

To: Distribution  
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 Subject: Retrievals

This MOSN obsoletes MOSN #155.

Retrievals should not be taken over the telephone. The user, with the operator's assistance, will look up what he needs in the maps to fill out a form. Using the information in the form, the operator performs the retrieval. Retrievals are started at 19:00 and run in the order submitted. Exceptions may be made with the approval of a representative of the Programming Staff. Retrievals are run 24 hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays.

No retrievals from Library or System dumps should be made without approval of the Programming Staff. Programming Staff approval should also be obtained for any retrieval involving a pathname shorter than four components or not beginning with "udd" or "user\_dir\_dir".

Catchup tapes are the best way of retrieving from a day's incremental tapes. Complete dump tapes (sys, lib, and user) start at 1000. The first user file dump of a month will be saved for 1 year on tapes starting at 5000.

#### P R O C E D U R E S (type-ins are indented)

Login the retriever, type password, do backup\_cleanup if desired. Then type:

edm TAPE

where TAPE is the number of the first (or only) tape from which retrievals are to be made. The system will respond "Segment not found. Input". Then enter all retrieval requests in the form specified by the user on the request sheet. Multiple users' requests may be made at the same time, but this probably makes sense only if they all are retrieving from the same tape. End each request with a new line; type no blanks in requests. When finished type:

The system will reply "Edit". Type

p N

where N is a number equal or greater than the number of request lines you entered. The system will type out the requests you entered for checking purposes. If there are mistakes, you can use edm to correct them (see writeup) or you may type "q" and start over by typing "edm TAPE" again. When you have verified the correctness of the requests, type

w  
q

When the ready message appears type  
 retrieve TAPE -first

if the user checked the first copy box on the form, otherwise type  
 retrieve TAPE

The system will ask you for the tape number again by typing "Input tape label:". Type  
 TAPE

and the retrieval will begin. At termination, if any requests were unsatisfied, they will be listed. If this happens, verify that the tape number, TAPE, that you typed is the one the user specified, and that the requests you had listed above agree with those on the form. If you searched the wrong tape, you can run the retrieval again without reentering the requests by simply typing again:

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retrieve TAPE
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where TAPE is the same as before. However, when the system asks for the tape label, this time give it the corrected one. In any case, upon termination type

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dp -dl TAPE.retrieve.map
dl TAPE
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This will print the map which is to be filed in a binder in rm. 901. You should now fill out the back of the retrieval request form. CPU time is the second number in the ready message. Save the console on-line and retrieval request form on the clipboard.

If the system crashes while retrieving, login the retriever, backup\_cleanup, and at the ready message:

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list
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This will list the retriever's files. If the file named TAPE that you were working on exists, type

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dprint TAPE.retrieve.map
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This will print the map. If the files you were after appear on the map, the retrieval was successful, so type

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delete TAPE TAPE.retrieve.map
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If they don't appear on the map, then type  
 retrieve TAPE

or

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retrieve TAPE -first
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if the file TAPE was present, otherwise start all over as before.

For retrievals involving small numbers of segments, the map may be printed online:

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print TAPE.retrieve.map
dl TAPE TAPE.retrieve.map
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