line, and &r1 ... &r9, to request that the actual argument be requoted as well as have its quotes doubled during substitution.

Quote-doubling can be described as follows. Each parameter designator in the command_string to be expanded is found nested a certain level deep in quotes. If a designator is found to not be within quotes, then its quote-level is zero; if it is found between a single pair of quotes, then its quote-level is one; and so on. If the parameter designator &qi is found nested to quote-level L, then, as control_argi is substituted into the expanded command line each quote character found in control_argi is replaced by 2**L quote characters during insertion. This permits the quote character to survive the

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•	TITLE: Fix entryname bug	in exec_com	STATUS	DATE
	AUTHOR: Steve Herbst	JWG	Written	3/1/76
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	-Incompatible change? yes no -Performance: Better Same	Ring Zero Ring One	PLMS (AN #)	
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Fix bug in exec_com that causes the error message "Entry name too long" when the name of an exec_com

is 29 characters long & does not end in .ec.

SUMMARY:

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TITLE: Fix &attach bug in AUTHOR: Steve Herbst		.HW	STATUS Written Status	DATE 3/1/	76 09 +44	
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SUMMARY: Fix bug in abs_io_ that causes user_input to remain

attached to an exec com (by &attach) after &quit if

&detach is not specified before the &quit.

REASON: &quit should restore the old attachment.

Ver. 3 1 741022 MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST	MCR 1692
TITLE: Implement new faster tty_read	_SIAIUS _DAIE _Written_ _Q2/27/76
I AUTHOR: Robert S. Coren JWG	<u>Status A.3 9 76 </u> <u>Expires 08/27/76 </u>
Planned for System: MR 4.0 Fixes Bug Number(s): not applicable Documented in MTB: 262 Incompatible Change: no User/Operations=visible Interface Change: no Coded in: (数)PL/I ()ALM ()other=see below Performance: (数)better ()same ()worse	CATEGORY_(check_one) ()Lib. Maint. Tools ()Sys. Anal. Tools ()Sys. Prog. Tools ()355 ()808 ()Salvager
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OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS:	

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SUMMARY: Install new version of tty_read described in MTB 262, which also implements canonicalization as described in MTB 251.

REASONS: Part of general upgrade of ring-zero typewriter DIM. Improves efficiency of input processing and makes it more consistent; allows for future addition of user-substitutable translation tables and special characters.

IMPLICATIONS: Canonicalization will be consistent, but may not always produce identical results to old software (see MTB 251). "Invisible" control characters will be discarded in "can" and/or "erkl" mode.

DETAILED PROPOSAL: See MTB 262.

A new version of the ring-zero tty DIM will be installed soon which incorporates the foollowing changes:

- 1. Control characters which do not change the carriage or paper position (i.e., any control character other than backspace, horizontal tab, newline, carridge return, form-feed, vertical tab, or space), cannot be input except as octal escapes if the terminal is in either "can" or "erkl" mode.
- 2. A lot of bugs are eliminated from canonicalization of input, and well-established rules are established for combinations of overstrikes, erase/kill characters, and escape sequences. Please type "help canonicalization" or dprint >doc>info>canonicalization.info for details.

canonicalization info will be a non-standard info segment suitable for dprinting, which will contain the list of rules presented in MTB 251, and possibly some of the examples. A slightly revised version of MTB 251 will also be appended to the discussion of canonical form in Section 3 of the MPM Reference Guide.

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TITLE: Fix bugs in system of	control	STATU	S DATE	
AUTHOR: Paul A. Green	TVV	Writte	en 02-25-76	
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-Fixes Bug Number(s) M/KF 9260 -Documented in MTB	Sys. Prog. Tools	Document	Specify One or More	
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-Incompatible change? yes no -Performance: Better Same	Ring Zero Ring One	PLMS (AN #		
Worse -Replaces MCR	SysDaemon/Admin. Runtime	MOSN (Sect		
	User Cmmd/Subr.	MSAM (Sect		
Objections/Comments:		Info Segs		
		Other (Name	e)	
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Fix input-wait timeout to work. 2)

Reasons: Both features stopped working in the new system control.

Implications:

Detailed Proposal: 'er. 3

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TITLE: Fix bugs in mrd_util			STATUS	DA 75
AUTHOR: Paul A. Green	TVV		Written	02-25-76
-Coded in: PL/I AIM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools		Status Expires	A 319 76 99 76
-Planned for System MR 3.1 -Fixes Bug Number(s) MRE 9221	Sys. Anal. Tools Sys. Prog. Tools		L DOCUMEN	VIATION CHANGES
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-User/Operations-visible Interface change? yes no	FOS Salvager	МРМ	(Vol, Sect	; .)
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		None	(Reason)	

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SUMMARY: Fix threading errors in mrd_util_ that have caused intermittant

message coordinator problems at many sites.

Reasons: Better reliability, fewer crashes. Slightly better error messages

Implications: None

Detailed Proposal: Replace mrd_util_.pll and syscon_mseg.incl.pll

Ver. 3 741022 MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST	MCR_ 1696
TITLE: Fix bug in print_syserr_log AUTHOR: Larry Johnson THVV	STATUS DATE Written 02/25/76 Status A 3014
Planned for System: 4.0 Fixes Bug Number(s): not applicable Documented in MTB: not applicable Incompatible Change: no User/Operations-visible Interface Change: no Coded in: (M)PL/I ()ALM ()other-see below	Expires 00/25/76 CATEGORY (check one) ()Lib. Maint. Tools (M)Sys. Anal. Tools ()Sys. Prog. Tools ()355
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Info Segs Other None (reason) OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS:	()User Command/Subr

Summary

The -exclude and -match control arguments do not work properly if the syserr message is an "=".

Headings are: SUMMARY, REASONS, IMPLICATIONS, DETAILED PROPOSAL (optional)

Detailed Proposal

Change the control arguments to check the expanded text.

Ver. 3 741022 MULTICS CHANGE REQUEST	MCR 1697
TITLE: Fix bug in get_process_id_ AUTHOR: Larry Johnson SHW	STATUS DATE Written 02/25/76 Status A 3/9/46 Expires 08/25/76
Planned for System: 4.0 Fixes Bug Number(s): not applicable Documented in MTB: not applicable Incompatible Change: no User/Operations-visible Interface Change: no Coded in: (M)PL/I ()ALM ()other-see below Performance: (M)better ()same ()worse	CATEGORY (check one) ()Lib. Maint. Tools ()Sys. Anal. Tools ()Sys. Prog. Tools ()355 ()BOS ()Salvager ()Ring Zero ()Ring One ()SysDaemon/Admin ()Runtime (M)User Command/Subr

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Summary

The module get_process_id_ (which contains get_group_id_, get_lock_id_, get_pdir_, get_authorization_) keeps the values to be returned by these entries in internal static. All of these values are initialized with the first call to any of the entry points. The initialization check is incorrect, however, so that all of the values are initialized whith every call to any of the entries. This results in two extra hcs_ calls every time this subroutine is called.

Detailed Proposal

Fix the initialization check so that all values are initialized once per process (per ring).

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TITLE: fl	c miscellane	ous bugs in ta	pe_ansl_	STATUS DATE
AUTHOR: Ro	ss E. Klinge	ır	TVV	Written 12/26/76 Status 14 03 02 Expires 18/26/76
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__SUMMARY: while writing the tape_ansl_ PLM, a number of minor bugs have been discovered, none of which have ever been reported. The majority of these bugs will never be encountered except under highly unlikely combinations of errors; nevertheless, they should be fixed.

REASONS: * Increased reliability

IMPLICATIONS: improved reliability

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Name: list_mst

list_mst is used to find out what segments are on a Multics System tape (either a Multics or BOS bootload tape).

Usage: list_mst tapeid name-1 name-2 ... name-n

WHERE tapeid is the tape reel identifier of the Multics System Tape to be listed. name-1 through name-n are names of segments to be listed if they appear on the tape. Note that they may contain stars (see "match_star_name_" in the MPM), and the default is "**" (list everything) if no names are given.

A summary line giving the length of each segment, and its primary name is printed out for each segment listed. A special name is printed out for segments written with the mst generator "first_name" keyword, for the proper name of such segments does not appear on the tape.

Name: excerpt_mst, xmst

excerpt_mst is used to excerpt given segments from a Multics System Tape (either a Multics or BOS bootload tape).

Usage: excerpt_mst tapeid name-1 name-2 ... name-n

WHERE tapeid is the tape reel identifier of the Multics System Tape to be excepted. name-1 through name-n are the mames of the specific segments to be excepted. These names may contain stars (see "match_star_name_" in the MPM), and the default is "**" (divulge entire tape) if no names are given. If a given segment has a separate linkage segment on the tape, and has been extracted, the separate linkage segment will be extracted as well. Segments exptracted are created in the current working directory. Bit counts are set from the SLT entry on the tape, as opposed to the actual length of the segment on the tape.

An informational message is printed whenever a segment is extracted.

Name: write_mst

write_mst is used to write short Multics System Tapes. This is usually useful only for writing tapes for BOS, either complete BOS tapes, or tapes to be used with the BOS LOADDM command (see the Multics Operators Handbook).

Usage: write_mst tapeid names and -control - args -

WHERE tapeid is the tape reel identifier of the M tape to be written. -names-and-control-args- are the names of segments to be written, and control arguments specifying collection marks and optional text/link decoding. The arguments may be any intermixture of

- 1) Segment specifications
- and 2) Collection mark specifications.

A collection mark specification is the control argument "-col" or "-collection". It causes sequential collection am arks to be written every time ita appears in the caommand line.

A segment specification is the (relative pathname of a segment to be written on the tape, possibly preceded by the optional control arguments "-text", "-link", axxxxand/or "-stop" (short names "-tx", "-lk", and "-sp"). The segment is written with the entry name supplied as its name on the tape. Both its bit count/current length and actual length are derived from its bit count in the storage system. Other than the bit count and current length, its SLT entry is given as zero.

For each segment, if the "-link" argument is supplied, a separate segment, consisting of the separated linkage of the segment, is written on the tape, with the name <name>.link.

nor interact with each other.

If the "-stop" argument is supplied, a call is mame made to debug immediately before the segment is written out, aso that the user may modify the SLT entry in any desired way. A message giving the location of the segment and the SLT entry is pringed out before such a call is made.

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TITLE: Add per-process segi	_	Stem STATUS SHW Written Status	DATE 6 February 76
-Coded in: PL/I X ALM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR	Category (Check One) [Lib. Maint. Tools [Sys. Anal. Tools	Expires	P3/17/76 A 3/2/76 9/2/76 PATION CHANGES
-Fixes Bug Number(s) -Documented in MTB -User/Operations-visible Interface change? yes X no -Incompatible change? yes X no -Performance: Better X Same Worse -Replaces MCR	Sys. Prog. Tools 355 BOS	Document	Specify One or More
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	SysDaemon/Admin. Runtime User Cmmd/Subr.	MOSN (Sect.) MPAM (Sect.)	
		MSAM (Sect.) Info Segs	
		Other (Name) None (Reason)	
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SUMMARY:

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Add per-process segfault counter to pds. Add new entry to hcs \$get process usage return structure to return segfault count.

Note: This is compatible since the return structure already includes an entry specifying the number of items to return.

Also, add per process vtoc read and write meters.

REASON:

This may prove to be a useful meter. It costs very little to provide.

hcs_\$get_process_usage

Subroutine Call 4/30/73

Name: hcs_\$get_process_usage

This subroutine returns information about a process's Multics since it was created. It provides data about processor and memory usage.

<u>Usage</u>

declare hcs_\$get_process_usage entry (ptr, fixed bin(35)); call hcs \$get process_usage (info_pointer, code);

1) info_pointer

is a pointer to the structure in which process information is returned (see Notes below). (Input)

2) code

is a standard status code. (Output)

Notes

The format of the structure based on info_pointer is:

declare 1 process_usage,

2 number_wanted fixed bin,

2 cpu_time_used fixed bin(71),

2 memory_usage fixed bin(71),

2 number_of_page_faults fixed bin(35),

2 amount_of_prepaging fixed bin(35),

2 process_virtual_time fixed bin(71)@

1) number_wanted

set by the calling program specify the number of other entries in the structure to be filled in. The entry itself (the numbers wanted) not included in this count. The value would cause the entries listed below to be filled in. smaller number, n, will cause the first n entries to be filled in.

2) cpu_time_used

is set to the amount of processor time (in microseconds) used by the calling process. (Output)

number-of- segment tents fixed bin (35),

number- of - bounds - taults fixed bin (35).
number- of - vtoc - reads tixed bin

number-of-vtoc-writes fixed bin;

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3) memory_usage

is a measure of the primary (core) memory used by this process. The units of memory usage are page-seconds, normalized to account for the size of primary memory actually in use. (Output)

4) number_of_page_faults

is set to the number of demand page faults this process has taken. (Output)

5) amount_of_prepaging

is the number of pages prepaged for this process. (Output)

6) process_virtual_time

is the amount of processor time (in microseconds) used exclusive of page fault and system interrupt processing time. (Output)

- 7) number-of-segment-faults
- process has taken (outsut)

 15 set to the number of bands faults thus
 process has taken (autsut)
- 8) number of bounds-faults
- 9) number of vtoc-veads
- 10) number of vtoc writes

is set to the number of VTOC read is operations the process has done (output)

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SUMMARY:

Provide new entry point, teco\$macro, which allows the initial macro executed to be changed. (For compatibility reasons we must use a new entry point rather than a command line argument.)

REASONS:

teco's inability to start anything but a user-oriented editing session greatly reduces its usefulness. The addition of a mechanism for specifying the initial command buffer to be executed allows teco to be called from command level to perform specific tasks, e.g., abbrev editing.

- 1. Loops cannot cross macro boundaries, i.e. a loop cannot start in one macro and end in another. This does not, however, prohibit the M command from being used within a loop.
- 2. A macro can modify itself if it is in a Q-register. Note, however, that the current invocation of the macro is not affected; only future accesses to the Q-register. If the macro is invoked by the EM command, the results of modifying the file are hard to predict: TECO reads the command string directly from the file.
- 3. When a macro is invoked by the EM command, it should be noted that the name of the macro is found in the Q-register named ". Thus several macros can be put in one segment with the first command in the segment being OQ". (Don't forget to put all the appropriate names on the segment).
- 4. If an M or EM command is given as the <u>last</u> command in one macro, the command is interpreted as a goto rather than a call. Thus, unlimited M's can be done in this manner although there is an implementation defined limit to the depth of calls.
- 5. When the TECO command is entered, a macro named start_up is searched for. If it is found, the arguments to TECO are put onto the pushdown stack and the start_up macro is executed. If no start_up macro is found, the string EI/filename/J is executed, where filename is the first argument to TECO. At the present time, there is a start_up macro in the TECO library. When the start_up macro is called, the first thing on the pushdown list is the number of arguments TECO was called with. The remaining items in the list are the actual string arguments to TECO going from left to right on the command line.
- 6. If TECO\$macro is invoked as a command, then TECO behaves as described above except that the first argument is not placed in the pushdown list. Instead, TECO looks for a macro named by the first argument and executes it in place of the usual start_up macro. If an error is encountered before TECO command level is reached (and the macro need not ever allow TECO to reach command level), then TECO simply returns.

CODING CONVENTIONS FOR MACROS

Since there are only a small number of Q-registers (95), each with a one-character name, there are serious problems in writing a set of macros that are compatible. A set of macros become incompatible if one macro uses a Q-register for long-term storage that any other macro uses at all. There are two ways this effect can be combatted. First, by establishing certain coding conventions, and second, by use of a documented macro library. Probably the most important coding convention is the specification of which Q-registers can be used inside a macro for

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TITLE: COBOL Bug Fixing			STATUS	DATE
AUTHOR: William K. O'Neill (CI	EO-B) C	2	Written	February 18, 1976
-Coded in: XPL/I XALM other-	Category (Check One)		Status Expires	AUG 18, 1976
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Summary of Proposal, Reasons for Proposal, Implications, Detailed Proposal.

Summary

- (a) Bug 143: A READ into a file that has an occurs may store the data in the wrong location. It is difficult to program around this problem.
- (b) Bug 150: The compiler will abort if the number of data names, plus procedure names, plus section names exceeds approximately 800. Many large programs will not compile.
- (c) Bug 162: The compiler will abort if bad syntax is encountered in the organization clause in the environment division. This is a frequent error for a new user of Multics COBOL to make.

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TITLE: Add information-only AUTHOR: dir_control_error Lee Scheffler	STATUS DATE Written 760218		
-Coded in: XPL/I ALM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 4.0	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		
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Detailed Proposal.

Summary:

Add two new entries, dir_control_error\$contents_info and dir_control_error\$attributes_info. These entries will operate exactly as do the current dir_control_error\$contents and dir_control_error\$attributes, but will not generate auditing messages.

Several places in hardcore directory control (both oss and nss) call the contents and attributes entries solely to determine whether or not they may return a detailed error code to their callers. Change these calls (in append, del_dir_tree, find_entry, initiate and truncate) to call the contents_info and attributes info entry points.

Reasons: Bug fix required for Air Force acceptance of AIM.

Eliminate 90% of the (erroneous) auditing messages in the syserr log, particularly the message generated each time hcs \$make seg is called on a segment that already exists.

Implications: There will be a better distinction between the two different uses of dir_control_error, namely, to determine the proper error code to return on a real error, and determining whether the user has sufficient access to get a detailed status code.

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	TITLE: Fix erroneous audit set_privileges AUTHOR: Lee Scheffler	STATUS	DATE 760213	
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	Summary: Change set_privileges to call protection_audit_ only when there is an actual change to the system privileges of the calling process. (It currently calls protection_audit_ on every call, whether or not an actual change to privileges occurs.)			

Bug fix required for Air Force acceptance of AIM -

Remove excessive audit messages from the syserr log.

Reasons:

Implications:

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None

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TITLE: Add check for valid of protection_audit_\$accomplex: Lee Scheffler	entry pointer to cess_denied		STATUS Written	DATE 760218
-Coded in:X PL/I ALM other- explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 4.0	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools		Status Expires DOCUMEN	1 3 2 36 9 2 36 TATION CHANGES
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Summary: Change protection_audit_\$access_denied to check that its entry pointer parameter is a valid entry pointer (offset ^ =0) before blindly charging ahead picking up attributes out of the branch pointed to.

Reasons: 1. Bug fix required for Air Force acceptance of AIM.

2. Auditing messages for cases where dir_control_error is passed a directory pointer (offset = 0) instead of an entry pointer contain garbage.

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<u> </u>	TITLE: Change convert_author AUTHOR:L. Scheffler	DATE 760218		
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	Reasons: 1. Bug fix requi	red for Air Force a	cceptance of	AIM.

2. For compatibility with sites not using AIM, a convention

should be rejected as invalid.

Implications: Greater consistency

was established that a null access class character string would correspond to "system_low", defined to be level 0, no categories. This should only be true if level 0 has a null name. If a site

chooses a non-null name for level 0, a null access class string

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Change restart fault to call protection audit if an attempt is made to restart with a set of invalid machine conditions. Summary:

This is an auditable protection event that has not previously Reasons:

been audited.

Implications: Auditing mechanism is more complete.

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	TITLE: Modify map355 to : AUTHOR: M. Grady -Coded in: XPL/I ALM other-	increase assembly ling JWG Category (Check One)	Written Status	DATE 2-25-76 H 312176
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Modify the map355 command to produce a \$limit card for the GCOS assembly of 355map source which specifies 128k core limit for the assembly.

REASONS:

The latest changes to dia_man caused the memory usage during assembly to exceed the current 32k limit. This caused the assembler to bomb.

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TITLE: Install FAST subsy		w	STATUS Written	DATE 2-24-76
-Coded in: XPL/I AIM other-explain in DETAILED PROPOSAL -Planned for System MR 3.1 -Fixes Bug Number(s) -Documented in MTB 248 -User/Operations-visible Interface change? yes Xno -Incompatible change? yes Xno	Category (Check One) Lib. Maint. Tools Sys. Anal. Tools Sys. Prog. Tools 355 BOS Salvager Ring Zero	Docum MPM (A 3 2 46 9 2 46 TATION CHANGES Specify One or More
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Detailed Proposal.

SUMMARY:

Install FAST as described in MTB 248 with two modifications.

- 1. If a path is given with the run command, it can specify a source segment or an object segment.
- 2. Change the ready message from "r" to "r hhmm".

DETAILED PROPOSAL:

See attached description of the run command.

run

Name: run

The run command executes a BASIC or FORTRAN program. After execution it closes all input/output files and frees common blocks.

<u>usage</u>

run {path}

where path is the pathname of an object segment. If path is not given, the run command compiles the temporary text and executes it. In order for the command to work, the entryname used with the last old, new, or save command must have a language suffix. If path is specified and the entryname has a language suffix, the run command expects the segment to contain the source program and compiles and executes it. If path is specified and the entryname does not contain a language suffix, the run command expects the segment to contain a language suffix, the run command expects the segment to contain object code and executes it.

<u>Example</u>

- ! old test.basic
- ! run (program execution)
- ! run std /object segment "std" in working directory (program execution)
- ! run /temporary text is not changed by run (program execution of test.basic)

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TITLE: Improve delete's er AUTHOR: S. Herbst	ror messages JWG	STATUS Written	DATE 2-23-76
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SUMMARY:

Fix the delete command to include the entire pathname with its error messages.

REASONS:

Currently, only the entry name is printed. For example, if x does not exist, the command "delete xyy" produces the misleading error message:

"Some directory in pathname does not exist. y"

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Change the adjust_bit_count command to implement the star convention.

REASONS:

Now that bit counts are more important, this change makes it easier for users to maintain correct bit counts on their segments.

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TITLE: Correct bug in detect AUTHOR: R. Bratt	ction of eof in nta	M Written	DATE 2-24-76
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SUMMARY:

Correct eof detection in ntape_ by changing incorrect constant.

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SUMMARY: 1. Implement command, dump_fnp, and control operation in ring-zero typewriter DIM, "dump_fnp", to allow a user to print the contents of specified locations of FNP memory on his/her terminal.

2. Implement command, patch_fnp, and corresponding control operation, to allow a user to modify specified locations in FNP memory from Multics command level.

REASONS: It has frequently been found to be useful, when investigating actual or suspected bugs in FNP software, to be able to examine the contents of FNP memory. The inability to do this without access to an FNP console has often been inconvenient. It is very occasionally useful to be able to modify the contents of a running FNP, either to test assumptions about or to correct known software bugs.

IMPLICATIONS: None.

DETAILED PROPOSAL: See attached command documentation. The two control operations will make use of a temn-wired buffer (using iobm) to pass the required data between ring zero and the ENP. Accordingly, a new segment, finp_dump_ser, will be added to the system header for this purpose. The "dumo_fnp" and "patch_fnp" operations will be privileged and highly privileged, respectively; new gate entries, phes_\$tty_order and highly privileged, will be added. It is not proposed to make these two operations available through iox_\$control.

CUMMAND DESCRIPTIONS

Name: dump_fnp

This privileged command enables a user to print the contents of specified locations in FNP memory on his/her terminal, in a format similar to that used by dump_segment.

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dump_fnp fnp_id address nwords -control_arg-

- is the identifier of the FNP whose memory is to be dumped. It must be either "a", "b", "c", or "d".
- address is an octal number indicating the starting address from which memory is to be dumped.
- nwords is an octal number giving the number of 10-tit words that are to be dumped. It must not be greater than 4000(8).
- control_arg may be -character (or -ch), and indicates, if present, that the contents of the specified memory locations are to be printed as ASCII characters as well as octal numbers. It may appear anywhere on the command line.

Name: patch_fnp

This highly-privileged command enables a user to modify specified contiguous locations in FNP memory.

<u>Usage</u>

patch_fnp fnp_id address values

fnp_id is the identifier of the FNP to be patched. It must be
"a", "b", "c", or "d".

address is an octal number identifying the first location to be patched.

values are one or more octal values to replace the contents of consecutive words of FNP memory starting at the location specified by address; each value may be a maximum of 6 digits.

Note: The user is asked to verify the correctness of the patches before they are made; a record of the patches is entered in the syserr log and printed on the syserr console.

CONTROL OPERATIONS

dump_fnp is used to dump the contents of FNP memory.

<u>Usage</u>

call phcs_\$tty_order (fnp_no, "dump_fnp", info_ptr, ignore, code);

info_ptr points to the following structure: (Input)

dcl 1 dump_fnp_info aligned,

2 fnp_address fixed bin,

2 fnp_length fixed bin,

2 bufn ptr;

fnp_address is the address of the first word of FMP memory to be dumped.

fnp_length is the number of 18-bit words to be dumped.

bufp points to a buffer in which the dumped words are to be returned to the caller.

code is a standard system status code. (Output)

patch fnp is used to modify specified locations of FNP memory.

Usage

call hohes_#tty_order (fnp_no, "patch_fnp", info_ptr, ignore, code);

Arguments are as above; the buffer pointed to by patch_fnp_info.bufp contains the values to be patched into FNP memory.

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TITLE: Change format of plauTHOR: R. A. Barnes	11_version_	STATUS Written	DATE 2-23-76
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SUMMARY: Change the format of p11_ve	ersion_ to include	a release num	b er.
REASONS:			
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DETAILED PROPOSAL:			
A unique release number will we have been numbering the we will use that scheme in	releases in our co	nversations w	ith Toshiba,

Multics PL/I Compiler, Release 20, of March 20, 1976.

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Detailed Proposal.

SUMMARY:

Fix bug in iox_\$propagate that causes a modes operation on a re-attached I/O switch to return error_table_\$not_attached.

REASONS:

In some cases, a modes operation is valid on an attached but closed switch. In others, the error code error_table_\$no_operation should be returned. Bug is caused by improper initialization of an attached iocb.

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TITLE: Fix more problems in syserr	STATUS DATE Written 02/13/76
AUTHOR: Larry Johnson JWG	Status 3/2/745 Expires 08/13/76
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Summary

The following bugs have been found in the syserr mechanism:

- 1. Messages could be logged out of order due to an incorrect sequence of locking the wired and paged logs to copy messages out.
- Zero length messages could cause a crash when logged (on some hardware), or a crash when the log is validiated at start up.
- 3. When equal messages are written on the console, they are padded with blanks out to the full length of the original message.

Detailed Proposal

Problem 1 will be fixed by changing the way in which the logs are locked. Currently, a syserr interrupt is handled as follows.

- 1. lock the wired log.
- 2. copy messages into wired stack
- 3. unlock wired log
- 4. lock paged log
- 5. copy messages in
- 6. unlock paged log

It is possible that while one syserr log interrupt is between steps 3 and 4, another processor could complete steps 1 thru 4 and log a message out of order. The sequence will be changed to the following.

- 1. lock paged log
- 2. lock wired log
- 3. copy messages into wired stack
- 4. unlock wired log
- 5. copy messages into paged log
- 6. unlock paged log

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SUMMARY:

Install the Answering Service portion of the Multics Auto Call Facility as described in MTB 247 and in the accompanying user and external sitedocumentation.

To: Whom It May Concern

From: David M. Jordan

Date: February 27, 1976

Subject: The Multics Auto Call Facility

Auto call hardware and associated software allow a computer to place telephone calls to other computers or terminals over standard telephone lines. This allows a relatively inexpensive alternative to more formal networks for special purpose low speed communications.

The Multics Auto Call Facility provides the necessary support software to allow controlled and accountable use of auto call hardware by arbitrary user processes. The facility relies on the Initializer process to perform such functions as controlling access to the hardware, establishing a communications link, and allowing for resource accounting.

The remainder of this document is divided into three sections:

User Documentation System Requirements New tty_ Control Operations

I. Use of the Multics Auto Call Facility

The Multics Auto Call Facility allows the user access to pre-dialed auto call lines. All control operations (line assignment, telephone dialing, and hangup processing) are performed by the Initializer in response to user generated Inter Process Communication requests or in response to hardware conditions. After a line has been assigned, the user may perform input and output over the line using the standard Mulitcs I/O system iox.

The remainder of this documentation describes three entry points of interest to the user:

dial_manager_\$dial_out

to request that the Initializer assign an autocall line and place a sall to a specified telephone number.

dlal_manager_\$terminate_dlal_out

to request that the Initializer hang up an auto call line and deassign it from the requesting process.

convert_dial_message_\$return_io_module

to interpret status returned by the Initializer to determine such information as channel name and line status.

Because all requests are handled through Inter Process Communications, various functions peripheral to auto call must be performed by the user process. In order to demonstrate the sequence of calls required and data structures needed, a sample program which performs the basic required functions is also provided.

Name: dial_manager_&dial_out

This entry point is used to request that an auto call line be dialed to a given telephone number and, if the line is successfully dialed, that the line be assigned to the requesting process.

Usage

call dial_manager_\$dial_out (addr(dial_manager_arg), code);

1. dial_manager_arg

is as described in <u>Notes</u> below. Note also that dial_manager_arg.version must be 1, and that dial_manager_arg.phone_number and dial_manager_arg.wakeup_channel must be supplied. Note also that dial_manager_arg.tty_name may be either a null string (in which case the system will attempt to assign any available auto call tty channel) or a specific tty channel (in which case the system will attempt to assign that channel only). (Input)

2. code

is a standard status code. (See <u>Notes</u> below.) (Output)

Name: dial_manager_\$terminate_dial_out

This entry point is used to request that the Initializer hang up an auto call line and unassign It from the requesting process.

Usage

call dial_manager_\$terminate_dial_out
 (addr(dial_manager_arg), code);

1. dial_manager_arg

is as described in <u>Notes</u> below. Note also that dial_manager_arg.version must be 1. that dial_manager_arg.tty_name must be supplied, and that dial_manager_arg.wakeup_channel must be supplied and have the same value as was used when the original dial_manager_\$dial_out was made. (Input)

2. code

is a standard status code. (See <u>Notes</u> below.) (Output)

Name: convert_dlal_message_\$return_lo_module

This entry point is used to process Inter Process Communication messages from the Initializer regarding the status of an auto call line. In addition to returning line status, this entry also returns the device name and IO module name for use in attaching the line through the lox_ I/O system.

Usage

- Info.message

is the message portion of the structure filled in by ipc_\$block or supplied as an argument to an IPC event call procedure. For more information see the description of ipc_ in the MPM Subsystem Writers* Guide, AK92. (Input)

2. dev_name

Is the name of the tty device assigned or null if no device was assigned. (Output)

3. dim_name

is the name of the lox_ IO module to be used with the assigned device. (Output)

4. n_dev

is the number of tty devices currently assigned to this process. (Output)

5. status_flags

is a structure with the following declaration:

declare 1 status_flags aligned,
2 dialed_up blt(1) unaligned,
2 hung_up bit(1) unaligned,
2 control bit(1) unaligned,
2 pad bit(33) unaligned;

The "dlated_up" bit will be on if the line is currently dialed up. The "nung_up" bit will be on if the line has hung up. The "control" bit is used only in reference to calls to dial_manager_entries other than dlat_out and terminate_dlat_out. (Output)

6. code

is a standard status code. (See <u>Notes</u> below.) (Output)

Notes

1. dial_manager_arg

dial_manager_arg is a structure used to pass a variety of information about an auto call request to the procedure dial_manager_. It has the following declaration:

declare 1 dial_manager_arg internal static aligned,

- 2 version fixed bin initial (1),
- 2 phone_number char(22),
- 2 wakeup_channel fixed bin(71),
- 2 tty_name char(32);

1. version

indicates the version of the structure that is being used. Currently this must be 1.

2. phone_number

for calls to dial_manager_\$dial_out, this is the telephone number to be called. Note that non-numeric characters will be ignored, so the user need not remove them from a telephone number string.

3. wakeup_channel

is an InterProcess Communication channel to be used in communications from the Initializer. Note that the channel should be the same for all calls used in reference to the same auto call session.

4. tty_name

Is used for calls to dial_manager_\$terminate_dial_out to indicate which channel should be disconnected. In calls to dial_manager_\$dial_out, It must be either a null string (in which case the Initializer will attempt to assign any available auto call channel) or a specific try channel to be used for the auto call attempt.

2. Status codes

dial_manager_\$dial_out and dial_manager_\$terminate_dial_out may return any of the following status codes:

- 1. error_table_\$bad_arg, if dial_manager_arg.version = 1.
- 2. Any codes returned by message_segment_\$add_file, If dial_manager_ was unable to place the details of a request into the message segment provided by the Initializer.
- 3. Any codes returned by lpc_\$block.
- 4. Any codes returned by convert_dlat_message_.
- 5. error_table_\$action_not_performed for any other errors.

 In order to help the user understand the sequencing of calls required for use of the Auto Call Facility a sample program has been provided on the next few pages. The main entry point "call_out" accepts as arguments a telephone number and stream name. It calls dial_manager_\$dial_out to request that a call be placed to the specified number, and, if the attempt is successful, it then attaches the assigned line through the appropriate lox_ IO module.

The second entry point "call_out\$end_call_out" performs the functions required for a user to terminate an auto call session. In addition to requesting that the Initializer hang up the line, it also makes the appropriate iox_ calls to close and detach the stream.

The last entry point "call_out\$hangup" is designed to act as an IPC event call procedure to be invoked if the line hangs up for reasons other than a user request. It also performs the various functions required to clean up the lox_ attachment.

Note that this procedure is designed to handle only one auto call connection at a time and thus has various flags in internal static to insure that it will not be re-entered while a previous auto call session is still in progress.