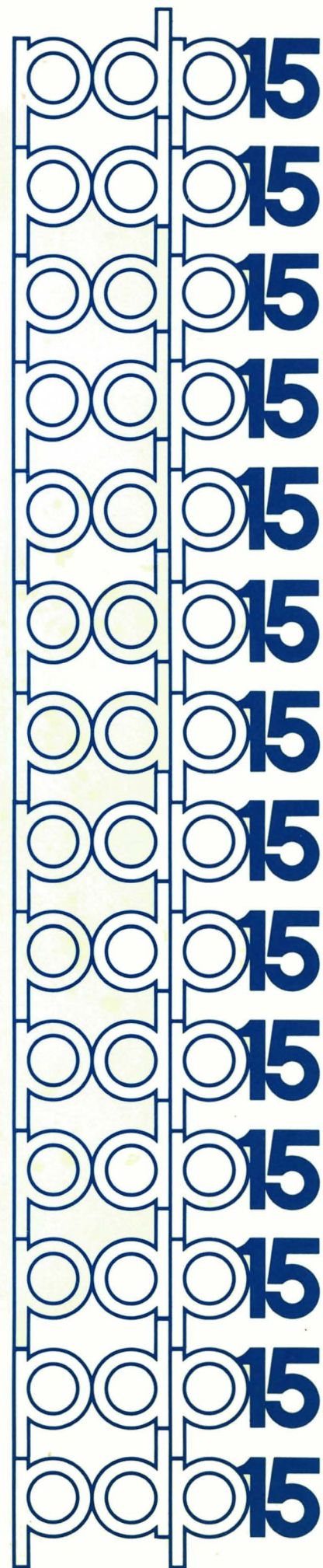


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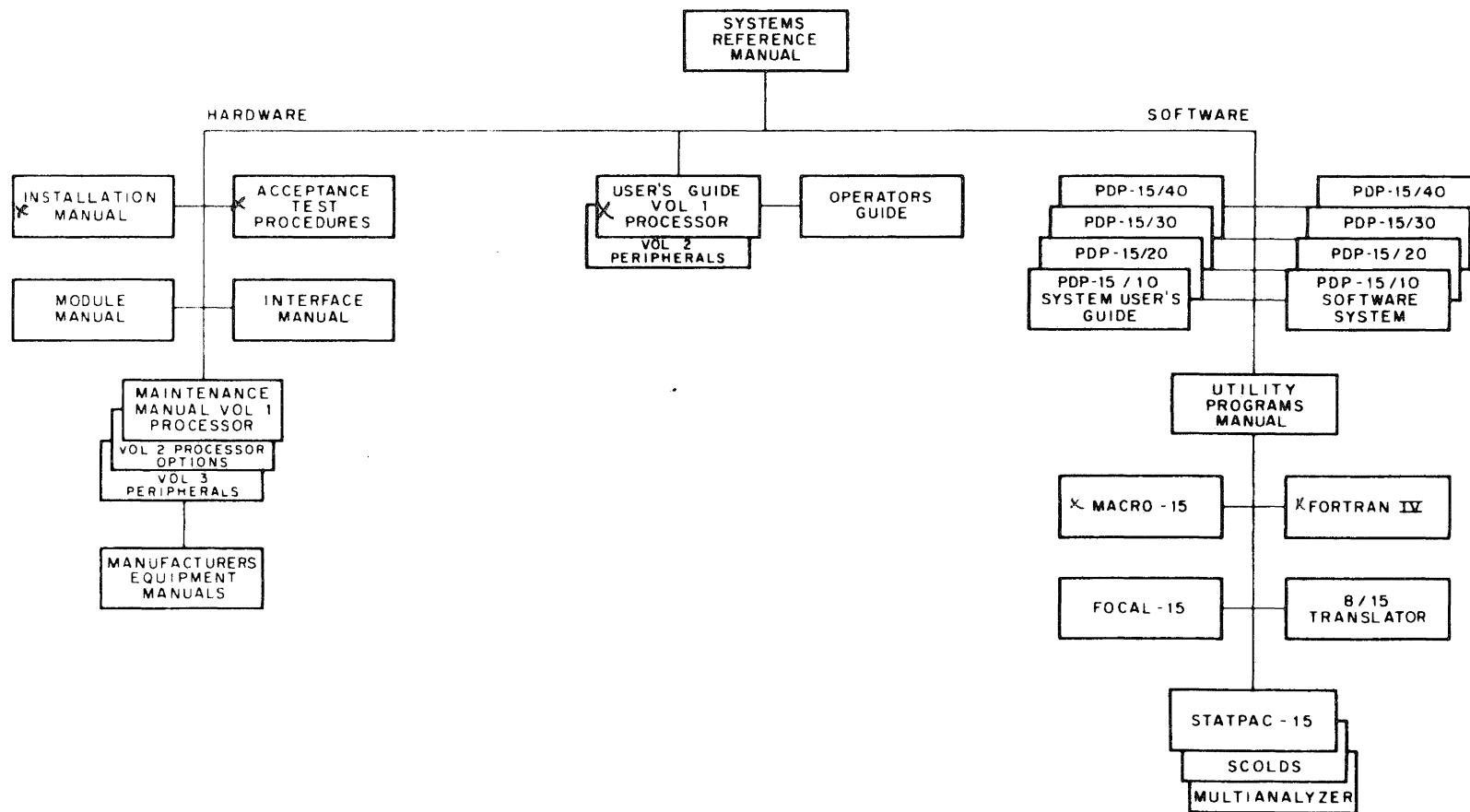
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 MACRO-15 LANGUAGE

MACRO-15 is a basic PDP-15 symbolic assembler language which makes machine language programming on the PDP-15 easier, faster and more efficient. It permits the programmer to use mnemonic symbols to represent instruction operation codes, locations, and numeric quantities. By using symbols to identify instructions and data in his program, the programmer can easily refer to any point in his program, without knowing actual machine locations.

Assembled MACRO-15 programs may be run on any PDP-15 system; however, MACRO-15 symbolic programs can be assembled only on systems which have at least 8K of memory and a monitor-type software system*.

The standard output of the Assembler is a relocatable binary object program that can be loaded for debugging or execution by the Linking Loader. MACRO-15 prepares the object program for relocation, and the Linking Loader sets up linkages to external subroutines. Optionally, the binary program may be output either with absolute addresses (non-relocatable) or in the full binary mode (see Chapter 3 for a description of the binary output modes).

The programmer directs MACRO-15 processing by using a powerful set of pseudo-operation (pseudo-op) instructions. These pseudo-ops are used to set the radix for numerical interpretation by the Assembler, to reserve blocks of storage locations, to repeat object code, to handle strings of text characters in 7-bit ASCII code or a special 6-bit code, to assemble certain coding elements if specific conditions are met, and to perform other functions which are explained in detail in Chapter 3.

The most advanced features of MACRO-15 is its powerful macro instruction generator. This generator permits easy handling of recursive instruction sequences, changing only the arguments. Programmers can use macro instructions to create new language elements, adapting the Assembler to their specific programming applications. Macro instructions may be called up to three levels, nested to n levels, and redefined within the program. The technique of defining and calling macro instructions is discussed in Chapter 4.

*A device-dependent version of MACRO-15, called MACRO1-15, is available for use with 8K DECTape systems. Refer to Appendix G.

An output listing, showing both the programmer's source coding and the object program produced by MACRO-15, is printed if desired. This listing may include all the symbols used by the programmer with their assigned values. If assembly errors are detected, erroneous lines are marked with specific letter error codes, which may be interpreted by referring to the error list in Chapter 5 of this manual.

Operating procedures for MACRO assembly are described in detail in Chapter 5. (Refer to Appendix G for MACRO-1 Operating Procedures.) These procedures are also summarized in the "Users' Guide" for each Monitor Software system.

1.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS AND OPTIONS

The MACRO-15 assembler program may be run on any of the following PDP-15 systems:

- a. 15/10 system which has a minimum of 8K of core and optional high-speed paper tape reader and punch units.
- b. basic 15/20 system
- c. basic 15/30 system
- d. basic 15/40 system

1.3 ASSEMBLER PROCESSING

The MACRO-15 assembler processes source programs in either a two-pass or three-pass operation. In the two-pass assembly operation the source program is read twice with the object program (and printed listing when requested) being produced during the second pass. During the first pass (PASS 1), the locations to be assigned the program symbols are resolved and a symbol table is constructed by the assembler. The second pass (PASS 2) uses the information computed during PASS 1 to produce the final object program.

In an optional three-pass assembly operation, PASS 2 will call in a third pass (PASS 3) portion of the assembler program. PASS 3, when called, performs a cross referencing operation during which a listing is produced which contains: (a) all user symbols, (b) where each symbol is defined, and (c) the number of each program line in which a symbol is referenced. On completion of its operation, PASS 3 calls the PASS 1 and PASS 2 portions of the assembler program back into core for further assembly operations.

The standard object code produced by MACRO-15 is in a relocatable format which is acceptable to the PDP-15 Linking Loader Utility program. Relocatable programs that are assembled separately and use identical global symbols* where applicable, can be combined by the Linking Loader into an executable object program.

MACRO-15 reserves one additional word in a program for every external** symbol. This additional word is used as a pointer to the actual data word in another program. The Linking Loader sets up these pointers when the programs are loaded.

*Symbols which are referenced in one program and defined in another.

**Symbols which are referenced in the program currently being assembled but which are defined in another program.

Some of the advantages of having programs in relocatable format are as follows:

- a. Reassembly of one program, which at object time was combined with other programs, does not necessitate a reassembly of the entire system.
- b. Library routines (in relocatable object code) can be requested from the system device or user library device.
- c. Only global symbol definitions must be unique in a group of programs that operate together.

2.1 PROGRAM STATEMENTS

A single statement may be written on a 72-character Teletype line, in which case the carriage-return line-feed sequence characters delimit the statement. Such a statement actually begins with a line-feed character and is terminated by a carriage-return character. Since these form-control characters are not printed, they are represented as ↵ (carriage return) and ↓ (line feed). In the examples of statements in this manual, only the carriage return is shown:

STATEMENT ↵

Several statements may be written on a single line, separated by semicolons; however, only the last statement may have a comments field:

STATEMENT;STATEMENT;STATEMENT ↵

In this case, the statement line begins with a line-feed character and ends with a carriage-return character, but semicolons are used as internal statement delimiters. Thus, if a statement is followed by another statement on the same line, it ends with a semicolon.

A statement may contain up to four fields that are separated by a space, spaces, or a tab character. These four fields are the label (or tag) field, the operation field, the address field, and the comments field. Because the space and tab characters are not printed, the space is represented by ␣, and the tab by → in this manual. Tabs are set 8 spaces apart on Teletype machines, and are used to line up the fields in columns in the source program listing.

This is the basic statement format:

LABEL → OPERATION → ADDRESS → /COMMENTS ↵

where each field is delimited by a tab or space, and each statement is terminated by a semicolon or carriage-return. The comments field is preceded by a tab (or space) and a slash (/).

Note that a combination of a space and a tab will be interpreted by the MACRO-15 assembler as two field delimiters.

Example:

```

TAG → OP → ADDR → } both are
TAG → → OP → ADDR → } incorrect

```

These errors will not show on the listing because the space is hidden in the tab.

A MACRO-15 statement may have an entry in each of the four fields, or three, or two, or only one field. The following forms are acceptable:

```

TAG →
TAG → OP →
TAG → OP → ADDR →
TAG → OP → ADDR → (s) / comments →
TAG → OP → (s) / comments →
TAG → → ADDR →
TAG → → ADDR → (s) / comments →
TAG → (s) / comments →
    → OP →
    → OP → ADDR →
    → OP → ADDR → (s) / comments →
    → OP → (s) / comments →
    → → ADDR →
    → → ADDR → (s) / comments →
/comments →
    → (s) / comments →

```

Note that when a label field is not used, its delimiting tab is written, except for lines containing only comments. When the operation field is not used, its delimiting tab is written if an address field follows, except in label only and comments only statements.

A label (or tag) is a symbolic address created by the programmer to identify the statement. When a label is processed by the Assembler, it is said to be defined. A label can be defined only once. The operation code field may contain a machine mnemonic instruction code, a MACRO-15 pseudo-op code, a macro name, a number, or a symbol. The address field may contain a symbol, number, or expression which is evaluated by the assembler to form the address portion of a machine instruction. In some pseudo-operations, and in macro

instructions, this field is used for other purposes, as will be explained in this manual. Comments are usually short explanatory notes which the programmer adds to a statement as an aid in analysis and debugging. Comments do not affect the object program or assembly processing. They are merely printed in the program listing. Comments must be preceded by a slash (/). The slash (/) may be the first character in a line or may be preceded by:

- a. Space ()
- b. Tab ()
- c. Semicolon (;)

2.2 SYMBOLS

The programmer creates symbols for use in statements, to represent addresses, operation codes and numeric values. A symbol contains one to six characters from the following set:

- The letters A through Z
- The digits 0 through 9
- Two special characters, period (.) and the percent sign (%).

The first character of a symbol must be a letter, a period, or percent sign. A period may not be used alone as a symbol. The first character of a symbol must not be a digit.

The following symbols are legal:

MARK1	..1234	.A
A%	%50.99	.%
P9.3	INPUT	

The following symbols are illegal:

TAG:1	L@B1	: and @ are illegal characters.
5ABC		First character may not be a digit.

Only the first six characters of a symbol are meaningful to the Assembler, but the programmer may use more for his own information. If he writes,

```

SYMBOL1
SYMBOL2
SYMBOL3

```

as the symbolic labels on three different statements in his program, the Assembler will recognize only SYMBOL and may type error flags on the lines containing SYMBOL1, SYMBOL2 and SYMBOL 3. To the Assembler they are duplicates of SYMBOL.

2.2.1 Evaluation of Symbols and Globals

When the Assembler encounters a symbol during processing of a source language statement, it evaluates the symbol by reference to two tables: the user's symbol table and the permanent symbol table. The user's symbol table contains all symbols defined by the user. The user defines symbols by using them as labels, as variables, as macro names and globals, and by direct assignment statements. A label is defined when first used, and cannot be redefined. (When a label is defined by the user, it is given the current value of the location counter, as will be explained later in this chapter.)

All permanently defined system symbols (excluding the index register symbol, X), including Monitor commands and all Assembler pseudo-instructions use a period (.) as their first character. (In some cases the "." may be used as the last character of a Monitor I/O symbol). The Assembler has, in its permanent symbol table, definitions of the symbols for all of the PDP-15 memory reference instructions, operate instructions, the basic EAE instruction, and some input/output transfer instructions. (See Appendix B for a complete list of these instructions.)

PDP-15 instruction mnemonic symbols may be used in the operation field of a statement without prior definition by the user.

Example:

`→ LAC_A)`

LAC is a symbol whose appearance in the operation field of a statement causes the Assembler to treat it as an op code rather than a symbolic address. It has a value of 200000₈ which is taken from the operation code definition in the permanent symbol table.

The user can use instruction mnemonics or the pseudo-instruction mnemonics code as symbol labels. For example,

`DZM → DZM_Y)`

where the label DZM is entered in the symbol table and is given the current value of the location counter, and the op code DZM is given the value 140000 from the permanent symbol table. The user must be careful, however, in using these dual purpose (field dependent) symbols. Symbols in the operation field are interpreted as either instruction codes or pseudo-ops, not as symbolic labels, if they are in the permanent symbol table.

Monitor command op-code symbols cannot be duplicated by the user. In the following example, several symbols

with values have been entered in the user's symbol table and the permanent symbol table. The sample coding shows how the Assembler uses these tables to form object program storage words.

User Symbol Table		Permanent Symbol Table	
Symbol	Value	Symbol	Value
TAG1	100	LAC	200000
TAG2	200	DAC	040000
DAC	300	JMP	600000
		X	010000

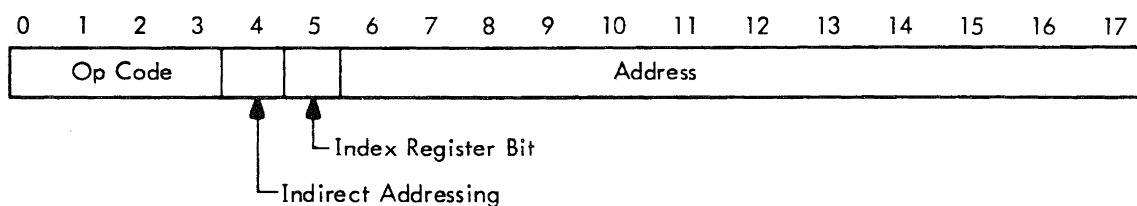
If the following statements
are written,

the following code is generated
by the Assembler

⋮	
TAG1 → DAC → TAG2	040200
⋮	
TAG2 → LAC → DAC	200300
⋮	
DAC → JMP → TAG1	600100
DAC → TAG1,X	050100
→ TAG1	000100
⋮	

2.2.1.1 Special Symbols - The symbol X is used to denote index register usage. It is defined in the permanent symbol table as having the value of 10000. The symbol X cannot be redefined and can only be used in the address field.

2.2.1.2 Memory Referencing Instruction Format - The PDP-15 uses 12 bits for addressing, 1 bit to indicate index register usage, 1 bit to indicate indirect addressing, and 4 bits for the op code.



2.2.2 Variables

A variable is a symbol that is defined in the symbol table by using it in an address field or operation field with the number sign (#). Symbols with the # may appear more than once in a program (see items 1, 3, 4, and 5 of example given below). A variable reserves a single storage word which may be referenced by using the symbol at other points in the program with or without the #. If the variable duplicates a user-defined label, it is multiply defined and is flagged as an error during assembly.

Variables are assigned memory locations at the end of the program. The initial contents of variable locations are unspecified.

Example:

Sequence	Location Counter	Source Statements	Generated Code
1	100	→ .LOC 100	
2	101	→ LAC 100, TAG#G1	200105
3	102	→ DAC 100, TAG3	040107
4	103	→ LAC 100, TAG2#	200106
5	104	→ DAC 100, T#AG3,X	050107
		→ LAC 100, #TAG2	200106
		→ .END	

2.2.3 Setting Storage Locations to Zero

Storage words can be set to zero as follows:

A → 0; → 0; → 0)

In this way, three words are set to zero starting at A. Storage words can also be set to zero by statements containing only labels

A; B; C; D; E)

2.2.4 Direct Assignment Statements

The programmer may define a symbol directly in the symbol table by means of a direct assignment statement, written in the form:

SYMBOL=n
or
SYM1=SYM2

where n is any number or expression. There should be no spaces between the symbol and the equal sign, or between the equal sign and the assigned value, or symbol. MACRO-15 enters the symbol in the symbol table, along with the assigned value. Symbols entered in this way may be redefined. These are legal direct assignment statements:

```
XX=28; A=1;B=2 )
```

A symbol can also be assigned a symbolic value; e.g., A=4, B=A, or

```
SET=ISZ_ SWITCH
```

In the above example, the symbol B is given the value 4, and when the symbol SET is detected during assembly the object code for the instruction ISZ_ SWITCH will be generated. This type of direct assignment cannot be used in a relocatable program. Direct assignment statements do not generate storage words in the object program.

In general, it is good programming practice to define symbols before using them in statements which generate storage words. The Assembler will interpret the following sequence without trouble.

```
Z=5
Y=Z
XX=Y
→ LAC _ XX_/SAME AS LAC 5 )
```

A symbol may be defined after use. For example,

```
LAC Y )
Y=1 )
```

This is called a forward reference, and is resolved properly in PASS 2. When first encountered in PASS 1, the LAC Y statement is incomplete because Y is not yet defined. Later in PASS 1, Y is given the value 1. In PASS 2, the Assembler finds that Y = 1 in the symbol table, and forms the complete storage word.

Since MACRO-15 basic assembly operations are performed in two passes, only one-step forward references are allowed. The following is illegal:

```
LAC Y )
Y=Z )
Z=1 )
```

In the listing, during PASS 1, the line which contains Y = Z will be printed as a warning.

2.2.5 Undefined Symbols

If any symbols, except global symbols, remain undefined at the end of PASS 1 of assembly, they are automatically defined as the addresses of successive registers following the block reserved for variables at the end of the program. All statements that referenced the undefined symbol are flagged as undefined. One memory location is reserved for each undefined symbol with the initial contents of the reserved location being unspecified.

Examples:

Flag	Location Counter	Source Statements	Generated Code	Comments
u	100	→ .LOC 100)		
	101	→ LAC UNDEF1)	200106	Undefined Symbol
	102	→ LAC TAG#1)	200105	
u	103	→ LAC UNDEF2)	200107	Undefined Symbol
		→ .END)		

2.3 NUMBERS

The initial radix (base) used in all number interpretation by the Assembler is octal (base 8). To allow the user to express decimal values and then restore to octal values, two radix-setting pseudo-ops (.OCT and .DEC) are provided. These pseudo-ops, described in Chapter 3, must be coded in the operation field of a statement. If any other information is written in the same statement, the Assembler treats the other information as a comment and flags it as a questionable line. All numbers are decoded in the current radix until a new radix control pseudo-op is encountered. The programmer may change the radix at any point in the program.

Examples:

Flag	Source Program	Generated Value (Octal)	Radix in Effect
Q	→ LAC → 100	200100	8 } initial value is
	→ 25	000025	8 } assumed to be octal
	→ .DEC		
	→ LAC → 100	200144	'0
	→ 275	000423	10
	→ .OCT 99		Octal radix takes effect even though line is flagged
N	→ 76	000076	8
	→ 99	000143	The non-octal digit forces a decimal radix for this number only

2.3.1 Integer Values

An integer is a string of digits, with or without a leading sign. Negative numbers are represented in two's complement form. The range of integers is as follows:

Unsigned	0 - 262143 ₁₀	(777777 ₈) or $2^{18}-1$
Signed	+0 - 131071 ₁₀	(377777 ₈) or $2^{17}-1$
	-0 - 131072 ₁₀	(400000 ₈) or -2^{17}

An octal integer* is a string of digits (0-7), signed or unsigned. If a non-octal digit (8 or 9) is encountered the string of digits will be assembled as if the decimal radix was in effect and it will be flagged as a possible error.

Example:

Flag	Coded Value	Generated Value (Octal)	Comment
N	.DEC		
	3779	007303	
	.OCT		
	-5	777773	Two's complement
	3347	003347	
	3779	007303	Possible error, decimal assumed

A decimal integer** is a string of digits (0-9), signed or unsigned.

Examples:

Flag	Coded Value	Generated Value (Octal)	Comment
N	-8	777770	Two's complement
	+256	000400	
	-136098	000000	Error, greater than $-2^{18}-1$

2.3.2 Expressions

Expressions are strings of symbols and numbers separated by arithmetic or Boolean operators. Expressions represent unsigned numeric values ranging from 0 to $2^{18}-1$. All arithmetic is performed in unsigned integer arithmetic.

*Initiated by .OCT pseudo-op and is also the initial assumption if no radix control pseudo-op was encountered.

**Initiated by .DEC pseudo-op.

(two's complement), modulo 2^{18} . Division by zero is regarded as division by one and results in the original dividend. Fractional remainders are ignored; this condition is not regarded as an error. The value of an expression is calculated by substituting the numeric values for each element (symbol) of the expression and performing the specified operations.

The following are the allowable operators to be used with expressions:

Character		Function
Name	Symbol	
Plus	+	Addition (two's complement)
Minus	-	Subtraction (convert to two's complement and add)
Asterisk	*	Multiplication (unsigned)
Slash	/	Division (unsigned)
Ampersand	&	Logical AND
Exclamation point	!	Inclusive OR
Back slash	\	Exclusive OR
Comma	,	Exclusive OR
		} Boolean

Operations are performed from left to right (i.e., in the order in which they are encountered). For example, the assembly language statement $A+B*C+D/E-F*G$ is equivalent to the following algebraic expression $(((((A+B)*C)+D)/E)-F)*G$.

Examples:

Assume the following symbol values:

Symbol	Value (Octal)	Comments
A	000002	
B	000010	
C	000003	
D	000005	
X	010000	Index Register Value

The following expressions would be evaluated.

Expression	Evaluation (Octal)	Comments
A+B-C,X	010007	Index Register Usage
A/B+A*C	000006	(The remainder of A/B is lost)
B/A-2*A-1+X	010003	Index Register Usage
A & B	000000	
C+A&D	000005	
B*D/A	000024	
B*C/A*D	000074	
A,X+D,X	010007	Index Register Usage Error

In the last example the expression is evaluated as follows:

Sequence of arithmetic

- A,X = 000002 XORed with 010000 = 010002
- A,X+D = 010002 + 000005 = 010007
- A,X+D,X = 010007 XORed with 010000 = 000007

Note that arithmetic produces 000007 yet the value given in the example is 010007. Regardless of how the index register is used in the address field, the index register bit will always be turned on by the Assembler. In the sequence of address arithmetic above, the line would be flagged with an X because of the illegal use of the index register symbol (X).

Using the symbol X to denote index register usage causes the following restrictions:

- X cannot appear in the TAG field X → LAC → A
- X cannot be used in a .DSA statement .DSA A,X
- X can be used only once in an expression LAC A,X+D,X
(see 2.4.3)

2.4 ADDRESS ASSIGNMENTS

As source program statements are processed, the Assembler assigns consecutive memory locations to the storage words of the object program. This is done by reference to the location counter, which is initially set to zero and is incremented by one each time a storage word is formed in the object program. Some statements, such as machine instructions, cause only one storage word to be generated, incrementing the location counter by one. Other statements, such as those used to enter data or text, or to reserve blocks of storage words, cause the location counter to be incremented by the number of storage words generated.

2.4.1 Referencing the Location Counter

The programmer may directly reference the location counter by using the symbol period (.) in the address field. He can write,

```
→ JMP _.-1
```

which will cause the program to jump to the storage word whose address was previously assigned by the location counter. The location counter may be set to another value by using the .LOC pseudo-op, described in Chapter 3.

2.4.2 Indirect Addressing

To specify an indirect address, which may be used in memory reference instructions, the programmer writes an asterisk immediately following the operation field symbol. This sets the defer bit (bit 4) of the storage word.

If an asterisk suffixes either a non-memory reference instruction, or appears with a symbol in the address field, an error will result.

Two examples of legal indirect addressing follow.

```
→ TAD* → A
→ LAC* → B
```

The following examples are illegal.

CLA*	Indirect addressing may not be specified
LAW* 17777	in non-memory reference instructions.

2.4.3 Indexed Addressing

To specify indexed addressing an X is used with an operator directly after the address. No spaces or tabs may appear before the operator. The Assembler will perform whatever operation is specified with the index register symbol, and then continue to evaluate the expression. At completion of the expression evaluation, if the index bit is not on and the location counter is pointing to page 0 of any bank, the line is flagged with a B for bank error. The standard code used to indicate indexing is:

```
LAC A,X
```

Example:

Location	Object Code			
			.ABSP	
000000	210000	A	LAC → X	/Same as LAC 0,X
000001	050005	B	DAC → A,X+1,7-1	/
000002	210001		LAC → B+X	/000001 ⊕ 010000
			.LOC 10000	/SET to page 1
010000	210001	C	LAC X,D	
010001	210000	D	LAC C,X	
			.END	

expression evaluation where A = 000000, B = 000001, C = 010000, X = 010000

Location	Address Field	Discussion
0	X	The value of X is added to 0. Absence of an operator always implies addition.
1	A,X+1,7-1	$000000 \oplus 010000 = 010000$ $010000 + 000001 = 010001$ $010001 \oplus 000007 = 010006$ $010006 - 000001 = 010005$
2	B+X	$000001 \oplus 010000 = 010001$
10000	X,D	$010000 \oplus 010001 = 000001$ The index bit has been turned off during expression evaluation. Because the location counter (10000) is pointing to Page 1, this line is not flagged, and the index register bit is turned on.
10001	C,X	$010000 \oplus 010000 = 000000$ Same as example at Location 10000.

NOTE: ⊕ = exclusive OR

2.4.4 Literals

Symbolic data references in the operation and address fields may be replaced with direct representation of the data enclosed in parentheses*. This inserted data is called a literal. The Assembler sets up the address link, so one less statement is needed in the source program. The following examples show how literals may be used, and their equivalent statements. The information contained within the parentheses, whether a number, symbol, expression, or machine instruction, is assembled and assigned consecutive memory locations after the locations used by the program. The address of the generated word will appear in the statement that referenced the literal.

*The opening parenthesis [(] is mandatory; the closing parenthesis [)] is optional.

Duplicate literals, completely defined when scanned in the source program during PASS 1, are stored only once so that many uses of the same literal in a given program result in the allocation of only one memory location for that literal.

Usage of Literal	Equivalent Statements
→ ADD <u> </u> .(1)	ONE → ADD <u> </u> ONE → 1
→ LAC <u> </u> (TAG)	→ LAC <u> </u> TAGAD TAGAD → TAG
→ LAC <u> </u> (DAC → TAG)	→ LAC <u> </u> INST INST → DAC → TAG
→ LAC <u> </u> (JMP → .+2)	HERE → LAC <u> </u> INST INST → JMP <u> </u> HERE+2

The following sample program illustrates how the Assembler handles literals.

Location Counter	Source Statement	Generated Code
	→ .LOC <u> </u> 100	
100	TAG1 → LAC <u> </u> (100)	200110
101	→ DAC <u> </u> 100	040100
102	→ LAC <u> </u> (JMP <u> </u> .+5	200111
103	→ LAC <u> </u> (TAG1)	200110
104	→ LAC <u> </u> (JMP <u> </u> TAG1)	200112
105	→ LAC <u> </u> (JMP <u> </u> TAG2)	200113
	TAG2=TAG1	
106	→ LAC <u> </u> (JMP <u> </u> 0)	200114
107	DAC → LAC <u> </u> (DAC → DAC)	200115
	→ .END	
	Generated Literals	
110		000100
111		600107
112		600100
113		600100
114		600000
115		040107

2.5 STATEMENT FIELDS

The following paragraphs provide a detailed explanation of statement fields, including how symbols and numbers may be used in each field.

2.5.1 Label Field

If the user wishes to assign a symbolic label to a statement in order to facilitate references to the storage word generated by the Assembler, he may do so by beginning the source statement with any desired symbol. The symbol must not duplicate a system or user defined macro symbol and must be terminated by a space or tab, or a statement terminating semicolon, or carriage-return/line-feed sequence.

Examples:

TAG1;TAG2;TAG3;TAG4

A new logical line starts after each semicolon. This line is equivalent to

```
TAG1 → 0 )
TAG2 → 0 )
TAG3 → 0 )
TAG4 → 0 )
```

If there was a tab or a space after the semicolon the symbol would be evaluated as an operator instead of a tag. The sequence

TAG1; TAG2;TAG3; TAG4

is evaluated as follows:

```
TAG1 → 0 )
      TAG2 )
TAG3 → 0 )
      TAG4 )
TAG _ any value
TAG _ (s) any value
TAG → _ (s) any value
TAG;
TAG )
TAG _ (s) (no more data on line)
```

These examples are equivalent to coding
TAG → 0)
in that a word of all 0s is output with
the symbol TAG associated with it.

When writing numbers separated by semicolons, the first number must be preceded by a tab (→) or a space (_). The sequence

TABLE _ 1;2;3;4;5

produces TAG errors because the first symbol of a tag cannot be numeric. The correct way to write the table sequence is as follows:

TABLE 1; 2; 3; 4; 5

Symbols used as labels are defined in the symbol table with a numerical value equal to the present value of the location counter. A label is defined only once. If it was previously defined by the user, the current definition of the symbol will be flagged in error as a multiple definition. All references to a multiply defined symbol will be converted to the first value encountered by the Assembler.

Example:

Flag	Location Counter	Statement	Storage Word Generated	Notes
M	100	A → LAC → B	200103	Error, multiple definition First value of A referenced
M	101	A → LAC → C	200104	
D	102	→ LAC → A	200100	
	103	B → 0	000000	
	104	C → 0	000000	

Anything more than a single symbol to the left of the label-field delimiter is an error; it will be flagged and ignored. The following statements are illegal.

TAG+1 → LAS)

LOC*2 → RAR)

The line will be flagged with a "T" for tag error. The tag will be ignored but the rest of the line will continue to be processed. The only time that an error tag is not ignored is when the error occurs after the sixth character. The statement:

TAGERROR*1 NOP

will be assembled as:

TAGERR → NOP

and the line will be printed and flagged with a "T".

Redefinition of certain symbols can be accomplished by using direct assignments; that is, the value of a symbol can be modified. If an Assembler permanent symbol or user symbol (which was defined by a direct assignment)

is redefined, the value of the symbol can be changed without causing an error message. If a user symbol, which was first defined as a label, is redefined by either a direct assignment or by using it again in the label field, it will cause an error. Variables also cannot be redefined by a direct assignment.

Examples:

Coding	Generated Value (Octal)	Comments
A=3		Sets current value of A to 3
→ LAC → A	200003	
→ DAC → A	040003	
A=4		Redefines value of A to 4
→ LAC → A	200004	
B → DAC → A	040004	*
B=A		Illegal usage; a label cannot be redefined
→ DAC → B	040105	
PSF=700201		To redefine possibly incorrect permanent symbol definition.

*Assume that this instruction will occupy location 105.

2.5.2 Operation Field

Whether or not a symbol label is associated with the statement, the operation field must be delimited on its left by a space(s) or tab. If it is not delimited on its left, it will be interpreted as the label field. The operation field may contain any symbol, number, or expression which will be evaluated as an 18-bit quantity using unsigned arithmetic modulo 2^{18} . In the operation field, machine instruction op codes and pseudo-op mnemonic symbols take precedence over identically named user defined symbols. The operation field must be terminated by one of the following characters:

→| or _ (s) (field delimiters)
) or ; (statement delimiters)

Examples:

TAG →| ISZ
 →| .+3 _ (s)
 _ (s)CMA!CML)
 →| TAG/5+TAG2; →| TAG3)

The asterisk (*) character appended to a memory reference instruction symbol, in the operation field, causes the defer bit (bit 4) of the instruction word to be set; that is, the reference will be an indirect reference. If

the asterisk (*) is appended on either a non-memory reference instruction or any symbol in the address field, it will cause an error condition which will be flagged as a symbol error (S-flag). The asterisk will be ignored and the assembly process will continue.

Examples:

Assembled Value	Legal	Assembled Value	Illegal
360001	→ TAD* → A	200001	→ LAC → A*
220002	→ LAC* → B	750000	→ CLA*

where A = 1 and B = 2

However, the asterisk (*) may be used anywhere as a multiplication operator.

Examples:

Legal	Illegal
→ LAC → TAG*5	→ LAC → TAG*4+TAD*
→ TAG*TAG1	→ A*

2.5.3 Address Field

The address field, if used in a statement, must be separated from the operation field by a tab, or space(s). The address field may contain any symbol, number, or expression which will be evaluated as an 18-bit quantity using unsigned arithmetic, modulo 2^{18} . If op code or pseudo-op code symbols are used in the address field, they must be user defined, otherwise they will be undefined by the Assembler and will cause an error message. The address field must be terminated by one of the following characters:

→ or ␣ (s) (field delimiters)
) or ; (statement delimiters)

Examples:

TAG2 → DAC → .+3
 → → TAG2/5+3 ␣ (s)

In the last example, the rest of the line will be automatically treated as a comment and ignored by the Assembler.

The address field may also be terminated by a semicolon, or a carriage-return/line-feed sequence.

Examples:

```
→ JMP → BEGIN )
→ TAD → A; → DAC → B → LAC
```

In the last example, a tab or space(s) is required after the semicolon in order to have the Assembler interpret DAC as being the operation field rather than the label field.

In the second line of the preceding example, the address field B is delimited by a tab. The LAC after the B → is ignored and is treated as a comment; but, the line is questionable because only a comment field occurs on a line after the address field. If the LAC had been preceded by a slash (/), the line would have been correct.

When the address field is a relocatable expression, an error condition may occur. The size of the relocatable program is restricted to $4K-16$ (4080_{10}) words and cannot be loaded across pages or memory banks. Therefore, any relocatable address field whose value exceeds 7777_8 is meaningless and will be flagged in error. This does not apply if the user specifies bank addressing (refer to description of .EBREL).

When the address field is an absolute expression, an error condition will exist if the extended memory and page address bits (3, 4 and 5) do not match the corresponding bits of the address of the page currently being assembled into and these address bits are not 0.

NOTE

In absolute mode, the page bits do not have to be equal if the .ABS or .FULL pseudo-ops are used instead of the .ABSP or .FULLP pseudo-ops.

Examples:

Location (octal)	Instruction	Comments
30000	→ LAC → 30100	} Will not cause error messages
30001	→ DAC → 101	
30002	→ JMS → 250	
30005	→ ISZ → 40146	
		Will cause a bank (B) error message because the address is on a different page.

The linking loader will not relocate any absolute addresses; thus, absolute addresses within a relocatable program are relative to that page in memory in which the program is loaded.

Example:

Assume that the following source line is part of a relocatable program that was loaded into bank 1 ($20000_8 - 37777_8$).

Source Statement	Effective Address
\rightarrow LAC \square 300 \rightarrow	20300

An exception to the above rule is the auto-index registers, which occupy location $10_8 - 17_8$ in page 0 of memory bank 0. The hardware will always ensure that indirect references to $10_8 - 17_8$ in any page or bank will access $10_8 - 17_8$ of bank 0.

2.5.4 Comments Field

Comments may appear anywhere in a statement. They must begin with a slash (/) that is immediately preceded by

- a. \square (s) space(s)
- b. \rightarrow tab
- c. \rightarrow carriage return/line feed (end of previous line)
- d. ; semicolon

Comments are terminated only by a carriage-return/line-feed sequence or when 72_{10} characters have been encountered.

Examples:

```
 $\square$  (s)/THIS IS A COMMENT (rest of line is blank)
TAG1  $\rightarrow$  LAC  $\square$  /after the ; is still a comment
/THIS IS A COMMENT
 $\rightarrow$  RTR  $\square$  /COMMENT  $\rightarrow$ 
 $\rightarrow$  RTR;  $\rightarrow$  RTR;/THIS IS A COMMENT
```

Observe that ; \rightarrow A/COMMENT \rightarrow is not a comment, but rather an operation field expression. A line that is completely blank; that is, between two sets of \rightarrow \square (s) is treated as a comment by the Assembler.

Example:

```
 $\square$  (72 blanks)
```

A statement is terminated as follows:

↵ or ; or rest of line is completely blank.

Examples:

↵ LAC ↵
↵ DAC (the rest of the line is blank)
↵ TAG+3
↵ RTR; ↵ RTR; ↵ RTR ↵

In the last example, the statement-terminating character, which is a semicolon (;) enables one source line to represent more than one word of object code. A tab or space is required after the semicolon in order to have the second and third RTRs interpreted as being in the operation field and not in the label field.

2.6 STATEMENT EVALUATION

When MACRO-15 evaluates a statement, it checks for symbols or numbers in each of the three evaluated fields: label, operation, and address. (Comment fields are not evaluated.)

2.6.1 Numbers

Numbers are not field dependent. When the Assembler encounters a number (or expression) in the operation or address fields (numbers are illegal in the label field), it uses those values to form the storage word. The following statements are equivalent:

↵ 200000_10 ↵
↵ 10+LAC ↵
↵ LAC_10 ↵

All three statements cause the Assembler to generate a storage word containing 200010. A statement may consist of a number or expression which generates a single 18-bit storage word; for example:

↵ 23;_45;_357;_62

This group of four statements generates four words interpreted under the current radix.

2.6.2 Word Evaluation

When the Assembler encounters a symbol in a statement field, it determines the value of the symbol by reference to the user's symbol table and the permanent symbol table, according to the priority list shown in paragraph 2.6.4

The operation value is scanned for the following special cases:

Mnemonic	Operation Field Value
LAW	760000
AAC	723000
AAS	720000
AXR	737000
AXS	725000

If the operation field is not one of the special cases, the object word value is computed as follows:

$$(\text{Operation Field} + (\text{Address Field and } 17777)) = \text{Word Value}$$

If the index register is used anywhere in the address field, the index register bit is set to one in the word value. Extensive error checking is then performed on the address field value. The following are the rules used to ensure correct results:

- a. If index register usage is specified, the result of XORing bit 5 of the location counter and bit 5 of the address field value must be non-zero.

Example:

Flag	Location	Object Value	Tag	Source Statement	Page Addressing
B	00000	210001	A	.ABSP LAC A,X	/Page 0
	00001	740000		NOP	
	10000			.LOC 10000	/Page 1
	10000	210001	B	LAC B,X	
	10001	210001		LAC A,X	
				.END	

The result of statement evaluation has produced the following results:

A,X = 10001 A = 00001
B,X = 00001 B = 10001

Note that when index register usage is specified, the index register bit may or may not be on. For B,X above, the index register bit was turned off during statement evaluation. The Assembler turns this bit on when the word is evaluated, not at statement evaluation time.

At location 10001, the result of XORing bit 5 of A,X and bit 5 of the location counter is 0. This signals the Assembler that the address reference (A) is in a different page.

- b. If index register usage is not specified and the program is not assembled in bank mode*, the result of XORing bit 5 of the location counter and the address field value must be 0, otherwise the line is flagged with a B for bank error.

Example:

Flag	Location	Object Value	Tag	Source Statement
B	00000 10500 10500	210500 740000	 A	.ABSP LAC A .LOC 10500 NOP .END

- c. The bank bits (3,4) of the address field value in a relocatable program must never be on. The bank bits are always lost when the address field value and the operation are combined to form the object word value.

Example:

Flag	Location	Object Value	Tag	Source Statement
B	00000 R 17777 R 17777 R 20000 R	200000 R 740000 A 740000 A	C A	LAC A /Bank bit lost .LOC C+17777 NOP NOP .END

- d. If the bank bits of an absolute program are not zero, they must equal the bank bits of the location counter.

Example:

Line	Flag	Location	Object Value	Source Statement
1				.ABSP
2		20000		.LOC 20000
3		20000	200001	LAC 1
4		20001	200001	LAC 20001
5	B	20002	210001	LAC 30001
6		20003	217777	LAC 17777
7				.END

*See pseudo-ops .ABS, .ABSP, .FULL, .FULLP, .EBREL, .DBREL

The address value for Lines 3 and 4 are identical. The bank bits of Line 5 do not match those of the location counter, and indexed addressing was not specified, therefore, the line is flagged.

2.6.3 Word Evaluation of the Special Cases

a. LAW - The operation field value and the address field value are combined as follows:

$$(\text{Operation Value} + (\text{Address Field Value and } 17777)) = \text{Word Value}$$

A validity check is then performed on the address field value as follows:

$$(\text{Address Field Value and } 760000) = \text{Validity Bits}$$

If the validity bits are not equal to 760000 or 0, the line is flagged with an E to signal erroneous results.

b. AAC, AAS, AXR, AXS - The operation field value and the address field value are combined as follows.

$$(\text{Operation Value} + (\text{Address Field Value and } 000777)) = \text{Word Value}$$

The validity check:

$$(\text{Address Field Value and } 777000) = \text{Validity Bits}$$

If the validity bits are not equal to 777000 or 0, the line is flagged with an E to signal erroneous results. The address field value for this type of instruction cannot be relocated. The line is flagged with an R if the address field value is relocatable.

Example:

Line	Flag	Location	Object Word Value	
1		0	777777	LAW 17777 /17777
2		1	777777	LAW -1 /777777
3	E	2	777777	LAW 677777 /677777
4		3	760000	A LAW /0
5		4	720776	AAS -2 /777776
6	E	5	720000	AAS -2000 /776000

If numbers are found in the operation and address fields, they are combined in the same manner as defined symbols. For example,

→ 2 → 5 → /GENERATES 000007

The value of a symbol depends on whether it is in the label field, the operation field, or the address field. The Assembler attempts to evaluate each symbol by running down a priority list, depending on the field, as shown below.

2.6.4 Assembler Priority List

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Current Value of Location Counter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pseudo-op 2. User macro in user symbol table 3. System macro table 4. Direct assignment in user symbol table 5. Permanent symbol table 6. User symbol table 7. Undefined 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. User symbol table (including direct assignments) 2. Undefined

This means that if a symbol is used in the address fields, it must be defined in the user's symbol table before the word is formed during PASS 2; otherwise, it is undefined.

In the operation field, pseudo-ops take precedence and may not be redefined. Direct assignments allow the user to redefine machine op codes, as shown in the example below.

Example:

DAC = DPOSIT

System macros may be redefined as user macro names, but may not be redefined as user symbols by direct assignment or by use as statement labels.

The user may use machine instruction codes and MACRO-15 pseudo-op codes in the label field and refer to them later in the address field.

CHAPTER 3

PSEUDO OPERATIONS

In the discussion of symbols in the previous chapter, it was mentioned that the Assembler has in its permanent symbol table definitions of the symbols for all the PDP-15 memory reference instructions, operate instructions, the basic EAE instruction, and many IOT instructions which may be used in the operation field without prior definition by the user. Also contained in the permanent symbol table are a class of symbols called pseudo-operations (pseudo-ops) which, instead of generating instructions or data, direct the Assembler on how to proceed with the assembly.

By convention, the first character of every pseudo-op symbol is a period (.). This convention is used in an attempt to prevent the programmer from inadvertently using, in the operation field, a pseudo-instruction symbol as one of his own. Pseudo-ops may be used only in the operation field.

3.1 PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION (.TITLE)

The program name may be written in a .TITLE statement as shown below. The Assembler will take the first six characters of the symbol in the address field as the new name of the program to appear in the header on the listing device. The listing device will be advanced to the top of form after which the line will be printed as a comment. The name will appear as the program name until the next .TITLE pseudo-op. The .TITLE pseudo-op has no effect on the binary or listing file name.

→ .TITLE _NAME OF PROGRAM	/(NAME)	Name on listing delimited by space;
→ .TITLE → TEST1	/(TEST1)	Name on listing



3.2 OBJECT PROGRAM OUTPUT

(.ABS, .ABSP, .FULL, .FULLP, .DBREL, .EBREL)

The normal object code produced by MACRO-15 is relocatable binary which is loaded at run time by the Linking Loader. In addition to relocatable output, the user may specify two other types of output code to be generated by the Assembler.

- a. The .ABS, .ABSP, .FULL, and .FULLP pseudo-ops, specifying the type of output, must appear before any object code generating statements, otherwise the line will be flagged and ignored. Once one of these four pseudo-ops is specified, the user is not allowed to change output modes.
- b. Any options provided for in the address field of the .ABS and .ABSP are useful only if the output device is paper tape.

3.2.1 .ABSP, .ABS

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.ABSP	NLD or 
Not used	.ABS	NLD or 

Both of the absolute pseudo-ops cause absolute, checksummed binary code to be output (no values are relocatable). If no value is specified in the address field, the Assembler will precede the output with the Absolute Binary Loader which will load the punched output at object time. The loader is loaded, via hardware readin, into location 17720 of any memory bank. (This loader loads only paper tape.) If the address field contains NLD, no loader will precede the output.

NOTE

.ABSP output can be written on file-oriented devices. The Assembler assumes .ABSP NLD for all .ABSP output to file-oriented devices and appends an extension of .ABS to the filename. This file can be punched with PIP, using dump mode. (There will be no absolute loader at the beginning of the tape.)

A description of the absolute output format follows.

Block Heading - (three binary words)

- WORD 1 Starting address to load the block body which follows.
- WORD 2 Number of words in the block body (two's complement).
- WORD 3 Checksum of block body (two's complement). Checksum includes Word 1 and Word 2 of the block heading.

Block Body - (n binary words)

The block body contains the binary data to be loaded under block heading control.

Starting Block - (two binary words)

- WORD 1 Location to start execution of program. It is distinguished from the block heading by having bit 0 set to 1 (negative).
- WORD 2 Dummy word.

If the user requests the absolute loader and the value of the expression of the .END statement is equal to 0, the provided loader halts before transferring control to the object program, thereby allowing manual intervention by the user.

The .ABSP pseudo-op causes all memory referencing instructions whose addresses are in a different page to be flagged as bank errors. A DBA instruction is executed by the absolute loader before control is given to the user program. Addresses which have bit 5 on will signal the processor to use the index register to compute effective addresses.

The .ABS pseudo-op does not flag memory referencing instructions whose addresses are in a different page. An EBA instruction is executed, and control is given to the user in bank addressing mode. All indexing instructions (see Appendix B) are disabled and executed as I/O transfer instructions and complete bank addressing of 8K is allowed. The processor will interpret bit 5 of all memory referencing instructions as the high order address bit. A listing of the Absolute Binary Loader is given in Appendix F.

3.2.2 .FULL, .FULLP Pseudo-ops

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field	(Only useful if output is paper tape)
Not used	.FULL	Not used	
Not used	.FULLP	Not used	

The .FULL and .FULLP pseudo-ops cause full binary mode output to be produced. The program is assembled as uncheckedsummed absolute code and each physical record of output contains nothing other than 18-bit binary storage words generated by the Assembler. The Assembler will cause the address of the .END statement to contain a punch in channel 7, thereby allowing the output to be loaded via hardware readin mode. If no address is specified in the .END statement, a halt (rather than a jump) will be output as the last word.

The only difference between the .FULL and .FULLP pseudo-ops is that memory references across page boundaries are flagged in .FULLP mode; in .FULL mode they are not.

In addition, memory references on Page 1 to addresses on Page 1 will have Bit 5 set to 0 unless indexing is specified.

The following specific restrictions apply to programs assembled in .FULL mode output.

- .LOC Should be used only at the beginning of the program.
- .BLOCK May be used only if no literals appear in the program, and must immediately precede .END.

Variables and undefined symbols may be used if no literals appear in the program.

Literals may be used only if the program has no variables and undefined symbols.

The following two pseudo-ops enable relocation mode switching. They can be used anywhere and as often as the programmer wishes in a relocatable program. If these pseudo-ops are used in an absolute (.ABS, .ABSP, .FULL, .FULLP) program, they will be flagged (I-ignored). These pseudo-ops will be most useful for the user who has a VT15 display. The VT15 has its own processor and uses 13-bit addresses.

Mnemonic	Description
.EBREL	Enable bank mode relocation Relocatable programs are normally in Page mode (12-bit relocation). This pseudo-op will cause a data word to be output to the Linking Loader having an octal code of 31g. This octal code will signal the Linking Loader to treat all 03 loader codes as 13-bit relocatable. The data word will be ignored by the Linking Loader. Addresses having 13-bits will not be flagged while in this mode.
.DBREL	Disable bank mode relocation A data word is output having a Linking Loader code of 32g. This code will signal the loader to treat all 03 codes as 12-bit relocation (normal PDP-15 mode); the data word will be ignored.

NOTE

The previous mode is not saved when an .EBREL is encountered; for this reason, a .DBREL pseudo-op goes directly to PDP-15 relocation regardless of previous mode.

3.3 SETTING THE LOCATION COUNTER (.LOC)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.LOC	Predefined symbolic expression, or number

The .LOC pseudo-op sets or resets the location counter to the value of the expression contained in the address field. The symbolic elements of the expression must have been defined previously; otherwise, phase errors might occur in PASS 2. The .LOC pseudo-op may be used anywhere and as many times as required.

Examples:

Location Counter	Instruction
100	→ .LOC 100
100	→ LAC TAG1
101	→ DAC TAG2
102	→ .LOC .
102	A→ LAC B
103	→ DAC C
107	→ .LOC A+5
107	→ LAC C
110	→ DAC D
111	→ LAC E
112	→ DAC F

3.4 RADIX CONTROL (.OCT and .DEC)

The initial radix (base) used in all number interpretation by the Assembler is octal (base 8). In order to allow the user to express decimal values, and then restore to octal values, two radix setting pseudo-ops are provided.

Pseudo-op Code	Meaning
.OCT	Interpret all succeeding numerical values in base 8 (octal)
.DEC	Interpret all succeeding numerical values in base 10 (decimal)

These pseudo-instructions must be coded in the operation field of a statement. All numbers are decoded in the current radix until a new radix control pseudo-instruction is encountered. The programmer may change the radix at any point in a program.

Flag	Source Program	Generated Value (Octal)	Radix in Effect
	→ LAC 100	200100	8 } initial value is 8 } assumed to be octal
	→ 25	000025	
	→ .DEC		
	→ LAC 100	200144	10

Flag	Source Program	Generated Value (Octal)	Radix in Effect
N	→ 275	000423	10
	→ .OCT		
	→ 76	000076	8
	→ 85	000125	error

3.5 RESERVING BLOCKS OF STORAGE (.BLOCK)

.BLOCK reserves a block of memory equal to the value of the expression contained in the address field. If the address field contains a numerical value, it will be evaluated according to the radix in effect. The symbolic elements of the expression must have been defined previously; otherwise, phase errors might occur in PASS 2. The expression is evaluated modulo 2^{15} (77777₈). The user may reference the first location in the block of reserved memory by defining a symbol in the label field. The initial contents of the reserved locations are unspecified.

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
User Symbol	.BLOCK	Predefined Expression

Examples:

```

BUFF → .BLOCK _12 )
      → .BLOCK _A+B+65 )

```

3.6 PROGRAM TERMINATION (.END)

One pseudo-op must be included in every MACRO-15 source program. This is the .END statement, which must be the last statement in the main program. This statement marks the physical end of the source program, and also contains the location of the first instruction in the object program to be executed at run-time.

The .END statement is written in the general form

```
→ .END _START )
```

START may be a symbol, number, or expression whose value is the address of the first program instruction to be executed. In relocatable programs, to be loaded by the Linking Loader, only the main program requires a starting address; all other subprogram starting addresses will be ignored.

A starting address must appear in absolute or self-loading programs; otherwise, the program will halt after being loaded and the user must manually start his program.

These are legal .END statements

```
→ .END _BEGIN+5 )
→ .END _200 )
```

3.7 PROGRAM SEGMENTS (.EOT)

If the input source program is physically segmented, each segment except the last must terminate with an .EOT (end-of-tape) statement. The last segment must terminate with an .END statement. For example, if the input source program is prepared on three different tapes, the first two are terminated by .EOT statements, and the last by an .END statement. The .EOT statement is written without label and address fields, as follows.

```
→ .EOT )
```

3.8 TEXT HANDLING (.ASCII and .SIXBT)

The two text handling pseudo-ops enable the user to represent the 7-bit ASCII or 6-bit trimmed ASCII character sets. The Assembler converts the desired character set to its appropriate numerical equivalents. (See Appendix A.)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
SYMBOL	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} .ASCII \\ .SIXBT \end{array} \right\}$	Delimiter - character string - delimiter - <expression>

Only the 64 printing characters (including space) may be used in the text pseudo-instructions. See nonprinting characters, Section 3.8.5. The numerical values generated by the text pseudo-ops are left-justified in the storage word(s) they occupy with the unused portion (bits) of a word filled with zeros.

3.8.1 .ASCII Pseudo-op

.ASCII denotes 7-bit ASCII characters. (It is the character set that is the input to and output from Monitor.) The characters are packed five per two words of memory with the rightmost bit of every second word set to zero. An even number of words will always be output.

Basic Form:

First Word					Second Word							
0	6	7	13	14	17	0	2	3	9	10	16	17
1st Char.		2nd Char.		3rd Char.		4th Char.		5th Char.		0		

3.8.2 .SIXBT Pseudo-op

.SIXBT denotes 6-bit trimmed ASCII characters, which are formed by truncating the leftmost bit of the corresponding 7-bit character. Characters are packed three per storage word.

Basic Form:

0	5	6	11	12	17
1st Char.		2nd Char.		3rd Char.	

3.8.3 Text Statement Format

The statement format is the same for both of the text pseudo-ops. The format is as follows.

MYTAG \rightarrow { .ASCII
.SIXBT } \rightarrow | delimiter | character string | delimiter | <expression>.....

3.8.4 Text Delimiter

Spaces or tabs prior to the first text delimiter or angle bracket (<) will be ignored; afterwards, if they are not enclosed by delimiters or angle brackets, they will terminate the pseudo-instruction. Also,) will terminate the pseudo-instruction.

Any printing character may be used as the text delimiter, except those listed below.

- a. < as it is used to indicate the start of an expression.
- b.) as it terminates the pseudo-instruction.

(The apostrophe (') is the recommended text delimiting character.) The text delimiter must be present on both the left-hand and the right-hand sides of the text string; otherwise, the user may get more characters than desired. However,) may be used to terminate the pseudo-instruction.

3.8.5 Non-Printing Characters

The octal codes for non-printing characters may be entered in .ASCII statements by enclosing them in angle bracket delimiters. In the following statement, five characters are stored in two storage words.

\rightarrow .ASCII 'AB' <015> 'CD')

Octal numbers enclosed in angle brackets will be truncated to 7 bits (.ASCII) or 6 bits (.SIXBT).

Example:

Source Line	Recognized Text	Comments
TAG → .ASCII _ 'ABC' → .SIXBT _ 'ABC' → .SIXBT _ 'ABC'#/ /#	ABC ABC ABC'/	The # is used as a delimiter in order that (') may be interpreted as text.
→ .ASCII _ 'ABCD'EFGE → .ASCII _ 'AB'<11> → .ASCII _ 'AB<11>	ABCDFG AB → AB<11>	
→ .ASCII _ <15><012>'ABC' → .ASCII _ <15><12>ABC _ (s))!ABC)!BC _ (s)	
		<11> used to represent tab. There is no delimiter after B, therefore, (<11>) is treated as text. A is interpreted as the text delimiter. Also, since) was not used to terminate the text, the _ (s) are interpreted as text characters.

The following example shows the binary word format which MACRO-15 generates for a given line of text.

Example:

→ .ASCII → 'ABC'<015><12>'DEF

Generated Coding					
Word Number	Octal	Binary			
Word 1	406050	1000001	10000010	1000	
Word 2	306424	011	0001101	0001010	0
Word 3	422130	1000100	1000101	1000	
Word 4	600000	110	0000000	0000000	0

3.9 LOADER CONTROL (.GLOBL)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.GLOBL	A, B, C, D, E, . . .

The standard output of the Assembler is a relocatable object program. The Linking Loader joins relocatable programs by supplying definitions for global symbols which are referenced in one program and defined in another. The pseudo-op .GLOBL, followed by a list of symbols, is used to define to the Assembler those global symbols which are either

- internal globals - defined in the current program and referenced by other programs
- external symbols - referenced in the current program and defined in another program

The loader uses this information to load and then link the relocatable programs to each other.

All references to external symbols should be indirect references as memory banks may have to be crossed.

Examples:

```

→ .GLOBL → A,B,C
A → LAC → D          /A is an internal global
D → JMS* → B          /These two instructions reference
→ JMS* → C            /External symbols indirectly
.END

```

The .GLOBL statement may appear anywhere within the program.

Each external symbol causes an additional word to be reserved in the user program. This word will be used by the Linking Loader to store the actual address at load time.

The example above is assembled as follows:

Flag	Location	Word Value	.GLOBL A,B,C		
	000000 R	200001 R	A	LAC	D
	000001 R	120003 R	D	JMS*	B
	000002 R	120004 R		JMS*	C
		000001		.END	D
	000003 R	000003 *E			
	000004 R	000004 *E			

The values for locations 3 and 4 will be put in by the Linking Loader.

3.10 REQUESTING I/O DEVICES (.IODEV)

The .IODEV pseudo-op appears anywhere in the program and is used to cause the Assembler to output code for the Linking Loader which specifies the slots in the Monitor's device assignment table (DAT) whose associated device handlers are required by the program (see the applicable Monitors manual listed on Page ix).

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.IODEV	1,2,3...

The arguments may be numeric or symbolic. If the argument is symbolic, the symbol must be defined by a direct assignment statement.

3.11 DEFINING A SYMBOLIC ADDRESS (.DSA)

.DSA (define symbol address) is used in the operation field when it is desired to create a word composed of just an address field. It is especially useful when a user symbol is also an instruction or pseudo-op symbol.

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
User Symbol	.DSA	Any Expression

Examples:

JMP → LAC → TAG
 → .DSA → JMP Equivalent methods of defining the user symbol JMP
 → → JMP to be in the address field.

3.12 REPEATING OBJECT CODING (.REPT)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.REPT	Count, { Increment or <u> </u>

The .REPT pseudo-op causes the object code of the next sequential object code generating instruction to be repeated count times. Optionally, the object code may be incremented for each time it is repeated by specifying an increment. The count and increment may be represented by a numeric or symbolic value. If a symbol is used, it must be defined by an absolute direct assignment statement which must occur before the symbol is used. The repeated instruction may contain a label, which will be associated with the first statement generated.

Examples:

Source Code	Generated Object Code
→ .REPT <u> </u> 5	
→ 0	000000
	000000
	000000
	000000
	000000
→ .REPT <u> </u> 4, 1	
→ 1	000001
	000002
	000003
	000004
→ .REPT <u> </u> 3, -1	

Source Code	Generated Object Code
→ 5	000005
	000004
	000003
TAG=50	
→ .REPT 4,1	
→ JMP TAG	600050
	600051
	600052
	600053

NOTE

If the statement to be repeated generates more than one location of code, the .REPT will repeat only the last location. For example,

```
→ .REPT 3
→ .ASCII 'A'
```

will generate the following:

```
404000 5/7 A
000000
000000 last word is
000000 repeated
```

3.13 CONDITIONAL ASSEMBLY (.IF xxx and .ENDC)

It is often useful to assemble some parts of the source program on an optional basis. This is done in MACRO-15 by means of conditional assembly statements, of the form:

```
→ .IF... → expression
```

The pseudo-op may be any of the eight conditional pseudo-ops shown below, and the address field may contain any number, symbol, or expression. If there is a symbol, or an expression containing symbolic elements, such a symbol must have been previously defined in the source program.

If the condition is satisfied, that part of the source program starting with the statement immediately following the conditional statement and up to but not including an .ENDC (end conditional) pseudo-op is assembled. If the condition is not satisfied, this coding is not assembled.

The eight conditional pseudo-ops (sometimes called IF statements) and their meanings are shown below.

Pseudo-op	Assemble IF x is:
→ .IFPNZ _x	Positive and non-zero
→ .IFNEG _x	Negative
→ .IFZER _x	Zero
→ .IFPOZ _x	Positive or zero
→ .IFNOZ _x	Negative or zero
→ .IFNZR _x	Not zero
→ .IFDEF _x	A defined symbol
→ .IFUND _x	An undefined symbol

In the following sequence, the pseudo-op .IFZER is satisfied, and the source program coding between .IFZER and .ENDC is assembled.

```

SUBTOT=48
TOTAL=48
→ .IFZER → SUBTOT-TOTAL
→ LAC _A
→ DAC _B
→ .ENDC

```

Conditional statements may be nested. For each IF statement there must be a terminating .ENDC statement. If the outermost IF statement is not satisfied, the entire group is not assembled. If the first IF is satisfied, the following coding is assembled. If another IF is encountered, however, its condition is tested, and the following coding is assembled only if the second IF statement is satisfied. Logically, nested IF statements are like AND circuits. If the first, second, and third conditions are satisfied, then the coding that follows the third nested IF statement is assembled.

Example:

```

→ .IFPOZ _X          conditional 1 initiator
→ LAC → TAG
→ .IFNZR _Y          conditional 2 initiator
→ DAC → TAG1
→ .ENDC              conditional 2 terminator
→ .IFDEF _Z          conditional 3 initiator
→ DAC → TAG2
→ .ENDC              conditional 3 terminator
→ .ENDC              conditional 1 terminator

```

Conditional statements can be used in a variety of ways. One of the most useful is in terminating recursive macro calls (described in Chapter 4). In general, a counter is changed each time through the loop, or recursive call, until the condition is not satisfied. This process concludes assembly of the loop or recursive call.

3.14 LISTING CONTROL (.EJECT)

The following Assembler listing controls are effective only when a listing is requested by Assembler control keyboard request.

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	.EJECT	Not used

When .EJECT is encountered anywhere in the source program, it causes the listing device that is being used to skip to head-of-form.

3.15 PROGRAM SIZE (.SIZE)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
User Symbol	.SIZE	Not used

When the Assembler encounters .SIZE, it outputs, at that point, the address of the last location, plus one occupied by the object program. This is normally the length of the object program (in octal).

3.16 DEFINING MACROS (.DEFIN, .ETC, and .ENDM)

The .DEFIN pseudo-op is used to define macros (described in Chapter 4). The address field in the .DEFIN statement contains the macro name, followed by a list of dummy arguments. If the list of dummy arguments will not fit on the same line as the .DEFIN pseudo-op, it may be continued by means of the .ETC pseudo-op in the operation field and additional arguments in the address field of the next line. The coding that is to constitute the body of the macro follows the .DEFIN statement. The body of the macro definition is terminated by an .ENDM pseudo-op in the operation field. (See Chapter 4 for more details on the use of macros.)

3.17 ASSEMBLY LISTING OUTPUT CONTROL (.NOLST & .LST)

Label Field	Operation Field	Address Field
Not used	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} .NOLST \\ .LST \end{array} \right\}$	Not used

If, while performing an assembly listing operation (L, X, or N assembly parameters), the assembler encounters a .NOLST, the listing operation will be terminated until a .LST is found. These pseudo-ops are useful when the user wishes to assemble all of a program, but only needs a listing of certain modules of the program (e.g., those which may not yet work properly). All symbols occurring between .NOLST and .LST will appear in the cross reference and symbol table listings when requested (A, V, X, or S assembly parameters).

When a program is being written, it often happens that certain coding sequences are repeated several times with only the arguments changed. It would be convenient if the entire repeated sequence could be generated by a single statement. To accomplish this, it is first necessary to define the coding sequence with dummy arguments as a macro instruction, and then use a single statement referring to the macro name along with a list of real arguments which will replace the dummy arguments and generate the desired sequence.

Consider the following coding sequence.

```
→| LAC →| A
→| TAD →| B
→| DAC →| C
      ⋮
→| LAC →| D
→| TAD →| E
→| DAC →| F
```

The sequence

```
→| LAC →| x
→| TAD →| y
→| DAC →| z
```

is the model upon which the repeated sequence is based. The characters *x*, *y*, and *z* are called dummy arguments and are identified as such by being listed immediately after the macro name when the macro instruction is defined.

4.1 DEFINING A MACRO

Macros must be defined before they are used. The process of defining a macro is as follows.

		(Macro Name)	(Dummy Arguments)	
(Definition Line)	→	.DEFIN	→	MACNME, ARG1, ARG2, ARG3 → /comment
(Body)	{	→	LAC	→ ARG1
		→	TAD	→ ARG2, X
		→	DAC	→ ARG3
(Terminating Line)	→	.ENDM		

The pseudo-op .DEFIN in the operation field defines the symbol following it as the name of the macro. Next, follow the dummy arguments, as required, separated by commas and terminated by any of the following symbols.

- a. space ()
- b. tab (→)
- c. carriage return (↵)

The macro name and the dummy arguments must be legal MACRO-15 symbols. Any previous definition of a dummy argument is ignored while in a macro definition. Comments after the dummy argument list in a definition are legal.

If the list of dummy arguments cannot fit on a single line (that is, if the .DEFIN statement requires more than 72₁₀ characters) it may be continued on the succeeding line or lines by the usage of the .ETC pseudo-op, as shown below.

```

→ .DEFIN → MACNME, ARG1, ARG2, ARG3 /comment
→ .ETC → ARG4, ARG5 /argument continuation
      :
→ .DEFIN → MACNME
→ .ETC → ARG1
→ .ETC → ARG2
→ .ETC → ARG3
→ .ETC → ARG4
→ .ETC → ARG5

```

4.2 MACRO BODY

The body of the macro definition follows the .DEFIN statement. Appearances of dummy arguments are marked and the character string of the body is stored, five characters per two words in the macro definition table, until the macro terminating pseudo-op .ENDM is encountered. Comments within the macro definition are not stored.

Dummy arguments may appear in the definition lines only as symbols or elements of an expression. They may appear in the label field, operation field, or address field. Dummy arguments may appear within a literal or they may be defined as variables. They will not be recognized if they appear within a comment.

The following restrictions apply to the usage of the .DEFIN, .ETC and .ENDM pseudo-ops:

- a. If they appear in other than the operation field within the body of a macro definition, they will cause erroneous results.
- b. If .ENDM or .ETC appears outside the range of a macro definition, it will be flagged as undefined.

If index register usage is desirable, it should be specified in the body of the definition, not in the argument string.

```
.DEFIN      XUSE,A,B,C
LAC  A
DAC  B,X
LAC  C
.ENDM
```

If .ASCII or .SIXBT is used in the body of a macro, a slash (/) or number sign (#) must not appear as part of the text string or as a delimiter (use <57> to represent a slash and <43> to represent a number sign). A dummy argument name should not inadvertently be used as part of the text string.

Definition	Comments
→ .DEFIN → MAC,A,B,C,D,E,F	
→ LAC → A#	
→ SPA	
→ JMP → B	
→ ISZ → TMP → /E	E is not recognized as an argument
→ LAC → (C	
→ DAC → D + 1	
→ F	
→ .ASCII → E	
B=.	
→ .ENDM	

4.3 MACRO CALLS

A macro call consists of the macro name, which must be in the operation field, followed by a list of real arguments separated by commas and terminated by one of the characters listed below.

- a. space ()
- b. tab (→)
- c. carriage return (↵)

If the real arguments cannot fit on one line of coding, they may be continued on succeeding lines by terminating the current line with a dollar sign (\$). When they are continued on succeeding lines they must start in the tag field.

Example:

```
→ MAC → REAL1,REAL2,REAL3,$
REAL4,REAL5
```

If there are n dummy arguments in the macro definition, all real arguments in the macro call beyond the nth dummy argument will be ignored. A macro call may have a label associated with it; this label will be assigned to the current value of the location counter.

Example:

```
(Definition) → .DEFIN → UPDATE,LOC,AMOUNT
→ LAC → LOC
→ TAD → AMOUNT
→ DAC → LOC
→ .ENDM
```

```
(Call) TAG → UPDATE → CNTR,(5) /TAG ENTERED INTO SYMBOL TABLE
/WITH CURRENT VALUE OF LOCATION COUNTER
```

```
(Expansion) TAG → LAC → CNTR
→ TAD → (5
→ DAC → CNTR
```

The prevailing radix will be saved prior to expansion and restored after expansion takes place. Default assumption will be octal for the macro call. It is not necessary for the macro definition to have any dummy arguments associated with it.

Example:

```
→ .DEFIN _TWOS
→ CMA
→ TAD _ (1
→ .ENDM
(Call) → TWOS
(Expansion) → CMA
→ TAD → (1
```

4.3.1 Argument Delimiters

It was stated that the list of arguments is terminated by any of the following symbols.

- a. space ()
- b. tab ()
- c. carriage return ()

These characters may be used within real arguments only by enclosing them in angle brackets. Angle brackets will not be recognized if they appear within a comment.

Example:

```
(Definition)  → .DEFIN → MAC → A,B,C
               → LAC → A
               → TAD → B
               → DAC → C
               → .ENDM
(Call)        → MAC → TAG1,<TAG2 /comment
               → TAD → (1)>,TAG3
(Expansion)   → LAC → TAG1
               → TAD → TAG2
               → TAD → (1)
               → DAC → TAG3
```

All characters within a matching pair of angle brackets are considered to be one argument, and the entire argument, with the delimiters (<>) removed, will be substituted for the dummy argument in the original definition.

MACRO-15 recognizes the end of an argument only on seeing a terminating character not enclosed within angle brackets.

If brackets appear within brackets, only the outermost pair is deleted. If angle brackets are required within a real argument, they must be enclosed by argument delimiter angle brackets.

Example:

```
(Definition)  → .DEFIN → ERRMSG,TEXT
               → JMS → PRINT
               → .ASCII → TEXT
               → .ENDM
```

(Call) →| ERRMSG →| </ERROR IN LINE/ <15>>
 (Expansion) →| JMS →| PRINT
 →| .ASCII →| /ERROR IN LINE/ <15>

4.3.2 Created Symbols

Often, it is desirable to attach a symbolic tag to a line of code within a macro definition. As this tag is defined each time the macro is called, a different symbol must be supplied at each call to avoid multiply defined tags.

This symbol can be explicitly supplied by the user or the user can implicitly request MACRO-15 to replace the dummy argument with a created symbol which will be unique for each call of the macro. For example,

→| .DEFIN →| MAC,A,?B

The question mark (?) prefixed to the dummy argument B indicates that it will be supplied from a created symbol if not explicitly supplied by the user when the macro is called for.

The created symbols are of the form ..0000-.9999. Like other symbols, they are entered into the symbol table as they are required.

Unsupplied real arguments corresponding to dummy arguments not preceded by a question mark are substituted in as empty strings; and supplied real arguments corresponding to dummy arguments preceded by a question mark suppress the generation of a corresponding created symbol.

Example:

(Definition) →| .DEFIN →| MAC,A,B,?C,?D,?E
 →| LAC →| A
 →| SZA
 →| JMP →| D
 →| LAC →| B
 →| DAC →| C#
 →| DAC →| E
 D=.
 →| .ENDM
 (Call) →| MAC →| X#,,,,MYTAG
 (Expansion) →| LAC →| X#
 →| SZA

```

→ JMP → ..0000
→ LAC
→ DAC → ..0001
→ DAC → MYTAG
..0000=.

```

If one of the elements in a real argument string is not supplied, that element must be replaced by a comma, as in the call above. A real argument string may be terminated in several ways as shown below:

Example:

```

→ MAC → A,B, ␣
→ MAC → A,B,, ␣
→ MAC → A,B, ␣
→ MAC → A,B, ␣
→ MAC → A,B, ␣

```

4.4 NESTING OF MACROS

Macros may be nested; that is, macros may be defined within other macros. For ease of discussion, levels may be assigned to these nested macros. The outermost macros (those defined directly) will be called first-level macros. Macros defined within first-level macros will be called second-level macros; macros defined within second-level macros will be called third-level macros, etc. Each nested macro requires an .ENDM pseudo op to denote its termination.

Example:

Level 1		
→ .DEFIN → LEVEL1,A,B		
→ LAC → A		
→ TAD → B	Level 2	
→ .DEFIN → LEVEL2,C,D		
→ ISZ → C		
→ DAC → D	Level 3	
→ .DEFIN → LEVEL3,E,F		
→ AND → E		
→ XOR → F		
→ .ENDM		LEVEL 3 .ENDM
→ DAC → X		
→ .ENDM		LEVEL 2 .ENDM
→ DAC → Y		
→ .ENDM		LEVEL 1 .ENDM

At the beginning of processing, first-level macros are defined and may be called in the normal manner. Second and higher level macros are not yet defined. When a first-level macro is called, all its second-level macros are defined. Thereafter, the level of definition is irrelevant and macros may be called in the normal manner. If the second-level macros contain third-level macros, the third-level macros are not defined until the second-level macros containing them have been called.

Using the example above, the following would occur:

Call	Expansion	Comments
→ LEVEL 1 → TAG1, TAG2	→ LAC → TAG1 → TAD → TAG2 → DAC → Y	Causes LEVEL 2 to be defined
→ LEVEL 2 → TAG3, TAG4	→ ISZ → TAG3 → DAC → TAG4 → DAC → X	Causes LEVEL 3 to be defined
→ LEVEL 3 → TAG5, TAG6	→ AND → TAG5 → XOR → TAG6	

If LEVEL 3 is called before LEVEL 2 it would be an error, and the line would be flagged as undefined.

When a macro of level n contains another macro of the level $n + 1$, calling the level n macro results in the generation of the body of the macro into the user's program in the normal manner until the .DEFIN statement of the level $n + 1$ macro is encountered; the level $n + 1$ macro is then defined and does not appear in the user's program. When the definition of the level $n + 1$ is completed (.ENDM encountered), the Assembler continues to generate the level n body into the user's program until, or unless, the entire level n macro has been generated.

4.5 REDEFINITION OF MACROS

If a macro name, which has been previously defined, appears within another definition, the macro is redefined and the original definition is eliminated. For example,

```

→ .DEFIN → INDXSV
→ JMS → SAVE
→ JMP → SAVXT
SAVE → 0
→ LAC → 10
→ DAC → TMP#
→ LAC → 11
→ DAC → TMP1#

```

```

→ JMP* → SAVE
SAVXT=.
→ .DEFIN → INDXSV
→ JMS → SAVE
→ .ENDM
→ .ENDM

```

When the macro INDXSV is called for the first time, the subroutine calling sequence is generated and followed immediately by the subroutine itself. After the subroutine is generated, a .DEFIN that contains the name INDXSV is encountered. This new macro is defined and takes the place of the original macro INDXSV. All subsequent calls to INDXSV cause only the calling sequence to be generated. The original definition of INDXSV will not be removed until after the expansion is complete.

Call	Expansion
→ INDXSV	→ JMS → SAVE → JMP → SAVXT SAVE → 0 → LAC → 10 → DAC → TMP# → LAC → 11 → DAC → TMP1# → JMP* → SAVE SAVXT=.
→ INDXSV	→ JMS → SAVE

4.6 MACRO CALLS WITHIN MACRO DEFINITIONS

The body of a macro definition may contain calls for other macros which have not yet been defined. However, the embedded calls must be defined before a call is issued to the macro which contains the embedded call. Embedded calls are allowed only to three levels.

Example:

```

→ .DEFIN → MAC1,A,B,C,D,E
→ LAC → A
→ TAD → B
→ MAC2 → C,D          /EMBEDDED CALL
→ DAC → E

```

```

→ .ENDM
→ .DEFIN → MAC2,A,B           /DEFINITION OF EMBEDDED CALL
→ XOR → A
→ AND → B
→ .ENDM

```

The call

```
→ MAC1 → TAG1,TAG2, (400, (777, TAG3
```

causes generation of

```

→ LAC → TAG1
→ TAD → TAG2
→ MAC2 → (400, (777
→ XOR → (400
→ AND → (777
→ DAC → TAG3

```

4.7 RECURSIVE CALLS

Although it is legal for a macro definition to contain an embedded call to itself, it must be avoided because the expansion will cause more than three levels to occur.

Example:

```

→ .DEFIN → MAC,A,B,C
→ LAC → A
→ TAD → B
→ DAC → C
→ MAC → A,B,C           /RECURSIVE CALL
→ .ENDM

```

When a call for MAC is encountered by the Assembler, it searches memory for the definition and expands it. Since there is another call for MAC contained within the definition, the Assembler goes back once again to obtain the definition; this process would never cease, if more than three levels were allowed. A conditional assembly statement could be used, however, to limit the number of levels as in the following example.

Example:

```

A = 0
B = 3
→ .DEFIN → MAC,C,D

```

```

→ LAC → C
→ DAC → D
A= A + 1
→ .IFNZR → B-A
→ MAC → SAVE,TEMP          /RECURSIVE CALL
→ .ENDC
→ .ENDM

```

Names and arguments of nested macros and arguments of imbedded calls may be substituted and used with perfect generality.

Example:

```

→ .DEFIN → MAC1,A,B,C,D
→ LAC → A
→ ADD → B
→ DAC → C
→ .DEFIN → D,E
→ AND → A
→ DAC → E
→ .ENDM
→ .ENDM
⋮
→ .DEFIN → MAC2,M,N,O,P,Q,?R
ISZ → M
→ JMP → R
→ MAC1 → N,O,P,Q
R=.
→ .ENDM

```

The call

```
→ MAC2 → COUNT,TAG1,TAG2,TAG3,MAC3
```

causes the generation of

```

→ ISZ → COUNT
→ JMP → ..0000
→ LAC → TAG1
→ ADD → TAG2
→ DAC → TAG3
..0000=.

```

It also causes the definition of MAC3

CHAPTER 5 OPERATING PROCEDURES

5.1 INTRODUCTION

Detailed descriptions of the assembler calling procedure, command string format, general operating procedures, and printouts are given in this chapter. (Refer to Appendix G for MACROI operating procedures.)

5.2 CALLING PROCEDURE

The MACRO-15 Assembler is called by typing MACRO) after the Monitor's \$ request. When the Assembler has been loaded, it identifies itself by typing:

MACRO-15 VNN)

on the Teletype and waiting for command string lines from the user.

5.3 GENERAL COMMAND CHARACTERS

The following characters are frequently used in the entry and control of MACRO programs.

Character Printout

RUBOUT (Echoes \) delete single character

CTRL U (Echoes @) delete current line

CTRL P (Echoes ↑P) a. If the input file is segmented into separate units ending with a .EOT, ready the input device with the next segment and type CTRL P.
 b. If paper tape input or segmented input is to be used, ready the input device with the next pass and type CTRL P.
 c. If the Assembler is not waiting for more input, or is not waiting to start the next pass, typing CTRL P causes the Assembler to restart at PASS 1.

CTRL D (Echoes ↑D) If the user specifies the Teletype as the input parameter device, he can delimit the parameter code by typing CTRL D (↑D). MACRO responds with EOT↑P. The user should then ready the input device assigned to .DAT-11 and type CTRL P. MACRO immediately begins assembling programs.

5.4 COMMAND STRING

The command string format consists of a string of options, followed by a left arrow, followed by the program name, followed by a terminator.

OPTIONS ← FILE NAME

The format for the option string is flexible; that for the program name after the left arrow is fixed. Some examples of the command string are given below. Terminating the command string with a carriage return will cause MACRO to re-initialize itself to PASS 1 at the completion of assembly. Terminating the command string with ALT MODE will cause a return to the MONITOR at the end of assembly.

Example 1:

P,L,S,B←FILE

Example 2:

C A B L,S,N,P V P,P,P HELLO G E ←FILE1

The option designators may be typed in any sequence so long as they appear on the same line. A file name must be typed. All characters to the left of the left arrow which do not represent valid options are ignored.

Example 3:

←FILE1

No options are required in the command string. If no options are specified, it is assumed that the programmer is assembling for errors; therefore, all assembly errors are printed on the device assigned to .DAT-12. If a command string error occurs, the whole line must be retyped, starting with the command string options.

5.4.1 Program Name

A program name may consist of up to six characters, followed by a space, followed by not more than a three-character extension (additional characters are ignored). All of the legal printing characters (refer to Appendix A) may be used in any order. The first non-space character to be typed after the command string left arrow (←) is recognized as the first character of the name. If a space is typed after at least one printing character, the next three characters are interpreted as the extension. If two spaces are typed after at least one printing character, all subsequent characters are ignored and the extension SRC is assumed. If no space follows a six-character name, the first three characters immediately following are interpreted as the extension. If a carriage return follows the name, the extension SRC is assumed.

Examples:

User Command String	Macro Interpretation	
	Name	Extension
→_ABCDEF_ GHI)	ABCDEF	GHI
→AB_ CDE)	AB	CDE
→_ _ _ _ _ABC_ !D)	ABC	!D
→ABC_ _ _ DEF)	ABC	SRC
→A)	A	SRC
→ABCDEFGH IJ)	ABCDEF	GHI
→ABCDEFG)	ABCDEF	G
→ABCDEFGH_ IJKL)	ABCDEF	IJK
→ABCDEFGH_)	ABCDEF	SRC

5.4.2 Options

As illustrated in the examples, the options may be used in any combination or not at all. If no options are desired, → is sufficient, and output is limited to assembly error messages on the device assigned to .DAT-12. The following table shows the action and the default of the options.

Option	Action	Default Action
B	Generate a binary file	A binary file is not generated.
L	Generate a listing file on the requested output device.	A listing file is not generated (see options N, C).
P	Before assembly begins, read program parameters from DAT SLOT-10. If the device is file-oriented, the file name must be .PARAM SRC. The code read from DAT SLOT-10 is read only once; for this reason, only direct assignments may be used.	No parameters, begin assembly immediately after command string termination.
N	Number each source line (decimal). If this option is used, it is not necessary to type the L option.	Source lines are not numbered.
A	Print symbols at end of PASS 2 in alpha-numeric sequence.	Symbols are not printed in alpha-numeric sequence.
V	Print symbols at end of PASS 2 in value sequence.	Symbols are not printed in value sequence. (If neither option V nor A is requested, symbols are not printed.)
S	Same as selecting both A and V above.	Symbols are not printed.

Option	Action	Default Action
C	Program areas that fall between unsatisfied conditionals are not printed. It is not necessary to type the L option if this option is used.	All source lines are printed.
G	Print only the source line of a macro expansion. It is not necessary to type L option.	Generate printouts for macro expansions and expandable pseudo-ops (e.g., .REPT)
X	At completion of PASS 2, PASS 3 is loaded to perform the cross-referencing operation; it is not necessary to type the L or N option if this option is used. At completion of PASS 3 the Assembler will call in PASS 1 and 2, to continue assembling programs. If the command string was terminated by an ALT MODE, control will return to the Monitor at the end of assembly.	A cross-reference is not provided and PASS 3 is not called in.

5.5 ASSEMBLY LISTINGS

If the user requests a listing via the command string, the Assembler will produce an output listing on the requested output device. The top of the first page of the listing will contain the name of the program as given in the command string. The body of the listing will be formatted as follows.

Line Number	Error Flags	Location	Address Mode	Object Code	Address Type	Source	Statement
XXXX	XXX	XXXXXX	[R] [A]	XXXXXXX	[R] [A] [E]	X	X

where:

Line Number =	Each source line is numbered (decimal), comments lines and generated lines are not included. Lines are not numbered unless the X or N option is specified.
Flags =	Errors encountered by the assembler
Location =	Relative or absolute location assigned to the object code.
Address Mode =	Indicates the type of user address.
	A = absolute R = relocatable
Object Code =	The contents of the location (in octal)
Address Type =	Indicates the classification of the object code.
	A = absolute R = relocatable E = external

The object codes assigned for literals and external symbols are listed following the program.

5.6 SYMBOL TABLE OUTPUT

At the end of PASS 2, the symbol table may be output. If the A option is used, the table will be printed in alphanumeric sequence; if the V option is used, the symbol table will be printed in numeric value sequence; if the S option is used, the symbol table will be output in both alphanumeric and numeric sequence. The format is as follows:

Symbol	Value	Type
SYMBL1	XXXXXX	E
SYMBL2	XXXXXX	R
DIRECT	XXXXXX	A



The Xs represent the value assigned to the symbol. This is usually the location where the value is defined. Note that for SYMBL1 and SYMBL2 there are five Xs but that there are six Xs for the symbol DIRECT. Symbols having six octal numbers to represent their values are directed assignments.

The symbol table shows the type of symbol:

A = absolute
R = relocatable
E = external

Locations assigned to variables immediately precede the last object code producing statement in the assembled program. Locations and object codes assigned for literals and external symbols are listed immediately following the variables; if no variables are used in the program, they immediately follow the program.

5.7 RUNNING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the Assembler has identified itself, it is ready to perform an assembly. Proceed as follows:

- a. Place the source program to be assembled on the appropriate input device. (If paper tape, push the tape-feed button to clear the end-of-tape flag.)
- b. Type the command string.

5.7.1 Paper Tape Input Only

The following steps are required when the source program is encountered in the paper tape reader:

- a. At the end of PASS 1, MACRO types
END PASS 1
!P
- b. Replace the source tape in the reader, pushing the tape-feed button to clear the end-of-tape flag.
- c. Type CTRL P to start PASS 2.

At the end of PASS 2, PASS 3 will be loaded by the Assembler to perform the cross-referencing operation if the X option is requested. At completion, PASS 1 and 2 will be reloaded to assemble additional programs.

5.7.2 Cross-Reference Output

When a cross reference output is requested, the symbols are listed in alphabetic sequence. The first address after the symbol is the location where the symbol is defined. All subsequent locations represent the line number (decimal) where the symbol was referenced. Leading zeros are suppressed for the cross-reference symbol table. Ten locations are printed on one line and subsequent locations are continued on the next line.

Example:

PAGE			
A	1	XXXXX	XXXXX... ..XXXXX
		XXXXX	XXXXX
B	5000	XXXXX	
SYMBOL	100	XXXXX	

5.8 PROGRAM RELOCATION

The normal output from the MACRO-15 Assembler is a relocatable object program, which may be loaded into any part of memory regardless of which locations are assigned at assembly time. To accomplish this, the address portion of some instructions must have a relocation constant added to it. This relocation constant, is added to it. This relocation constant, is added at load time by linking the loader; it is equal to the difference between the memory location that an instruction is actually loaded into and the location that was assigned to it at assembly time. The Assembler determines which storage words are relocatable (marking them with an R in the listing), which are absolute (marking these non-relocatable words with an A) and which are external (marking these with an E). The rules that the Assembler follows to determine whether a storage word is absolute or relocatable are as follows.

- If the address is a number (not a symbol), the address is absolute.
- If the address is a symbol which is defined by a direct assignment statement (i.e., =) and the right-hand side of the assignment is a number, all references to the symbol will be absolute.
- If a user label occurs within a block of coding that is absolute, the label is absolute.
- Variables, undefined symbols, external transfer vectors, and literals get the same relocation as was in effect when .END was encountered in PASS 1.
- If the location counter (.LOC pseudo-op) references a symbol which is not defined in terms of an absolute address, the symbol is relocatable.
- All others are relocatable.

The following table depicts the manner in which the Assembler handles expressions which contain both absolute and relocatable elements:

(A=absolute, R=relocatable)

A + A	= A
A - A	= A
A + R	= R
A - R	= R
R + A	= R
R - A	= R
R + R	= R and flagged as possible error
R - R	= A

If multiplication or division is performed on a relocatable symbol, it will be flagged as a possible relocation error.

If a relocatable program exceeds 4K, the following warning message will be typed at the end of PASS 2:

*WARNING*PROG> 4K

5.9 ERROR CONDITIONS AND RECOVERY PROCEDURES

Printout	Recovery Procedure
IOPS 4	Device is not ready. Ready device and type CTRL R (↑R) IOPS 0-61 unrecoverable I/O error. Type CTRL P to restart MACRO or type CTRL C to return to the Monitor.

5.9.1 Restart Control Entries

CTRL P	Restart Assembler, if running
CTRL C	Return to Monitor

5.10 ERROR DETECTION

MACRO-15 examines each source statement for possible errors. The statement which contains the error will be flagged by one or several letters in the left-hand margin of the line, or, if the lines are numbered, between the line number and the location. The following table shows the error flags and their meanings.

Flag	Meaning
A	Error in direct symbol table assignment; assignment ignored.
B	a. Memory bank error (program segment too large) b. Page error - the location of an instruction and the address it references are on different pages.
D	The statement contains a reference to a multiply defined symbol. It is assembled with the first value defined.
E	Erroneous results may have been produced; will also occur on undefined .END value.
I	Line ignored. a. Relocatable pseudo-op in absolute program b. Redundant pseudo-op c. Absolute pseudo-op in relocatable program d. Absolute pseudo-op appears after a line has been assembled.

Flag	Meaning
L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Literal phasing error. Literal encountered in PASS 2 does not equal any literal encountered in PASS 1. b. Nested literals are illegal.
M	An attempt is made to define a symbol which has already been defined. The symbol retains its original value.
N	Error in number usage.
P	Phase error. PASS 1 value does not equal PASS 2 value of a symbol. PASS 1 value will be used.
Q	Questionable line. The address field has been delimited by a space or tab and is followed by another symbol.
R	Possible relocation error.
S	Symbol error. An illegal character was encountered and ignored.
T	Tag error <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. X used as tag. b. An illegal character was encountered in tag field.
U	Undefined symbol.
W	Line overflow during macro expansion.
X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Illegal usage of macro name. b. Illegal use of index register.

In addition to flagged lines, there are certain conditions which will cause assembly to be terminated prematurely.

Message	Pass	Cause
TABLE OVERFLOW	1 or 2	Too many symbols and/or macros.
CALL OVERFLOW	1	Too many embedded macro calls.

APPENDIX A
CHARACTER SET

Printing Character	7-bit ASCII	6-bit Trimmed ASCII	Printing Character	7-bit ASCII	6-bit Trimmed ASCII
@	100	00	Form Feed	014	
A	101	01	Carriage Return	015	
B	102	02	ALT MODE (ESC)	175	
C	103	03	Rubout	177	
D	104	04	(Space)	040	40
E	105	05	!	041	41
F	106	06	"	042	42
G	107	07	#	043	43
H	110	10	\$	044	44
I	111	11	%	045	45
J	112	12	&	046	46
K	113	13	'	047	47
L	114	14	(050	50
M	115	15)	051	51
N	116	16	*	052	52
O	117	17	+	053	53
P	120	20	,	054	54
Q	121	21	-	055	55
R	122	22	.	056	56
S	123	23	/	057	57
T	124	24	0	060	60
U	125	25	1	061	61
V	126	26	2	062	62
W	127	27	3	063	63
X	130	30	4	064	64
Y	131	31	5	065	65
Z	132	32	6	066	66
[*	133	33	7	067	67
\	134	34	8	070	70
]*	135	35	9	071	71
!*	136	36	:*	072	72
-	137	37	;	073	73
Null	000		<	074	74
Horizontal Tab	011		=	075	75
Line Feed	012		>	076	76
Vertical Tab	013		?	077	77

*Illegal as source, except in a comment or text. All other characters are illegal to MACRO-15 and are flagged and ignored.

APPENDIX B
PERMANENT SYMBOL TABLE

Operate		CLC	750001	JMP	600000
OPR	740000	LAS	750004	Automatic Priority Interrupt Type KF09A	
NOP	740000	LAT	750004	SPI	705501
CMA	740001	GLK	750010	ISA	705504
CML	740002	LAW	760000	Index Instructions Which Take an Immediate Nine-bit Operand	
OAS	740004	EAE Type KE09A		AAC	723000
RAL	740010	EAE	640000	AXR	737000
RAR	740020	IOTs		AXS	725000
IAC	740030	IOT	700000	Index and Limit Register Instructions Which do not use Operands	
HLT	740040	IORS	700314	CLLR	736000
XX	740040	DBK	703304	PAL	722000
SMA	740100	DBR	703344	PAX	721000
SZA	740200	IOF	700002	PLA	730000
SNL	740400	ION	700042	PLX	731000
SML	740400	CAF	703302	PXA	724000
SKP	741000	RES	707742	PXL	726000
SPA	741100	Memory Reference		CLX	735000
SNA	741200	CAL	000000	Mode Switching	
SZL	741400	DAC	040000	EBA	707764
SPL	741400	JMS	100000	DBA	707762
RTL	742010	DZM	140000	Index Register Value	
RTR	742020	LAC	200000	X	10000
SWHA	742030	XOR	240000		
CLL	744000	ADD	300000		
STL	744002	TAD	340000		
CCL	744002	XCT	400000		
RCL	744010	ISZ	440000		
RCR	744020	AND	500000		
CLA	750000	SAD	540000		

APPENDIX C
MACRO-15 CHARACTER INTERPRETATION

Character		Function
Name	Symbol	
Space	␣	Field delimiter. Designated by ␣ in this manual.
Horizontal tab	→	Field delimiter. Designated by → in this manual.
Semicolon	;	Statement terminator
Carriage return	↵	Statement terminator
Plus	+	Addition operator (two's complement)
Minus	-	Subtraction operator (addition of two's complement)
Asterisk	*	Multiplication operator or indirect addressing indicator
Slash	/	Division operator or comment initiator
Ampersand	&	Logical AND operator
Exclamation point	!	Inclusive OR operator
Back slash	\	Exclusive OR operator
Opening parenthesis	(Initiate literal
Closing parenthesis)	Terminate literal
Equals	=	Direct Assignment
Opening angle bracket	<	Argument delimiter
Closing angle bracket	>	Argument delimiter
Comma	,	An argument delimiter in MACRO definitions or an exclusive OR operator.
Question mark	?	Create symbol designator in macros
Quotation marks	"	Text string indicators
Apostrophe	'	Text string indicator
Number Sign	#	Variable indicator
Dollar sign	\$	Real argument continuation
Line feed	non-printing	} not applicable
Form feed	non-printing	
Vertical tab	non-printing	

Character	Function
Null	Blank Character. Ignored by the Assembler
Delete	Rubout character. Ignored by the Assembler

Illegal Characters

Only those characters listed on the preceding table are legal in MACRO-15 source programs, all other characters will be ignored and flagged as errors. The following characters, although they are illegal as source, may be used within comments or in .ASCII and .SIXBT pseudo-ops.

Character Name	Symbol
Commercial at	@
Opening square bracket	[
Closing square bracket]
Up arrow	↑
Left arrow	←
Colon	:

APPENDIX D

SUMMARY OF MACRO-15 PSEUDO-OPS

Pseudo-op	Section	Format	Function
.ABS	3.2.1	→ .ABS → NLD)	Object program is output in absolute, blocked, checksummed format for loading by the Absolute Binary Loader
.ABSP	3.2.1	→ .ABSP → NLD)	
.ASCII	3.8.1	label → .ASCII _ /text/<octal>)	Input text strings in 7-bit ASCII code, with the first character serving as delimiter. Octal codes for nonprinting control characters are enclosed in angle brackets.
.BLOCK	3.5	label → .BLOCK → exp)	Reserves a block of storage words equal to the expression. If a label is used, it references the first word in the block.
.DBREL	3.2	→ .DBREL)	Disable bank mode relocation.
.DEC	3.4	→ .DEC)	Sets prevailing radix to decimal.
.DEFIN	3.16	→ .DEFIN _ macro name, args)	Defines macros.
.DSA	3.11	label → .DSA _ exp)	Defines a user symbol which is to be used only in the address field.
.EBREL	3.2	→ .EBREL)	Enable bank mode relocation.
.EJECT	3.14	→ .EJECT)	Skip to head of form on listing device.
.END	3.6	→ .END _ START)	Must terminate every source program. START is the address of the first instruction to be executed.
.ENDC	3.13	→ .ENDC)	Terminates conditional coding in .IF statements.
.ENDM	3.16	→ .ENDM)	Terminates the body of a macro definition.
.EOT	3.7	→ .EOT)	Must terminate physical program segments, except the last, which is terminated by .END.
.ETC	3.16	→ .ETC _ args, args)	Used in macro definitions to continue the list of dummy arguments on succeeding lines.

Pseudo-op	Section	Format	Function
.FULL	3.2.2	→ .FULL)	Produces absolute, unblocked, un-checksummed binary object programs. Used only for paper tape output.
.FULLP	3.2.2	→ .FULLP)	
.GLOBL	3.9	→ .GLOBL _sym,sym,sym)	Used to declare all internal and external symbols which reference other programs. Needed by Linking Loader.
.IFxxx	3.13	→ .IFxxx _exp)	If a condition is satisfied, the source coding following the .IF statement and terminating with an .ENDC statement is assembled.
.IODEV	3.10	→ .IODEV _ .DAT numbers)	Specifies .DAT slots and associated I/O handlers required by this program.
.LOC	3.3	→ .LOC _exp)	Sets the location counter to the value of the expression.
.OCT	3.4	→ .OCT)	Sets the prevailing radix to octal. Assumed at start of every program.
.REPT	3.12	→ .REPT _count, n)	Repeats the object code of the next object code generating instruction Count times. Optionally, the generated word may be incremented by n each time it is repeated.
.SIXBT	3.8.2	label → .SIXBT _/text/<octal>)	Input text strings in 6-bit trimmed ASCII, with first character as delimiter. Numbers enclosed in angle brackets are truncated to one 6-bit octal character.
.SIZE	3.15	→ .SIZE)	MACRO-15 outputs the address of last location plus one occupied by the object program.
.TITLE	3.1	→ .TITLE _name and/or any comments)	The first six legal symbol characters are printed as header of the program listing. A space, tab, or a carriage return will delimit the name.
.NOLST	3.17	→ .NOLST)	Terminate requested assembly listing output of source lines of code contained between .NOLST and .LST.
.LST	3.17	→ .LST)	

APPENDIX E
SUMMARY OF SYSTEM MACROS

System macros (Monitor commands) are defined in the Monitor manual, and are summarized here for the convenience of the PDP-15 programmers.

System macros are predefined to MACRO-15. To use a system macro, the programmer writes a macro call statement, consisting of the macro name and a string of real arguments.

To initialize a device and device handler

```
→ .INIT _a,f,r
    where  a = .DAT slot number in octal
           f = 0 for input files; 1 for output files
           r = user restart address*
```

To read a line of data from a device to a user's buffer

```
→ .READ _a,m,l,w
    where  a = .DAT slot number in octal
           m = a number, 0 through 4, specifying the data mode:
               0 = IOPS binary
               1 = Image binary
               2 = IOPS ASCII
               3 = Image alphanumeric
               4 = Dump mode
           l = line buffer address
           w = word count of the line buffer in decimal, including
               two-word header
```

To write a line of data from the user's buffer to a device

```
→ .WRITE _a,m,l,w
    where  a = .DAT slot number in octal
           m = a number, 0 through 4, specifying the data mode:
               0 = IOPS binary
               1 = Image binary
```

*Meaningful only when device associated with .DAT slot a is the Teletype. Typing CTRL P on the keyboard will force control to location r.

2 = IOPS ASCII
3 = Image alphanumeric
4 = Dump mode

l = line buffer address

w = word count of line buffer in decimal, including the two-word header

To detect the availability of a line buffer

→ .WAIT_l a

where a = .DAT slot number in octal. After the previous .READ, .WRITE, or .TRAN command is completed, .WAIT returns control to the user at LOC+2

To detect the availability of a line buffer and transfer control to ADDR if not available

→ .WAITR_l a, ADDR

where a = DAT slot number (octal radix)

ADDR = Address to which control is transferred if buffer is not available.

To close a file

→ .CLOSE_l a

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

To set the real-time clock to n and start it.

→ .TIMER_l n, c

where n = number of clock increments in decimal. Each increment is 1/60 second (in 60-cycle systems) or 1/50-cycle systems)

c = address of subroutine to handle interrupt at end of interval

To return control to Keyboard Monitor, or halt in I/O Monitor environment

→ .EXIT)

MASS STORAGE COMMANDS FOR DECTAPE, MAGNETIC TAPE,
DISK AND DRUM ONLY

To search for a file, and position the device for subsequent .READ commands

→ .SEEK_l a, d

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

d = address of user directory entry block

To examine a file directory, find a free directory entry block and transfer the block to the device

→ .ENTER a,d

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

 d = address of user directory entry block

To clear a file directory to zero

→ .CLEAR a

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

To rewind, backspace, skip, write end-of-file, or write blank tape on nonfile-oriented magnetic tape

→ .MTAPE a,xx

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

 xx = a number, 00 through 07, specifying one of the functions shown below

 00 = Rewind to load point*

 02 = Backspace one record*

 03 = Backspace one file

 04 = Write end-of-file

 05 = Skip one record

 06 = Skip forward one file

 07 = Skip to logical end-of-file

 or a number, 10 through 16, to describe the tape configuration

 10 = Even parity, 200 bpi

 11 = Even parity, 556 bpi

 12 = Even parity, 800 bpi

 14 = Odd parity, 200 bpi

 15 = Odd parity, 556 bpi

 16 = Odd parity, 800 bpi

To read from, or write to any user file-structured mass storage device

→ .TRAN a,d,b,l,w,p

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

 d = transfer direction:

 0=Input forward

 1=Output forward

 2=Input reverse (DECtape only)

 3=Output reverse (DECtape only)

 b = device address in octal, such as block number for DECtape

 l = core starting address

 w = word count in decimal

 p = platter number (DECdisk only)

*May be used with any non-file-structured mass storage device.

To delete a file

→ .DELETE a, d

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

d = starting address of the three-word block of storage in user area containing the file name and extension of file to be deleted from the device.

To rename a file

→ .RENAM a, d

where a = .DAT slot number in octal

d = starting address of two three-word blocks of storage in user area containing the file names and extensions of the file to be renamed, and the new name, respectively.

To determine whether a file is present on a device

→ .FSTAT a, d

where a = .DAT slot number

d = starting address of three-word block in user area containing the file name and extension of the file whose status is desired.

BACKGROUND/BACKGROUND MONITOR SYSTEM COMMANDS

To read a line of data from a device to a user's buffer in real-time

→ .REALR a, n, l, w, ADDR, p

where a = DAT slot number in octal

m = Data mode specification

0 = IOPS binary

1 = Image binary

2 = IOPS ASCII

3 = Image Alphanumeric

4 = Dump mode

l = Line buffer address

w = word count of line buffer in decimal, including the two-word leader

ADDR = 15-bit address of closed subroutine that is given control when the request made by .REALR is completed.

p = API priority level at which control is to be transferred to ADDR:

0 = mainstream

4 = level of .REALR

5 = API software level 5

6 = API software level 6

7 = API software level 7

To write a line of data from user's buffer to a device in real time

→ `.REALW a,m,l,w,ADDR,p`

where a = DAT slot number in octal

m = Data mode specification

0 = IOPS binary

1 = Image binary

2 = IOPS ASCII

3 = Image Alphanumeric

4 = Dump mode

l = line buffer address

w = word count of line buffer in decimal, including the two-word leader

ADDR = 15-bit address of closed subroutine that is given control when the request made by `.REALW` is completed

p = API priority level at which control is to be transferred to ADDR

0 = mainstream

4 = level of `.REALR`

5 = API software level 5

6 = API software level 6

7 = API software level 7

To indicate, in a FOREGROUND job, that control is to be relinquished to a BACKGROUND job

→ `.IDLE`

To set the real-time clock to n and start it

→ `.TIMER n,c,p`

where n = number of clock increments in decimal. Each increment is 1/60 of a second (1/50 in 50 Hz systems)

c = address of subroutine to handle interrupt at end of interval

p = API priority level at which control is to be transferred to c

0 = mainstream

4 = level of `.TIMER`

5 = API software level 5

6 = API software level 6

7 = API software level 7

To exit from all real-time subroutines which were entered via `.REALR`, `.REALW`, `.TIMER`, or real-time CTRL P requests.

`.RLXIT addr`

where addr = The 13-bit entry point address of the real-time subroutine from which an exit is to be made.

APPENDIX F

SOURCE LISTING OF THE ABSOLUTE BINARY LOADER

```

      /***ABSOLUTE BINARY LOADER ***
      /      .FULL
700004  CLCF=700004
700112  RKB=700112
700144  RSB=700144
700101  RSF=700101
017720  LDSTRT=17720
703302  BINLDR CAF
700004          CLOF
700012          ICF+10
705504          ISA
740000  LODMOD NOP
707702          707702
017726  LDNGBK=17726
157775          DZM  LDCKSM
117753          JMS  LDREAD
057776          DAC  LDSTAD
741100          SPA
617747          JMP  LDXFR
117753          JMS  LDREAD
057777          DAC  LDWDCT
117753          JMS  LDREAD
017736  LDNXWD=17736
117753          JMS  LDREAD
077776          DAC* LDSTAD
457776          ISZ  LDSTAD
457777          ISZ  LDWDCT
617736          JMP  LDNXWD
357775          TAD  LDCKSM
740200          SZA
740040          HLT
617726          JMP  LDNGBK
017747  LDXFR-17747
057777          DAC  LDWDCT
457777          ISZ  LDWDCT
617763          JMP  LDWAIT
740040          HLT
017753  LDREAD=17753

      /CLEAR FLAGS
      /CLOCK OFF
      /INTERRUPT OFF
      /TURN OFF API
      /(EBA), (DEA), (NOP)
      /PDP-9 COMPATIBILITY (EEM)

      /CHECKSUMMING LOCATION

      /GET STARTING ADDRESS
      /BLOCK HEADING OK
      /START BLOCK

      /WORD COUNT (2'S COMPLEMENT)

      /LOAD DATA INTO APPROPRIATE
      /MEMORY LOCATIONS
      /FINISHED LOADING
      /NO

      /LDCKSM SHOULD CONTAIN 0
      /CHECKSUM ERROR HALT
      /PRESS CONTINUE TO IGNORE

      /EXECUTE START ADDRESS
      /NO ADDRESS ON .END STATEMENT
      /MANUALLY START USER PROGRAM

```

```

000000      0
700144      RSE
357775      TAD LDCKSM
057775      DAC LDCKSM
700101      RSE
617757      JMP LDREAD+4
700112      RRR
637753      JMP* LDREAD
/ THE LAST FRAME OF EVERY .ABS(P) PROG IS GARBAGE.
017763      LDWAIT=17763
117753      JMS LDREAD      /PASS OVER LAST FRAME (PDP-9
637776      JMP* LDSTAD     /COMPATIBILITY).
000235      FNDLDR=.
003500      HRMWD 003500; 0      /HEADER
000000
000261      261; 277      /HRM START
000277
000320      320; 0
000000
017775      LDCKSM=17775
017776      LDSTAD=17776
017777      LDWDCT=17777
/      .END BINLDR
/ *** END OF LOADER ***

```

APPENDIX G

MACROI-15 ASSEMBLER

The 8K DECtape systems cannot utilize MACRO-15 if a binary output on DECtape is desired, since the combined size of MACRO-15, the Resident Monitor, and the required DECtape device handler (DTB.) is nearly 8K. Therefore, there is no space available for the User's Symbol Table. If, however, paper-tape I/O or DECtape input/paper-tape output is desired, MACRO-15 may be used. Device handlers DTC, PRB, PPC or PPB (for ,ABS or .FULL programs) may be used as required.

The MACROI-15 assembler, which is a device-dependent version of MACRO-15, does permit DECtape I/O on an 8K machine. This is possible because MACROI, though identical to MACRO in function, uses self-contained DECtape and Teletype I/O routines. This results in a core load which operates in 8K and allows approximately 410_{10} locations for the User's Symbol Table.

DEVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Since MACROI is device-dependent, the user may not use the Monitor ASSIGN command. The assembler performs I/O in the manner described below (as modified by the D, U, and T options):

- a. The user's source program is input from DECtape Unit 1.
- b. The assembled binary is output to DECtape Unit 2.
- c. The assembly listing is output to the Teletype.
- d. The parameter file is input from DECtape Unit 1.

OPERATION

The operating features of MACROI are the same as described in Chapter 5 for MACRO, with the following exceptions:

Calling Procedure

MACROI is called by typing MACROI) after the Monitor's \$ request. When the assembler has been loaded, it identifies itself by typing:

MACRO/I Vnn

on the Teletype and then waits for a command string.

NOTE

The command line editing function CTRL U deletes the entire line and echoes tU and a carriage return/line feed operation on the Teletype.

Additional Options

The following options may be used in the command string to MACROI along with the normal MACRO options:

Option	Action	Default Action
D	Disregard the B option and output the assembly listing on DECtape Unit 2.	A binary, if desired, may be output to DECtape 2. The listing is output to the Teletype.
U	The assembled binary is output to DECtape Unit 1.	The assembled binary is output to DECtape Unit 2 if B option is selected.
T	Accept parameters from the Teletype.	Parameters are accepted from DECtape Unit 1.

Error Conditions

MACROI performs I/O error checking, and outputs the following messages:

Message	Meaning
IOPS 0	Illegal CAL
IOPS 1	CAL* Illegal
IOPS 3	Illegal Interrupt
IOPS 4	DECtape unit not ready - type CTRL R when ready.
IOPS 12	Unrecoverable DECtape Error
IOPS 13	File Not Found
IOPS 14	Directory Full
IOPS 15	DECtape Full
IOPS 23	Illegal Word Pair Count
IOPS 61	Input Parity Error While Reading Directory of File Bit Map

All of the above error messages, except IOPS 4, are terminal. Type CTRL P to restart MACROI or type CTRL C to call in the Monitor. A more complete description of IOPS errors may be found in the Monitor System Manuals or User's Guides listed in the Preface of this manual.

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