

## ===== INTRODUCTION =====

This document provides a functional description of an implementation of the Lattice C compiler, a portable compiler for the high level programming language called C. It makes no attempt to discuss either programming fundamentals or how to program in C itself. Extensive reference is made to the definitive text The C Programming Language, by Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie (Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1978). This description of Lattice C is incomplete without this text, which also provides an excellent tutorial introduction to the language.

The manual is divided into three sections. First, the details of this particular implementation are presented, beginning with operating instructions (how to run the compiler, link and execute programs, etc.). Second, the language accepted by the compiler, which differs from the standard in only a few minor details, is described. Finally, the portable library functions are presented in functional groups with calling sequences and examples. As this document is intended to serve as a reference manual, each topic is usually presented in full technical detail as it is encountered. Some reference to sections not yet encountered is unavoidable, but these references are specifically noted. To get an overview of the compiler, read the first portion of each of the major subsections in the implementation description (Section 1), the language summary at the beginning of the language definition (Section 2), and the function summaries at the beginning of the library groups (in Section 3).

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## SECTION 1 The MS-DOS Implementation

The Lattice 8086/8088 C compiler runs under Microsoft's MS-DOS operating system. It accepts programs written in the C programming language (the full language -- not a subset) and produces relocatable machine code in Intel's 8086 object module format, suitable for use by Microsoft's program linker. The library defines a comprehensive set of I/O subroutines which implement under MS-DOS most of the UNIX-compatible standard functions described in the text by Kernighan and Ritchie.

The 8086 instruction set is well-suited to the implementation of a high level language like C, and the Lattice compiler generates machine code which takes full advantage of its features. Although the 8086 architecture supports up to 1 megabyte of addressable memory, it lacks the ability to address this memory directly and efficiently. This implementation therefore restricts the size of C programs to a maximum of 64K bytes of program section (functions), plus a maximum of 64K bytes of data section (including static data, auto or stack data, and dynamically allocatable memory). Even with this restriction, programs of considerable complexity and power (including the compiler itself) can be developed.

## 1.1 Operating Instructions

The Lattice compiler is supplied under MS-DOS as a package consisting of the following files:

LC1.EXE	C compiler (phase 1)
LC2.EXE	C compiler (phase 2)
FXU.EXE	Function extract utility
C.OBJ	C program entry/exit module
LC.LIB	Run-time and I/O library
LC.BAT	Batch file to execute phases 1 and 2
STDIO.H	Standard I/O header file
CONIO.H	Console I/O header file
CTYPE.H	String macro header file
FTOC.C	Fahrenheit-to-Celsius sample program
CAT.C	File concatenate sample program
SIEVE.C	Eratosthenes sieve sample program
IO.ASM	Sample assembler program

These disk files take up about 160 kilobytes of disk storage. Each phase of the compiler itself has about 50K bytes of program section, and each requires a minimum of an additional 14K bytes of data area. Thus, the compiler needs about 64K bytes of working memory in addition to that taken up by MS-DOS itself, and additional memory will be needed to compile large source files. (On the MS-DOS system used to develop the compiler, the MS-DOS components required slightly more than 16K bytes.)

LC1 and LC2 make up the actual compiler. Each performs a portion of the compilation process and must be invoked by separate commands; LC1 does NOT automatically load LC2 when it completes its processing. Normally, LC2 should be executed immediately after LC1 if there are no errors in the source file. The batch procedure file LC.BAT is provided to execute LC1 and LC2 in succession, using the same file name (the normal sequence). The compilation process can be diagrammed as follows:

```
file.C -> LC1 -> file.Q
file.Q -> LC2 -> file.OBJ
```

LC1 reads a C source file, which MUST have a .C extension, and (provided there are no fatal errors) produces an intermediate file of the same name with a .Q extension. LC2 reads an intermediate file created by LC1 and produces an object file of the same name with a .OBJ extension. The .Q file is deleted by LC2 when it completes its processing. Each phase normally creates its output file on the same drive as the input file. Note that if a source file defines more than one function, so does its resulting object file. Individual functions cannot be broken out from the object file when a program is linked; see Section 1.3.2 for more information.

The .OBJ file must be supplied as input to the linker in order to produce an executable program file. Two special files must also be involved in the linking process, in addition to any .OBJ files created by the user. The linking process can be diagrammed as follows:

```
C.OBJ + user.OBJ + ... + LC.LIB -> LINK -> user.EXE
```

The special files required are C.OBJ and LC.LIB. First, the file C.OBJ must be specified as the FIRST module on the LINK execution command; this module defines the execution entry and exit points for any program generated using the Lattice C compiler. Second, the file LC.LIB must be specified as the library; this file defines all of the run-time and I/O library functions included as part of the Lattice C package. The user must also specify at link time the names of any .OBJ files which are to be included, as well as the name of the .EXE file which will be created by the linker.

To illustrate the program generation sequence, here are the commands necessary to compile, link, and execute the Fahrenheit-to-Celsius sample program. This example assumes that all of the .EXE files (LC1, LC2, and LINK) reside on the same disk. The commands will be shown in upper case, although lower case commands will work just as well. (Note: the linker prompts described here are those for Version 1.10 of the Microsoft linker; consult Microsoft's documentation if they are different for the version you have. Generally, the default responses are correct.)

STEP 1: Execute the first phase of the compiler by typing

LC1 FTOC<CR>

Note that the .C extension is not supplied (although the command will work properly even if it is).

STEP 2: When the MS-DOS prompt is issued after LC1 has completed its processing, execute the second phase of the compiler with

LC2 FTOC<CR>

Again, no extension is specified; LC2 supplies the .Q extension.

STEP 3: When the prompt is issued after LC2 has completed its processing, execute the linker by typing

LINK C FTOC<CR>

Note that C (meaning C.OBJ) is specified as the FIRST object module on the LINK command; this is required for the linking of any C program. Then FTOC (meaning FTOC.OBJ, which was just produced by LC2) is specified as an additional object module. Respond to the other linker prompts as follows:

Run File [C.EXE]: FTOC<CR>  
List File [NUL.MAP]: <CR>  
Libraries [.LIB]: LC<CR>

These responses cause the run file to be named FTOC.EXE, skip the generation of a link map, and cause LINK to search LC.LIB for external references.

STEP 4: Execute the .EXE file by typing

FTOC<CR>

A list of Fahrenheit temperature values and their Celsius equivalents will be written to the user's console.

Note that the first two steps could have been accomplished with the single command

LC FTOC<CR>

which uses the LC.BAT batch file to execute LC1 and LC2 in succession. Note also that the file FTOC.OBJ still exists and should probably be erased.

Detailed instructions for compiling, linking, and executing programs are presented in the following sections. See Section 1.3 for a detailed discussion of the processing performed by the

compiler phases.

In presenting the various command line formats, the term "field" will be used to describe a sequence of non-white-space characters in the command line. Optional fields will be shown enclosed in square brackets ([]); the brackets are NOT to be included when the actual command is typed. Study the examples at the end of each section to see how actual commands should look.

#### 1.1.1 Phase 1

The first phase of the compiler reads a C source file and produces an intermediate file of logical records called quadruples, or quads. See Section 1.3.1 for a more detailed discussion of the processing performed. The format of the command to invoke the first phase of the compiler is

```
LC1 [=stack] [>listfile] filename [options]<CR>
```

The various command line specifiers are shown in the order they must appear in the command. Optional specifiers are shown enclosed in brackets. The first two options are part of the general command line options for all C programs (see Section 1.1.4).

**=stack** The first option is used to override the number of bytes reserved for the stack (see Section 1.4 for a complete description of the structure of C programs). The default is 2048 (decimal) bytes, which is sufficient for most programs. If present, the stack size override field must be the first field after the name of the first phase (LC1). It is specified as an equals sign followed by a decimal number (for example, =4096 specifies a value of 4096 decimal bytes). Since the compiler uses recursion to process C statements, heavily nested statements cause the compiler to use more stack space than straightforward, linear sequences. If a source program with a lot of embedded statements (ifs within ifs within ifs, etc.) causes the first phase to die mysteriously in the middle of a compilation, or to complain of errors which don't exist, or to exhibit other unusual behavior, increasing the stack size MAY solve the problem. On the other hand, you may simply have discovered a compiler bug; see Appendix B for the procedure used to report such problems. On systems which are cramped for memory, the stack size may be trimmed down in an attempt to eliminate a "Not enough memory" error; there is no guarantee, however, that the compilation will be successful, particularly if the stack size is reduced below 1024 bytes.

**>listfile** The second option is used to direct the first phase messages to a specified file. These messages include the compiler signon message and any error or warning

messages which may be generated. The full filename must be specified, including extension. If the file already exists, it is truncated and reused. This option is useful for reviewing long lists of error messages.

- filename** This is the only command line field which MUST be present; it specifies the name of the C source file which is to be compiled. The file name should be specified without the .C extension; the first phase supplies the extension automatically. Note that only files with a .C extension can be compiled; if some other extension is specified, the compiler ignores it and tries to find "name.C". (#include files, on the other hand, must be fully specified with extensions.) The default drive is used unless some other drive is specified; the quad file is created on the same drive as the source file unless the -o option is used (see below). Alphabetic characters may be either upper or lower case in file names.
- options** Compile time options are specified as a minus sign followed by a single letter. The letter must be typed in lower case; the corresponding upper case option will have no effect. Each option must be specified separately, with a separate minus sign and letter (that is, they cannot be combined as they can for certain UNIX programs). Current options include:
- a Causes the compiler to assume worst-case aliasing, that is, to abandon any optimizations based on favorable assumptions about pointers. Normally, the compiler assumes that objects referenced through pointers are not the same as objects being referenced directly in the same section of the program; this option cancels that assumption. The -a option is almost never required unless the programmer is doing something tricky with pointers; see Section 1.3.4 for more information.
  - b Forces byte alignment for all offset calculations. The first phase normally aligns all objects which are not "char" on a word boundary. This insures efficient data fetches on an 8086 (fetching a word on an odd byte boundary on the 8086 processor requires four additional clock periods). This option is provided to allow space efficient programs for the 8088 processor. It is also useful for certain structure declarations where word items must be placed at odd byte offsets in order to conform to specific record layouts (for example, the FCB structure used in MS-DOS contains a long integer which falls on an odd byte boundary).
  - c Causes comments to be processed without nesting. The Lattice compiler normally assumes that comments may be



nested; this allows large sections of code to be commented out very easily. This option allows the user to force the compiler to the standard, non-nesting mode of operation.

- d Causes debugging information to be included in the quad file. Specifically, line separator records are interspersed with the normal quads. This allows the second phase to produce a table of information relating input line numbers to program section offsets. If this option is used, the quad file is NOT deleted by the second phase. (Note: this option is not implemented on some earlier versions of the compiler.)
- od Creates the output file (the quad file) on drive "d", where "d" is a single alphabetic character, either upper or lower case, specifying a disk drive ("a" for A:, "b" for B:, etc.). The drive letter must be adjacent to the "-o" (no intervening blanks).
- x Changes the default storage class for external declarations (made outside the body of a function) from "external definition" to "external reference". The usual meaning of an external declaration for which an explicit storage class is not present is to define storage for the object and make it visible in other files: external definition. The -x option causes such declarations to be treated as if they were preceded by the "extern" keyword, that is, the object being declared is present in some other file. The option is provided for use on programs written for the BDS C compiler; see Appendix C for more information.

#### EXAMPLES

```
LC1 XYZ -ob -x
```

Execute the first phase of the compiler using file XYZ.C as input, creating file XYZ.Q on B:, and interpret all external declarations without a storage class as being "extern" declarations.

```
lcl =4096 >tns.err tns
```

Execute the first phase of the compiler using file TNS.C as input, creating file TNS.Q on the currently logged-in disk; set the stack size to 4096 decimal bytes, and create a file TNS.ERR to contain all of the messages generated by the compiler.

#### 1.1.2 Phase 2

The second phase of the compiler reads a quad file created by the first phase and creates an object file in the standard MS-DOS format. See Section 1.3.2 for a more detailed discussion

of the processing performed. The format of the command to invoke the second phase of the compiler is

```
LC2 filename [options]<CR>
```

The command format is very similar to that for the first phase. The stack size override and listfile options can also be used, but they are generally less useful and will not be described here in any detail. Note that neither phase of the compiler does any processing of the standard input, so the < option has no effect on either phase (see Section 1.1.4 for the general C program execution options).

**filename** This field must be present; it specifies the name of the intermediate file for which code is to be generated. This intermediate file is a quad file with a .Q extension, created by the first phase of the compiler. The file name should be specified without the .Q extension; the second phase supplies the extension automatically. Alphabetic characters may be supplied in either upper or lower case. The default drive is used unless some other drive name is specified, and the object file is created on the same drive as the quad file unless the -o option is used (see below).

**options** Compile time options are specified as a minus sign followed by a single letter. The letter must be typed in lower case; the corresponding upper case option will have no effect. Each option must be specified separately, with a separate minus sign and letter (that is, they cannot be combined as they can for certain UNIX programs). Current options include:

**-f** Causes code for floating point operations to be generated using the 8087 numeric data processor. Note that this option must be used for all functions which perform any floating point operations which are to be included in a program, that is, functions compiled with the -f option cannot be combined with (floating point) functions compiled without the -f option. (Note: this option is not implemented on some earlier versions of the compiler.)

**-od** Creates the output file (the object file) on drive "d", where "d" is a single alphabetic character, either upper or lower case, specifying a disk drive ("a" for A:, "b" for B:, etc.). The drive letter must be adjacent to the "-o" (no intervening blanks).

#### EXAMPLES

```
LC2 A:NXF -f
```

Execute the second phase of the compiler using file A:NXF.Q as

input, creating file NXF.OBJ on drive A:, and generate code for all floating point operations to use the 8087 floating point processor.

```
lc2 u790 -oc
```

Execute the second phase of the compiler using file U790.Q as input, creating file U790.OBJ on drive C:.

### 1.1.3 Program Linking

After all of the component source modules for a program have been compiled, they must be linked together to form an executable program file. This step is necessary for several reasons. First, the object file produced by the second phase of the compiler is not in a state suitable for execution. Second, most programs make use of functions not defined in the current module; before such programs can execute, they must be "connected" with those other modules. These external functions may be defined by the user, in which case they must be compiled and be available as .OBJ files, or they may be defined in the library supplied with the compiler. (The portable functions are described in Section 3; others defined only under MS-DOS are described in Section 1.5.) Third, although C normally defines the function called "main" to be the execution point of a C program, there is usually a considerable amount of system-dependent processing which must be performed before "main" is actually called; the module to perform this processing is integrated into the program when it is linked.

Although the usual concept of linking involves external function calls, C also permits functions to access data locations defined in other modules. This kind of reference is possible because the external linkage mechanism supported by the object code associates an external symbol with a memory location; this symbol is the identifier used to declare the object in a C program. The programmer must be careful to declare an object with the same attributes in both the module which defines it and the module which refers to it, because the linker cannot verify the type of reference made -- it simply connects memory references using external symbols. The use of include files for common external declarations will usually prevent this kind of error.

The linking process in a general sense requires that all of the components of a program be specified, either directly or indirectly, as input to the linker. Three types of input are required.

1. The file C.OBJ must be specified as the first module included by the linker. This file defines the MS-DOS entry point for all C programs compiled using the Lattice C compiler.

2. Functions generated by the user must be specified as

additional modules to be included. These modules include the main module, as well as any additional functions defined in other source modules.

3. The file LC.LIB must be specified as the library to be searched during linking.

In the case of the Microsoft linker supplied with MS-DOS, these inputs are specified by:

1. Making "C" the first module on the "LINK" command.
2. Including the names (without the .OBJ extension) of the user's object files on the "LINK" command, after the "C" specification.
3. Typing "LC" in response to the "Libraries" prompt from the linker.

Note that for step (2), one of the files included on the "LINK" command must be the main module.

If the linker cannot find one of the .OBJ files mentioned on the "LINK" command, it will stop processing without creating a .EXE file. Another error condition can arise if the linker cannot find all of the external items referred to in the .OBJ files specified. In this case, you will get a message to the effect that "Unsatisfied external reference(s)" exist, followed by a list of the external names which were not satisfied. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM WITH UNSATISFIED EXTERNAL REFERENCES unless you are quite sure that the missing functions will never actually be called.

See Section 1.2.2 for a discussion of external names. See Section 1.4 for a technical description of the object code features used in this implementation. If the version of the linker supplied with your system has different prompts than those illustrated here, consult Microsoft's documentation. Generally, the default responses to other prompts are correct. If your linker allows generation of a public symbol map, you may want to create a .MAP file and look at the components present in the resulting load module.

#### EXAMPLE

```
LINK C XYZ QRS
```

```
Run File [C.EXE]: XYZ<CR>
List File [NUL.MAP]: <CR>
Libraries [.LIB]: LC<CR>
```

Execute the linker, producing XYZ.EXE as an executable program, and include files XYZ.OBJ and QRS.OBJ in the program.

## 1.1.4 Program Execution

When a C program is executed, the function "main" is called to begin execution. Two important services are performed for it before it ever receives control.

1. The command which executed the program is analyzed, and information from the command line is supplied as parameters to "main". The analysis performed and the nature of the parameters supplied will be discussed in detail below. This feature is designed to make it easier to process command line inputs to the program.

2. The buffered text files "stdin" (standard input), "stdout" (standard output), and "stderr" (standard error) are opened and thus available for use by the program. Normally, all three units are assigned to the user's console, but "stdin" and "stdout" may be assigned elsewhere by command line options described below. This feature allows flexibility in the use of programs which work with text file input and output using the standard "getchar" and "putchar" macros.

The simplest way to execute a C program is just to type the name of the .EXE file (without the .EXE extension), followed by a return. Since the command line provides a convenient way to supply input to a program, a program execution request will often contain other information. The general format of the command line to execute a C program is

```
pgmname [=stack] [<infile] [>outfile] [args] <CR>
```

Everything after "pgmname" is optional, as the brackets indicate. The various additional items, if present, must be specified in the order shown.

**pgmname** This field names the program to be executed; it is the name of the .EXE file created when the program was linked. It must be specified without the .EXE extension.

**=stack** The first optional field is used to specify a decimal number of bytes to be reserved for the stack when the program executes. The default value used if this field is not present is 2048 bytes. The stack size is specified as a decimal number immediately preceded by an equals sign. All objects declared "auto" are allocated from the stack, but the memory used for these allocations is freed when the function in which they are declared returns to its caller. The dynamic nature of this allocation makes it generally difficult to predict how much stack space is actually needed for a particular program. The stack size option on the command line allows the user to adjust the amount of memory reserved for the stack without having to recompile the program. The memory reserved for the

stack affects the amount of memory available for dynamic allocation by the various library functions described in Section 3.1. See Section 1.4 for more information about the structure of C programs.

**<infile** The second optional field names a file or device to which the standard input ("stdin") is to be assigned. This option is useful only if the program being executed actually uses the standard input (that is, it processes text input using "getchar" or "scanf" or makes explicit "getc" or "fscanf" calls using "stdin"). The file or device name must be immediately preceded by a < character; if a file, the full name including extension, if any, must be specified. See Section 1.5.2 for a list of valid device names. The file must exist, or the program will be aborted with the error message "Can't open stdin file".

**>outfile** The third optional field names a file or device to which the standard output ("stdout") is to be assigned. This option is useful only if the program being executed actually uses the standard output (that is, it generates text output using "putchar" or "printf" or makes explicit "putc" or "fprintf" calls using "stdout"). The file or device name must be immediately preceded by a > character; if a file, the full name including extension, if any, must be specified. See Section 1.5.2 for a list of valid device names. The file is opened as a new file, which discards its previous contents if it already existed and creates an empty file. If the filename specified is invalid or not enough directory space is available to create the new file, the program is aborted with the error message "Can't create stdout file".

If two > characters are used instead of one, the file is opened for appending, and any output is added on to the end of the file. This option is useful for accumulating logging information. The file is created if it does not exist.

**args** Any additional fields beyond the program name and the three optional fields are extracted and passed to the function "main" as two arguments:

```
main(argc, argv)
int argc;      /* number of arguments */
char *argv[]; /* array of ptrs to arg strings */
```

Each arg string is terminated by a null byte. On most systems which support C, "argv[0]" is the name by which the program was invoked. Unfortunately, under MS-DOS the program name is not readily available, although all of the other information from the command line is. A dummy "argv[0]" is therefore supplied (all programs are

named "c" according to "argv[0]") but subsequent elements of "argv" are defined properly. Arguments appear in "argv" in the same order in which they were found on the command line. Note that the optional stack and file specifiers are NOT included in the "argv" list of strings.

Although all of the above features are intended as a convenience for writing utility programs under MS-DOS, many of the library I/O functions are forced to be a part of the program because of this processing (specifically, the opening of the buffered input and output files). For programs which were going to use the buffered I/O functions anyway, this does not present a problem, even though these functions add a substantial number of bytes of code to the size of the linked program. Users who must be concerned about program size and who are not using these functions can avoid including the extra modules by supplying a special version of "\_main", the library function which calls "main". See Section 1.5.4 for details.

#### EXAMPLES

```
CPROG =8000 <INPUT.R PQP 12
```

Execute CPROG.EXE, setting the stack size to 8000 decimal bytes, with "stdin" connected to file INPUT.R. The "main" function will be supplied an "argc" value of 3, with strings "c", "PQP", and "12" in the "argv" array.

```
errlog >>errors.log data
```

Execute ERRLOG.EXE with "stdout" connected to ERRORS.LOG for appending (adding to the end of file). The "main" function will be supplied with an "argc" value of 2, with strings "c" and "data" in the "argv" array.

#### 1.1.5 Function Extract Utility

Because the compiler generates a single, indivisible object module for all of the functions defined in a source file, the function extract utility program FXU.EXE is provided so that groups of small functions may be kept in a single source file and object modules produced for them individually. The utility operates by extracting the source text for a specified function and creating a single source module which can then be compiled to produce an object module. The format of the command to invoke the utility is as follows:

```
FXU filename function <CR>
```

where "filename" is the name of the file containing several functions and "function" is the name of the particular function to be extracted. The first file name must be specified WITH an extension, if one is defined; the second name (that of the function) should be specified without any extension. If the

named function is found, a file of the same name with a .C extension is created; otherwise, an error message is generated. The following limitations of the utility should be noted:

1. The function name must be specified exactly as it appears in its definition; if alphabetic characters are lower case in the source file, they should be lower case in the command. The name of the file created, however, will have all lower case letters converted to upper case.

2. The user must be careful not to specify a function with the same name as the original source file, that is, if "xyz" is being extracted from XYZ.C the original contents of the file will be lost.

3. The text extracted consists of all the characters between the closing brace of the previous function, up to and including the closing brace of the extracted function. Obviously, there are problems with functions that refer to external data locations defined in the source module; in general, FXU should be used only for groups of functions which do not refer to any external data locations defined in the same module.

4. The program counts braces defined in the body of the function in order to determine when it has reached the end of that function. Although it recognizes comments and will not make the mistake of counting any braces which might be enclosed in them, it assumes that comments can be nested, which is the same assumption normally made by the compiler. The compiler, however, can be requested by command line option to process comments as if they did not nest; FXU has no such option.

#### EXAMPLE

```
fxu sfuncs.c movstr
```

Extract the function called "movstr" from the text file "SFUNCS.C", and create a new file "MOVSTR.C" to contain the text of that function.

#### 1.2 Machine Dependencies

The C language definition does not completely specify all aspects of the language; a number of important features are described as "machine-dependent." This flexibility in some of the finer details permits the language to be implemented on a variety of machine architectures without forcing code generation sequences that are elegant on one machine and awkward on another. This section describes the machine-dependent features of the language as implemented on the 8086. See Section 2 of the manual for a description of the machine-independent features of the Lattice implementation of the language.



## 1.2.1 Data Elements

The standard C data types are implemented according to the following descriptions. All data elements are normally aligned on a word boundary, with the exception of "char" variables; as noted in Section 1.1.2, this alignment can be disabled by a compile time option. In all cases, regardless of the length of the data element, the low order (least significant) byte is stored first, followed by successively higher order bytes. This scheme is consistent with the general byte ordering used on the 8086, and with the memory formats expected by the 8087 numeric data processor. The following table summarizes the characteristics of the data types:

Type	Length in Bits	Range
char	8	0 to 255 (ASCII character set)
int	16	-32768 to 32767
short	16	-32768 to 32767
unsigned	16	0 to 65535
long	32	$-2 \times 10^{**9}$ to $2 \times 10^{**9}$
float	32	$\pm 10^{**-37}$ to $\pm 10^{**38}$
double	64	$\pm 10^{**-307}$ to $\pm 10^{**308}$

"char" defines an 8-bit unsigned integer. Text characters are generated with bit 7 reset, according to the standard ASCII format.

"int" defines a 16-bit signed integer; "short" and "short int" are synonyms.

"unsigned" or "unsigned int" defines a 16-bit unsigned integer. Note that in this implementation, "unsigned" is not a modifier but a separate data type.

"long" or "long int" defines a 32-bit signed integer.

"float" defines a 32-bit signed floating point number, with an 8-bit biased binary exponent, and a 24-bit fractional part which is stored in normalized form without the high-order bit being explicitly represented. The exponent bias is 127. This representation is equivalent to approximately 6 or 7 decimal digits of precision.

"double" or "long float" defines a 64-bit signed floating point number, with an 11-bit biased binary exponent, and a 53-bit fractional part which is stored in normalized form without the high-order bit being explicitly represented. The exponent bias is 1023. This representation is equivalent to approximately 15 or 16 decimal digits of precision.

Pointers to the various data types consist of the 16-bit offset of the low order (least significant) byte of the data element. Since the combined size of the data elements in a C program cannot exceed 64K bytes, the address of an item is fully

specified in 16 bits. Pointers to functions consist of the 16-bit offset of the first byte of the code defining the function. Again, since the combined size of all the functions in a C program cannot exceed 64K bytes, the address of the function is fully specified in 16 bits.

### 1.2.2 External Names

External identifiers in the MS-DOS implementation differ from ordinary identifiers in one important respect: the MS-DOS linker treats upper and lower case letters as if they were the same. This means that, although the compiler will consider "main" and "MAIN" to be two different functions, the linker will not. External names may be up to 8 characters in length, and the underscore is a valid character. Since the compiler always assumes that external names have the same characteristics as ordinary identifiers, programmers must be careful not to define external names which the compiler believes are different but which the linker will interpret as the same name. A safe rule is to use lower case letters only for all externally visible items, including functions and data items which are to be defined for reference from functions in other source files.

A user may define external objects with any name that does not conflict with the following classes of identifiers:

- \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*\*\* Certain library functions and data elements (defined in modules written in C) are defined with an initial underscore.
  
- CX\*\*\*\* Run-time support functions (written in assembly language) which implement C language features such as long integer multiply and divide, floating point arithmetic, and the like are defined with "CX" as the first two characters.
  
- XC\*\*\*\* Low-level operating system interface functions (written in assembly language) are defined with "XC" as the first two characters.

The likelihood of collision with library definitions is remote, but users should be aware of these conventions and avoid applying these types of identifiers to external, user-defined functions and data.

### 1.2.3 Include File Processing

Include files may be specified as

```
#include "filename.ext"
```

or

```
#include <filename.ext>
```

The two forms have exactly the same effect. The name between the

delimiters is taken at face value; the extension must be specified if one is defined for the file. The usual convention is to use .H for all header files, as do the header files included with the compiler package. Alphabetic characters in a file name may be specified in either upper or lower case. The file must be present on the currently logged-in disk unless a drive specifier is included in the file name (not recommended). The file name is retained internally by the compiler for error reporting (see Section 1.3.3).

#### 1.2.4 Arithmetic Operations and Conversions

Arithmetic operations for the integral types (floating type operations are discussed in the next section) are generally performed by in-line code. Integer overflows are ignored in all cases, although 16-bit signed comparisons correctly include overflow in determining the relative size of operands. Division by zero generates an interrupt which is processed by MS-DOS; on the operating system used to develop the compiler, the message "Integer overflow" is generated and execution of the offending program aborted. Division of negative integers causes truncation toward zero, just as it does for positive integers, and the remainder has the same sign as the dividend. Right shifts are arithmetic, that is, the sign bit is copied into vacated bit positions, unless the operand being shifted is "unsigned"; in that case, a logical (zero-fill) right shift is performed.

Function calls to library routines are generated only for long integer multiplication, division, and comparison. Product overflow is ignored. Division by zero yields a result of zero. The sign of the remainder is the same as the sign of the dividend. Comparison is signed but does not take account of overflow.

Conversions are generated according to the "usual arithmetic conversions" described in Kernighan and Ritchie, and are generally well-behaved. The following should be noted.

1. "char" objects are unsigned in this implementation. Sign extension is NOT performed during expansion to "int"; instead, the high byte is simply set to zero. Code sequences such as

```
char i;  
.  
.  
.  
for (i=8; i >= 0; i--)
```

will not work (in this case, the loop never terminates).

2. Conversion of "int" or "short" to "long" causes sign extension. The inverse operation is a truncation; the result is undefined if its absolute value is too large to be represented.

3. Conversions from integral to floating types are fairly straightforward. The inverse conversions cause any fractional part to be dropped.

4. Conversion from "float" to "double" is well-defined, but the inverse operation may cause an underflow or overflow condition since "double" has a much larger exponent range. Considerable precision is also lost, though the fraction is rounded to its nearest "float" equivalent.

#### 1.2.5 Floating Point Operations

In accordance with the language definition, all floating point arithmetic operations are performed using double precision operands, and all function arguments of type "float" are converted to "double" before the function is called. The formats used are identical to the "short real" and "long real" formats expected by the 8087 numeric data processor (the formats are described in Section 1.2.1). Legal floating point operations include simple assignment, conversion to other arithmetic types, unary minus (change sign), addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and comparison for equality or relative size. Note that, in contrast to the signed integer representations, negative floating point values are not represented in two's complement notation; positive and negative numbers differ only in the sign bit. This means that two kinds of zero are possible: positive and negative. All floating point operations treat either value as true zero and generally produce positive zero, whenever possible. Beware, however, of code which checks "float" or "double" objects for zero by type punning (that is, examining the objects as if they were "int" or some other integral type); such code may consider (falsely) negative zero to be not zero.

As noted in Section 1.1.2, a compile time option selects whether code is generated to perform floating point operations using the 8087 co-processor. The default option generates calls to library functions for arithmetic and comparison operations. Note that the two classes of code generation cannot be combined in the same program; in other words, all functions in the same program which use floating point variables must be compiled with one option or the other. Combining functions compiled with different floating point options will have disastrous results.

Otherwise, the calculations performed by either option should be very nearly equivalent. The library functions used if the 8087 is not present perform arithmetic calculations using 64 fraction bits and a 16 bit exponent, just as the 8087 does. Intermediate results, however, must be converted back to the "double" representation, while on the 8087 they can be left in the more precise "temporary real" format. This may cause some loss of precision in certain cases. For example, in the sequence

```
double a,b,c;
. . .
a = a * b / c;
```

the intermediate "a \* b" result remains in the expanded temporary format on the 8087 register stack but requires conversion back to

"double" in the default case. Please note that the library functions which perform the arithmetic operations without using the 8087 were coded for accuracy, not speed, using straightforward, unsophisticated algorithms. If the speed of floating point arithmetic is a major consideration, the user should obtain a system with the 8087 co-processor and use the -f option for compiling floating point modules. (Note: this option is not implemented on some earlier versions of the compiler.)

Floating point exceptions are processed by a library function called CXFERR that is called according to the following convention:

```
CXFERR(errno);  
int errno;
```

where "errno" can be

```
0 = invalid operation (8087 only)  
1 = underflow  
2 = overflow  
3 = divide by zero
```

Note that "invalid operation" is detected only for 8087 operations, and signals that an operand was a NAN or a result indeterminate.

The standard version of CXFERR supplied in LC.LIB simply ignores all error conditions. The user may write a different version (in either C or assembly language), if desired, to print out an error message and terminate processing, or take any other action. If CXFERR returns to the library function which called it, each exception is processed as follows:

Underflow	Non-8087: set the result equal to zero. 8087: denormalize the result.
Overflow	Set the result to plus or minus infinity.
Zerodivide	Non-8087: set the result equal to zero. 8087: set the result to plus or minus infinity.

Consult the 8087 description for more information about the floating point formats and the other special features of the 8087.

### 1.2.6 Bit Fields

Bit fields are fetched on a word basis, that is, the entire word containing the desired bit field is loaded (or stored) even if the field is 8 bits or less in size. Bit fields are assigned from left to right within a machine word; the maximum field size is 15 bits. Bit fields are considered unsigned in this implementation; sign extension is NOT performed when the value of a field is expanded in an arithmetic expression. If a structure

is declared

```
struct {
    unsigned x : 5;
    unsigned y : 4;
    unsigned z : 3;
} a;
```

then "a" occupies a single 16-bit word, "a.x" resides in bits 15 through 11, "a.y" in bits 10 through 7, and "a.z" in bits 6 through 4. Because of the way bytes are ordered on the 8086, this results in "a.y" being split between the low and high bytes.

### 1.2.7 Register Variables

The current version of the compiler does not implement register variables, although declarations using "register" are accepted if properly made. Storage is reserved for these objects as if they had been declared "auto". Future versions of the compiler may elect to support register variables.

## 1.3 Compiler Processing

The Lattice C compiler under MS-DOS is implemented as two separate executable programs, each performing part of the compilation task. This section discusses the structure of the compiler in general terms, and describes the processing performed by both phases. Special sections are devoted to a discussion of the topics of error processing and code generation.

### 1.3.1 Phase 1

The first phase of the compiler performs all pre-processor functions concurrently with lexical and syntactical analysis of the input file. It generates the symbol tables, which contain information about the various identifiers in the program, and produces an intermediate file of logical records called quadruples, which represent the elementary actions specified by the program. The intermediate file (also called the quad file) is reviewed as it is written, and locally common subexpressions are detected and replaced by equivalent results. When the entire source program has been processed (assuming there are no fatal errors), selected symbol table information is written to the quad file, for use by the second phase. The first phase is thus very active as far as disk I/O is concerned. Generally, if the disk activity stops for more than a few seconds, it's a pretty safe bet that the compiler has crashed. Consult Appendix B for the compiler bug reporting procedure if this happens.

When the first phase begins execution, it writes a signon message to the standard output, unless (1) the specified source file could not be found or (2) a quad file with a .Q extension could not be created (due to lack of directory space). This message identifies the version of the compiler which is being executed. No other messages are generated unless the source file

contains errors; see Section 1.3.3 for information about error processing. Note that the quad file is deleted if any fatal errors are detected.

### 1.3.2 Phase 2

The second phase of the compiler scans the quad file produced by the first phase, and produces an object file in the Intel 8086 format. This object code supports all of the necessary relocation and external linkage conventions needed for C programs (see Section 1.4 for details). A logical segment of code specifying the 8086 machine language instructions which make up the executable portion of the program is generated first, followed by a segment of data-defining code for all static items. Unlike the first phase, the code generator is not always actively performing disk I/O. Each function is constructed in memory before its object code is generated, so there may be fairly sizable pauses during which no apparent activity is taking place. In general, these delays should not persist more than several seconds. Anything longer than a thirty second delay can safely be assumed to be a crash; see Appendix B for information about reporting compiler problems.

When the second phase begins execution, it writes a signon message to the standard output, unless (1) the specified quad file could not be found or (2) an object file with a .OBJ extension could not be created (due to lack of directory space). When code generation is complete, the second phase writes a message of the form

```
Module size P=pppp D=dddd
```

to the standard output (usually the user's console). "pppp" indicates the size in bytes of the program or executable portion of the module generated, and "dddd" indicates the size in bytes of the data portion; both values are given in hexadecimal. These sizes include the requirements for all of the functions included in the original source file. Note that the sizes define the amount of memory required for the module once it is loaded (as part of a program) into memory; the .OBJ file requires more space because it contains additional relocation information.

As noted in the introduction to Section 1.1, the code generator produces a single .OBJ module for a given source module, regardless of how many functions were defined in that module. These functions (if more than one is defined) cannot be separated at link time; if any one of the functions is needed, all of them will be included. Functions must be separated into individual source files and compiled to produce separate object modules if it is necessary to avoid this collective inclusion. A special utility program (FXU.EXE) is provided so that multiple functions may be stored in a single .C file and extracted individually for compilation; see Section 1.1.5.

### 1.3.3 Error Processing

All error conditions (with the exception of internal compiler errors) are detected by the first phase. As soon as the first fatal error is encountered, the compiler stops generating quads and deletes the quad file. This prevents the second phase from attempting to generate code from an erroneous quad file, in the event that it is executed next (as in the procedure LC.BAT). When the compiler detects an error in an input file, it generates an error message of the form

```
filename line Error nn: descriptive text
```

where "filename" is the name of the current input file (which may not be the original source file if #include files are used); "line" is the line number, in decimal, of the current line in that file; "nn" is an error number useful for obtaining an expanded explanation of the error from Appendix A; and "error message text" is a brief description of the error condition. All error messages are written to the standard output, which is normally the user's console but can be directed to a file if desired (see Section 1.1.1). A message similar to the one above but with the text "Warning" instead of "Error" is generated for non-fatal warnings; in this case, generation of the quad file continues normally. In some cases, an error message will be followed by the additional message

```
Execution terminated
```

which indicates that the compiler was too confused by the error to be able to continue processing. The compiler uses a very simple-minded error recovery technique which may cause a single error to induce a succession of subsequent errors in a sort of "cascade" effect. In general, the programmer should attempt to correct the obvious errors first and not be too concerned about error messages for apparently valid source lines (although all lines for which errors are reported should be checked).

Error messages which begin with the text "CXERR" are internal compiler errors which indicate a problem in the compiler itself. Refer to Appendix B for the compiler error reporting procedure. The compiler generates a few other error messages that are not numbered; they are usually self-explanatory. The most common of these is the "Not enough memory" message, which means that the compiler ran out of working memory.

### 1.3.4 Code Generation

The code generation phase reads the quad file and builds an image of the instructions for each function in working memory, before writing the instructions to the object file. This implies that at least as much working memory must be present as is required by the largest function in the source file; actually, considerably more memory (as much as several times that size) is required because of the additional overhead used by the compiler.



Since the compiler is subject to the same 64K byte data space limitation as are all C programs generated by the Lattice compiler, there is a definite limit to the size of a function which can be compiled even when the maximum amount of memory is available. Nonetheless, all of the compiler's own source modules -- some of which contain very large functions -- can be compiled without difficulty. In any case, C is a language which encourages modularity; most programs consist of numerous functions, most of them small. It is therefore doubtful that the function size limitation will prove to be a problem.

One of the sources of the extra overhead in buffering the function in memory derives from the fact that branch instructions are not explicitly represented in the function image. Instead, they are represented by special structures denoting the type and target of each branch. When the function has been completely defined, the branch instructions are analyzed and several important optimizations are performed.

1. Any branch instruction which passes control directly to another branch instruction is re-routed to branch directly to the target location.
2. The combination of a conditional branch instruction which branches over a single unconditional branch is replaced by a single conditional branch instruction of the opposite sense.
3. Sections of code into which control does not flow are detected and discarded.
4. Each branch instruction is coded in the smallest possible machine language sequence required to reach the target location.

Most of these optimizations are applied iteratively until no improvement is obtained.

The code generator also makes a special effort to generate efficient code for the "switch" statement. Three different code sequences may be produced, depending on the number and range of the case values.

1. If the number of cases is three or fewer, control is routed to the "case" entries by a series of test and branch instructions.
2. If the case values are all positive and the difference between the maximum and minimum case values is less than twice the number of cases, the compiler generates a branch table which is directly indexed by the "switch" value. The value is adjusted, if necessary, by the minimum case value and compared against the size of the table before indexing. This construction requires minimal execution time and a table no longer than that required for the sequence described next.

3. Otherwise, the compiler generates a table of [case value, branch address] pairs, which is linearly searched for the "switch" value.

All of the above sequences are generated in-line without function calls because the number of instruction bytes is small enough that little benefit would be gained by implementing them as library functions.

Aside from these special control flow analyses, the compiler does not perform any global data flow analysis or any loop optimizations. Thus, values in registers are not preserved across regions into which control may be directed. The compiler does, however, retain information about register contents after conditional branches which cause control to leave a region of code. Throughout each section of code into which control cannot branch (although it may exit via conditional branches), values which are loaded into registers are retained as long as possible so as to avoid redundant load and store operations. The allocation of registers is guided by "next-use" information, obtained by analysis of the local block of code, which indicates which operands will be used again in subsequent operations. This information also assists the compiler, in analyzing binary operations, in its decision whether to load both operands into registers or to load one operand and use a memory reference to the other. Generally, the result of such an operation will be computed in a register, but sequences like

```
i += j;
```

will load the value of "j" into a register and compute the result directly into the memory location for "i" (but only if "i" is not used later in the same local block of code).

The hardware registers AX, BX, CX, and DX are used as general purpose accumulators, while SI and DI (along with BX) are used for access to indirect operands. BP is used to address the current stack frame; see Section 1.4.3 for more information.

In order to generate the most efficient code for the largest number of source language constructions, the compiler usually makes a favorable assumption about pointer variables. Specifically, it assumes that the actual objects accessed using pointer variables are not the same as other objects which can be accessed directly. This allows the compiler to avoid discarding register contents (thus forcing them to be reloaded, perhaps unnecessarily, at a later time) whenever a result is assigned using a pointer. Consider the following example:

```
int i, j, k, *pi;
. . .
i = j+2;
*pi = j;
k = i*4;
```

In the general case, it is quite possible that "pi" might actually point to "i", which would change the value assigned to "k" in the next statement. In the vast majority of C programs, however, "i" will be a local variable to which it is not possible for "pi" to point. The compiler normally makes this assumption, that is, that "\*pi" cannot be equivalent to "i", and therefore can retain the value computed in the first statement for "i" in a register, which saves having to reload it to perform the multiply operation in the third statement.

On the other hand, there are rare cases where this assumption is not valid. C programmers almost never code sequences such as

```
pi = &i;  
*pi = 12;
```

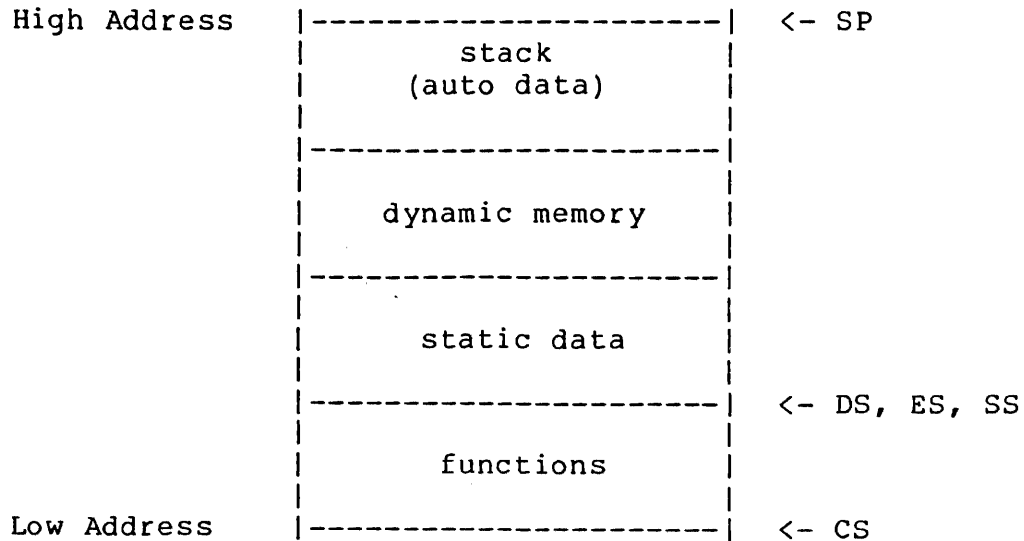
but more subtle cases of pointer overlap can occur, particularly when both the pointer and its target are externally defined. For these cases, the "-a" compile time option is provided; this forces the compiler to assume worst-case aliasing (which is the compiler jargon for this pointer overlap we have been discussing) when generating code. We have designed the compiler to operate this way because we believe that the cases of overlap are more the exception than the rule. Thus, rather than default to worst-case assumptions that produce correct code in all cases and unnecessary inefficiencies in most cases, the compiler normally makes a favorable assumption that produces efficient code which works correctly in all but a few cases. The "-a" option is then provided for use on programs which violate that assumption.

One final note on this subject: even when the "-a" option is used, the compiler assumes that only objects of the pointed-to type can be changed in pointer assignments. Thus, if an "int" pointer is used in an indirect assignment, only registers containing "int" values will be discarded.

#### 1.4 Run-time Program Structure

This section describes the structure of C programs under the 8086/8088 MS-DOS implementation of the Lattice C compiler. Some knowledge of the architecture of the 8086 processor and of the 8086 object code and linkage concepts is required in order to understand much of the information presented. Readers who are not interested in the precise technical details of the hardware implementation may safely skim through or skip over this section; it is primarily intended for programmers who must provide an interface between C and assembly language.

Without mention of the specific object code details used to create it (which will be divulged in subsequent sections), the general structure of a C program is illustrated by the following diagram.



The C programming language provides for three basic kinds of memory allocation: the instructions which make up the executable functions, the static data items which persist independently of any of the functions which refer to them, and the automatic data items which exist only while a function is invoked. Most implementations (including this one) support, through library functions, an additional dynamic memory allocation facility which returns pointers to objects not explicitly declared. The diagram above shows the way these allocations are made; as one might expect, the "auto" data items are allocated on the 8086 hardware stack.

Once initialized, the four segment registers are not changed during execution of the program. This scheme restricts the total program size, but has the corresponding benefit that all pointers are 16 bits in length. The CS register contains the base segment address for the functions which define all of the executable instructions in the program. The functions are grouped together in the lowest portion of the address space defined by the program. Registers DS, ES, and SS all contain the same value, which is the base segment address for all of the static data items in the program. The stack pointer SP is initialized to point to the highest available offset relative to this segment; this value is X'FFF0' if sufficient memory is available, and is adjusted accordingly if less than 64K bytes of memory remain above the data segment base. A certain number of bytes is reserved for the stack, which grows downward. The remainder of memory between the end of the static data items and the lowest address allotted to the stack is available for dynamic memory allocation using library functions. Unfortunately, there is no hardware mechanism on the 8086 for detecting stack overflow, so there is no guarantee that stack allocations will not exceed the allotted space and collide with the dynamic memory pool or the static data items. The stack size override feature described in Section 1.1.4 was provided in an attempt to deal with this problem by allowing the stack size to be specified when a program is executed.

### 1.4.1 Object Code Conventions

The object file created by the second phase is in the standard MS-DOS object code format, which is compatible with the Intel 8086 object module format. The object file defines the instructions and data necessary to implement the module specified by the C source file, and also contains relocation and linkage information necessary to guarantee that the components will be addressed properly when the module is executed or referenced as part of a linked program. In order to force the parts of the module into the proper locations after linking, the object file defines two logical segments which are marked for concatenation with other segments of the same name.

PROG is the segment which includes the instructions which perform the actions specified by any functions defined in the source file.

DATA is the segment which includes all static data items which are defined in the source file. This includes not only those data items explicitly declared "static" but also items declared outside the body of a function without an explicit storage class specifier, string constants, and double precision constants. (Auto data items are simply allocated on the stack at run time and are not explicitly defined in the object file.)

Both segments are defined to be combinable with other segments of the same name. PROG segments combine with byte-alignment, that is, as closely as possible; DATA segments combine with word-alignment. Thus, no space is wasted when functions are combined during linking, and the word alignment of elements within a particular DATA segment is preserved after combination. This alignment of data items is important for efficient data fetches on the 8086, where word fetches from an odd byte address require an additional four clock periods. Note that although a compile-time option (described in Section 1.1.1) allows the alignment requirement for data items within a particular module to be relaxed, the word alignment of DATA segments during linking is not affected.

The net effect of these segment definitions is to force, at link time, all functions to be collected together and all static data items to be similarly combined. This achieves the most important part of the program structure diagrammed above. The segment directives needed to combine assembly language modules with C modules are shown in Section 1.4.4.

### 1.4.2 Linkage Conventions

In order to guarantee that both the program and data portions of the final linked program do not exceed 64K bytes, two groups are defined in the object code.

PGROUP = BASE segment + PROG segment

DGROUP = DATA segment + STACK segment

The PROG and DATA segments are obtained from the C modules in the program, as discussed in the previous section. The other two segments are defined in the module C.OBJ, which must be the first module encountered during linking. The BASE segment serves two purposes: (1) it forces PGROUP lower in memory because it is the first segment within C.OBJ, and (2) it contains text which identifies the current compiler revision number. The latter feature allows programs to be examined with the debugger to determine the revision of the library used when the program was linked. The STACK segment has a dual role as well: (1) it defines the base of the stack and dynamic memory portion of the data section of the program, and (2) it satisfies the linker's need for a segment of type STACK (if one is not encountered, the linker generates a warning message). With these group definitions, the address of a function is its offset from the base of PGROUP, and the address of a data element is its offset from the base of DGROUP.

The module C.OBJ also defines its own PROG and DATA segments. The PROG segment defines the initial execution address of the linked program. The segment registers are initialized, and the amount of memory remaining above the STACK segment is determined. The stack pointer is adjusted to its maximum value, as noted in the discussion at Section 1.4. In the DATA segment of C.OBJ, the address of the stack base and top are saved for use by the memory allocation functions. At the top of the stack, the address of the program segment prefix is saved so that an orderly return to MS-DOS can be made when the program terminates. The characters from the command line which executed the program are transferred from the program segment prefix to the stack. A pointer to this copy of the command line is then passed to the function "main", which begins execution of the program (see Section 1.5.4).

As noted in Section 1.2.2, external names differ from ordinary identifiers in C in that upper and lower case letters are equivalent. The relocation information in the object code defines all external names relative to either PGROUP (functions) or DGROUP (data). All external names are defined as an unspecified type, that is, there is no set of attributes associated with the name; it is simply an offset within one or the other of the two defined groups. It is therefore an error to define two items with the same external name in the same program. It is the programmer's responsibility to prevent this occurrence and also to make sure that programs refer to external names in a consistent way (i.e., a function should not refer to "xyz" as "long" when it is actually defined as "int" in some other module). External definition and reference from assembly language modules are discussed in Section 1.4.4.

Consult the appropriate linker documentation for information as to how to obtain a public symbol map for a linked program. As a convenience, the DGROUP segments are defined with class name

DATA and the PGROUP segments with class name PROG.

### 1.4.3 Function Call Conventions

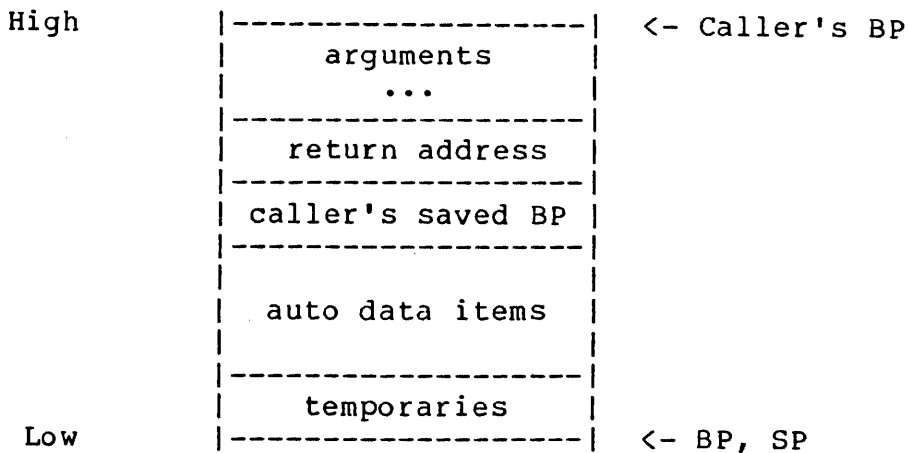
When a C function makes a call to another function, it first pushes the values of any arguments onto the stack and then makes a call to that function. A near call (which changes IP but not CS) is used because all functions are defined within 64K bytes. The argument values are pushed in reverse (right-to-left) order because the stack grows downward on the 8086; this allows the called function to address the arguments in the natural left-to-right (low-address-to-high-address) order. The first actions taken by the called function are:

1. The BP register is pushed onto the stack; this saves the value of BP used by the caller.

2. The stack pointer SP is reduced (i.e., a value is subtracted from it) by the number of bytes of stack space required by the called function. This value is rounded to the nearest word so that the stack pointer is always word-aligned. The stack space includes all "auto" data elements declared in the function, and also may include additional space for the temporary storage locations which are often required during expression evaluation. If no "auto" items or temporaries are needed, this step is skipped; SP is unchanged.

3. The stack pointer SP is moved into BP to allow addressing of the elements on the stack: function arguments, "auto" storage, and temporaries.

The offsets of the various components are indicated by the following diagram. Note that of the registers used by the calling program, only BP is saved.



During execution of a C function, BP and SP normally contain the same value. The temporaries are allocated closest to BP, followed by the "auto" elements declared, in the order of their declaration. This addressing scheme has the disadvantage that

the arguments supplied to the function are at an offset determined in part by the amount of "auto" storage declared. If the function declares more than about 124 bytes of "auto" storage, the arguments require an additional offset byte in the instructions which refer to them.

The compensating advantage to this mechanism appears when a function calls another function and supplies it with argument values. Because a C function may in special cases have a variable number of arguments ("printf" is the classic example), the called function cannot de-allocate the stack space used in pushing the argument values; the calling function must do so. By retaining the normal SP value in BP, Lattice C functions can restore the stack pointer after a function call with the two-byte instruction

```
MOV SP,BP
```

If BP is not set up in this way, a value must be explicitly added to SP, which requires a three- or four-byte instruction.

A second advantage to this technique is that it is easy to implement assembly language functions (to be called from C) with a variable number of arguments. Since the caller's BP contains the value in SP before argument values were pushed (as the diagram shows), it defines the upper limit for the address of any arguments. In other words, only the space between the saved return address and the address in the caller's BP register can contain arguments.

When a function returns to its caller, it first loads the function return value, if any, into predefined registers. The size of the value returned determines the register(s) used:

16 bits	AX register
32 bits	(AX,BX) register pair
64 bits	(AX,BX,CX,DX) register quadruplet

In the multiple register returns, AX contains the high order bits of the value. Double precision functions compiled with the -f option return the function value as the top of the 8087 register stack.

After the return value is loaded, the function adds to SP the same value that was subtracted on entry. Then BP is popped, restoring the caller's base pointer, and a near return is executed. The calling function now regains control, and must restore SP if any argument values were pushed.

#### 1.4.4 Assembly Language Interface

Programmers may write assembly language modules for inclusion in C programs, provided that these modules adhere to the object code, linkage, and function call conventions described in the preceding sections. An assembly language module which



defines one or more functions to be called from C must begin with the statements

```
PGROUP GROUP   PROG
PROG   SEGMENT BYTE PUBLIC 'PROG'
      ASSUME   CS:PGROUP
```

followed by PUBLIC declarations of the function(s):

```
      PUBLIC AFUNC
      .
      .
      .
AFUNC PROC   NEAR
```

The function itself must be declared NEAR, as shown above, and must conform to the conventions detailed in the preceding section. If a value is to be returned by the function, it must be placed in the appropriate register(s).

A module may similarly define data locations to be accessed (using "extern" declarations) in C programs by defining a DATA segment, as in the following example:

```
DGROUP GROUP   DATA
DATA   SEGMENT WORD PUBLIC 'DATA'
      ASSUME   DS:DGROUP
      PUBLIC  DX1,DX2,DX3
DX1    DW      4000H
DX2    DW      8000H
DX3    DB      'Text string'
DATA   ENDS
```

Note that if the address of an item is to be defined, the name must be prefixed with the group name if it is used as the operand of the OFFSET operator or of the DW or DD statements. If DX4 is used to define the address of DX1 in the example above, it must be coded

```
DX4    DW      DGROUP:DX1
```

Otherwise, a segment-relative offset is generated, which will not be the actual address of the item as it is defined within the context of a C program. (Note: the prefix is not required for the LEA instruction, which refers to the current ASSUME directive.)

To call a C function from assembly language, an EXTRN declaration for the function must be included after the SEGMENT directive, and the caller must supply any expected arguments in the proper order (see Section 1.4.3).

```

EXTRN  CFUNC:NEAR
.
.
.
CALL   CFUNC

```

Similarly, to refer to data elements defined in a C module, include appropriate EXTRN statements:

```

EXTRN  XD1:WORD,XD2:BYTE
.
.
.
MOV    AX,XD1

```

Note that any EXTRN statements for data elements must be defined within a DATA segment declaration like the one shown previously. The BYTE attribute must be used for external "char" items. If an element is larger than a word, a STRUC can be used to define it, or its offset can be loaded into an index and used to fetch its component parts. The same caution about addresses requiring a group prefix applied to external reference:

```

DW     DGROUP:XD1

```

must be used to define the address of XD1.

Remember that upper and lower case letters for external names (and for all symbols within assembly language modules) are equivalent, so an assembly language function "XYZ" can be called from C as either "XYZ" or "xyz".

The following example (a portion of one of the operating system interface routines used in the MS-DOS implementation) illustrates many of the requirements discussed above, and shows how a STRUC may be used to address elements on the stack.

```

BDOS_OPEN EQU 0FH          ;Open existing file
BDOS_CREATE EQU 16H       ;Create new file

PGROUP  GROUP  PROG
;
; Dynamic storage layout for XCMAKE, XCFIND
;
DYNs    STRUC
        DB      ?
INTNO   DB      ?          ;Save BDOS interrupt number here
OLD_BP  DW      ?          ;Caller's BP save
RETn    DW      ?          ;Return address from call
ARG1    DW      ?          ;First argument
ARG2    DW      ?          ;Second argument
ARG3    DW      ?          ;Third argument
DYNs    ENDS

DYNsize EQU 2             ;Size of storage to be allocated

```

```

;
; name          XCMAKE -- create new file
;
; synopsis      iret = XCMAKE(filename, pmode, area);
;               int iret;          return code: 0 if successful
;               char *filename;    file to be created
;               int pmode;         access privilege mode bits
;               int *area;         for return of file pointer data
;
;description    This function is called by "creat" to create
;               a new file. The access privilege mode bits are
;               ignored in this implementation. The "area"
;               pointer gets a pointer to a device or file block
;               for the new file. It is then supplied to XCIOS
;               when the connect call is made.
;
; returns       iret = 0 if file successfully created
;               = -1 if error
;
PROG            SEGMENT BYTE PUBLIC 'PROG'
                PUBLIC XCMAKE,XCFIND
                EXTRN XCFINT:NEAR,XCFTRM:NEAR
                ASSUME CS:PGROUP
XCMAKE         PROC NEAR
                PUSH BP
                SUB SP,DYNSIZE
                MOV BP,SP
                MOV [BP].INTNO,BDOS_CREATE
                MOV AX,[BP].ARG3 ;MOVE AREA ARG TO ARG2
                MOV [BP].ARG2,AX
                JMP SHORT XCF01
;
; name          XCFIND -- find existing named file
;
; synopsis      iret = XCFIND(filename, area);
;               int iret;          return code: 0 if successful
;               char *filename;    file to be found
;               int *area;         for return of file pointer data
;
;description    This function finds an existing file (or device)
;               and returns a pointer to the file block or device
;               block for it. Except for the privilege mode
;               bits, the arguments have the same meaning as for
;               XCMAKE.
;
; returns       same as XCMAKE
;
XCFIND         PROC NEAR
                PUSH BP
                SUB SP,DYNSIZE
                MOV BP,SP
                MOV [BP].INTNO,BDOS_OPEN
XCF01:         PUSH [BP].ARG1 ;PASS FILE NAME TO XCFINT
                CALL XCFINT ;GET FILE/DEVICE BLOCK PTR

```

```

        MOV     SP,BP
        TEST   AX,AX           ;TEST RETURN VALUE FROM XCFINT
        JNZ   XCF02           ;BRANCH IF POINTER NOT NULL
        NOT   AX
        JMP   SHORT XCF05     ;RETURN -1
XCF02:  MOV   BX,AX
        MOV   DI,[BP].ARG2
        MOV   AL,[BX]        ;GET FIRST BYTE OF BLOCK
        TEST  AL,80H
        JNZ  XCF04           ;BRANCH IF DEVICE
        MOV   DX,BX         ;FCB ADDRESS INTO DX
        MOV   AH,[BP].INTNO
        INT   21H           ;OPEN/CREATE FILE
        TEST  AL,AL
        JZ   XCF04           ;BRANCH IF SUCCESSFUL
        PUSH  BX
        CALL  XCFTRM        ;FREE THE FILE ACCESS BLOCK
        MOV   SP,BP
        MOV   AX,-1
        JMP   SHORT XCF05
XCF04:  MOV   [DI],BX        ;RETURN PTR TO BLOCK
        XOR   AX,AX         ;SET GOOD STATUS
XCF05:  ADD   SP,DYNSIZE
        POP   BP
        RET                   ;RETURN TO CALLER
XCFIND  ENDP
XCMAKE  ENDP
END

```

## 1.5 Library Implementation

Although the portable library functions described in Section 3 of this manual define a general purpose interface to the typical environment provided for C programs, there are inevitably many details and variations which are system-dependent. In this section, some of the details of the MS-DOS library implementation are presented in order to clarify the peculiarities of this particular environment. Fortunately, MS-DOS supports a number of powerful features which allow a full implementation of the standard file I/O functions, although the representation of text files presents a minor problem; Section 1.1.5 discusses file I/O. Several standard device names are also supported by MS-DOS, and the Lattice C I/O interface processes these in special ways, as explained in Section 1.5.2. The structure of Lattice C programs (see Section 1.4) allows the full set of memory allocation functions, although care must be taken to provide sufficient space for the stack, as Section 1.5.3 warns. The basic program entry and exit functions are described in Section 1.5.4, and some special functions unique to the MS-DOS implementation are presented in Section 1.5.5. As additional functions will probably be provided as the compiler evolves, the programmer should check the addendum for the current version of the compiler.

## 1.5.1 File I/O

File names are specified according to the following format:

```
d:filename.ext
```

where "d:" is an optional drive specifier, "filename" is the name of the file, and ".ext" is the file extension. If the drive specifier is omitted, the currently logged-in disk is used. The file name is specified without trailing blanks, if less than 8 characters, and the extension (including the ".") must be omitted if one is not defined for the file. Alphabetic characters may be supplied in either upper or lower case; actual file names use upper case letters only. Only those characters which are legal for file names under MS-DOS are acceptable; consult the MS-DOS documentation for details. Certain names are recognized as devices rather than files; see the next section.

When a file is opened using "open" or "creat", a file access block is allocated using "getmem", and library functions which process read and write calls use this block to transfer data between the file and the caller's area. The file access block contains information such as the current file position and the logical end of file position; it also includes a 128-byte buffer which is used for MS-DOS read and write functions on the file. Because the relative block number is kept as a 16-bit unsigned integer, the maximum size of a file which can be accessed using the "read" and "write" functions in this implementation is 65535 X 128, or about 8 megabytes. Note that the file I/O functions maintain an exact end of file, even though portions of the file are accessed in 128-byte blocks. When data is written to the file, it is copied into the block buffer and not actually written to disk until the buffer is full, the file position changed to another block, or the file is closed. The memory used for the file access block is released (via "rlsmem") when the file is closed.

Note that all of the standard I/O functions ultimately call "open", "creat", "read", and "write", so the above description applies to "printf", "scanf", "putchar", "getchar", and all the other upper level functions (if used for file I/O). Programs with open files cannot use the "rstmem" or "rbrk" functions (see Section 3.1) because the file I/O system allocates the file access block from the same memory pool. This restriction does not apply to open files which are actually devices (see next section), because a file access block is not allocated for device I/O. Note that the level 2 functions are subject to a separate but similar restriction because "fopen" allocates a buffer using "getmem".

In the MS-DOS implementation, both the level 2 ("fopen", "putc", "getc", "fclose") and the level 1 ("open", "creat", "read", "write", "close") I/O functions are limited to 16 open files, including devices, and including the three (stdin, stdout, stderr) which are automatically opened for the "main" program.

The portable library provides a system-dependent option when a file is opened or created; the programmer may select one of two modes of I/O operation while a file is open. On some systems the modes are in fact the same, but in the MS-DOS implementation they differ in some important details.

Translated or text mode is the default. In this mode, the line terminator normally used by C programs (a single newline character, '\n' or 0x0A) is translated to the MS-DOS line terminator, which consists of the two characters carriage return and linefeed (0x0D followed by 0x0A). This translation is performed when the file is written using calls to the "write" library function; the inverse translation is performed when the file is read using the "read" library function. Programs which use the higher level I/O functions ("putchar", "getchar", "printf", etc.) are usually not affected, but programs which call "read" and "write" directly must beware of these translations. On "read" calls, the count returned may be less than the actual number of bytes by which the file position was advanced (because of CR deletions). On "write" calls, the count returned may be greater than the number of bytes specified in the count argument (because of CR insertions). Note that on read operations translation is performed only if the CR is immediately followed by an LF character; isolated carriage returns are not affected. Similarly, on write operations translation is performed only if the LF is NOT preceded by a CR.

Untranslated or binary mode is an option which can be selected when the file is opened or created. By adding 0x8000 to the mode for the "open" call or to the access privilege mode word for the "creat" call, the programmer indicates that read/write operations on the file are to be performed without translation. In this mode, bytes are transferred between the caller's area and the file without modification. This option must be used for files containing binary data, since otherwise data bytes which happen to take on CR and LF values will be translated incorrectly. Since the high-level I/O routines call "open" or "creat" themselves, these routines cannot be used on files in the untranslated mode; they always operate in text mode.

In addition to the file I/O modes discussed above, two other functions should be clarified under the heading of file I/O. The "creat" function gets a system-dependent argument, the access privilege mode bits; these are ignored under the MS-DOS implementation, except for bit 15 (the 0x8000 bit) which if set causes the file to be accessed in untranslated or binary mode. The "lseek" function has an offset mode, not always implemented, which specified an offset relative to the end of file. Because MS-DOS retains an exact end of file in its directory, this mode can be and is implemented in this version.

## 1.5.2 Device I/O

Several special "file" names are checked for by the Lattice I/O interface under MS-DOS, and processed using single character reads and writes. These device names may be specified in either upper or lower case, with or without a trailing ":". The following table lists the devices and the corresponding BDOS functions used for read and write operations, in translated and untranslated modes.

Device Name	Translated Mode		Untranslated Mode	
	Read FN	Write FN	Read FN	Write FN
CON	1	2	7	6
AUX	3	4	3	4
COM1	3	4	3	4
PRN	-	5	-	5
LPT1	-	5	-	5
NUL	-	-	-	-

A "-" for the function number indicates that the corresponding operation is not supported for that device. The "read" function returns end of file (count = 0) if read is not supported. If write is not supported, the "write" function returns a normal count indicating success, but does not actually send the data. An additional special device name, specified by a null string ("", which consists of just a '\0'), is recognized and processed as if "CON" had been specified.

In translated mode, a newline (0x0A) on output is converted to a carriage return/linefeed sequence. A carriage return on input is converted to a newline, and terminates the read operation even if the byte count is not satisfied. In untranslated mode, characters are sent without modification, and read operations do not terminate until the requested number of characters has been received. Note that a read operation to the console in untranslated mode does not echo the characters received.

Programmers may also perform direct single character I/O operations using the "bdos" function, and several additional functions support direct I/O to the console. See Section 1.5.5 for details.

If one of these devices is opened for access using "fopen", output is normally buffered, which means that no data is actually sent to the device until 512 bytes have accumulated or the file is closed. The buffer can be flushed using "fflush" or the file can be changed to the line-buffered mode using "setnbf"; see Section 3.2.2 for more information.

## 1.5.3 Memory Allocation

The full set of memory allocation functions described in Section 3.1 is provided under MS-DOS. The following cautions should be noted:

1. The reset functions "rstmem" and "rbrk" cannot be used if any of the standard I/O functions are also being used on currently open files. Note that only disk files allocate a file access block using "getmem"; the reset functions may be used if the only open files are actually connected to devices. (They also cannot be used if either files or devices are open through the level 2 I/O functions; see Section 3.2.) A file may be closed, then re-opened after the reset function is called; however, any file descriptors or file pointers must be updated if this is done, because there is no guarantee that the same value will be returned when the file is opened again.

2. The dynamic memory used by the memory allocation functions is the same memory used for the run-time stack. Programs must be careful to provide enough space for the stack to prevent its collision with the dynamic memory pool, either by getting an override value from the command line (see Section 1.1.4) or by defining an external "int" location called "\_stack" and initializing it with a desired value. For example, the statement

```
int _stack = 10000;
```

will provide for 10000 bytes of stack space. (Note: in order to qualify as an external definition, this statement must appear OUTSIDE the body of any function defined in the same module.) The default value for "\_stack" (supplied from the library) is 2048. See Section 1.4 for information about the structure of programs.

3. Programmers who wish to implement their own memory allocation functions can refer to the locations in C.OBJ which define the total stack space available:

```
extern char *_base;
```

contains the offset (from DS) of the lowest portion of the stack, which is the same as the highest offset of the static data items in the program (see diagram at Section 1.4).

```
extern char *_top;
```

contains the offset of the top of the stack, either X'FFF0' or whatever was determined to be the highest usable offset. As noted above, the external location "\_stack" contains the default or specified stack size desired; user-written memory allocators may wish to make use of that value, as a convenience.



## 1.5.4 Program Entry/Exit

The C.OBJ module calls "\_main" to begin execution of a C program, and passes to it a copy of the command line which executed the program. Actually, because MS-DOS does not save the program name portion of the command, the command line passed to "\_main" consists of the characters "c " (lower case 'c' followed by a blank) immediately followed by all of the characters typed after the program name. The standard version of "\_main" supplied in LC.LIB analyzes the command line for all of the elements described in Section 1.1.4, and then passes the command-line arguments to "main". If the stack override and file specifier features are not needed, the following function may be used instead. Note that the function must be compiled and the resulting object file included as one of the .OBJ files named on the LINK command.

```
#include "STDIO.H"
#include "CTYPE.H"
#define MAXARG 32                /* maximum command line arguments */

_main(line)
char *line;
{
    static int argc = 0;
    static char *argv[MAXARG];

    while (isspace(*line)) line++;    /* find program name */
    while (*line != '\0')
    {
        /* get command line parameters */
        if (argc == MAXARG) break;
        argv[argc++] = line;
        while (*line != '\0' && isspace(*line) == 0) line++;
        if (*line != '\0') *line++ = '\0';
        while (isspace(*line)) line++;
    }
    main(argc,argv);                /* call main function */
    _exit(0);
}
```

The program exit functions "exit" and "\_exit", described in Section 3.3, are implemented under MS-DOS but the error code and error message arguments are both ignored.

## 1.5.5 Special Functions

The functions discussed in this section provide serial I/O capabilities at various levels. At the lowest level, the function

```
v = inp(p);
int v;
int p;
```

returns the 8-bit value "v" (expanded to 16 bits by padding with zero) from input port "p", while the function

```
outp(p,v);
```

sends the 8-bit value "v" to output port "p". These functions perform the equivalent of the assembly language instructions

```
IN  AL,P
OUT P,AL
```

The functions can be used to perform I/O directly from C.

Access to the BDOS function entries of MS-DOS is provided by

```
iret = bdos(fn, dx);
int iret;      value returned in AL by BDOS function
                (expanded to 16 bits by zero padding)
int fn;        the BDOS function number
int dx;        (optional) value to be placed in DX
```

Obviously, not all of the BDOS functions can be called with this interface; still, a sizable number of them are accessible, including all of the single character I/O functions. The "bdos" function is used to implement the special function

```
iret = kbhit();
int iret;      0 if a character was typed,
                non-zero otherwise
```

which returns a value indicating whether or not a character has been typed at the user's console.

Some of the most frequent I/O requests on any system which supports C are to the user's terminal, where it is often necessary to perform character I/O on a single-character basis. Two library functions provide this capability.

```
c = getch();
int c;
```

returns the ("int"-expanded) character from the console. The character is NOT echoed or checked for the program interrupt character (control-C or control-BREAK).

```
putch(c);
```

sends the specified character directly to the console. Program interrupt is also NOT checked for by this function.

Since the standard I/O functions are buffered even when "stdin" and "stdout" are the user's console, mixing "putch" calls with "printf" or "puts" calls can cause definite problems (similar problems occur on input). These problems can be avoided by using the direct console I/O functions described in Section

3.2.4, along with the special header file "CONIO.H". Note that the "putchar" and "getchar" functions used in these modules are the same as the "putch" and "getch" functions described above; they do not echo characters received on input or check for the program interrupt character. If this presents a problem, the user can define local versions of "putch" and "getch" (inside one of the user's modules) which send and receive characters using some different mechanism (such as the BDOS functions 1 and 2, which can be called with the "bdos" function described above).

Two special console I/O functions are provided for input and output of text strings. The function

```
p = cgets(s);
char *p;           returned string pointer
char *s;           buffer for input string
```

uses the BDOS function 10 to get an input string. The first byte (character) of "s" must be initialized by the caller to contain the number of bytes, minus two, in "s". The string pointer returned is "s+2", which is the first byte of input data. The carriage return (which the user at the console must type to terminate the operation) is replaced by a null byte. Note that "s+1" will contain the number of characters in the string. Characters typed are echoed, and the full range of editing capabilities (such as backspacing, etc.) are available to the user.

Text string output can be performed using

```
cputs(s);
char *s;           string to be output
```

which uses the BDOS function 9 to write to the console. A carriage return or linefeed is NOT appended; they must be included in the string, if desired. This function locates the terminating null byte, changes it to a '\$' (0x24), then changes it back to the null byte before returning. This points out the function's two limitations: (1) the string to be printed cannot itself contain a '\$' and (2) the string to be output cannot reside in read-only memory (ROM).

## SECTION 2 Language Definition

The Lattice C compiler accepts a program written in the C programming language, determines the elementary actions specified by that program, and eventually translates those actions into machine language instructions. Although the final result of these processes is highly machine-dependent, the actual language accepted by the compiler is for the most part independent of any system or implementation details. This section presents the language defined by the Lattice portable C compiler using the Kernighan and Ritchie text as a reference point. Since this language conforms closely to that described in the text, only the major differences are first presented. The major features of the language are then discussed, not in any attempt at completeness but simply for the sake of showing them from a different perspective. Finally, the C reference manual is "amended" to show more precisely how the language differs from the standard.

## 2.1 Summary of Differences

Deviating from a standard has its own peculiar set of perils and rewards. On the one hand, the differences create problems for those who have conformed to the standard in the past; on the other, they may make life easier for those who take advantage of them in the future. Most of the differences listed below were prompted by a desire to make the language both more portable and more comprehensible. The vast majority of programs will not run afoul of these potential troublespots; those that do will in most cases be improved by adjusting to conform to them. Here, then, is a summary of the major differences:

- Comments normally can be nested in the Lattice compiler; in the standard, they cannot. A compile-time option forces the compiler back to the standard non-nesting mode.
- Pre-processor macro substitution using arguments must be specified on a single line; for example, when "max(a,b)" is used, the invocation text from "max" to the final closing parenthesis must be defined within a single input line.
- The dollar sign (\$) is permitted as an embedded (i.e., not the first) character in identifiers.
- Identically written string constants refer to the same static storage locations, that is, only one copy of the string is generated by the compiler. This is in contrast to the statement in Kernighan and Ritchie that all strings are distinct, even when written identically.
- Multiple character constants are accepted by this compiler; in the standard, only a single character enclosed in single quotes is legal. The resulting value may be "short" or "long", and its exact value is machine-dependent.

- In processing structure and union member declarations, the compiler builds a separate list of member names for each structure (or union). Thus, identical names may be used for members in different structures, even though both the offset and the attributes may be different in each declaration. The specific structure being referenced determines which member name (and therefore which offset and set of attributes) is meant. The typing rules for structure member references are strictly enforced so that the particular list of valid member names can be determined. In other words, the expression in front of the "." or "->" operators must be identifiable by the compiler as a structure or pointer to a structure of a definite type.
- Implicit pointer conversion (by assignment) is legal but generates a warning message; this occurs whenever any value other than a pointer of the same type or the constant zero is assigned to a pointer. A cast operator can be used to eliminate the warning. A more stringent requirement is enforced for initializers, where the expression to initialize a pointer must evaluate to a pointer of the same type or to the constant zero; any other value is an error.
- If a structure or union appears as a function argument without being preceded by the address-of operator (&), the compiler generates a warning message and assumes that the address of the aggregate was intended.
- An array name may be preceded by the address-of operator (&) in this implementation; the meaning, however, is not that of a pointer to the first element but of a pointer to the array. This construct allows initialization of pointers to arrays.
- The maximum size of any declared object is the largest positive integer which can be represented as an "int". This implies a maximum size of 32767 for 16-bit "int" machines.
- The maximum value of the constant expression defining the size of a single subscript of an array is 32767.

A more systematic and detailed explanation of the above differences is presented in Section 2.3, but some of the most important items above deserve some immediate clarification.

The intent behind making the structure and union member names a separate class of identifiers for each structure is twofold. First, the flexibility of member names is greatly increased, since now the programmer need not worry about a possible conflict of names between different structures. Second, the requirement that the compiler be able to determine the type of the structure being referenced generally improves the clarity of the code, and disallows such questionable constructs as

```
int *p;  
.  
.  
.  
p->xyz = 4;
```

which is considered an error by this compiler. Those who grumble about this restriction should note that one can accomplish the equivalent sequence in Lattice C by using a cast:

```
((struct ABC *)p)->xyz = 4;
```

The parentheses are required since the "->" operator binds more tightly than the cast. The idea is not that such code should be prohibited unconditionally but that any such constructs should be clearly visible for what they are; the cast operator serves this purpose nicely.

Exactly the same intent is present in the pointer conversion warning. By using a cast operator, the programmer can eliminate the warning; the conversion is then explicitly intentional, and not simply the result of sloppy coding. In addition, there is a more important reason for the warning. Although many C programs make the implicit assumption that pointers of all types may be stored in "int" variables (or other pointer types) and retrieved without difficulty, the language itself makes no guarantee of this. On word-addressed machines, in fact, such conversions will not always work properly; the warning message provides a gentle (and non-fatal) reminder of this fact.

Finally, the warning generated when a structure or union is used as a function argument without the address-of operator is intended to remind programmers that this compiler does not allow an aggregate to be passed to a function -- only pointers to such objects.

## 2.2 Major Language Features

The material presented in this section is meant to clarify some of the language features which are not always fully defined in the Kernighan and Ritchie text. These are features which depend on implementation decisions in the compiler itself or on interpretations of the language definition. Those language features which are specifically machine dependent are described elsewhere in this manual.

### 2.2.1 Pre-processor Features

The Lattice C compiler supports the full set of pre-processor commands described in Kernighan and Ritchie, but some of the characteristics of the commands depend on how the compiler is implemented. Most implementations perform the pre-processor commands concurrently with lexical and syntactic analysis of the source file, because an additional compilation step can be avoided by this technique. Other versions of the compiler incorporate a separate pre-processor phase in order to reduce the size of the first phases of the compiler. In either case, the

analysis of the pre-processor commands is largely independent of the compiler's C language analysis. Thus, #define text substitutions are not generally performed for any of the pre-processor commands, although nesting of macro definitions is possible since substituted text is always re-scanned for new #define symbols. The exception occurs with the #if command, which is processed differently depending on whether pre-processor functions are performed concurrently or in a separate phase. In the former case, the pre-processor module "borrows" the compiler's expression analyzer to evaluate the #if expression, so that #define substitutions are performed and the "sizeof" operator can be used. If evaluated during a separate pre-processor phase, #if expressions are more restricted; #define substitutions are not performed, and the "sizeof" operator cannot be used because the pre-processor phase has no knowledge of declared objects. To be safe, one should keep #if expressions as simple as possible; better still, avoid #if altogether and use #ifdef or #ifndef.

The #define command, as noted in Section 2.1, has the limitation that the macro invocation text must all be contained on a single input line. Because the compiler uses a text buffer of fixed size, a particularly complex macro may occasionally cause a line buffer overflow condition; usually, however, this error occurs when more than one macro reference occurs in the same source line, and can be circumvented by placing the macros on different lines. Circular definitions like

```
#define A B
#define B A
```

will be detected by the compiler if either A or B is ever used, as will more subtle loops. Like many other implementations of C, the Lattice compiler supports nested macro definitions, so that if the line

```
#define XYZ 12
```

is followed later by

```
#define XYZ 43
```

the new definition takes effect, but the old one is not forgotten. In other words, after encountering

```
#undef XYZ
```

the former definition (12) is restored. To completely "undefine" XYZ, an additional #undef is required. The rule is that each #define must be matched by a corresponding #undef before the symbol is truly forgotten.

### 2.2.2 Arithmetic Objects

Six types of arithmetic objects are supported by the Lattice compiler; along with pointers, these objects represent the entities which can be manipulated in a C program. The types are:

- "short" or "short int"
- "char"
- "unsigned" or "unsigned int"
- "long" or "long int"
- "float"
- "double" or "long float"

Note that in this implementation, "unsigned" is not a modifier but a separate data type.

The "natural" size of integers for the target machine (the machine for which code is being generated) is indicated by a plain "int" type specifier; this type will be identical to either "short" or "long", depending on the architecture of the target machine. Although the size of all these objects is technically machine dependent, the Lattice compiler assumes the target machine has an 8-bit, 16-bit, or 32-bit architecture and that the fundamental storage quantity is an 8-bit byte. Only in connection with bit fields does this assumption ever become important.

The compiler follows the standard pattern for conversions between the various arithmetic types, the so-called "usual arithmetic conversions" described in the Kernighan and Ritchie text. The only exception to this occurs in connection with byte-oriented machines, where expansion of "char" to "int" may be avoided if both operands in an expression are "char", and the target machine supports byte-mode arithmetic and logical operations.

### 2.2.3 Derived Objects

The Lattice C compiler supports the standard extensions leading to various kinds of derived objects, including pointers, functions, arrays, and structures and unions. Declarations of these types may be arbitrarily complex, although not all declarations result in a legal object. For example, arrays of functions or functions returning aggregates are illegal. The compiler checks for these kinds of declarations and also verifies that structures or unions do not contain instances of themselves. Objects which are declared as arrays cannot have an array length of zero, unless they are formal parameters or are declared "extern" (see Section 2.2.4). All pointers are assumed to be the same size -- usually, that of a plain "int" -- with one exception. On word-addressed machines, pointers which point to objects which can appear on any byte boundary are assumed to require twice as much storage as pointers to objects which must be word-aligned.



Note that the size of aggregates (arrays and structures) may be affected by alignment requirements. For example, the array

```
struct {  
    short i;  
    char c;  
} x[10];
```

will occupy 40 bytes on machines which require "short" objects to be aligned on an even byte boundary.

#### 2.2.4 Storage Classes

Declared objects are assigned by the compiler to storage offsets which are relative to one of several different storage bases. The assigned storage base depends on the explicit storage class specified in the declaration or on the context of the declaration, as follows:

(1) External. An object is classified as external if the "extern" keyword is present in its declaration, and the object is not later defined in the source file (that is, it is not declared outside the body of a function without the "extern" keyword). Storage is not allocated for external items because they are assumed to exist in some other file, and must be included during the linking process that builds a set of object modules into a load module.

(2) Static. An object is classified as static if the "static" keyword is present in its declaration or if it is declared outside the body of a function without an explicit storage class specifier. Storage is allocated for static items in the data section of the object module; all such locations are initialized to zero unless an initializer expression is included in the declaration (see Section 2.2.6). Static items declared outside the body of a function without the "static" keyword are visible in other files, that is, they are externally defined. Note that string constants are allocated as static items, and are treated as unnamed static arrays of "char".

(3) Auto. An object is classified as auto if the "auto" keyword is present in its declaration or if it is declared inside the body of a function without an explicit storage class specifier (it is illegal to declare an object "auto" outside the body of a function). Storage is presumably allocated for auto items using a stack mechanism during execution of the function in which they are defined.

(4) Formal. An object is classified as formal if it is a formal parameter to one of the functions in the source file. Storage is presumably allocated for formal items when a function call is made during execution of the program.

Note that the first phase of the compiler makes no assumption about the validity of the "register" storage class

declarator. Items which are declared "register" are so flagged, but storage is allocated for them anyway against either the auto or the formal storage base. The implementation of "register" is machine dependent and may not be supported at all in some cases.

Note also that if the "-x" option is used, the implicit storage class for items declared outside the body of a function changes from "static" to "extern". This allows a single header file to be used for all external data definitions. When the "main" function is compiled, the "-x" option is not used, and so the various objects are defined and made externally visible; when the other functions are compiled, the "-x" option causes the same declarations to be interpreted as references to objects defined elsewhere.

### 2.2.5 Scope of Identifiers

The Lattice compiler conforms almost exactly to the scope rules discussed in Appendix A of the Kernighan and Ritchie text (pp. 205-206). The only exception arises in connection with structure and union member names, where as noted in Section 2.1 the compiler keeps separate lists of member names for each structure or union; this means that additional classes of non-conflicting identifiers occur for the various structures and unions. Two additional points are worth clarification.

First, when identifiers are declared at the beginning of a statement block internal to a function (other than the first block immediately following the function name), storage for any auto items declared is allocated against the current base of auto storage. When the statement block terminates, the next available auto storage offset is reset to its value preceding those declarations. Thus, that storage space may be reused by later local declarations. Rather than generate explicit allocate and deallocate operations, the compiler uses this mechanism to compute the total auto storage required by the function; the resulting storage is allocated whenever the function is called. With this scheme, functions will allocate possibly more storage than will be needed (in the event that those inner statement blocks are not executed), but the need for run-time dynamic allocation within the function is avoided.

Second, when an identifier with a previous declaration is redefined locally in a statement block with the "extern" storage class specifier, the previous definition is superseded in the normal fashion but the compiler also verifies compatibility with any preceding "extern" definitions of the same name. This is done in accordance with the principle expressed in the text, namely that all functions in a given program which refer to the same external identifier refer to the same object. Within a source file, the compiler also verifies that all external declarations agree in type. The point is that in this particular case -- where a local block redefines an identifier as "extern" -- the declaration effectively does not disappear upon termination of the block, since the compiler now has an

additional external item for which it must verify equivalent declarations.

### 2.2.6 Initializers

Objects which are of the "static" storage class (as defined in Section 2.2.4) are guaranteed to contain binary zeroes when the program begins execution, unless an initializer expression is used to define a different initial value. The Lattice compiler supports the full range of initializer expressions described in Kernighan and Ritchie, but restricts the initialization of pointers somewhat. An arithmetic object may be initialized with an expression that evaluates to an arithmetic constant which, if not of the appropriate type, is converted to that of the target object. As noted in Section 2.1, the expression used to initialize a pointer is more restricted: it must evaluate to the "int" constant zero or to a pointer expression yielding a pointer of exactly the same type as the pointer being initialized. This pointer expression can include the address of a previously declared "static" or "extern" object, plus or minus an "int" constant, but it cannot incorporate a cast (type conversion) operator (because pointer conversions are not evaluated at compile time). This restriction makes it impossible to initialize a pointer to an array unless the & operator is allowed to be used on an array name, because the array name without the preceding & is automatically converted to a pointer to the first element of the array. Accordingly, as noted in Section 2.1, the Lattice compiler accepts the & operator on an array name so that declarations like

```
int a[5], (*pa)[5] = &a;
```

can be made. Note that if a pointer to a structure (or union) is being initialized, the structure name used to generate an address must be preceded by the & operator.

More complex objects (arrays and structures) may be initialized by bracketed, comma-separated lists of initializer expressions, with each expression corresponding to an arithmetic or pointer element of the aggregate. A closing brace can be used to terminate the list early; see Appendix A of Kernighan and Ritchie for examples. Unions may not be initialized under this implementation, although the first part of a structure containing a union may be initialized if the expression list ends before reaching the union. A character array may be initialized with a string constant which need not be enclosed in braces; this is the only exception to the rule requiring braces around the list of initializers for an aggregate.

Initializer expressions for "auto" objects can only be applied to simple arithmetic or pointer types (not to aggregates), and are entirely equivalent to assignment statements.

## 2.2.7 Expression Evaluation

All of the standard operators are supported by the Lattice compiler, in the standard order of precedence (see p. 49 of Kernighan and Ritchie). Expressions are evaluated using an operator precedence parsing technique which reduces complex expressions to a sequence of unary and binary operations involving at most two operands. Operations involving only constant operands (including floating point constants) are evaluated by the compiler immediately, but no special effort is made to re-order operands in order to group constants. Thus, expressions such as

$$c - 'A' + 'a'$$

must be parenthesized in order for the compiler to evaluate the constant part:

$$c + ('a' - 'A')$$

If at least one operand in an operation is not constant, the intermediate expression result is represented by a temporary storage location, usually just called a temporary. The temporary is then "plugged into" the larger expression and becomes an operand of another binary or unary operation; the process continues until the entire expression has been evaluated. The lifetime of temporaries and their assignment to temporary storage locations are determined by a subroutine internal to the first phase of the compiler. This subroutine recognizes identically generated temporaries within a straight-line block of code and eliminates recomputation of equivalent results. Thus, common subexpressions are recognized and evaluated only once. For example, in the statement

$$a[i+1] = b[i+1];$$

the expression "i+1" will be evaluated once and used for both subscripting operations. Expressions which produce a result that is never used and which have no side effects, such as

$$i+j;$$

are discarded by this same subroutine.

Within the block of code examined by the temporary analysis subroutine, operations which produce a temporary result are noted and remembered so that later equivalent operations may be deleted, as noted above. Two conditions (other than function calls, which may have undetermined side effects) cause the subroutine to discard an operation and no longer check for the equivalent operation later: (1) if either of its operands appear directly as a result of a subsequent operation; or (2) if a subsequent operation defines an indirect (i.e., through a pointer) result for the same type of object as one of the original operands. The latter condition is based on the

compiler's assumption that pointers are always used to refer to the correct type of target object, so that, for example, if an assignment is made using an "int" pointer only objects of type "int" can be changed. Only when the programmer indulges in "type punning" -- using a pointer to inspect an object as if it were a different type -- is this assumption invalid, and it is hard to conceive of a case where the common subexpression detection will cause a problem with this somewhat dubious practice. Such inspections are generally better left to assembly language modules in any case.

With the exception of this common subexpression detection, which may replace an operation with a previous, equivalent one, expressions are evaluated in strict left-to-right order as they are encountered, except, of course, where that is prevented by operator precedence or parentheses. It is best not to make any assumptions, however, about the order of evaluation, since the code generation phase is generally free to re-order the sequence of many operations. The most important exceptions are the logical OR (||) and logical AND (&&) operators, for which the language definition guarantees left-to-right evaluation. The code generation phase may have other effects on expression evaluation; usually, some favorable assumptions about pointer assignments are made, though these can be shut off by a compile time option. Check the implementation section of this manual for full details.

#### 2.2.8 Control Flow

C offers a rich set of statement flow constructs, and the Lattice compiler supports the full complement of them. Some minor points of clarification are noted here. First of all, the compiler does verify that "switch" statements contain (1) at least one case entry; (2) no duplicate case values; and (3) no more than one "default" entry. In addition, the first phase of the compiler recognizes certain statement flow constructs involving constant test values, and may discard certain portions of code accordingly. (Even those portions ultimately discarded are fully analyzed, lexically and syntactically, before being eliminated.) If an "if" statement has a constant test value, only the code for the appropriate clause (the "then" or "else" portion) is retained; "while", "do", and "for" statements with zero test values are entirely discarded.

The code generation phase generally makes a special effort to generate efficient sequences for control flow. In particular, the size and number of branch instructions is kept to a minimum by extensive analysis of the flow within a function, and "switch" statements are analyzed to determine the most efficient of several possible machine language constructs. Check the implementation section of this manual for the details regarding this particular code generator.

### 2.3 Amendments to the C Reference Manual

The most precise definition of the C programming language generally available is Appendix A of the Kernighan and Ritchie text, which is entitled "C Reference Manual." This section presents, in the same order defined in the text, a series of amendments or annotations to that manual; this commentary explicitly states any deviations of the Lattice C language implementation from the features described. Because this implementation is very close to that standard, many of the sections apply exactly as written; these sections will not be commented upon. Any section not listed here can be assumed to be fully valid for the language accepted by the Lattice C compiler.

#### CRM 2.1 Comments

The Lattice compiler allows comments to be nested, that is, each `/*` encountered must be matched by a corresponding `*/` before the comment terminates. This feature makes it easy to "comment out" large sections of code which themselves contain comments. The compile time option `-c` forces the compiler to process comments in the standard, non-nesting mode.

#### CRM 2.4.3 Character constants

Two extensions to character constants are provided. First, more than one character may be enclosed in single quotes; the result may be "int" or "long", depending on the number of characters, and its value is machine dependent. Second, if the first character following the backslash in an escape sequence is "x" (lower case X), the next one or two digits are interpreted as a hexadecimal value. Thus,

```
'\xf9'
```

generates a character with the value `0xF9`.

#### CRM 2.5 Strings

The Lattice compiler recognizes identically written string constants and only generates one copy of the string. (Note that strings used to initialize "char" arrays -- not "char \*" -- are not actually generated.) The same "\x" convention described above can be employed in strings, where it is generally more useful (especially for those of us who have never understood how octal came to be used on 16-bit machines).

#### CRM 2.6 Hardware characteristics

See the implementation section of this manual for hardware characteristics.

## CRM 7.1 Primary expressions

The Lattice compiler always enforces the rules for the use of structures and unions, for the simple reason that it cannot otherwise determine which list of member names is intended. Recall from Section 2.1 that the Lattice compiler maintains a separate list of members for each type of structure or union. Therefore, the primary expression preceding the "." or "->" operator must be immediately recognizable as a structure or pointer to a structure of a specific type.

## CRM 7.2 Unary operators

The requirement that the & operator can only be applied to an lvalue is relaxed slightly to allow application to an array name (which is not considered an lvalue). Note that the meaning of such a construct is a pointer to the array itself, which is quite different from a pointer to the first element of the array.

## CRM 7.6 Relational operators

When pointers of different types are compared, the right-hand operand is converted to the type of the left-hand operand; comparison of a pointer and one of the integral types causes a conversion of the integer to the pointer type. Both of these are operations of questionable value and are certainly machine dependent.

## CRM 7.7 Equality operators

The same conversions noted above are applied.

## CRM 8.1 Storage class specifiers

The text states that the sc-specifier, if omitted from a declaration outside a function, is taken to be "extern". This is somewhat misleading, if not plainly inaccurate; in fact (as the text points out in CRM 11.2), the presence or absence of "extern" is critical to determining whether an object is being defined or referenced. As noted in Section 2.2.4 of this document, if "extern" is present, then the declared object either exists in some other file or is defined later in the same file; if no sc-specifier is present, then the declared object is being defined and will be visible in other files. If the "static" specifier is present, the object is also defined but is not made externally visible. The only exception to these rules occurs for functions, where it is the presence of a defining statement body that determines whether the function is being defined.

The Lattice compiler can be forced to assume "extern" for all declarations outside a function by means of the "-x" compile time option. Declarations which explicitly specify "static" or "extern" are not affected.

## CRM 8.5 Structure and union declarations

The Lattice compiler treats the names of structure members quite differently. The names of members and tags do not conflict with each other or with the identifiers used for ordinary variables. Both structure and union tags are in the same class of names, so that the same tag cannot be used for both a structure and a union. A separate list of members is maintained for each structure; thus, a member name may not appear twice in a particular structure, but the same name may be used in several different structures within the same scope.

## CRM 8.7 Type names

Although a structure or union may appear in a type name specifier, it must refer to an already known tag, that is, structure definitions cannot be made inside a type name. Thus, the sequence

```
(struct { int high, low; } *) x
```

is not permitted, but

```
struct HL { int high, low; };
. . .
(struct HL *) x
```

is acceptable.

## CRM 10.1 External function definitions

As noted in the text, formal parameters declared "float" are actually interpreted as "double"; similarly, formals declared "char" or "short" are read as "int". For consistency, the Lattice compiler applies the same rules to functions: a function declared to return "float" is assumed to return "double", and "char" or "short" functions to return "int".

## CRM 10.2 External data definitions

The Lattice compiler applies a simple rule to external data declarations: if the keyword "extern" is present, the actual storage will be allocated elsewhere, and the declaration is simply a reference to it. Otherwise, it is interpreted as an actual definition which allocates storage (unless the "-x" option has been used; see the comments on CRM 8.1).

## CRM 12.3 Conditional compilation

As noted in Section 2.2.1 of this document, the constant expression following #if may not in all cases contain "sizeof", depending on the compiler implementation.



## CRM 12.4 Line control

Although the file name for #line is denoted as "identifier", it need not conform to the characteristics of C identifiers. The compiler takes whatever string of characters is supplied; the only lexical requirement for the file name is that it cannot contain any white space.

## CRM 14.1 Structures and unions

The escape from typing rules described in the text is explicitly not allowed by the Lattice compiler. In a reference to a structure or union member, the name on the right MUST be a member of the aggregate named or pointed to by the expression of the left. This implementation, however, does not attempt to enforce any restrictions on reference to union members, such as requiring a value to be assigned to a particular member before allowing it to be examined via that member.

Future versions of the compiler will probably support structure assignment, but the value of other operations (such as passing aggregates directly to or returning them from functions) seems questionable.

### 3.1.1 Level 3 Memory Allocation

The functions described in this section provide a UNIX-compatible memory allocation facility. The blocks of memory obtained may be released in any arbitrary order, but it is an error to release something not obtained by one of these functions. Because these functions use overhead locations to keep track of allocation sizes, the "free" function does not require a size argument. The overhead does, however, decrease the efficiency with which these functions use the available memory. If a lot of small allocations are requested, the level 2 functions will be considerably more efficient.

## NAME

malloc -- UNIX-compatible memory allocation

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = malloc(nbytes);
char *p;           block pointer
unsigned nbytes;  number of bytes requested
```

## DESCRIPTION

Allocates a block of memory in a way that is compatible with UNIX. The primary difference between "malloc" and "getmem" is that the former allocates a structure at the front of each block. This can result in very inefficient use of memory if you make lots of small requests.

## RETURNS

p = NULL if not enough space available  
= pointer to block of "nbytes" of memory otherwise

## CAUTIONS

Return value must be checked for NULL. The function should be declared "char \*" and a cast operator used if defining a pointer to some other kind of object, as in

```
char *malloc();
int *pi;
. . .
pi = (int *)malloc(N);
```

## NAME

calloc -- allocate memory and clear

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = calloc(nelt, eltsiz);
char *p;           block pointer
unsigned nelt;     number of elements
unsigned eltsiz;  element size in bytes
```

## DESCRIPTION

Allocates and clears (sets to all zeroes) a block of memory. The size of the block is specified by the product of the two parameters; this calling technique is obviously convenient for allocating arrays. Typically, the second argument is a "sizeof" expression.

## RETURNS

p = NULL if not enough space available  
= pointer to block of memory otherwise

## CAUTIONS

Return value must be checked for NULL. The function should be declared "char \*" and a cast used if defining a pointer to some other kind of object, as in

```
struct buffer *pb;
. . .
pb = (struct buffer *)calloc(4, sizeof(struct buffer));
```

## NAME

free -- UNIX-compatible memory release function

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = free(cp);
int ret;           return code
char *cp;         block pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Releases a block of memory that was previously allocated by "malloc" or "calloc". The pointer should be "char \*" and is checked for validity, that is, verified to be an element of the memory pool.

## RETURNS

```
ret = 0 if successful
     = -1 if invalid block pointer
```

## CAUTIONS

Check the return code; if -1, it could help you track down a coding problem. Remember to cast the pointer back to "char \*", as in

```
char *malloc();
int *pi;
. . .
pi = (int *) malloc(N);
. . .
if (free((char *)pi) != 0) { ... error ... }
```

### 3.1.2 Level 2 Memory Allocation

The functions described in this section provide an efficient and convenient memory allocation capability. Like the level 3 functions, allocation and de-allocation requests may be made in any order, and it is an error to free memory not obtained by one of these functions. The caller must retain both the pointer and the size of the block for use when it is freed; failure to provide the correct length may lead to wasted memory (the functions can detect an incorrect length when it is too large, but not when it is too small). An additional convenience is provided by the "sizmem" function, which can be used to determine the total amount of memory available.

The level 2 functions maintain a linked list of the blocks of memory released by calls to "rlsmem", called the free space list. Initially, this list is null, and "getmem" acquires memory by calling the level 1 memory allocator "sbrk". As blocks are released by the program, the free space list is created; when a block adjacent to one already on the list is freed, it is combined with any adjacent blocks. Thus, the size of the largest block available may be smaller than the total amount of free memory, due to breakage.

## NAME

getmem -- get a memory block

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = getmem(nbytes);
char *p;          block pointer
unsigned nbytes;  number of bytes requested
```

## DESCRIPTION

Gets a block of memory from the free memory pool. If the pool is empty or a block of the requested size is not available, more memory is obtained via the level 1 function "sbrk".

## RETURNS

p = NULL if not enough space available  
= pointer to memory block otherwise

## CAUTIONS

Return value must be checked for NULL. The function should be declared "char \*" and a cast used if defining a pointer to some other kind of object, as in

```
char *getmem();
struct XYZ *px;
. . .
px = (struct XYZ *)getmem(sizeof(struct XYZ));
```

## NAME

rlsmem -- release a memory block

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = rlsmem(cp, nbytes);  
int ret;           return code  
char *cp;         block pointer to be freed  
unsigned nbytes;  size of block
```

## DESCRIPTION

Releases the memory block by placing it on a free block list. If the new block is adjacent to a block on the list, they are combined.

## RETURNS

ret = 0 if successful  
= -1 if supplied block not obtained by "getmem", or overlaps one of the blocks on the list

## CAUTIONS

Return value should be checked for error. If the correct size is not supplied, the block may not be freed properly.



## NAME

allmem -- allocate all available memory

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = allmem();  
int ret;          return code
```

## DESCRIPTION

Uses the level 1 function "sbrk" to get all available memory and attach it to the memory pool used by "getmem".

## RETURNS

```
ret = -1 if first "sbrk" fails  
= 0 if successful
```

## NAME

sizmem -- get memory pool size

## SYNOPSIS

```
words = sizmem();  
unsigned words;           number of words (sizeof(int))
```

## DESCRIPTION

Returns the number of unallocated words (i.e., number of units of size "sizeof(int)") in the memory pool used by "getmem". Note that "getmem" dynamically expands the pool by calling "sbrk" whenever a request cannot be honored. Therefore, the value returned by "sizmem" does not necessarily indicate how much memory is actually available. If used after calling "allmem", however, the actual memory pool size WILL be returned.

## RETURNS

words = (unsigned) number of "int" objects in memory pool

## CAUTIONS

Note that the value returned is in words, not bytes.

## NAME

rstmem -- reset memory pool

## SYNOPSIS

```
rstmem();
```

## DESCRIPTION

Resets the memory pool used by "getmem" and "rlsmem" to its initial state. All previously allocated memory is released, and the maximum amount of memory is once again available.

## CAUTIONS

This function cannot be used if any files are open and being accessed using any of the level 2 I/O functions, because these functions use "getmem" to allocate buffers. On some systems, this restriction applies to the level 1 I/O functions as well; check the implementation section of the manual to see if this caution is valid for this system. Note that "sizmem" will return a value of zero after "rstmem" is called.

### 3.1.3 Level 1 Memory Allocation

The two functions defined at the lowest level of memory allocation are primitives which perform the basic operations needed to implement a more sophisticated facility; they are used by the level 2 functions for that purpose. "sbrk" treats the total amount of memory available as a single block, from which portions of a specific size may be allocated at the low end, creating a new block of smaller size. "rbrk" merely resets the block back to its original size. Do not confuse the "break point" mentioned here with the "breakpoint" concept used in debugging; this term simply refers to the address of the low end of the block of memory manipulated by "sbrk".

## NAME

sbrk -- set memory break point

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = sbrk(nbytes);  
char *p;           points to low allocated address  
unsigned nbytes;  number of bytes to be allocated
```

## DESCRIPTION

Allocates a block of memory of the requested size, if possible. This function is the basic UNIX memory allocator. The first time it is called, it will allocate the largest available block of high memory. Then the requested number of bytes is lopped off the low end of the block for use by the caller.

## RETURNS

p = -1 if request cannot be fulfilled  
= pointer to low address of block if successful

## CAUTIONS

For consistency with the UNIX function, "sbrk" returns -1 if it cannot satisfy the request, although the rest of the memory allocators return NULL. The function should be declared "char \*" and a cast used if defining a pointer to some other kind of object.

NAME

rbrk -- reset memory break point

SYNOPSIS

rbrk();

DESCRIPTION

Resets the memory break point back to its original starting point. This effectively returns all memory to the free space block.

CAUTIONS

Like "rstmem" above, this function cannot be used if any files are open and being accessed using the level 2 I/O functions. On some systems, the same restriction applies to use of level 1 I/O functions.

### 3.2 I/O and System Functions

The standard library provides I/O functions at several different levels, with single character "get" and "put" functions and formatted I/O at the highest levels, and direct byte stream I/O functions at the lowest levels. The major system dependency arises in connection with text files, where some systems perform certain translations to accommodate the particular text file representation used in the local environment. Although the translation is generally transparent at the higher levels, I/O at the lowest levels, particularly I/O involving binary data, must be aware of the translation. Check the implementation section of this manual for the details appropriate to this system.

Three general classes of I/O functions are provided. First, the level 2 functions define a buffered text file interface which implements the single character I/O functions as macros rather than function calls. Unlike the corresponding functions under UNIX, these functions are buffered even when performing I/O to and from the user's console (although they are buffered on a line basis, rather than the 512-byte block buffering used for disk files). Second, the level 1 functions define a byte stream oriented file interface, primarily useful for manipulation of disk files, though most of the same functions are applicable to devices (such as the user's console) as well. Finally, since one of the most common I/O interfaces is with the user's console, a special set of functions allow single character I/O directly to the user's terminal, as well as formatted and string I/O.

The system functions discussed in this section are concerned with program exit. Additional system functions are described in the implementation section of the manual.

#### 3.2.1 Level 2 I/O Functions and Macros

These functions provide a buffered interface using a special structure, manipulated internally by the functions, to which a pointer called the "file pointer" is defined. This structure is defined in the standard I/O header file (usually called "stdio.h" on most systems) which generally must be included (by means of a #include statement) in the source file where level 2 features are being used. The file pointer is used to specify the file upon which operations are to be performed. Some functions require a file pointer, such as

```
FILE *fp;
```

to be explicitly included in the calling sequence; others imply a specific file pointer. In particular, the file pointers "stdin" and "stdout" are implied by the use of several functions and macros; these files are so commonly used that on most systems they are opened automatically before the main function of a program begins execution. Other file pointers must be declared by the programmer and initialized by calls to the "fopen" function. Note that a file pointer may be used to read a file or

to write a file, but it is not legal to perform both operations on the same file.

The level 2 functions are designed to work primarily with text files. The usual C convention for line termination uses a single character, the newline ('\n'), to indicate the end of a line. Unfortunately, many operating environments use a multiple character sequence -- usually carriage return/line feed, but occasionally even more exotic delimiters. In order to allow all C programs to work with text files in the same way, the Lattice functions support the standard newline convention but may -- depending on the system -- perform a "text mode" translation so that end of line sequences will conform to local conventions. This translation is usually beneficial and transparent but may cause problems when working with binary files. Normally, all files accessed through the level 2 functions are opened in the text, or translated mode, but the programmer may override this mode by defining the external location

```
int _fmode = 0x8000;
```

in one of the functions in the program (this statement must appear outside the body of the function itself in order to be considered an external definition). The value at "\_fmode" is passed to the level 1 function "open" or "creat" when the file is opened. If zero, the file is opened in the text mode; if 0x8000, the file is opened in the binary, or untranslated mode. Note that if "\_fmode" is defined as above, the "stdin", "stdout", and "stderr" files opened for the main function will also be opened in the binary mode. If this is undesirable, "\_fmode" can be initialized with zero and then set to 0x8000 before specific "fopen" calls are made; in this way, different files may be opened in different modes. Check the implementation section of this manual for more information about the file access modes.

The actual I/O operations are performed by the level 2 functions by calls to the level 1 I/O functions described in the next section. The normal mode of buffering, designed to support sequential operations, performs read and write functions in 512-byte blocks; a buffer of that size is allocated (using "getmem") when the file is opened. The buffering technique allows single character I/O operations to be implemented efficiently as macros, and reduces the number of actual I/O requests. Since output is buffered, a file that is being written must be closed so that the data in the buffer is actually written to the file. A different buffering scheme is used for devices such as the user's terminal. The same buffer is allocated, but the read operation which fills the buffer terminates on a newline, and the write operation which flushes the buffer is initiated when a newline is received. This scheme manages to reduce the I/O overhead while at the same time performing the I/O in a more timely fashion. The line buffering scheme is enabled using the "setnbf" function described in this section, which simply sets the \_IONBF flag for the file (note: of the various flags defined in the standard I/O header file, only this one is currently implemented). Line buffering is also



the mode set up for "stderr", and for "stdin" and "stdout" in the event that they default to the user's terminal. See Section 3.2.3 for information about the direct, unbuffered interface to the user's terminal.

In the descriptions below, some of the function calls are actually implemented as macros; these are noted explicitly. The reason the programmer should be aware of the distinction is because most macros involve the conditional operator and may, under certain conditions, evaluate an argument expression more than once. This can cause unexpected results if that expression involves side effects, such as increment or decrement operators or function calls.

## NAME

fopen -- open a buffered file

## SYNOPSIS

```
fp = fopen(name, mode);  
FILE *fp;      file pointer for specified file  
char *name;    file name  
char *mode;    access mode
```

## DESCRIPTION

Opens a file for buffered access; the translated mode is the default mode but may be overridden as described in the introduction to this section. The null-terminated string which specifies the file name must conform to local naming conventions. The access mode is also specified as a string, and may be one of the following:

```
"r" to read a file  
"w" to write a file  
"a" to append to a file
```

The mode character must be specified in lower case. The "a" option adds to the end of an existing file, or creates a new one; the "w" option discards any data in the file, if it already exists. On most systems, no more than 16 files (including "stdin", "stdout", and "stderr", if those are opened for "main") can be opened using "fopen".

## RETURNS

```
fp = NULL if error  
= file pointer for specified file if successful
```

## CAUTIONS

The return code must be checked for NULL; the error return may be generated if an invalid mode was specified, the file was not found, could not be created, or too many files were already open.

## NAME

freopen -- reopen a buffered file

## SYNOPSIS

```
fpr = freopen(name, mode, fp);  
FILE *fpr;           file pointer after re-opening  
char *name;          file name  
char *mode;          access mode  
FILE *fp;            current file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Reopens a buffered file, that is, attaches a new file to a previously used file pointer. This function is useful for programs which must open several files, but only one at a time; this avoids using up file pointers unnecessarily. The previous file is automatically closed before the file pointer is reused. The name and mode arguments are the same as those for "fopen".

## RETURNS

```
fpr = NULL if error  
= fp if successful
```

## CAUTIONS

The return code should be checked for NULL; the same errors as defined for "fopen" may occur.

## NAME

fclose -- close a buffered file

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = fclose(fp);  
int ret;           return code  
FILE *fp;         file pointer for file to be closed
```

## DESCRIPTION

Completes the processing of a file and releases all related resources. If the file was being written, any data which has accumulated in the buffer is written to the file, and the level 1 "close" function is called for the associated file descriptor. The buffer associated with the file block is freed. "fclose" is automatically called for all open files when a program calls the "exit" function (see Section 3.2.4) or when the "main" program returns, but it is good programming practice to close your own files explicitly. As the last buffer is not written until "fclose" is called, data may be lost if an output file is not properly closed.

## RETURNS

```
ret = -1 if error  
= 0 if successful
```

## NAME

getc/getchar -- get character from file

## SYNOPSIS

```
c = getc(fp);  
c = getchar();  
int c;          next input character or EOF  
FILE *fp;      file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Gets the next character from the indicated file ("stdin", in the case of "getchar"). The value EOF (-1) is returned on end of file or error.

## RETURNS

```
c = character  
= EOF if end of file or error
```

## CAUTIONS

These are implemented as macros, so beware of side effects. Remember that for devices (such as the user's console) input is buffered on a line basis, that is, the read operation that fills the buffer does not terminate until a newline is received. See Section 3.2.3 if direct single character I/O to the console is needed.

## NAME

putc/putchar -- put character to file

## SYNOPSIS

```
r = putc(c, fp);
r = putchar(c);
int r;          same as character sent, or error code
char c;        character to be output
FILE *fp;      file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Puts the character to the indicated file ("stdout", in the case of "putchar"). The value EOF (-1) is returned on end of file or error.

## RETURNS

r = character sent if successful  
= EOF if error or end of file

## CAUTIONS

These are implemented as macros, so beware of side effects. Remember that output for devices (such as the user's console) is buffered on a line basis, that is, the write operation that flushes the buffer is not actually performed until a newline is sent. See Section 3.2.3 if direct single character I/O to the console is needed.

## NAME

fgetc/fputc -- get/put a character

## SYNOPSIS

```
r = fgetc(fp);
r = fputc(c, fp);
int r;           return character or code
char c;         character to be sent ("fputc")
FILE *fp;      file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions get (fgetc) or put (fputc) a single character to the indicated file. Since they are functions, they may be used in place of the corresponding macros (getc and putc) in the event that a lot of calls are made, and the programmer is concerned about the memory used up in the macro expansions. The tradeoff is the usual one: the macro is more efficient timewise because it saves a function call, but the function is more efficient spacewise since its code is present in the program only once.

## RETURNS

```
r = character if successful (c, for "fputc")
= EOF if error or end of file
```

## NAME

ungetc -- push character back on input file

## SYNOPSIS

```
r = ungetc(c, fp);  
int r;           return character or code  
char c;         character to be pushed back  
FILE *fp;       file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Pushes back a character to the specified input file. The character supplied must be the character most recently obtained by a "getc" (or "getchar", in which case fp should be supplied as "stdin") invocation.

## RETURNS

```
r = character if successful  
= EOF if previous character does not match
```



## NAME

gets/fgets -- get a string

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = gets(s);  
p = fgets(s, n, fp);  
char *p;           returned string pointer  
char *s;           buffer for input string  
int n;             number of bytes in buffer  
FILE *fp;          file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Gets an input string from a file. The specified file ("stdin", in the case of "gets") is read until a newline is encountered or "n-1" characters have been read ("fgets" only). Then, "gets" replaces the newline with a null byte, while "fgets" passes the newline through with a null byte appended.

## RETURNS

```
p = NULL if end of file or error  
= s if successful
```

## CAUTIONS

For "gets", there is no length parameter, so the input buffer had better be large enough to accommodate the string.

## NAME

puts/fputs -- put a string

## SYNOPSIS

```
r = puts(s);  
r = fputs(s, fp);  
int r;           return code  
char *s;        output string pointer  
FILE *fp;       file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Puts an output string to a file. Characters from the string are written to the specified file ("stdout", in the case of "fputs") until a null byte is encountered. The null byte is not written, but "puts" appends a newline.

## RETURNS

r = EOF if end of file or error

## CAUTIONS

Remember that output to a device (such as the user's console) is buffered on a line basis, that is, the write operation that flushes the buffer is not performed until a newline is sent. See Section 3.2.3 for an equivalent to "puts" that sends characters directly (without buffering) to the user's console.

## NAME

scanf/fscanf/sscanf -- perform formatted input conversions

## SYNOPSIS

```
n = scanf(cs, ...ptrs...);
n = fscanf(fp, cs, ...ptrs...);
n = sscanf(ss, cs, ...ptrs...);
int n;                number of input items matched, or EOF
FILE *fp;             file pointer ("fscanf" only)
char *ss;             input string ("sscanf" only)
char *cs;             format control string
---- ...ptrs...;     pointers for return of input values
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions perform formatted input conversions on text obtained from (1) the "stdin" file ("scanf"); (2) the specified file ("fscanf"); or (3) the specified string ("sscanf"). The control string contains format specifiers and/or characters to be matched from the input; the list of pointer arguments specify where the results of the conversions are to go. Format specifiers are of the form

%\*nlX

where (1) the optional "\*" means that the conversion is to be performed, but the result value not returned; (2) the optional "n" is a decimal number specifying a maximum field width; (3) the optional "l" (the letter ell) is used to indicate a "long int" or "long float" (i.e., "double") result is desired; and (4) "X" is one of the format type indicators from the following list:

```
d -- decimal integer
o -- octal integer
x -- hexadecimal integer
h -- short integer
c -- single character
s -- character string
f -- floating point number
```

The format type must be specified in lower case. White space characters in the control string are ignored; characters other than format specifiers are expected to match the next non-white-space characters in the input. The input is scanned through white space to locate the next input item in all cases except the "c" specifier, where the next input character is returned without this initial scan. See the Kernighan and Ritchie text for a more detailed explanation of the formatted input functions.

## RETURNS

n = number of input items successfully matched, i.e., for which valid text data was found; this includes all single character items in the control string  
= EOF if end of file or error during scan

## CAUTIONS

All of the input values must be POINTERS to the result locations. Make sure that the format specifiers match up properly with the result locations. If the assignment suppression feature ("\*") is used, remember that a pointer must NOT be supplied for that specifier.

## NAME

printf/fprintf/sprintf -- generate formatted output

## SYNOPSIS

```
printf(cs, ...args...);
fprintf(fp, cs, ...args...);
n = sprintf(ds, cs, ...args...);
int n;           number of characters ("sprintf" only)
FILE *fp;       file pointer ("fprintf")
char *ds;       destination string pointer ("sprintf")
char *cs;       format control string
---- ...args...; list of arguments to be formatted
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions perform formatted output conversions and send the resulting text to (1) the "stdout" file ("printf"); (2) the specified file ("fprintf"); or (3) the specified output string ("sprintf"). The control string contains ordinary characters, which are sent without modification to the appropriate output, and format specifiers of the form

```
%-m.plX
```

where (1) the optional "-" indicates the field is to be left justified (right justified is the default); (2) the optional "m" field is a decimal number specifying a minimum field width; (3) the optional ".p" field is the character "." followed by a decimal number specifying the precision of a floating point image or the maximum number of characters to be printed from a string; (4) the optional "l" (letter ell) indicates that the item to be formatted is "long"; and (5) "X" is one of the format type indicators from the following list:

```
d -- decimal signed integer
u -- decimal unsigned integer
x -- hexadecimal integer
o -- octal integer
s -- character string
c -- single character
f -- fixed decimal floating point
e -- exponential floating point
g -- use "e" or "f", whichever is shorter
```

The format type must be specified in lower case. Characters in the control string which are not part of a format specifier are sent to the appropriate output; a % may be sent by using the sequence %%. See the Kernighan and Ritchie text for a more detailed explanation of the formatted output functions.

RETURNS

n = number of characters placed in "ds" ("sprintf" only),  
not including the null byte terminator

CAUTIONS

For "sprintf", no check of the size of the output string area is made, so it had better be large enough to contain the resulting image. In all cases, make sure that the format specifiers match up properly with the supplied values for formatting.

## NAME

fseek -- seek to a new file position

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = fseek(fp, pos, mode);  
int ret;           return code  
FILE *fp;         file pointer  
long pos;         desired file position  
int mode;         offset mode
```

## DESCRIPTION

Seeks to a new position in the specified file. See the "lseek" function description (Section 3.2.2) for the meaning of the offset mode argument.

## RETURNS

```
ret = 0 if successful  
= -1 if error
```

## CAUTIONS

The file position may be affected by text mode translation, since the translation may change the number of actual data bytes read or written.

## NAME

ftell -- return current file position

## SYNOPSIS

```
pos = ftell(fp);  
long pos;          current file position  
FILE *fp;         file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Returns the current file position, that is, the number of bytes from the beginning of the file to the byte at which the next read or write operation will transfer data.

## RETURNS

pos = current file position (long)

## CAUTIONS

The file position returned takes account of the buffering used on the file, so the file position returned is a logical file position rather than the actual position. Note that text mode translation may cause an incorrect file position to be returned, since the number of characters in the buffer is not necessarily the number that will be actually read or written because of the translation.



NAME

ferror/feof -- check if error/end of file

SYNOPSIS

```
ret = feof(fp);  
ret = ferror(fp);  
int ret;           return code  
FILE *fp;         file pointer
```

DESCRIPTION

These macros generate a non-zero value if the indicated condition is true for the specified file.

RETURNS

ret = non-zero if error ("ferror") or end of file ("feof")  
= zero if not

NAME

clrerr -- clear error flag for file

SYNOPSIS

```
clrerr(fp);  
FILE *fp;           file pointer
```

DESCRIPTION

Clears the error flag for the specified file. Once set, the flag will remain set, forcing EOF returns for functions on the file, until this function is called.

## NAME

fileno -- return file number for file pointer

## SYNOPSIS

```
fn = fileno(fp);  
int fn;          file number associated with file pointer  
FILE *fp;       file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Returns the file number, used for the level 1 I/O calls, for the specified file pointer.

## RETURNS

fn = file number (file descriptor) for level 1 calls

## CAUTIONS

Implemented as a macro.

NAME

rewind -- rewind a file

SYNOPSIS

```
rewind(fp);  
FILE *fp;          file pointer
```

DESCRIPTION

Resets the file position of the specified file to the beginning of the file.

CAUTIONS

Implemented as a macro.

NAME

fflush -- flush output buffer for file

SYNOPSIS

```
fflush(fp);  
FILE *fp;           file pointer
```

DESCRIPTION

Flushes the output buffer of the specified file, that is, forces it to be written.

CAUTIONS

This macro must be used only on files which have been opened for writing or appending.

## NAME

setnbf -- force line buffering for file

## SYNOPSIS

```
setnbf(fp);  
FILE *fp;           file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Changes the buffering mode for the specified file pointer from the default 512-byte block mode to the line buffering mode used for devices (including the user's console). In this mode, read operations to fill the buffer terminate when a newline is read, and write operations to flush the buffer are initiated whenever a newline is received.

## CAUTIONS

Although the line-buffered mode may be used without difficulty on files, the standard buffering mode is generally more efficient, so this function should only be used for those "files" which are definitely known to be devices.

### 3.2.2 Level 1 I/O Functions

These functions provide a basic, low-level I/O interface which allows a file to be viewed as a stream of randomly addressable bytes. Operations are performed on the file using the functions described in this section; the file is specified by a "file number" or "file descriptor," such as

```
int fd;
```

which is returned by "open" or "creat" when the file is opened. Data may be read or written in blocks of any size, from a single byte to as much as several kilobytes in a single operation. The concept of a file position is key: the file position is a long integer, such as

```
long fpos;
```

which specifies the position of a byte in the file as the number of bytes from the beginning of the file to that particular byte. Thus, the first byte in the file is at file position 0L. Two distinct file positions are maintained internally by the level 1 functions. The current file position is the point at which data transfers take place between the program and the file; it is set to zero when the file is opened, and is advanced by the number of bytes read or written using the "read" and "write" functions. The end of file position is simply the total number of bytes contained in the file; it is changed only by write operations which increase the size of the file. The current file position can be set to any value from zero up to and including the end of file position using the "lseek" function, but it is illegal to seek to a position beyond the end of file. Thus, to append data to a file, the current file position is set to the end of the file using "lseek" before any write operations are performed. When data is read from near the end of file, as much of the requested count as can be satisfied is returned; zero is returned for attempts to read when the file position is at the end of file.

The level 1 functions operate in one of two mutually exclusive modes: the text or translated mode, and the binary or untranslated mode. On some systems the two modes are identical. The desired mode is specified when the file is opened or created, and remains in effect until the file is closed. The two modes are provided so that any required translation of text file end of line sequences can be performed automatically even by the lowest level operations ("read" and "write" functions), while at the same time a program may disable the translation, as needed, when working with binary files. The problem is that not all systems use the standard C end of line delimiter, the newline ('\n'); the translated mode converts the newline to whatever the local delimiter may be. Since this may involve expansion or contraction of the number of bytes read or written, the count returned by "read" or "write" may not correctly reflect the actual change in the file position. In the binary mode, this

problem does not occur since no translation is performed.

Although the level 1 functions are primarily useful for working with files, they can be used to read and write data to devices (including the user's terminal), as well. The exact nature of the I/O performed is system dependent, but it is generally unbuffered and may have different effects depending on whether the translated or untranslated mode is in effect. The "lseek" function has no effect on devices, and usually returns an error status. Direct I/O to the user's terminal may also be performed using the functions described in Section 3.2.3.

The actual I/O operations on disk files are buffered, but at a level that is generally transparent to the programmer. The buffering makes close operations a necessity for files that are modified. On some systems, the buffers used for the level 1 functions are allocated using "getmem", which restricts the use of the memory allocation functions "rstmem" and "rbrk". Check the implementation section of the manual to determine whether this restriction applies, for information about the translated and binary modes, and for the details of device I/O on this particular system.



## NAME

open -- open a file

## SYNOPSIS

```
file = open(name, rmode);
int file;           file number or error code
char *name;        file name
int rmode;         read/write mode, where 0=read, 1=write,
                  2=read/write, and bit 15 indicates the
                  desired mode (text=0, binary=1)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Opens a file for access using the level 1 I/O functions. The file name must conform to local naming conventions. The mode word indicates the type of I/O which will be performed on the file. The low order bits specify whether read or write operations (or both) are to be allowed, as follows:

0 = read only access  
1 = write only access  
2 = read/write access

If bit 15 (the 0x8000 bit) of the mode word is set, then all operations will be performed without text file translation (if such translation is normally performed for the system). If this bit is reset (the default mode used by the level 2 functions), some translation of data may occur, the exact nature of which is system dependent. The current file position is set to zero if the file is successfully opened. On most systems, no more than 16 files (including any which are being accessed through the level 2 functions, such as "stdin", "stdout", etc.) can be open at the same time. Closing the file releases the file number for use with some other file.

## RETURNS

file = file number to access file, if successful  
= -1 if error

## CAUTIONS

Check the return value for error. "open" can be used only on existing files; use "creat" to access a new file.

## NAME

creat -- create a new file

## SYNOPSIS

```
file = creat(name, pmode);
int file;          file number or error code
char *name;       file name
int pmode;        access privilege mode bits; bit 15 has
                  same meaning as for "open"
```

## DESCRIPTION

Creates a new file with the specified name and prepares it for access via the level 1 I/O functions. The file name must conform to local naming conventions. Creating a device is equivalent to opening it. The access privilege mode bits are system dependent and on some systems may be largely ignored; however, bit 15 is interpreted in the same way as for "open": if set, operations are performed on the file without translation. If the file already exists, its contents are discarded. The current file position and the end of file are both zero (indicating an empty file) if the function is successful.

## RETURNS

```
file = file number to access file, if successful
= -1 if error
```

## CAUTIONS

Check the return value for error. "creat" should be used only on files which are being completely rewritten, since any existing data is lost.

## NAME

unlink -- remove file name from file system

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = unlink(name);  
int ret;           return code: 0 if successful  
char *name;       name of file to be removed
```

## DESCRIPTION

Removes the specified file from the file system. The file name must conform to local naming conventions. The specified file must not be currently open. All data in the file is lost.

## RETURNS

```
ret = 0 if successful  
= -1 if error
```

## CAUTIONS

Should be used with care, since the file, once removed, is generally irretrievable.

## NAME

read -- read data from file

## SYNOPSIS

```
status = read(file, buffer, length);
int status;           status code or actual length
int file;            file number for file
char *buffer;        input buffer
int length;          number of bytes requested
```

## DESCRIPTION

Reads the next set of bytes from a file. The return count is always equal to the number of bytes placed in the buffer and will never exceed the "length" parameter, except in the case of an error, where -1 is returned. The file position is advanced accordingly.

## RETURNS

```
status = 0 if end of file
= -1 if error occurred
= number of bytes actually read, otherwise
```

## CAUTIONS

If fewer than the requested number of bytes remain between the current file position and the end of file, only that number is transferred and returned. The number of bytes by which the file position was advanced may not equal the number of bytes transferred if text mode translation occurred.

## NAME

write -- write data to file

## SYNOPSIS

```
status = write(file, buffer, length);
int status;           status code or actual length
int file;            file number
char *buffer;        output buffer
int length;          number of bytes in buffer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Writes the next set of bytes to a file. The return count is equal to the number of bytes written, unless an error occurred. The file position is advanced accordingly.

## RETURNS

```
status = -1 if error
= number of bytes actually written
```

## CAUTIONS

The number of bytes written may be less than the supplied count if a physical end of file limitation was encountered. If text mode translation occurs, the returned count may be greater than the supplied count due to the addition of characters during translation. The returned count is always the same as the number of characters by which the file position was advanced.

## NAME

lseek -- seek to specified file position

## SYNOPSIS

```
pos = lseek(file, offset, mode);
long pos;          returned file position or error code
int file;         file number for file
long offset;      desired position
int mode;         offset mode:
                  0 = relative to beginning of file
                  1 = relative to current file position
                  2 = relative to end of file
```

## DESCRIPTION

Changes the current file position to a new position in the file. The offset is specified as a long int and is added to the current position (mode 1) or to the logical end of file (mode 2). Not all implementations support offset mode 2.

## RETURNS

```
pos = -1L if error occurred
      = new file position if successful
```

## CAUTIONS

The "offset" parameter MUST be a "long" quantity, so don't forget to indicate a "long" constant when supplying a zero. In most cases, the return code should be checked for error, which indicates that an invalid file position (beyond the end of file) was specified. Note that the current file position may be obtained by

```
long cpos, lseek();
. . .
cpos = lseek(file, 0L, 1);
```

which will never return an error code.

## NAME

close -- close a file

## SYNOPSIS

```
status = close(file);
int status;           status code: 0 if successful
int file;            file number
```

## DESCRIPTION

Closes a file and frees the file number for use in accessing another file. Any buffers allocated when the file was opened are released.

## RETURNS

```
status = 0 if successful
= -1 if error
```

## CAUTIONS

This function MUST be called if the file was modified; otherwise, the end of file and the actual data on disk may not be updated properly.

### 3.2.3 Direct Console I/O Functions

These functions provide a direct I/O interface to the user's console. Because there is no buffering of characters, the functions are particularly useful for applications which use cursor positioning to define special screen formats or which implement special single character responses to program prompts. In order to distinguish these functions from the corresponding level 2 functions, different names are used for them. This allows programs to make use of both kinds of I/O, if desired. Programs which perform console I/O exclusively can use the console I/O header file (called "conio.h" on most systems) which defines several of the level 2 functions in terms of the direct console functions, a feature which is most convenient for programs written for other C environments where I/O to the user's terminal is always unbuffered. The equivalencies defined by "conio.h" are

```
getchar = getch
putchar = putch
gets = cgets
puts = cputs
scanf = cscanf
printf = cprintf
```

The functions on the right side of the equals signs are described in this section.

A couple of system dependencies arise in connection with the direct console functions. Whether or not characters are echoed as they are input is system dependent but there is usually a mechanism to enable or disable the echo. On some systems the characters that are typed when the program is not actually waiting for input are saved, and then presented to the "getch" function when it requests input. Often only one character is saved, but some systems may save none while others retain several. The presence of "type-ahead," as this feature is usually called, rarely affects the program itself, although its absence may be a source of irritation to users who have to communicate with the program. Check the implementation section of the manual for more information about console I/O.



## NAME

getch/putch -- get/put character directly from/to console

## SYNOPSIS

```
c = getch();  
putch(c);  
int c;          character received/sent to console
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions get ("getch") or put ("putch") single characters from or to the user's console.

## RETURNS

c = character received ("getch")

## CAUTIONS

There is no notion of an end of file or error status, but some systems may implement EOF (-1) as an error return.

## NAME

ungetch -- push character back to console

## SYNOPSIS

```
r = ungetch(c);  
int r;          return code  
char c;        character to be pushed back
```

## DESCRIPTION

Pushes the indicated character back on the console. Only a single level of pushback is allowed. The effect is to cause "getch" to return the pushed-back character next time it is called.

## RETURNS

```
r = EOF if a character has already been pushed back  
= c if successful
```

## NAME

cscanf/cprintf -- formatted I/O directly to console

## SYNOPSIS

same as "scanf" and "printf"

## DESCRIPTION

These functions perform the equivalent of "scanf" and "printf", but characters are sent directly to or received directly from the console.

## RETURNS

n = number of input items matched ("cscanf")

## CAUTIONS

"cscanf" performs its I/O directly using "getch", so there are none of the usual input conveniences such as back spacing or line deletion. If "cgets" provides some of these conveniences, it may be better to call "cgets" and then use "sscanf" to decode the resulting string.

### 3.2.4 Program Exit Functions

The program entry mechanism, that is, the means by which the main function gains control, is sufficiently system dependent that it must be described in the implementation section of this manual. Program exit, however, is somewhat more general, although not without its own implementation dependencies.

The simplest way to terminate execution of a C program is for the "main" function to execute a "return" statement, or -- even simpler -- to "drop through" its terminating brace. In many cases, however, a more flexible program exit capability is needed; this is provided by the "exit" and " \_exit" functions described in this section. They offer the advantage of allowing any function -- not just "main" -- to cause termination of the program, and in some systems, they allow information to be passed to other programs.

## NAME

exit -- terminate execution of program and close files

## SYNOPSIS

```
exit(errcode[ ,message]);  
int errcode;          exit error code  
char *message;       exit message (optional)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Terminates execution of the current program, but first closes all output files which are currently open through the level 2 I/O functions. The error code is normally set to zero to indicate no error, and to a non-zero value if some kind of error exit was taken. The optional exit message may not be implemented on some systems.

## CAUTIONS

Note that "exit" only closes those files which are being accessed using the level 2 functions. Files accessed using the level 1 functions are NOT automatically closed.

## NAME

`_exit` -- terminate execution immediately

## SYNOPSIS

```
    _exit(errcode [,message]);  
    Int errcode;          exit error code  
    char *message;       exit message (optional)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Terminates execution of the current program immediately, without checking for open files. The arguments are the same as for "exit" (which calls "\_exit" after checking the level 2 files).

### 3.3 Utility Functions and Macros

The portable library provides a variety of additional functions useful for many of the common data manipulations performed by C programs. Three utilities provide fast memory transfers; a set of macros allow quick testing of character types; and several utility functions facilitate character string handling. Almost none of these functions are system dependent.

#### 3.3.1 Memory Utilities

The three utility functions described here are usually implemented in machine language for maximum efficiency. These are the equivalent of the almost universal FILL and MOVE subroutines defined in other languages.

## NAME

setmem -- initialize memory to specified "char" value

## SYNOPSIS

```
setmem(p, n, c);  
char *p;           base of memory to be initialized  
unsigned n;       number of bytes to be initialized  
char c;           initialization value
```

## DESCRIPTION

Sets the specified number of bytes of memory to the specified byte value. On many systems a hardware "block fill" instruction is used to perform the initialization. This function is useful for the initialization of "auto char" arrays.

## CAUTIONS

Some systems may distinguish between "char \*" pointers and pointers of other types, so it is good practice to use a cast operator when arrays or pointers of other types are used for the "p" argument.



## NAME

movmem -- move a block of memory

## SYNOPSIS

```
movmem(s, d, n);  
char *s;           source memory block  
char *d;           destination memory block  
unsigned n;        number of bytes to be transferred
```

## DESCRIPTION

Moves memory from one location to another. The function checks the relative locations of source and destination blocks, and performs the move in the order necessary to preserve the data in the event of overlap. On many systems a hardware "block move" instruction is used to perform the transfer.

## CAUTIONS

Some systems may distinguish between "char \*" pointers and pointers of other types, so it is good practice to use a cast operator when arrays or pointers of other types are used for the "s" and "d" arguments.

## NAME

repmem -- replicate values through memory

## SYNOPSIS

```
repmem(s, v, lv, nv);
char *s;           memory to be initialized
char *v;           template of values to be replicated
int lv;            number of bytes in template
int nv;            number of templates to be replicated
```

## DESCRIPTION

Replicates a set of values throughout a block of memory. This function is a generalized version of "setmem", and can be used to initialize arrays of items other than "char". Note that the replication count indicates the number of copies of "v" which are to be made, not the total number of bytes to be initialized.

## CAUTIONS

Some systems may distinguish between "char \*" pointers and other types of pointers, so it is good practice to use a cast operator when arrays or pointers of other types are used for the "d" and "v" arguments.

## 3.3.2 Character Type Macros

The character type header file, called "ctype.h" on most systems, defines several macros which are useful in the analysis of text data. Most allow the programmer to determine quickly the type of a character, i.e., whether it is alphabetic, numeric, punctuation, etc. These macros refer to an external array called "\_ctype" which is indexed by the character itself, so they are generally much faster than functions which check the character against a range or discrete list of values. Although ASCII is defined as a 7-bit code, the "\_ctype" array is defined to be 257 bytes long so that valid results are obtained for any character value. This means that a character with the value 0xb1, for instance, will be classified the same as a character with the value 0x31. Programs who wish to distinguish between these values must test for the 0x80 bit before using one of these macros. Note that "\_ctype" is actually indexed by the character value plus one; this allows the standard EOF value (-1) to be tested in a macro without yielding a nonsense result. EOF yields a zero result for any of the macros: it is not defined as any of the character types.

Here are the macros defined in the character type header file "ctype.h". Note that many of these will evaluate argument expressions more than once, so beware of using expressions with side effects, such as function calls or increment or decrement operators. Don't forget to include "ctype.h" if you use any of these macros; otherwise, the compiler will generate a reference to a function of the same name.

isalpha(c)	non-zero if c is alphabetic, 0 if not
isupper(c)	non-zero if c is upper case, 0 if not
islower(c)	non-zero if c is lower case, 0 if not
isdigit(c)	non-zero if c is digit, 0 if not
isxdigit(c)	non-zero if c is a hexadecimal digit, 0 if not (0-9, A-F, a-f)
isspace(c)	non-zero if c is white space, 0 if not
ispunct(c)	non-zero if c is punctuation, 0 if not
isalnum(c)	non-zero if c is alphabetic or digit
isprint(c)	non-zero if c is printable (including blank)
isgraph(c)	non-zero if c is graphic (excluding blank)
isctrl(c)	non-zero if c is control character
isascii(c)	non-zero if c is ASCII (0-127)
iscsym(c)	non-zero if valid character for C identifier
iscsymf(c)	non-zero if valid first character for C identifier
toupper(c)	converts c to upper case, if lower case
tolower(c)	converts c to lower case, if upper case

Note that the last two macros generate the value of "c" unchanged if it does not qualify for the conversion.

### 3.3.3 String Utility Functions

The portable library provides several functions to perform many of the most common string manipulations. These functions all work with sequences of characters terminated by a null (zero) byte, which is the C definition of a character string. A special naming convention is used, which works as follows. The first two characters of a string function are always "st", while the third character indicates the type of the return value from the function:

- "stc" indicates the function returns an "int" count
- "stp" indicates the function returns a character pointer
- "sts" indicates the function returns an "int" status value

Thus, the name of the function shows at a glance the type of value it returns.

For compatibility with other C implementations, four of the most common functions are provided with "str" names; these are the functions mentioned in Kernighan and Ritchie: "strlen", "strcpy", "strcat", and "strcmp".

## NAME

strlen/stc1en -- measure length of string

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = strlen(s);  
length = stc1en(s);  
int length;          number of bytes in "s" (before null)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Counts the number of bytes in "s" before the null terminator. The terminator itself is NOT included in the count.

## RETURNS

length = number of bytes in string before null byte

## NAME

strcpy/stccpy -- copy one string to another

## SYNOPSIS

```
strcpy(to, from);  
actual = stccpy(to, from, length);  
int actual;          actual number of characters moved  
                    ("stccpy" only)  
char *to;           destination string pointer  
char *from;         source string pointer  
int length;         sizeof(to) ("stccpy" only)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Moves the null-terminated source string to the destination string. "strcpy" does not get a length parameter, so all of the source string is copied unconditionally. For "stccpy", if the source is too long for the destination, its rightmost characters are not moved. The destination string is always null-terminated.

## RETURNS

actual = actual number of characters moved, including the null terminator ("stccpy" only)

## CAUTIONS

As noted above, "strcpy" does not get a length parameter, so the destination string had better be large enough. Use "stccpy" if this causes problems.

## NAME

strcat -- concatenate strings

## SYNOPSIS

```
strcat(to, from);  
char *to;           string to be concatenated to  
char *from;         string to be added
```

## DESCRIPTION

Concatenates "from" to the end of "to". The result is always null-terminated.

## CAUTIONS

No length parameter is present, so the destination string had better be large enough to receive the combined result.

## NAME

strcmp/stscmp -- compare two strings

## SYNOPSIS

```
status = strcmp(s, t);
status = stscmp(s, t);
int status;                                result of comparison
char *s;                                   >0 if s>t, 0 if s==t, <0 if s<t
char *t;                                   first string to compare
                                           second string to compare
```

## DESCRIPTION

Compares two null-terminated strings, byte by byte, and returns an "int" status indicating the result of the comparison. If zero, the strings are identical, up to and including the terminating byte. If non-zero, the status indicates the result of the comparison of the first pair of bytes which were not equal.

## RETURNS

```
status = 0 if strings match
< 0 if first string less than second string
> 0 if first string greater than second string
```

## CAUTIONS

The result of the comparison may depend on whether characters are considered signed, if any of the characters are greater than 127.



## NAME

stcu\_d -- convert unsigned integer to decimal string

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stcu_d(out, in, outlen);
int length;          output string length (excluding null)
char *out;           output string
unsigned in;         input value
int outlen;          sizeof(out)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Converts an unsigned integer into a string of decimal digits terminated with a null byte. Leading zeroes are not copied to the output string, and if the input value is zero, only a single '0' character is produced.

## RETURNS

length = number of characters placed in output string, not including the null terminator

## CAUTIONS

If the output string is too small for the result, only the rightmost digits are returned.

## NAME

stci\_d -- convert signed integer to decimal string

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stci_d(out, in, outlen);
int length;          output string length (excluding null)
char *out;           output string
int in;              input value
int outlen;          sizeof(out)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Converts an integer into a string of decimal digits terminated with a null byte. If the integer is negative, the output string is preceded by a '-'. Leading zeroes are not copied to the output string.

## RETURNS

length = number of characters placed in output string, not including the null terminator

## CAUTIONS

If the output string is too small for the result, the returned length may be zero, or a partial string may be returned.

## NAME

stch\_i -- convert hexadecimal string to integer

## SYNOPSIS

```
count = stch_i(p, r);
int count;           number of characters scanned
char *p;            input string
int *r;             result integer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Performs an anchored scan of the input string to convert a hexadecimal value into an integer. The scan terminates when a non-hex character is found. Valid hex characters are 0-9, A-F, and a-f.

## RETURNS

count = 0 if input string does not begin with a hex digit  
= number of characters scanned

## CAUTIONS

No check for overflow is made during the processing.

## NAME

stcd\_i -- convert decimal string to integer

## SYNOPSIS

```
count = stcd_i(p, r);  
int count;           number of characters scanned  
char *p;             input string  
int *r;              result integer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Performs an anchored scan of the input string to convert a decimal value into an integer. The scan terminates when a non-decimal character is found. Valid decimal characters are 0-9. The first character may be '+' or '-'.

## RETURNS

```
count = 0 if input string does not begin with a decimal  
        digit  
= number of characters scanned
```

## CAUTIONS

No check for overflow is made during processing.

## NAME

stpblk -- skip blanks (white space)

## SYNOPSIS

```
q = stpblk(p);  
char *q;          updated string pointer  
char *p;          initial string pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Advances the string pointer past white space characters.

## RETURNS

q = updated string pointer (advanced past white space)

## CAUTIONS

Must be declared "char \*", as the "stp" prefix indicates.

## NAME

stpsym -- get a symbol from a string

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = stpsym(s, sym, symlen);
char *p;           points to next character in "s"
char *s;           input string
char *sym;         output string
int symlen;        sizeof(sym)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Breaks out the next symbol from the input string. The first character of the symbol must be alphabetic (upper or lower case), and the remaining characters must be alphanumeric. Note that the pointer is NOT advanced past any initial white space in the input string. The output string is the null-terminated symbol.

## RETURNS

p = pointer to next character (after symbol) in input string

## CAUTIONS

Must be declared "char \*", as the "stp" prefix indicates. If no valid symbol characters are found, "p" will equal "s", and "sym" will contain an initial null byte.

## NAME

stptok -- get a token from a string

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = stptok(s, tok, toklen, brk);
char *p;           points to next char in "s"
char *s;           input string
char *tok;         output string
int toklen;        sizeof(tok)
char *brk;         break string
```

## DESCRIPTION

Breaks out the next token from the input string. The token consists of all characters in "s" up to but not including the first character that is in the break string. In other words, the break string defines a list of characters which cannot be included in a token. Note that the pointer is NOT advanced past any initial white space characters in the input string. The output string is the null-terminated token.

## RETURNS

p = pointer to next character (after token) in input string

## CAUTIONS

Must be declared "char \*", as the "stp" prefix indicates. If no valid token characters are found, "p" will equal "s", and "tok" will contain an initial null byte.

## NAME

stpchr -- find specific character in string

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = stpchr(s, c);  
char *p;      points to "c" in "s" (or is NULL)  
char *s;      points to string being scanned  
char c;       character to be located
```

## DESCRIPTION

Scans the specified string to find the first occurrence of the specified character. If the null terminator byte is hit first, a NULL pointer is returned.

## RETURNS

```
p = NULL if "c" not found in "s"  
= pointer to first "c" found in "s" (from left)
```

## CAUTIONS

Must be declared "char \*", as the "stp" prefix indicates.



## NAME

stpbrk -- find break character in string

## SYNOPSIS

```
p = stpbrk(s, b);  
char *p;           points to element of "b" in "s"  
char *s;           points to string being scanned  
char *b;           points to break character string
```

## DESCRIPTION

Scans the specified string to find the first occurrence of a character from the break string "b". In other words, "b" is a null-terminated list of characters being sought. If the terminator byte for "s" is hit first, a NULL pointer is returned.

## RETURNS

p = NULL if no element of "b" is found in "s"  
= pointer to first element of "b" in "s" (from left)

## CAUTIONS

Must be declared "char \*", as the "stp" prefix indicates.

## NAME

stcis/stcisl -- measure span of a character set

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stcis(s, b);  
length = stcisl(s, b);  
int length;           span length in bytes  
char *s;              points to string being scanned  
char *b;              points to character set string
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions compute the number of characters at the beginning (left) of "s" that come from a specified character set. For "stcis", the character set consists of all characters in "b", while for "stcisl", it consists of all characters NOT in "b".

## RETURNS

length = number of characters from the specified set which appear at the beginning (left) of "s"

## NAME

stcarg -- get an argument

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stcarg(s, b);  
int length;          number of bytes in argument  
char *s;             text string pointer  
char *b;             break string pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

Scans the text string until one of the break characters is found or until the text string ends (as indicated by a null character). While scanning, the function skips over partial strings enclosed in single or double quotes, and the backslash is recognized as an escape character.

## RETURNS

```
length = number of bytes (in "s") in argument  
= 0 if not found
```

## NAME

stcpm -- pattern match (unanchored)

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stcpm(s, p, q);
int length;           length of matching string
char *s;             string being scanned
char *p;             pattern string
char **q;            points to matched string if found
```

## DESCRIPTION

Scans the specified string to find the first substring that matches the specified pattern. The pattern is specified in a simple form of regular expression notation, where

- ? matches any character
- s\* matches zero or more occurrences of "s"
- s+ matches one or more occurrences of "s"

The backslash is used as an escape character (to match one of the special characters ?, \*, or +). The scan is not anchored, that is, if a matching string is not found at the first position of "s", the next position is tried, and so on. A pointer to the first matching substring is returned at "\*q".

## RETURNS

length = 0 if no match  
= length of matching substring, if successful

## CAUTIONS

Note that the third argument must be a pointer to a character pointer, since this function really returns two values: a pointer to and the length of the first matching substring.

## NAME

stcpma -- pattern match (anchored)

## SYNOPSIS

```
length = stcpma(s, p);
int length;          length of matching string
char *s;            string being scanned
char *p;            pattern string
```

## DESCRIPTION

Scans the specified string to determine if it begins with a substring that matches the specified pattern. See the description of "stcpm" for a specification of the pattern format.

## RETURNS

```
length = 0 if no match
= length of matching substring if successful
```

## NAME

stspfp -- parse file pattern

## SYNOPSIS

```
error = stspfp(p, n);
int error;           return code: -1 if error
char *p;            file name string
int n[16];          node index array
```

## DESCRIPTION

Parses a file name pattern which consists of node names separated by slashes. Each slash is replaced by a null byte, and the beginning index of that node is placed in the index array. For example, the pattern "/abc/de/f" has three nodes, and their indexes are 1 for "abc", 5 for "de", and 8 for "f". Note that the leading slash, if present, is skipped. Note also that a slash that is part of a node name (usually unwise) must be preceded by a backslash. The last entry in the node array "n" is set to -1 (in the example above, this causes "n[3]" to be -1).

## RETURNS

```
error = 0 if successful
= -1 if too many nodes or other error
```

## APPENDIX A Error Messages

This appendix describes the various messages produced by the first and second phases of the compiler. Error messages which begin with the text "CXERR" are compiler errors which are described in Appendix B.

## A.1 Unnumbered Messages

These messages describe error conditions in the environment, rather than errors in the source file due to improper language specifications.

## Can't create object file

The second phase of the compiler was unable to create the .OBJ file. This error usually results from a full directory on the output disk.

## Can't create quad file

The first phase of the compiler was unable to create the .Q file. This error usually results from a full directory on the output disk.

## Can't open quad file

The second phase of the compiler was unable to open the .Q file specified on the LC2 command, usually because it did not exist on the specified (or currently logged-in) disk.

## Can't open source file

The first phase of the compiler was unable to open the .C file specified on the LC1 command, usually because it did not exist on the specified (or currently logged-in) disk.

## File name missing

A file name was not specified on the LC1 or LC2 command.

## Intermediate file error

The first phase of the compiler encountered an error when writing to the .Q file. This error usually results from an out-of-space condition on the output disk.

## Invalid command line option

An invalid command line option (beginning with a "-") was specified on either the LC1 or the LC2 command. See Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 for the valid command line options. The option is ignored, but the compilation is not otherwise affected. In other words, this error is not fatal.

## Not enough memory

This message is generated when either phase of the compiler uses up all the available working memory. The only cure for this error is either to increase the available memory on the system, or (if the maximum is already available) reduce the size and complexity of the source file. Particularly large functions will generate this error regardless of how much memory is available; break the task into smaller functions if this occurs.

## Object file error

The second phase of the compiler encountered an error when writing to the .OBJ file. This error usually results from an out-of-space condition on the output disk.

## A.2 Numbered error messages

These error messages describe syntax or specification errors in the source file; they are generated by the first phase of the compiler. A few are warning messages that simply remark on marginally acceptable constructions but do not prevent the creation of the quad file. See Section 1.3.3 for more information about error processing.

- 1 This error is generated by a variety of conditions in connection with pre-processor commands, including specifying an unrecognized command, failure to include white space between command elements, or use of an illegal pre-processor symbol (note that '\$' is valid for ordinary identifiers but not for pre-processor symbols).
- 2 The end of an input file was encountered when the compiler expected more data. May occur on an #include file or the original source file. In many cases, correction of a previous error will eliminate this one.
- 3 The file name specified on a #include command was not found on the currently logged-in disk.
- 4 An unrecognized element was encountered in the input file that could not be classified as any of the valid lexical constructs (such as an identifier or one of the valid expression operators). May occur if control characters or other garbage is detected in the source file. May also occur if a pre-processor command is specified with the "#" not in the first position of an input line.
- 5 A pre-processor #define macro was used with the wrong number of arguments.
- 6 Expansion of a #define macro caused the compiler's line buffer to overflow. May occur if more than one lengthy



- macro appears on a single input line.
- 7 The maximum extent of #include file nesting was exceeded; the current version of the compiler supports #include nesting to a maximum depth of 4.
  - 8 An invalid arithmetic or pointer conversion was specified. Usually results when an attempt is made to convert something into an array, a structure, or a function.
  - 9 The named identifier was undefined in the context in which it appeared, that is, it had not been previously declared. This message is only generated once; subsequent encounters with the identifier assume that it is of type "int" (which may cause other errors).
  - 10 An error was detected in the expression following the "[" character (presumably a subscript expression). May occur if the expression in brackets is null (not present).
  - 11 The length of a string constant exceeded the maximum allowed by the compiler (256 bytes). Will occur if the closing " is omitted in specifying the string.
  - 12 The expression preceding the "." or "->" structure reference operator was not recognizable by the compiler as a structure or pointer to a structure. May occur for constructions which are accepted by other compilers; see Section 2.1.
  - 13 An identifier indicating the desired aggregate member was not found following the "." or "->" operator.
  - 14 The indicated identifier was not a member of the structure or union to which the "." or "->" referred. May occur for constructions which are accepted by other compilers; see Section 2.1.
  - 15 The identifier preceding the "(" function call operator was not implicitly or explicitly declared as a function.
  - 16 A function argument expression specified following the "(" function call operator was invalid. May occur if an argument expression was omitted.
  - 17 During expression evaluation, the end of an expression was encountered but more than one operand was still awaiting evaluation. May occur if an expression contained an incorrectly specified operation.
  - 18 During expression evaluation, the end of an expression was encountered but an operator was still pending evaluation. May occur if an operand was omitted for a binary operation.

- 19 The numbers of opening and closing parentheses in an expression were not equal. May occur if a macro was poorly specified or improperly used, but is generally due to the obvious error.
- 20 An expression which did not evaluate to a constant was encountered in a context which required a constant result. May occur if one of the operators not valid for constant expressions was present (see Kernighan and Ritchie, Appendix A, p. 211).
- 21 An identifier declared as a structure, union, or function was encountered in an expression without being properly qualified (by a structure reference or function call operator).
- 22 (non-fatal warning) An identifier declared as a structure or union appeared as a function argument without the preceding & operator. Expression evaluation continues with the & assumed (i.e., a pointer to the aggregate is generated).
- 23 The conditional operator was used erroneously. May occur if the ? operator is present but the : was not found when expected.
- 24 The context of the expression required an operand to be a pointer. May occur if the expression following "\*" did not evaluate to a pointer.
- 25 The context of the expression required an operand to be an lvalue. May occur if the expression following "&" was not an lvalue, or if the left side of an assignment expression was not an lvalue.
- 26 The context of the expression required an operand to be arithmetic (not a pointer, function, or aggregate).
- 27 The context of the expression required an operand to be either arithmetic or a pointer. May occur for the logical OR and logical AND operators.
- 28 During expression evaluation, the end of an expression was encountered but not enough operands were available for evaluation. May occur if a binary operation is improperly specified.
- 29 An operation was specified which was invalid for pointer operands (such as one of the arithmetic operations other than addition).

- 30 (non-fatal warning) In an assignment statement defining a value for a pointer variable, the expression on the right side of the = operator did not evaluate to a pointer of the exact same type as the pointer variable being assigned, i.e., it did not point to the same type of object. See Section 2.1 for an explanation of the philosophy behind this warning. Note that the same message becomes a fatal error if generated for an initializer expression.
- 31 The context of an expression required an operand to be integral, i.e., one of the integer types ("char", "int", "short", "unsigned", or "long").
- 32 The expression specifying the type name for a cast (conversion) operation or a sizeof expression was invalid. See Kernighan and Ritchie, Appendix A, pp. 199-200 for the valid syntax.
- 33 An attempt was made to attach an initializer expression to a structure, union, or array that was declared "auto". Such initializations are expressly disallowed by the language.
- 34 The expression used to initialize an object was invalid. May occur for a variety of reasons, including failure to separate elements in an initializer list with commas or specification of an expression which did not evaluate to a constant. May require some experimentation to determine the exact cause of the error.
- 35 During processing of an initializer list or a structure or union member declaration list, the compiler expected a closing right brace but did not find it. May occur if too many elements are specified in an initializer expression list or if a structure member was improperly declared.
- 36 This implementation does not allow initializer expressions to be used for unions.
- 37 The specified statement label was encountered more than once during processing of the current function.
- 38 In a body of compound statements, the numbers of opening left braces ( { ) and closing right braces ( } ) were not equal. May occur if the compiler got "out of phase" due to a previous error.
- 39 One of the C language reserved words appeared in an invalid context (e.g., as a variable name). See Kernighan and Ritchie for a list of the reserved words (p. 180). Note that "entry" is reserved although it is not implemented in the compiler.
- 40 A "break" statement was detected that was not within the scope of a "while", "do", "for", or "switch" statement. May occur due to an error in a preceding statement.

- 41 A "case" prefix was encountered outside the scope of a "switch" statement. May occur due to an error in a preceding statement.
- 42 The expression defining a "case" value did not evaluate to an "int" constant.
- 43 A "case" prefix was encountered which defined a constant value already used in a previous "case" prefix within the same "switch" statement.
- 44 A "continue" statement was detected that was not within the scope of a "while", "do", or "for" loop. May occur due to an error in a preceding statement.
- 45 A "default" prefix was encountered outside the scope of a "switch" statement. May occur due to an error in a preceding statement.
- 46 A "default" prefix was encountered within the scope of a "switch" statement in which a preceding "default" prefix had already been encountered.
- 47 Following the body of a "do" statement, the "while" clause was expected but not found. May occur due to an error within the body of the "do" statement.
- 48 The expression defining the looping condition in a "while" or "do" loop was null (not present). Indefinite loops must supply the constant 1, if that is what is intended.
- 49 An "else" keyword was detected that was not within the scope of a preceding "if" statement. May occur due to an error in a preceding statement.
- 50 A statement label following the "goto" keyword was expected but not found.
- 51 The indicated identifier, which appeared in a "goto" statement as a statement label, was already defined as a variable within the scope of the current function.
- 52 The expression following the "if" keyword was null (not present).
- 53 This error is generated when the expression following the "return" keyword could not be legally converted to the type of the value returned by the function. May be generated if that expression specifies a structure, union, or function.
- 54 The expression defining the value for a "switch" statement did not define an "int" value or a value that could be legally converted to "int".

- 55 The statement defining the body of a "switch" statement did not contain at least one "case" prefix.
- 56 The compiler expected but did not find a colon (:). May be generated if a "case" expression was improperly specified, or if the colon was simply omitted following a label or prefix to a statement.
- 57 The compiler expected but did not find a semi-colon (;). This error generally means that the compiler completed the processing of an expression but did not find the statement terminator (;). May occur if too many closing parentheses are included or if an expression is otherwise incorrectly formed.
- 58 A parenthesis required by the syntax of the current statement was expected but not found (as in a "while" or "for" loop). May occur if the enclosed expression is incorrectly specified, causing the compiler to end the expression early.
- 59 In processing external data or function definitions, a storage class invalid for that declaration context (such as "auto" or "register") was encountered. May occur if, due to preceding errors, the compiler begins processing portions of the body of a function as if they were external definitions.
- 60 A storage class other than "register" appeared on the declaration of a formal parameter.
- 61 The indicated structure or union tag was not previously defined, that is, the members of the aggregate were unknown.
- 62 A structure or union tag has been detected in the opposite usage from which it was originally declared (i.e., a tag originally applied to a "struct" has appeared on an aggregate with the "union" specifier). The Lattice compiler defines only one class of identifiers for both structure and union tags.
- 63 The indicated identifier has been declared more than once within the same scope. This error may be generated due to a preceding error, but is generally the result of improper declarations.
- 64 A declaration of the members of a structure or union did not contain at least one member name.
- 65 An attempt was made to define a function body when the compiler was not processing external definitions. May occur if a preceding error caused the compiler to "get out of phase" with respect to the declarations in the source file.

- 66 The expression defining the size of a subscript in an array declaration did not evaluate to a positive "int" constant. May also occur if a zero length was specified for an inner (i.e., not the leftmost) subscript.
- 67 A declaration specified an illegal object as defined by this version of C. Illegal objects include functions which return aggregates (arrays, structures, or unions) and arrays of functions.
- 68 A structure or union declaration included an object declared as a function. This is illegal, although an aggregate may contain a pointer to a function.
- 69 The structure or union whose declaration was just processed contains an instance of itself, which is illegal. May be generated if the "\*" is forgotten on a structure pointer declaration, or if (due to some intertwining of structure definitions) the structure actually contains an instance of itself.
- 70 A function's formal parameter was declared illegally, that is, it was declared as a structure, union, or function. The compiler does not automatically convert such references to pointers, which is what is usually intended.
- 71 Reserved for expansion. Check the latest addendum to see if this error has been newly defined; otherwise, treat it as a compiler error and report it according to the directions in Appendix B.
- 72 An external item has been declared with attributes which conflict with a previous declaration. May occur if a function was used earlier, as an implicit "int" function, and was then declared as returning some other kind of value. Functions which return a value other than "int" must be declared before they are used so that the compiler is aware of the type of the function value.
- 73 In processing the declaration of objects, the compiler expected to find another line of declarations but did not in fact find one. This error may be generated if a preceding error caused the compiler to "get out of phase" with respect to declarations.
- 74 During processing of external declarations, an attempt was made to define a function, but it was not the first identifier declared on the input line.
- 75 An attempt was made to define the same function more than once within the same source module.

- 76 The compiler expected, but did not find, an opening left brace in the current context. May occur if the opening brace was omitted on a list of initializer expressions for an aggregate.
- 77 In processing a declaration, the compiler expected to find an identifier which was to be declared. May occur if the prefixes to an identifier in a declaration (parentheses and asterisks) are improperly specified, or if a sequence of declarations is listed incorrectly.
- 78 The indicated statement label was referred to in the previous function in a "goto" statement, but no definition of the label was found in that function.
- 79 In processing a list of declared items, the compiler expected a separator (comma or semi-colon) but did not find one. Usually results from an improperly specified list of names being declared, or from an attempt to initialize an object for which initialization is not permitted (such as an "extern" object).
- 80 The number of bits specified for a bit field was invalid. Note that the Lattice compiler does not accept bit fields which are exactly the length of a machine word (such as 16 on a 16-bit machine); these must be declared as ordinary "int" or "unsigned" variables.
- 81 The current input line contained a reference to a pre-processor symbol which was defined with a circular definition, or loop. See Section 2.2.1 for an example.

## APPENDIX B Compiler Errors

This appendix describes the procedure to be used for reporting compiler errors. These are errors that result not from the user's incorrect specifications but from the compiler itself failing to operate properly. There are four general kinds of errors which can occur:

1. The compiler generates an error message for a source module which is actually correct.
2. The compiler fails to generate an error message for an incorrect source module.
3. The compiler detects an internal error condition and generates an error message of the form

CXERR: nn

where "nn" is an internal error number.

4. The compiler dies mysteriously (crashes) while compiling a source module.
5. The compiler generates incorrect code for a correct source module.

The last type of error is of course the most difficult to determine and the most vexing for the programmer, who has no indication that anything is wrong until something inexplicably doesn't work and only concludes that the compiler is at fault after a long and painstaking study of his or her own code.

We would like to know about and repair any compiler errors as soon as possible, so please help us out by reporting any problems promptly. The difficulties you suffer may be spared the next programmer if you do so. In order to maintain a more precise record of the bugs that are discovered, we would like all problems to be reported in writing. You can send the problem reports to Lifeboat, but the problem will be attended to more quickly if you send it to Lattice directly at this address:

Lattice, Inc.  
P. O. Box 648  
Hoffman Estates, IL  
60195

In all cases, include the following items of information in your package:

1. A listing of the source module for which the error occurred. Don't forget to include listings of any #include files used (and watch out for #include file nesting; don't forget the inner files as well). Supplying the source on disk will possibly



save us some typing, but there's no guarantee we'll be able to read it (unless it's IBM PC format), and if you don't want to spare a disk just send listings.

2. The revision of the compiler and when it was purchased.
3. Your name and address and, if you're willing to talk about the problem with a technical person, a phone number with the times you will be available.
4. A description, brief or lengthy as it suits you, of the problem, along with any other information you think may be helpful. Obviously, errors of type 3 (see above) don't need anything more than a terse "Causes CXERR 23." If you've investigated the problem yourself to some extent, let us know what you found.

Once you have determined that there is a definite compiler problem, put together a problem report and ship it off to us. We'll try to get to it as soon as possible, and we are attempting to institute a liberal update policy, especially for those who report bugs. Meanwhile, try coding around the problem; if that doesn't work, mutter a few curses directed at "lousy compiler writers" and work on something else. Remember, Lattice is in the business of supplying portable C compilers and we use them for our own development work, so we're well motivated to fix any problems you find.

## APPENDIX C Conversion of CP/M Programs

Because of its similarity to CP/M, it is reasonable to expect that C programs written for that operating system will be transported to MS-DOS without a great deal of difficulty. This appendix attempts to point out some of the pitfalls likely to be encountered when moving source from CP/M to MS-DOS for compilation with the Lattice C compiler.

The least amount of trouble lies in store for those who have written programs for the BDS C compiler. At the source code level, every effort has been made to be compatible. While the Lattice compiler is a little stricter in some things, generally the correction is accepted by the BDS compiler as well, which facilitates keeping one set of source for both systems. For example, a sequence like

```
char *cp;
. . .
cp = cfunct(i);
. . .
char *cfunct(n)
int n;
{
. . .
```

will cause the Lattice compiler to complain about a mismatch of external attributes, because "cfunct" is used implicitly as "int" before it is defined as "char \*". Inserting

```
char *cfunct();
```

prior to the first use of "cfunct" eliminates the error, and is acceptable to the BDS compiler as well. As for other coding constructions, the warning generated for structures supplied as function arguments without a preceding & was included specifically for BDS C programs. The problem of external data definitions posed by the BDS implementation's lack of storage class specifiers is solved by the -x compile time option. Here are the rules for using it on BDS C programs:

1. When compiling the main module, do NOT specify the -x option. The various external declarations are interpreted as definitions of the objects, and storage is actually allocated for them.

2. When compiling any of the other modules, specify the -x option on the LCL command. The various external declarations are then interpreted as references to objects defined elsewhere (presumably in the main module).

Be careful not to compile more than one of the modules in the program without using the -x option; otherwise, the linker will inform you that multiple definitions of the external items were encountered.

At the library level, there are other, more serious difficulties. Although the BDS library does a good job of supplying most of the standard functions described in the Kernighan and Ritchie text, the details of their operation are different from the Lattice functions in a number of small ways. In particular, "putchar" and "getchar" are direct console I/O functions under BDS C, whereas they are implemented as macros in Lattice C. This problem can be avoided by using the console I/O functions described in Sections 1.5.5 and 3.2.3. In general, it is best to review all of the functions supplied in both libraries with a view toward locating potential trouble spots. Many of the more specialized CP/M functions have not yet been provided in the Lattice library, but check the latest compiler addendum; others will probably be added as newer versions of the compiler are released.

Users of the Whitesmiths C compiler are not likely to encounter any problems with source language compatibility, but the library is for the most part completely different. Still, judicious use of #defines may eliminate some problems.

Lattice 8086/8088 C Compiler

Changes, Cautions, and Additional Information for Version 1.04

## 1.0 MANUAL ERRATA

Please note the following errors in the original version of the manual.

### 1.1 Missing ENDS statement

On page 1-33 of the manual, the last four statements of the assembly language example should read as follows:

```
XCFIND ENDP
XCMAKE ENDP
PROG ENDS
      END
```

Note that inclusion of the ENDS statement is critical; if omitted, the linker will produce an invalid .EXE file when the module is linked.

### 1.2 Call "\_exit", not "exit"

On page 1-38 of the manual, a short version of "main" is presented; however, the final statement before the closing brace should read:

```
_exit(0);
```

If "exit" is called, the level 2 I/O functions are included in the program. Note that the correct version of this function has now been supplied as TINYMAIN.C.

### 1.3 "kbhit" function described incorrectly

Page 1-39 of the manual describes a function called "kbhit", which returns a status indicating whether a character has been typed at the user's console. Please note that the action of the function as described in the manual is exactly opposite to its actual characteristics: it returns zero if a character has NOT been typed at the keyboard, and non-zero if a character is waiting input.

## 2.0 KNOWN PROBLEMS

The following problems are currently unrepaired in Version 1.04; they will be corrected in the next release.

## 2.1 CXERR 22 due to large storage declarations

Although the current version of the compiler attempts to detect when a program declares more than 32767 bytes of storage, it is not always successful. In that case, the second phase of the compiler will die with a CXERR: 22 error message. If LC2 generates this error for some source module of yours, check it carefully to make sure that it does not declare more than a total of 32767 bytes of storage for any particular storage class.

## 2.2 Overlapped union operations

The current version of the compiler does not detect the simultaneous use of different members of a union, and may not always store components of the union in the proper order. Consider the following example:

```
union {
    int a;
    char b[2];
};
. . .
a = functn();
if (b[0] == 'a')
```

The code generated for this sequence will not store the value from "functn" into "a" until AFTER the value of "b[0]" has been fetched. The compiler's implicit assumption is that members of a union will occupy the same storage but at different times; this example violates that assumption. In the next release of the compiler, the "-a" flag will be used to force the compiler to generate code correctly for this construct.

## 2.3 Initialization of "char" arrays

If a string is used to initialize a "char" array, no other initializers may be used. For example:

```
char x[] = { 6, "string" };
```

creates an array 7 bytes long (the size of the string alone) but includes only the first character of the string. The array can be initialized to the desired value by either of the following equivalent statements:

```
char x[] = { 6, 's', 't', 'r', 'i', 'n', 'g', 0 };
char x[] = { "\6string" };
```

## 2.4 Conversions of "char" to floating types

Conversion from a "char" item to a floating point type ("float" or "double") generates incorrect code; instead of clearing the high byte of the AX register, register SP is cleared. Naturally, this has a disastrous effect when the code is executed. Avoid this error by assigning first to an "int".

## 2.5 Use of cast operator on function name

The current version of the compiler does not support use of a cast on a function name (without the function call operator). For example:

```
int f();  
  
i = (int)f;
```

generates an error message. The cast operator can be used, however, if the function name is preceded by an ampersand. Thus,

```
i = (int)&f;
```

is accepted.

## 3.0 OTHER CAUTIONS

The following items are particularly of interest to programmers converting code from other systems.

### 3.1 Pre-processor commands

Some compilers support pre-processor commands anywhere on the input line, as long as the pound sign (#) appears in the first character position; the Lattice compiler requires the command to follow immediately after the pound sign.

### 3.2 Action of the "unlink" function

On some systems, the "unlink" function can be used on an open file descriptor, with the effect that normal read/write operations can still be performed; the file, however, is deleted when the program terminates execution. Under the MS-DOS implementation, "unlink" deletes the file immediately and prevents its subsequent use as a temporary file.

## 4.0 MANUAL ADDENDA

The following items are new or substantially changed, as compared to the descriptions in the manual. Some minor changes to the language accepted by the compiler are not remarked upon if they were not explicitly mentioned in the manual (or unless they are incompatible with previous versions).

#### 4.1 Options not yet implemented

The `-f` option described in the manual has not yet been implemented. Full 8087 support will be provided in the next release of the compiler.

#### 4.2 Additional files provided

(a) The source for the basic console I/O functions has been supplied as `CONIO.C`; users may customize this package to suit their own needs.

(b) The source for the function extract utility has been included, as `FXU.C`, as an example of some of the kinds of text processing possible in C. Note the changes to the current version of `FXU` from that described in the manual; see 4.7 below.

(c) The standard library version of `_main` has been supplied as `MAIN.C`, while a smaller version which does not open any buffered files has been supplied as `TINYMAIN.C`. Users may modify these modules to produce their own versions of `_main`. Please note, however, the following cautions:

1. The library function `printf` sends its output to the pre-defined file pointer `stdout`, which is normally opened by `_main`. If you remove the code that performs this function, don't be surprised when `printf` calls produce no visible output (the I/O library functions ignore attempts to read or write unopened files). A similar caveat applies to the use of `scanf`, which reads from `stdin`.

2. If your intention is to avoid including the level 2 I/O functions in the linked program, don't call the library function `exit`, because it closes all buffered output files before terminating execution. This will cause the level 2 functions to be included anyway. Call `_exit` instead.

(d) The assembler language source for the execution entry modules `C.OBJ` and `CC.OBJ` (see 4.6 below) has been supplied as `C.ASM` and `CC.ASM`, respectively.

#### 4.3 Utility Macros

The standard I/O header file, called `stdio.h` on most systems, defines three general utility macros which are useful in working with arithmetic objects. They are:

<code>max(a,b)</code>	returns the maximum of "a" and "b"
<code>min(a,b)</code>	returns the minimum of "a" and "b"
<code>abs(a)</code>	returns the absolute value of "a"

Several important restrictions must be noted.

First, since these are macros which use the conditional operator, arguments with side effects (such as function calls or

increment or decrement operators) cannot be used, and the address-of operator cannot be applied to these "functions." Second, beware of using the macro names in declarations such as

```
int min;
```

because the compiler will try to expand "min" as a macro, and you will get an error message complaining of invalid macro usage. Third, only arithmetic data items should be used as arguments to these macros; "max" and "min" should be supplied two arguments of the same data type, although conversion will be performed if necessary.

#### 4.4 New compile time options for LC1

The -d compile time option has been implemented in this version of the compiler, and differs from its description in the manual in only minor details. The -i option is completely new.

-d Causes debugging information to be included in the quad file. Specifically, line separator quads are interspersed with the normal quads. This allows the second phase to collect information relating input line numbers to program section offsets. If this option is used, the object file produced will contain line number/offset records, and can be processed by the object module disassembler to produce an intermixed source code and machine code listing (see 4.8 below).

-id Reads all #include files from drive "d", where "d" is a single alphabetic character, either upper or lower case, specifying a disk drive ("a" for A:, etc.). The drive letter must be adjacent to the "i" (no intervening blanks). Normally, all #include files are read from the currently logged in disk; the "-i" option allows a different drive to be specified when the program is compiled. For example:

```
LC1 B:FSUBS -ib
```

compiles B:FSUBS.C and reads any #include files from B: as well.

#### 4.5 Processing of =, <, and > specifiers on command line

As an inspection of the source file MAIN.C will quickly show, the new version of "\_main" supplied in the library can process the various special command fields in any order and in any position on the command line. The manual states that they must be specified in a certain order, preceding all other command line arguments; that restriction no longer applies.



#### 4.6 Producing .COM files

You may now create .EXE files which can be converted to .COM files using the EXE2BIN utility supplied with MS-DOS. In order to accomplish this, you must link the program using CC.OBJ as the first module on the link command, instead of C.OBJ. This object file (CC) defines an initialization sequence similar to that performed by C.OBJ, except that (1) no STACK segment is defined and (2) no segment fixups are needed. Three cautions should be noted. First, the total size of the program, including both program and data segments, cannot exceed 64K in combination. Second, since no segment of type STACK is defined, the linker will issue the warning

Warning: no STACK segment

and will complete the link with a message that one error was detected. Both messages can be ignored, as they do not indicate an actual error condition. Third, programs which incorporate assembly language routines with segment-base-relative values in them cannot be converted to COM files, even if CC.OBJ is used during linking, because COM files do not support segment base fixups.

#### 4.7 New version of Function Extract Utility

Extensive modifications to the function extract utility have made the description in the manual (Section 1.1.5) inaccurate. Here is the corrected version of that section.

##### (1.1.5 Function Extract Utility)

Because the compiler generates a single, indivisible object module for all of the functions defined in a source file, the function extract utility FXU is provided so that groups of small functions may be kept together in a single source file and object modules produced for them individually. The utility operates by extracting the source text for a single, specified function, thus creating a source module which can then be compiled to produce an object module defining only that specific function.

Programmers who are a little puzzled by the need for this utility may find the following example helpful. Suppose that one user has a module called STRING.C, which defines several string handling functions, and that a program calls one of those functions (say, "strcnt"). If STRING.C is compiled as a single source module, the resulting object module defines "strcnt" along with several other functions. When the program is linked, then, the machine code for "strcnt" is included (as part of the object module produced when STRING.C was compiled), but the code for all of the other functions is included as well, even though the program does not make use of them. Only by compiling "strcnt" as the only function defined in its source module will the compiler produce an object module which just defines that function. FXU can be used to produce such a source file.

The format of the command to invoke the function extract utility is

```
FXU [<header-file] [>output-file] filename function
```

The various command line specifiers are shown in the order they must appear in the command; optional specifiers are shown enclosed in brackets. The first two options are part of the general command line options for all C programs (see Section 1.1.4).

- <header-file**     The first option specifies a file which will be copied to the output file when the specified function is found. The entire file is copied before any text from the function is written. If only the function itself is to be written to the output file, the <NUL option should be used. If this option is omitted, text will be read from the user's console and copied to the output file until a control-Z is typed.
- >output-file**     The second option specifies the output file which will contain the text of the extracted function (preceded by the header file text, if any). If this option is omitted, text is written to the user's console.
- filename**           Specifies the name of the file containing the function to be extracted.
- function**           Specifies the name of the function to be extracted from the specified file. The function name must be specified exactly as it appears in its definition, except that alphabetic characters may be specified in either case (upper or lower).

The function extract utility counts braces defined in the body of the functions in order to determine when it has reached the end of a function. Although it recognizes comments and will not make the mistake of counting any braces which might be enclosed in them, it assumes that comments can be nested, which is the same assumption normally made by the compiler. The compiler, however, can be requested by command line option to process comments as if they did not nest; FXU has no such option.

The text extracted consists of all the characters between the closing brace of the preceding function, up to and including the closing brace of the extracted function. If the specified function is the first one defined in the source file, then all characters from the beginning of the file to the function's closing brace are included. Note that functions which refer to external data items defined in the source module cannot be easily processed with the function extract utility. As the example below illustrates, however, the header file option can be used to

avoid this limitation.

If the specified function is not encountered in the specified source file, the output file will receive the single error message "Named function not found". Note that FXU works on only a single function, not a list of functions. A source module defining more than one extracted function can be generated, however, by executing FXU repeatedly and then combining the extracted texts using the CAT program, which is supplied as an example source file.

The supplied version of FXU uses an internal buffer to store characters between functions, while it scans for the next. The buffer size can be expanded, if necessary, by a simple modification to the source text, which is supplied as FXU.C.

#### EXAMPLES

FXU <NUL STRING.C strcnt

Extract the function called "strcnt" from the text file STRING.C; do not include any preceding text; and write the extracted text to the user's console.

FXU <IOS.H >INPUT.C IOFUNC.C input

Extract the function called "input" from the text file IOFUNC.C, and prepend the output with the text from the file IOS.H; and write the resulting text to INPUT.C. If each function in IOFUNC.C can refer to the external locations "flag1" and "flag2", for example, and needs the information from the standard I/O header file, then IOS.H should include the text

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern int flag1, flag2;
```

A similar technique can be used for functions which need more extensive external references.

#### 4.8 New utility program: Object Module Disassembler

For programmers who wish to debug C modules at the machine code level, the object module disassembler provides a listing of the machine language instructions generated for a particular C source module. If the module is compiled with the -d option so that line number/offset information is included in the object file, the disassembler utility can produce a listing with interspersed source code lines. This listing can then be used in association with the link map for the program to perform interactive debugging using the MS-DOS debug program. The usefulness of this utility, of course, is limited to those programmers who are knowledgeable about the 8086 architecture and instruction set.

The format of the command to invoke the object module disassembler is

```
OMD [>listfile] [options] objfile [textfile]
```

The various command line specifiers are shown in the order they must appear in the command. Optional specifiers are shown enclosed in brackets.

>listfile The first option is used to direct the listing produced by OMD to a specified file or device. If this option is omitted, the listing output is written to the user's console.

options Four override options can be specified; each consists of the special character "-" followed by a single letter which indicates the value to be overridden, and a string of decimal digits specifying the override value. There must be no embedded blanks in any single option, but each must be specified as a separate field. The valid options are:

-Pnnn Overrides the default size provided for the program section of the object module being processed. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of bytes of storage to be allocated for the program section. The default value is 1024 bytes.

-Dnnn Overrides the default size provided for the data section of the object module being processed. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of bytes of storage to be allocated for the data section. The default value is 1024 bytes.

-Xnnn Overrides the default maximum number of external items which can be processed by OMD; this number applies separately to both external definitions and external references. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of external items which can be processed. The default value is 200.

-Lnnn Overrides the default size for the line number and offset information tables. These tables are used only if the object file was produced with the -d option; line number/offset information from the file is placed in these tables. The default size (which defines the maximum number of line number/offset pairs which can be processed) is 100.

objfile Specifies the name of the object file, produced by the compiler, which is to be processed by OMD. The full name including the .OBJ extension must be specified.

textfile Specifies the name of a C source code file which is to be listed along with the disassembled instructions. If

this option is present, the object file must have been compiled using the `-d` option for the `LC1` command. The full name including the `.C` extension must be specified.

OMD processes only a single object module. The entire module is read and loaded into memory before the listing is generated. The various override options are useful for processing very large object modules, or for reducing the amount of memory needed by OMD on systems which are cramped for memory.

If the `"textfile"` option is used, only the source text from the specified file is listed; if it refers to any `#include` files, they will NOT be listed. Some limitations of the `"textfile"` option should be noted. First, the code generated for the third portion of `"for"` statements is placed at the bottom of the loop; that code will appear in front of the next statement after the end of the loop. Second, the compiler tends to defer storing registers until the last possible moment, so that the code shown for assignment statements often consists merely of loading values into registers; the registers will be stored later. Finally, the code generated for entry to a function will often be displayed in front of the source lines defining that function. Thus, inspection of the surrounding code may be necessary to determine the actual code generated for a source file construct.

#### EXAMPLES

```
OMD -P2048 -D8000 QRS.OBJ
```

Disassemble the object module `QRS.OBJ` and write the listing to the user's console. Allocate 2048 decimal bytes of storage for the program section defined in the object module, and allocate 8000 decimal bytes for the data section.

```
OMD >TEMP.LST -X400 XYZ.OBJ XYZ.C
```

Disassemble the object module `XYZ.OBJ` and write the listing to the file `TEMP.LST`. Include source code lines from `XYZ.C` in the listing, provided that line number and offset information was present in the object file. Provide for a maximum number of 400 external items (same limit for both external definitions and external references).

#### ERROR MESSAGES

A variety of error conditions are detected by the object module disassembler; all cause early termination of the output file and result in the writing of an appropriate error message to `"stderr"`. These messages are self-explanatory for the most part. If one of the run-time-specifiable options is not sufficiently large, the error message will indicate the specific option which was not large enough; for example, if the module defines too many words of program section, the message

Program section overflow

will be produced. Note that OMD was designed specifically for use with modules generated by the C compiler; attempts to use it with other object modules will probably cause an error message to be generated.

#### 4.9 Change in the action of the "rstmem" function

According to the manual, the level 2 memory allocation function "rstmem" restored the memory pool to its empty state by calling "rbrk". This had the effect of deallocating all of the memory obtained by calls to "sbrk", as well as calls to "getmem". In the current version, the action of "rstmem" has been changed so that only allocations made (by calls to "getmem") after a call to "allmem" are affected. Thus, the cautions on page 1-37 of the manual should read:

1. The reset function "rbrk" cannot be used if any of the standard I/O functions are also being used on currently open files. This restriction applies to both level 1 and level 2 functions. Files may be closed, then re-opened after the reset function is called; however, any file numbers or file pointers must be updated if this is done, because there is no guarantee that the same value will be returned when the file is opened again.

2. A similar restriction applies to use of the function "rstmem", except that files opened BEFORE the most recent call to "allmem" are not affected. Thus, if a program opens all files first and then calls "allmem", it may safely call "rstmem" without affecting those open files. Any files opened AFTER the "allmem" call must be closed before "rstmem" is called.

#### 4.10 Language definition: arbitrary limitations

This section attempts to clarify some of the limitations of the compiler which are omitted or not clearly defined in the manual. Although the definition of a programming language is an idealized abstraction, any real implementation is constrained by a number of factors, not the least of which is practicality. The Lattice compiler imposes the following arbitrary restrictions on the language it accepts:

- The maximum size, in bytes, of any declared object is the largest positive integer which can be represented as an "int". This implies a maximum size of 32767 bytes for 16-bit "int" machines. The total size of all objects declared with the same storage class is also subject to the same restriction.
- The maximum value of the constant expression defining the size of a single subscript of an array is one less than the largest positive "int" (32766 for a 16-bit "int").

- The total size of the formal parameters for any function is limited to a maximum of 256 bytes. Thus, the maximum number of formal parameters depends on their sizes.
- The maximum size of a string constant is 256 bytes.
- Macros with arguments are limited to a maximum number of 8 arguments.
- The maximum level of #include file nesting is 4.

These limitations are imposed because of the way objects are represented internally by the compiler; our hope is that they are reasonably large enough for most real programs.

#### 4.11 Change in the processing of the #if command

The processing of the #if command has been modified internally, with two important consequences for programmers. First, as should be noted in the list of differences from the standard language, "sizeof" cannot be used in #if expressions, and the expression must appear on a single line. These restrictions result from a desire to keep #if expressions simple, and because the pre-processor generally has no information about the size of declared objects. One other clarification should be noted: if a symbol appears in a #if expression which has not been defined in a #define command, it is interpreted as if a value of zero had been specified. This seems consistent with #ifdef usage and permits the use of symbols which may or may not be defined. Otherwise, #if expressions support the full range of operations described in Section 15 of Appendix A of Kernighan and Ritchie.

#### 4.12 New functions: fread/fwrite

Two new functions for reading and writing blocks of data to buffered files have been added to the library. These functions work with the level 2 I/O functions ("fopen", "fclose"). Here is the manual page for these new functions.

**NAME**

fread/fwrite -- read/write blocks of data from/to a file

**SYNOPSIS**

```
nact = fread(p, s, n, fp);
nact = fwrite(p, s, n, fp);
int nact;          actual number of blocks read or written
char *p;          pointer to first block of data
int s;            size of each block, in bytes
int n;            number of blocks to be read or written
FILE *fp;         file pointer
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions read ("fread") or write ("fwrite") blocks of data from or to the specified file. Each block is of size "s" bytes; blocks start at "p" and are stored contiguously from that location. "n" specifies the number of blocks (of size "s") that are to be read or written.

**RETURNS**

nact = actual number of blocks (of size "s") read or written; may be less than "n" if error or end of file occurred

**CAUTIONS**

Return value must be checked to verify the correct number of blocks were processed. The "ferror" and "feof" macros can be used to determine the cause if the return value is less than "n".



## 5.0 PACKING LIST

The following files are intended to be delivered with Version 1.04 of the compiler:

LC1.EXE	C compiler (phase 1)
LC2.EXE	C compiler (phase 2)
FXU.EXE	Function extract utility
OMD.EXE	Object module disassembler
C.OBJ	C program entry/exit module
CC.OBJ	Version of C.OBJ for producing .COM files
LC.LIB	Run-time and I/O library
LC.BAT	Batch procedure to execute LC1 and LC2
STDIO.H	Standard I/O header file
CONIO.H	Console I/O header file
CTYPE.H	Character type macros header file
MAIN.C	Standard library version of "main"
TINYMAIN.C	Abbreviated version of "main"
FTOC.C	Fahrenheit-to-Celsius sample program
CAT.C	File concatenate sample program
SIEVE.C	Eratosthenes sieve sample program
FXU.C	Source for function extract utility
CONIO.C	Basic console I/O functions
C.ASM	Assembler source for C.OBJ
CC.ASM	Assembler source for CC.OBJ
IO.ASM	Sample assembler language function

## Lattice 8086/8088 C Compiler

## MANUAL SUPPLEMENT FOR VERSION 2.00 OF COMPILER

## 1.0 DIFFERENCES FROM PREVIOUS VERSIONS

The following list summarizes the most important differences between Version 2.00 and previous versions for users who are upgrading their compiler. For complete information about the new features, refer to the latest manual and supplement.

## 1.1 Compiler Differences

The meaning of some previously defined compile time flags has been changed, and several new options have been added.

## 1.1.1 Effect of the -a flag

The effect of the -a flag has been extended so that it forces all assignment statements (that is, the actual store operation) to be performed before the execution of the next statement. This is important only in (1) unions, where a value is stored and then immediately inspected or passed to a function via another member; (2) real-time processing where shared data values are used as "lock" words, and immediate execution of an assignment statement is critical to subsequent actions; and (3) memory-mapped I/O assignments, where values must be stored repeatedly in the same "memory" location.

## 1.1.2 Alignment of data elements

The alignment of storage for arithmetic objects has been changed. Now, the only data elements which force alignment to a word offset are pointers, structures, and unions. (In previous versions of the compiler, all objects except simple "char" variables were word-aligned.) The -b flag still has the effect of dropping alignment requirements for all objects.

## 1.1.3 Extensions to -i flag

The -i option has been generalized to accept a prefix which is to be prepended to file names from #include statements; up to 4 -i options may be specified. Note that the current directory is always searched first before the -i options are checked.

## 1.1.4 Optional long identifiers flag

A special -n option has been added which, if used, forces the compiler to retain up to 39 characters for all identifiers (including pre-processor #define symbols).

### 1.1.5 Stack overflow checking

The compiler now, by default, generates code at the beginning of each function to check for stack overflow. The code for stack overflow detection can be eliminated by compiling your source module with the new `-v` option on LC2. Library functions are supplied with stack overflow detection included.

### 1.1.6 Expanded memory addressing

The `-m` and `-s` flags on LC1 are new compile time options used for the new expanded memory addressing feature of the compiler. Four different memory "models" are supported, allowing a range of addressing capabilities for compiled programs. Note that a single program must be compiled and linked according to one and only one of the memory models, that is, functions compiled according to different memory models may not be combined in a single program.

### 1.1.7 Code group and segment name override

Two new flags (`-g` and `-s`) on LC2 allow the user to specify code group and segment names in the generated object file.

## 1.2 Run-time and Library Differences

In addition to new versions of the library to support the new memory addressing capabilities, the implementation of many of the library routines has been improved, resulting in some differences in their operation.

### 1.2.1 Processing of `=`, `<`, and `>` specifiers on command line

The special command line specifiers `"="`, `"<"`, and `">"` are now processed by C.OBJ instead of `"_main"`, and must appear before all other command line arguments following the program name.

### 1.2.2 New version of `stdio.h` and level 2 I/O functions

The level 1 and level 2 I/O functions have been upgraded but are compatible with the old functions; however, any program using level 2 I/O (i.e., any that `#included "stdio.h"`) must be recompiled because the `stdio.h` definitions have changed.

### 1.2.3 Extensions to `"open"` and `"fopen"` functions

The level 1 I/O `"open"` function has been extended to support a number of new flags, defined in the new header file `"fcntl.h"`. The level 2 I/O `"fopen"` function has been extended to accept a `"+"` after the mode character to indicate that both reads and writes are allowed on the file. To switch from one mode to the other, you must execute `"fseek"` or `"rewind"` on the file pointer.

#### 1.2.4 Implementation of level 2 I/O buffering

The level 2 I/O functions now perform I/O for all devices (including the console) in true unbuffered fashion. The old "line buffered" mode supported by the previous version has been scrapped, so that "printf" to the console sends its characters immediately, whether or not a newline is sent. Similarly, input from devices is also normally unbuffered, but buffered console input is supported and processed using the BDOS function. The new version of "\_main" sets up "stdin" to be buffered, so backspace and line cancel features will now work on reads from "stdin" when assigned to the console.

#### 1.2.5 Implementation of level 1 I/O buffering

The level 1 I/O functions (open, read, write, lseek, close) do not acquire buffers via the level 2 memory allocator, as they did in previous versions. This means that you no longer have to worry about messing up files when you do a "rstmem", and that the "\_block" external is no longer supported. Under MS-DOS, buffering is now performed by the operating system itself, resulting in improved performance for large read/write data transfers.

#### 1.2.6 Support for MS-DOS Version 2.0

The compiler and library for MS-DOS Version 2.0 supports the new path names available under that operating system. Your programs should not require any changes unless they are sensitive to the file name format. I/O redirection now works properly under DOS Version 2 for programs compiled using this new library.

#### 1.2.7 Extensions to level 2 memory allocation

The memory allocation functions have been extended to support the new extended addressing capabilities of the compiler. In particular, the "sizmem" function has been changed to return a "long" integer, and two new functions ("getml" and "lsbrk") have been added which support a "long" integer requested block size. The other functions are compatible with the old versions.

#### 1.2.8 New utility functions

Several new utility functions have been added to the library which allow access to all of the features of the 8086/8088 processors, including (1) software interrupts (useful for making direct ROM BIOS calls); (2) BDOS functions; (3) access to segment register contents; (4) inter-segment memory transfers; and (5) "peek" and "poke" functions for examining and setting any memory locations.

## 2.0 MANUAL ERRATA

Please note the following errors in the original version of the manual.

### 2.1 Missing ENDS statement

On page 1-33 of the manual, the last four statements of the assembly language example should read as follows:

```
XCFIND ENDP
XCMAKE ENDP
PROG ENDS
END
```

Inclusion of the ENDS statement is critical; if omitted, the linker will produce an invalid EXE file when the module is linked. Note that the assembly language interface is slightly different for each of the memory models; see below.

### 2.2 Call "\_exit", not "exit"

On page 1-38 of the manual, a short version of "\_main" is presented; however, the final statement before the closing brace should read:

```
_exit(0);
```

If "exit" is called, the level 2 I/O functions are included in the program. Note that the correct version of this function has now been supplied as TINYMAIN.C.

### 2.3 "kbhit" function described incorrectly

Page 1-39 of the manual describes a function called "kbhit", which returns a status indicating whether a character has been typed at the user's console. Please note that the action of the function as described in the manual is exactly opposite to its actual characteristics: it returns zero if a character has NOT been typed at the keyboard, and non-zero if a character is waiting input.

### 3.0 MAJOR NEW FEATURES

The most important new features present in Version 2.00 of the compiler are (1) expanded memory addressing capabilities; (2) run-time stack overflow checking; and (3) support for MS-DOS Version 2.0.

#### 3.1 Expanded memory addressing

The compiler now supports program and data spaces greater than 64K bytes. Four different "memory models" are defined, as follows:

Model	Program Address Space	Data Address Space
S	64K	64K
P	up to 1M	64K
D	64K	up to 1M
L	up to 1M	up to 1M

The D and L models use four-byte pointers, and the P and L models generate FAR calls and returns. None of this requires you to change any of your C code if you have played by the rules. The main pitfall is any assumption that a pointer will fit into an integer, since integers are still only two bytes under all models.

In all of the models, a single DATA segment is used to contain all statically allocated data within the program, thus restricting the combined total of static data to 64K bytes or less. Similarly, the stack segment where "auto" data elements are allocated can never be greater than 64K. In the D and L models, however, dynamic memory can be allocated without restriction, and pointers can be used to access any location in memory.

##### 3.1.1 Choosing the memory model

All of the functions in a single program must be compiled and linked according to one and only one of the available memory models. In other words, you may not combine functions compiled for different models. It becomes important, therefore, to choose the right memory model for your application. The tradeoff involved is between efficiency and memory addressability. There are two choices that must be made.

- (1) Will the combined size of the functions in your program be greater than 64K bytes? If not, select one of the models that uses NEAR calls (the S or D models), which are faster and require less code. Otherwise, you must select a model that supports FAR calls (the P or L models), unless your application is suitable for program section overlays, which can be created using the Phoenix Software Associates PLINK86.
- (2) Does your application require more than 64K bytes of data

storage? If not, select one of the models that uses 2-byte data pointers (the S or P models), because pointer operations are performed much more efficiently in these models. If you simply need access to specific memory locations beyond the program's 64K address space, you can probably use the new library functions "peek" and "poke" and retain the efficient 2-byte pointers. Otherwise, if data storage in excess of 64K bytes is a must, you must select a model that uses the 4-byte data pointers (the D or L models) and pay the price of somewhat less efficient code.

### 3.1.2 Compiling for the memory models

Generation of code for the various models is controlled by a new compile time option specified on the first phase (LC1) of the compiler. The -m option must be followed immediately (no spaces, please) by a letter (either lower- or upper-case) specifying the desired memory model. The model may also be specified as a single numeric digit from 0 to 3. If no -m option is present, code is generated for the S model.

S model:	LC1 filename	(no flags)
	LC1 filename -ms	
	LC1 filename -m0	
P model:	LC1 filename -mp	
	LC1 filename -m1	
D model:	LC1 filename -md	
	LC1 filename -m2	
L model:	LC1 filename -ml	
	LC1 filename -m3	

### 3.1.3 Linking programs

When using the various memory models, you must be careful to link with the appropriate library (LCS.LIB, LCP.LIB, LCD.LIB or LCL.LIB). The compiler generates code segments with different names for each model, which allows you to examine the LINK map and determine if you have erroneously mixed code for different models. Only one of the following segment names should appear on the link map.

S model:	PROG	(code group PGROUP)
P model:	CODE	
D model:	CODE	(code group CGROUP)
L model:	PROG	

Note that for the P and L models, several segments with the name CODE (or PROG) will be included (one for each separately compiled module containing functions).

### 3.1.4 Run-time program structure

Two different memory layouts are now used. For the small data case, the layout remains exactly as described in the manual. For the large data cases, the stack resides immediately above the static data area, and the free memory pool (allocated by "sbrk") is above the stack. DS is the base of the static data, SS is the base of the stack, and ES is undefined. The public symbol "\_base" still contains the base of the stack relative to DS (it specifies the number of static data bytes). The symbol "\_top" contains the top of the stack relative to SS (it contains the number of bytes allocated for the stack).

It is important that your programs reserve sufficient stack space in the large models, since there is no free space to absorb stack overflows. (Stack overflow checking is now a default option; see below.) If you define a public unsigned integer called "\_stack", that value will be used as the number of bytes in the stack. Note that the stack can be as large as 64K bytes in the D and L models.

### 3.1.5 Code generation for pointer operations

The code generated by the D and L models uses four-byte pointers and can therefore address any location in memory. These pointers are stored as an offset portion in the low two bytes, followed by a base portion in the high two bytes (the format expected by the machine language instructions LDS and LES). Objects are addressed from these pointers by loading the base portion into the extra segment register ES, the offset portion into an index register, and using the segment override prefix for ES to force the indexed operation to refer to the correct memory location. Since there is only one ES register, such common operations as copying from one pointer to another require ES to be reloaded for each step in the copying process. Pointer references are therefore much more efficient in the 2-byte memory models, and if your application can live with a 64K data space, use the S or the P model.

The four-byte pointers used in the D and L models are manipulated according to the following rules:

- (1) Pointer arithmetic is performed by adding or subtracting a 32-bit offset to the pointer, using a call to a library routine. Thus, dynamically allocated arrays (addressed by subscripting a pointer variable) may be larger than 64K, and address manipulations work properly for all offset values. Note that, since the compiler requires statically declared arrays (extern, static, or auto) to be less than 64K bytes in size, only a 16-bit offset is used in accessing elements of these arrays, resulting in more efficient code. The compiler also performs pointer arithmetic for constant offsets which fit in 16 bits by performing the operation on the offset portion of the pointer, and then adjusting the base portion by 1000H if overflow occurs.



- (2) When two 4-byte pointers are subtracted, a library routine is called which returns a "long" result.
- (3) Conversions between long integers and 4-byte pointers are automatically performed, again by calling library routines.
- (4) Comparison of pointers for equality or relative rank is performed by calling a library routine which converts the pointers to normalized (canonical) form before comparing. Thus, two pointers which have different base and offset portions but which actually point to the same location will be recognized as equal.
- (5) Any function which returns a pointer as its return value calls a library routine which converts that pointer to normalized (i.e., offset in the range 0 to 15) form.

### 3.1.6 The -s option for four-byte pointers

While the above rules provide complete generality in the use of four-byte pointers, the additional overhead of library routine calls can be inefficient if a significant amount of pointer manipulation is being performed. A special compile time option (specified on LC1) is provided for knowledgeable users who are willing to work within certain restrictions. Adding the -s flag to LC1 causes the following changes in the above rules:

- (1) Pointer arithmetic is performed by adding or subtracting a 16-bit offset to the pointer. Thus, no single object may be greater than 64K bytes in size.
- (2) Pointer arithmetic affects only the offset portion of the pointer (not the base). When pointers are compared for equality, an exact match of both base and offset portions is required. When compared for relative rank, only the offset portions are compared, so the comparison is meaningful only if they are pointers to the same array.
- (3) When two pointers are subtracted, only the offset portions participate in the operation, and the result is a "short".
- (4) Pointers and long integers are not converted when one is assigned to the other; instead, a simple copy operation is performed.
- (5) The return value from a function which returns a pointer is not normalized.

We expect that most functions can be safely compiled with the -s option, with the result of improved code generation quality. In fact, all of the library functions written in C supplied in our libraries are compiled with the -s option, except for the memory allocation functions. Note that the -s flag has no effect on the S and P models.

### 3.1.7 Assembly language interface

While C functions can be adapted for a memory model simply by changing a compile-time switch, assembly language functions present a bigger problem, because you must change your code to process long pointers or use FAR linkages or both. The pointers can be handled in the following way:

```

S/P model:      MOV  BX,[BP].ARG1    ;get a pointer arg
                  MOV  AX,[BX]      ;use it

D/L model:      MOV  BX,[BP].ARG1    ;get offset and base
                  MOV  AX,ES:[BX]    ;use it

```

As noted above, DS always points to the base of static storage for any of the memory models, so assembly language functions must be careful not to change DS. In the S and P models, ES must also be preserved (but not in the D and L models).

The use of FAR linkages requires the PROC statements to be changed. Note also that the position of any EXTRN statements for external functions is critical. For FAR linkages, they must appear before the SEGMENT definition for the code segment, while for NEAR linkages, they must appear after the code segment definition. These rules can be summarized in the following example:

```

S/D model:      define code segment
                  EXTRN    XYZ:NEAR, ...
                  ABC    PROC    NEAR

P/L model:      EXTRN    XYZ:FAR, ...
                  define code segment
                  ABC    PROC    FAR

```

To deal with this messy problem, we've put conditional statements into our assembly language functions. This keeps a single source file for each function, and it is then re-assembled with a different macro library for each model. Our libraries (SM8086.MAC, DM8086.MAC, PM8086.MAC, and LM8086.MAC) are included and should be self-explanatory. We put the following statement at the beginning of each assembly language module:

```
INCLUDE DOS.MAC
```

Then, we merely copy the appropriate library to DOS.MAC before assembling for a particular model. The source files for C.ASM and IO.ASM, which are supplied, illustrate the use of these macros.

### 3.1.8 Special cautions on using the D and L models

As noted above, the biggest potential problem when converting code to use the four-byte pointers of the D and L models is that pointers and integers are no longer the same size. While you may

think that your code does not depend in any way on this fact, you may find that the assumption has crept into your implementation without your being aware of it. Be alert for problems that might relate to this. Here are three other important cautions you should take note of:

- (1) When supplying pointer arguments to C functions, it is common practice to supply a null pointer (i.e., one that does not point to anything) as the #define constant NULL, which is defined as 0 by "stdio.h". If you compile code for the D or L models, you MUST change NULL to be 0L so that the null pointer value supplied to functions is the same size as the pointer argument. If you fail to do this, the called function will not correctly address its parameters, and all sorts of chaos will result.
- (2) The "sbrk" memory allocator is supposed to return a value of -1 when no more memory is available (for compatibility with other implementations). Under the D and L models, the result of casting -1 into a character pointer depends on whether the -s option was used (see sections 3.1.5 and 3.1.6). Since the library function was compiled WITHOUT the -s option, the -1 gets converted to the four-byte pointer format. The result is that a function compiled WITH the -s option cannot properly test for the -1 value! Avoid all of these problems by using the library function "lsbrk", which accepts a long integer number of bytes and returns zero if no more space is available (see section 5.3 of this supplement).
- (3) The four-byte pointers implemented under the D and L models allow direct access to all of the memory on the machine. This can be extremely useful, but it can also be extremely dangerous. Memory on the 8086 and 8088 processors is not protected, and storing values via an uninitialized pointer can crash the system -- or worse. MS-DOS stores a number of very important system elements in lower memory; we have already heard one horror story about a user who destroyed the File Allocation Table for his hard disk by using a garbage pointer to set up a structure. All we can do is caution you to be extremely careful. Our advice to beginning C users is to stick with the S and P models, where uninitialized pointers are much less likely to access critical locations.

### 3.1.9 Creating an array greater than 64K bytes

Since static data in all of the memory models is limited to a maximum of 64K bytes, the only way to create an object of greater size is through the memory allocation functions. A quick check of the manual, however, shows that the allocation functions only accept a size argument of "unsigned" type, which has a maximum value of 64K. We have overcome this shortcoming by adding two new allocation functions which accept a size argument which is a "long" integer. These functions are described in more detail in section 5.3 below, but an example here will illustrate the use of one of them.

Suppose that we must allocate an array of 10,000 double precision values; 80,000 bytes of storage will be required for such an array. First, declare a pointer which will contain the array's address after allocation:

```
double *d;
```

Note that a simple "double" pointer is all that is needed, despite the fact that it will actually point to an array. Next, declare the memory allocation function:

```
char *getml();
```

Note that you MUST declare the memory allocation function to return a pointer; otherwise, the compiler will assume it returns an "int" and the cast operation shown below will not work correctly. The only difference between "getml" and "getmem" is that "getml" gets an argument which is a "long" integer. The array is then allocated by the expression:

```
d = (double *) getml(80000L);
```

Note the "L" specifier on the constant. The size could also be specified as "(10000L \* sizeof(double))". (Special note: if you compute the size argument for "getml" using a multiplication expression, be sure that one of the operands is a long constant or is cast to a long BEFORE the multiplication; otherwise, the compiler will perform the multiplication in "short" arithmetic and obtain an incorrect result. If the example above is written as "((long)(10000 \* sizeof(double)))", the size argument is incorrectly computed as 14464!)

The returned pointer, of course, must be checked for NULL (zero) before use; NULL is returned if there is not enough memory available for the requested allocation. The variable "d" can now be subscripted as if it were an array, i.e., d[12] will address the thirteenth element of "d", etc. In this example, the number of elements in the array is less than 64K, so ordinary "int" variables can be used as subscripts; if we had allocated a "char" array, "long" integers would be needed to subscript an array of this size. One final note: since we are addressing an object with a size greater than 64K, the -s option cannot be used.

### 3.2 Stack overflow checking

The compiler now, by default, generates code at the beginning of each function to check for stack overflow. The cost in code size for each function is 9 bytes for the S and D models, and 11 bytes for the P and L models. The benefit is elimination of a very nasty class of errors which can be very difficult to find. When stack overflow is detected, the error message

```
*** STACK OVERFLOW ***
```

is written to the console, and the program terminates immediately.

Stack overflow occurs when the program fails to supply sufficient storage for the run-time stack. The number of bytes of storage for which the stack is set up is defined in the external location "\_stack", and can be changed when the program is executed by the "=nnn" option on the command line. The size of the stack can thus be set in any of three ways:

- (1) If no definition for "\_stack" is found in the user's object modules during linking, the Lattice C library provides a definition of "\_stack" containing 2048 (2K). Thus, the default stack size is 2048 bytes.
- (2) If one of the user's object modules includes a definition for "\_stack", that value will be used. All that is required is that a statement like

```
int _stack = 4096;
```

appear outside the body of a function. That value then becomes the default stack size.

- (3) Either one of the above methods can be overridden at execution time (after linking) by executing the program with a command like

```
PROGNAME =8000
```

The decimal value after the equals sign becomes the stack size during execution of the program.

Unfortunately, there is no hard and fast rule for determining how much stack space a program will need. You will need at least as much storage as the largest amount of "auto" storage in any of the functions included in the program (i.e., if one of your functions has an "auto" array of 4000 bytes, you will need at least that much stack space, because "auto" data items are allocated on the stack). Since C functions typically call other functions, the storage needed by the called function must be added to that needed by the caller, and so on. Our intention in supplying the various setting mechanisms described above is to make the stack size easily adjustable.

The code for stack overflow detection can be eliminated by compiling your source file with the -v option on LC2. Library functions are supplied with stack overflow detection included.

### 3.3 Support for MS-DOS Version 2

If you specified DOS Version 2 when you ordered the compiler, you received a version of the compiler and library set up for that operating system. The compiler and the programs generated will execute only under DOS Version 2.

### 3.3.1 Compiler support for MS-DOS Version 2

The compiler now recognizes the full Version 2 path names for all file names. The name can be specified on the command line, as in

```
LC1 b:\lowlevel\file
```

(which specifies b:\lowlevel\file.c for compilation), or it can be specified in #include statements, as in

```
#include "b:\headers\stdio.h"
```

The -i option has been extended to support an alternative form of the above, where the command line might specify, for example:

```
LC1 xyzfile -ib:\headers\
```

and the #include statement could then read

```
#include "stdio.h"
```

Note that the trailing backslash must be supplied on the prefix attached to the -i flag; it is not automatically supplied by the compiler.

A maximum of 4 -i prefixes may be specified on the LC1 command. When an #include statement is encountered naming a file that is not already prefixed by a drive or directory specification, the current directory is searched first for the file; if not found, each -i prefix (in the same order specified on the LC1 command) is prepended to the #include file name and searched for, in turn, until the file is located. An error message is produced if none of the searches is successful. No spaces, please, between the -i and the desired text to be used for prepending.

The -o option for both LC1 and LC2 has been similarly extended, allowing the output file to be written directly to another directory, if desired.

Special versions of the utility programs FXU and OMD for MSDOS Version 2 have also been provided.

### 3.3.2 Library support for MS-DOS Version 2

The main change in the library for MS-DOS Version 2 is that the I/O functions recognize path names because they use the new UNIX-like file interface provided in Version 2. Your programs should not require any changes unless they are sensitive to the file name format. The I/O redirection mechanism has been adjusted to work properly for Version 2 programs. The "exit" and "\_exit" functions pass the exit code back to the operating system, and the value can be tested in a batch file command such as

```
if errorlevel "value"
```

#### 4.0 COMPILER AND RUN-TIME CHANGES

The following items are new or substantially changed, as compared to the descriptions in the manual. Some minor changes to the language accepted by the compiler are not remarked upon if they were not explicitly mentioned in the manual (or unless they are incompatible with previous versions).

##### 4.1 Compile time options for LC1

Here are the new or changed compile time options on the first phase of the compiler.

- a Same as in previous version, but additionally forces all assignment statements to be performed (i.e., the actual store to memory) before execution of the next statement. Normally, the code generated for assignment causes a value to be loaded to a register, but it may not be stored immediately; the -a flag now forces the store operation. This is important only in (1) unions, where a value is stored and then immediately inspected or passed to a function via another member; (2) real-time processing where shared data values are used as "lock" words, and immediate execution of an assignment statement is critical to subsequent actions; and (3) memory-mapped I/O assignments, where values must be stored repeatedly in the same "memory" location.
- d Causes debugging information to be included in the quad file. Specifically, line separator quads are interspersed with the normal quads. This allows the second phase to collect information relating input line numbers to program section offsets. If this option is used, the object file produced will contain line number/offset records, and can be processed by the object module disassembler to produce an intermixed source code and machine code listing (see 6.1 below). Note that the -d option does not affect the size of the function itself, only the object file.
- iprefix Specifies that #include files are to be searched for by prepending the file name with the string "prefix", unless the file name in the #include statement is already prefixed by a drive or directory identifier. If "prefix" is a single character, a colon is added; thus, -ia causes prepending with "a:". Up to 4 different -i strings may be specified. Note that un-prefixed #include file names are searched for first in the current directory, and then by prepending with the prefixes specified in -i options, in the same left-to-right order as they were supplied on the command line.

- mM Causes the compiler to generate code for the specified memory model. The model can be specified as a single letter, either upper- or lower-case, naming the model; or a numeric indicator from 0 to 3 may be used (S=0, P=1, D=2; L=3). The model specifier must be adjacent to the "m" (no intervening blanks).
- n Causes the compiler to retain up to 39 characters for all identifier symbols, including #define symbols. The default symbol retention length is 8 characters.
- oprefix Specifies that the output (.Q) file name is to be formed by prepending the input file name (the .C file which is being compiled) with "prefix". If "prefix" is a single character, a colon is added; thus, -ob causes prepending with "b:". Any drive or directory prefixes attached to the input file name are discarded before the prepending is performed.
- s Changes the way code is generated for four-byte pointers in the D and L models; see section 3.1.6.

#### 4.2 Compile time options for LC2

Here are the new or changed compile-time options on the second phase of the compiler.

- f This option, described in the manual, has not yet been implemented. 8087 support will be provided in a future release of the compiler.
- ggroup Specifies that the name "group" is to be used for the code group in the .OBJ module. "group" must be 15 or fewer characters in length, and must be adjacent to the "-g" (no intervening blanks).
- oprefix Specifies that the output (.OBJ) file name is to be formed by prepending the quad file name (the .Q file which is being processed) with "prefix". If "prefix" is a single character, a colon is added; thus, -ob causes prepending with "b:". Any drive or directory prefixes attached to the quad file name are discarded before the prepending is performed.
- ssegment Specifies that the name "segment" is to be used for the code segment in the .OBJ module. "segment" must be 15 or fewer characters in length, and must be adjacent to the "-s" (no intervening blanks).
- v Causes the code generator to omit the code at the entry to each function which checks for stack overflow.

The -g and -s options for LC2 are provided to override the default code group and segment names. Only users who need to interface to very specialized applications (other languages,



etc.) will need to make use of these options.

#### 4.3 Alignment of data elements

The alignment of storage for arithmetic objects has been changed. Now, the only data elements which force alignment to a word offset are pointers, structures, and unions. The `-b` flag still has the effect of dropping alignment requirements for all objects.

#### 4.4 Language definition: arbitrary limitations

This section attempts to clarify some of the limitations of the compiler which are omitted or not clearly defined in the manual. Although the definition of a programming language is an idealized abstraction, any real implementation is constrained by a number of factors, not the least of which is practicality. The Lattice compiler imposes the following arbitrary restrictions on the language it accepts:

- o The maximum size, in bytes, of any declared object is the largest positive integer which can be represented as an "int". This implies a maximum size of 32767 bytes for 16-bit "int" machines. The total size of all objects declared with the same storage class is also subject to the same restriction.
- o The maximum value of the constant expression defining the size of a single subscript of an array is one less than the largest positive "int" (32766 for a 16-bit "int").
- o The total size of the formal parameters for any function is limited to a maximum of 256 bytes. Thus, the maximum number of formal parameters depends on their sizes.
- o The maximum size of a string constant is 256 bytes.
- o Macros with arguments are limited to a maximum number of 8 arguments.
- o The maximum level of `#include` file nesting is 4.

These limitations are imposed because of the way objects are represented internally by the compiler; our hope is that they are reasonably large enough for most real programs.

#### 4.5 Change in the processing of the `#if` command

The processing of the `#if` command has been modified internally, with two important consequences for programmers. First, as should be noted in the list of differences from the standard language, "sizeof" cannot be used in `#if` expressions, and the expression must appear on a single line. These restrictions result from a desire to keep `#if` expressions simple, and because the pre-processor generally has no information about the size of

declared objects. One other clarification should be noted: if a symbol appears in a #if expression which has not been defined in a #define command, it is interpreted as if a value of zero had been specified. This seems consistent with #ifdef usage and permits the use of symbols which may or may not be defined. Otherwise, #if expressions support the full range of operations described in Section 15 of Appendix A of Kernighan and Ritchie.

#### 4.6 New error/warning messages

Two new numbered messages are now generated by the compiler; here is an explanation of them.

- 82           The object declared caused the total storage for its storage class to exceed 32767 bytes, the maximum legal value.
- 83           This non-fatal warning complains of an indirect reference (usually a subscripted expression) which accesses memory beyond the size of the object used as a base for the address calculation. It generally occurs when you refer to an element beyond the end of an array.

#### 4.7 Exit error code

The MS-DOS Version 2 compiler returns an exit code of zero if no errors were detected, and a code of one otherwise. This allows the use of "if" expressions in batch files, such as:

```
LC1 %1
if not errorlevel 0 goto errs
```

### 5.0 CHANGES TO LIBRARY FUNCTIONS

The following features of the standard library functions provided with the compiler are new or substantially changed in Version 2.00.

#### 5.1 Program entry/exit functions

Three changes are important in the operation of the program startup and termination features of the new library.

##### 5.1.1 Processing of =, <, and > options on command line

The special command line specifiers "=", "<", and ">" are now processed by C.OBJ instead of "\_main", and must appear before all other command line arguments following the program name.

##### 5.1.2 Source for "\_main" now supplied

The standard library version of "\_main" has been supplied as MAIN.C, while a smaller version which does not open any buffered files has been supplied as TINYMMAIN.C. Users may modify these

modules to produce their own versions of "\_main". Please note, however, the following cautions:

- (1) The library function "printf" sends its output to the pre-defined file pointer "stdout", which is normally opened by "\_main". If you remove the code that performs this function, don't be surprised when "printf" calls produce no visible output (the I/O library functions ignore attempts to read or write unopened files). A similar caveat applies to the use of "scanf", which reads from "stdin".
- (2) If your intention is to avoid including the level 2 I/O functions in the linked program, don't call the library function "exit", because it closes all buffered output files before terminating execution. This will cause the level 2 functions to be included anyway. Call "\_exit" instead.

### 5.1.3 Exit functions under MS-DOS Version 2

The functions "exit" and "\_exit" pass the error exit code back to the operating system, where it can be tested in a batch file using a command like:

```
if errorlevel 1 goto error
```

This feature is supported only under DOS Version 2.

## 5.2 I/O library

Extensive revisions to the I/O library have extended its capabilities and retained compatibility with the previous version. The implementation of some features has changed internally, with effects that are noted in this section.

### 5.2.1 Upgrades to level 1 and level 2 I/O functions

This version upgrades the level 1 and level 2 functions to be compatible with the latest UNIX releases and with the UNIFORM draft standard. You will not need to make any program changes, since the new functions are still compatible with the old. However, any programs using level 2 I/O (i.e., any that #included "stdio.h") must be recompiled because the stdio.h definitions have changed.

Here is a summary of the extensions and changes:

- (1) The "open" function currently accepts a second argument of 0, 1, or 2 for read, write, or update mode, respectively. Now you can include the header file "fcntl.h" which defines the following codes for that second argument:

```
O_RDONLY  Same as code 0
O_WRONLY  Same as code 1
O_RDWR    Same as code 2
```

Also, the following flags can be ORed into the above codes:

```

O_CREAT   Create the file if it doesn't exist
O_TRUNC   Truncate (set to zero length) the file if it
           does exist
O_EXCL    Flunk the create if file exists
O_APPEND  Seek to end-of-file before each write
O_RAW     Use untranslated I/O (Lattice addition)

```

A new public symbol called "\_iomode" has been added to preset the translation mode. Normally, \_iomode is 0 and translated mode is used unless O\_RAW is specified. If you change \_iomode to 0x8000, then untranslated mode is used unless O\_RAW is specified. In other words, O\_RAW toggles the meaning of \_iomode.

- (2) The "fopen" function recognizes a + after the mode character to indicate that both reads and writes are allowed. In order to switch from one mode to the other, you must execute an "fseek" or "rewind". We've improved on the typical UNIX implementation in this area by returning EOF if you fail to do this. Many versions of UNIX will silently smear your file if you violate the rule.
- (3) Normally the level 2 I/O functions acquire buffers via the level 2 memory allocator unless the file is on some device other than a disk. We've added the standard UNIX "setbuf" function that allows you to attach your own buffer via the call:

```

char buffer[BUFSIZ];
FILE *fp;
setbuf(fp, buffer);

```

Note that this function assumes that the buffer is the standard size, which is defined via the BUFSIZ constant in stdio.h. If you call it with a null pointer, it behaves the same as "setnbf" and makes the file unbuffered.

- (4) Level 1 I/O no longer acquires buffers via the level 2 memory allocator, so you don't need to worry about screwing up files when you do a "rstmem". Under MS-DOS, buffering is now performed by the operating system itself, resulting in improved performance for large read/write data transfers.

### 5.2.2 Level 1 I/O device processing

Device names are now recognized by the level 1 "open" and "creat" functions only if the trailing colon is supplied. If the colon is omitted, the name is passed to the operating system and may be processed specially by it; however, the level 1 functions will deal with it as if it were a disk. The device names recognized are as follows:

```

Console      CON:

```

Printer	PRN:, LST:, LPT:, LPT1:
Aux port	AUX:, COM:, COM1:, RDR:, PUN:
Null	NUL:, NULL:

I/O is performed to these devices, one character at a time, using the appropriate BDOS function calls. One exception occurs for the console device: if a translated mode "read" operation requests more than 1 byte, the BDOS buffered console input function is used to read the data (a maximum of 128 bytes per read). Any special editing features supported by the operating system (backspace processing, etc.) will therefore be enabled.

### 5.2.3 Implementation of level 2 I/O buffering

The level 2 I/O function "fopen" sets operations for files to be buffered in 512-byte blocks, as in the previous version. If the name it passes to "open" is recognized by that function as being a device, "fopen" sets operations to be unbuffered. The old "line-buffered" mode supported by the previous version has been scrapped; now, unbuffered I/O is handled in true single-character fashion, as in UNIX. Thus, "printf" to the console sends the characters immediately, whether or not a newline is sent. Input is also unbuffered, and only a single character is read at a time. Note, however, that the "main" function provided in the library sets up "stdin" to be buffered, which causes buffered console input to be used.

### 5.2.4 New functions: fread/fwrite

Two new functions for reading and writing blocks of data to buffered files have been added to the library. These functions work with the level 2 I/O functions ("fopen", "fclose"). Here is the manual page for these new functions.

## NAME

fread/fwrite -- read/write blocks of data from/to a file

## SYNOPSIS

```
nact = fread(p, s, n, fp);
nact = fwrite(p, s, n, fp);
int nact;          actual number of blocks read or written
char *p;           pointer to first block of data
int s;             size of each block, in bytes
int n;             number of blocks to be read or written
FILE *fp;         file pointer
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions read ("fread") or write ("fwrite") blocks of data from or to the specified file. Each block is of size "s" bytes; blocks start at "p" and are stored contiguously from that location. "n" specifies the number of blocks (of size "s") that are to be read or written.

## RETURNS

nact = actual number of blocks (of size "s") read or written; may be less than "n" if error or end of file occurred

## CAUTIONS

Return value must be checked to verify the correct number of blocks were processed. The "ferror" and "feof" macros can be used to determine the cause if the return value is less than "n".

### 5.3 Memory allocation functions

The new versions of the memory allocation functions have been extended to support the capability of a memory pool in excess of 64K bytes. For the most part, the new functions are compatible with the old. The exceptions are listed below.

#### 5.3.1 "sizmem" function now returns "long" size in bytes

In the old version, "sizmem" returned the size of the memory pool as an "unsigned" number of 16-bit words. The new version returns the available memory in bytes, and must be declared as a "long" integer function:

```
long n, sizmem();
n = sizmem();
```

#### 5.3.2 "getml" function

The new function "getml" works exactly like the "getmem" function except that it accepts a "long" integer argument.

```
p = getml(lbytes);
char *p;           pointer to memory block, or NULL
long lbytes;      size of desired block, in bytes
```

In accordance with the usual convention, "getml" returns a null (zero) pointer if it cannot allocate the requested block. Note that the function must be declared "char \*".

#### 5.3.3 "lsbrk" function

The new function "lsbrk" is similar to "sbrk", but accepts a "long" integer for the size argument. Its return value on failure is zero instead of the -1 returned by "sbrk".

```
p = lsbrk(lbytes);
char *p;           pointer to allocated block, or NULL
long lbytes;      size of desired block, in bytes
```

#### 5.3.4 Change in the action of the "rstmem" function

According to the manual, the level 2 memory allocation function "rstmem" restored the memory pool to its empty state by calling "rbrk". This had the effect of deallocating all of the memory obtained by calls to "sbrk", as well as calls to "getmem". In the current version, the action of "rstmem" has been changed so that only allocations made (by calls to "getmem") after a call to "allmem" are affected. Thus, the cautions on page 1-37 of the manual should read:

- (1) The reset function "rbrk" cannot be used if any of the standard I/O functions are also being used on currently open

files. This restriction applies only to level 1 functions. Files may be closed, then re-opened after the reset function is called; however, any file pointers must be updated if this is done, because there is no guarantee that the same value will be returned when the file is opened again.

- (2) A similar restriction applies to use of the function "rstmem", except that files opened BEFORE the most recent call to "allmem" are not affected. Thus, if a program opens all files first and then calls "allmem", it may safely call "rstmem" without affecting those open files. Any files opened AFTER the "allmem" call must be closed before "rstmem" is called.

#### 5.4 Utility macros

The standard I/O header file "stdio.h" defines three general utility macros which are useful in working with arithmetic objects. They are:

max(a,b)	returns the maximum of "a" and "b"
min(a,b)	returns the minimum of "a" and "b"
abs(a)	returns the absolute value of "a"

Several important restrictions must be noted.

First, since these are macros which use the conditional operator, arguments with side effects (such as function calls or increment or decrement operators) cannot be used, and the address-of operator cannot be applied to these "functions." Second, beware of using the macro names in declarations such as

```
int min;
```

because the compiler will try to expand "min" as a macro, and you will get an error message complaining of invalid macro usage. Third, only arithmetic data items should be used as arguments to these macros; "max" and "min" should be supplied two arguments of the same data type, although conversion will be performed if necessary.

#### 5.5 New utility functions

Several new utility functions have been added to the library which allow access to all of the features of the 8086/8088 processors, including (1) software interrupts (useful for making direct ROM BIOS calls); (2) BDOS functions; (3) access to segment register contents; (4) inter-segment memory transfers; and (5) "peek" and "poke" functions for examining and setting arbitrary memory locations.



## NAME

int86/int86x -- generate 8086 software interrupt

## SYNOPSIS

```
int86(intno, inregs, outregs);
int86x(intno, inregs, outregs, segregs);

int intno;                interrupt number
union REGS *inregs;      input registers
union REGS *outregs;     output registers
struct SREGS *segregs;   segment registers (int86x only)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Performs an 8086 software interrupt of the specified number. Check the system-level documentation for your operating system to determine the interrupts and calling sequences supported; generally, values in the registers are used as inputs. "inregs" must contain the register values which will be loaded into the working registers before the interrupt is performed; "outregs" will receive the register values after control returns from the interrupt. With "int86x", you can specify the values which will be placed in the segment registers before the interrupt; although the SREGS structure defines all of the segment registers, only DS and ES will actually be loaded. The REGS and SREGS structures are defined in the DOS.H header file.

## CAUTIONS

The software interrupts on the 8086 are used to implement all sorts of system level processing, and invalid input data can cause unpredictable (and occasionally disastrous) results. Defining the segment register values for "int86x" is best accomplished by calling "segread" to obtain current values (see below for details on this function).

Note that "inregs", "outregs", and "segregs" are shown as pointers above; the usual technique is to declare them directly, and then use the address-of operator to pass a pointer to them.

## NAME

intdos/intdosx -- generate DOS function call

## SYNOPSIS

```
ret = intdos(inregs, outregs);
ret = intdosx(inregs, outregs, segregs);

int ret;                operating system return code
union REGS *inregs;     input registers
union REGS *outregs;    output registers
struct SREG *segregs;   segment registers (intdosx only)
```

## DESCRIPTION

Generates a DOS function request to the operating system. Check the system-level documentation for your operating system to determine the DOS functions and calling sequences supported; the values in the registers are used as inputs. In particular, the exact function request is specified by placing a value in one of the registers (under MS-DOS, the function number is specified in AH; under CP/M-86, in CL). "inregs" must contain the values which will be loaded into the working registers before the function call is made; "outregs" will receive the values in the registers after control returns from the function request. With "intdosx", you may specify the values which will be placed in the segment registers before the interrupt; although the SREGS structure defines all of the segment registers, only DS and ES will actually be loaded. The REGS and SREGS structures are defined in the DOS.H header file.

## CAUTIONS

Defining the segment register values for "intdosx" is best accomplished by calling "segread" to obtain current values (see below for details on this function).

Note that "inregs", "outregs", and "segregs" are shown as pointers above; the usual technique is to declare them directly, and then use the address-of operator to pass a pointer to them.

## NAME

segread -- return current segment register values

## SYNOPSIS

```
segread(segregs);
```

```
struct SREGS *segregs;           structure for return of values
```

## DESCRIPTION

Places the current 8086 segment register values into the SREGS structure whose pointer is supplied. Its main purpose is to obtain current values in order to make a subsequent call to "int86x" or "intdosx". The definition for the SREGS structure is found in the DOS.H header file.

## NAME

movedata -- move data bytes from/to segment/offset address

## SYNOPSIS

```
movedata(sseg, soff, dseg, doff, nbytes);  
int sseg;           segment portion of source address  
int soff;          offset portion of source address  
int dseg;          segment portion of destination address  
int doff;          offset portion of destination address  
unsigned nbytes;   number of bytes to move
```

## DESCRIPTION

Moves the specified number of data bytes from the source to the destination address. The addresses must be specified as (segment:offset) in accordance with the standard 8086 notation. This function is primarily intended for use in programs compiled using the S and P models; in the D and L models, the standard library function "movmem" can be used. The "segread" function can be used to obtain segment register values.

## CAUTIONS

Memory is not protected on the 8086, so supplying invalid parameters to this function can have disastrous results.

## NAME

peek/poke -- examine/modify arbitrary memory locations

## SYNOPSIS

```
peek(segment, offset, buffer, nbytes);
poke(segment, offset, buffer, nbytes);

int segment;          segment portion of memory address
int offset;          offset portion of memory address
char *buffer;        local memory buffer
unsigned nbytes;     number of bytes to transfer
```

## DESCRIPTION

These functions copy data values between an arbitrary memory location and a local memory buffer: "peek" moves data to the local buffer from a specified memory address, while "poke" moves data from the local buffer to the arbitrary memory address. These functions are primarily intended for use in programs compiled using the S and P models; in the D and L models, the standard library function "movmem" can be used.

## CAUTIONS

Memory is not protected on the 8086, so supplying invalid parameters to the "poke" function can have disastrous results.

## 6.0 UTILITY PROGRAMS

The function extract utility has been modified, and a new utility program -- the object module disassembler -- has been added to the compiler package.

### 6.1 New version of Function Extract Utility

Extensive modifications to the function extract utility have made the description in the manual (Section 1.1.5) inaccurate. Here is the corrected version of that section.

#### (1.1.5 Function Extract Utility)

Because the compiler generates a single, indivisible object module for all of the functions defined in a source file, the function extract utility FXU is provided so that groups of small functions may be kept together in a single source file and object modules produced for them individually. The utility operates by extracting the source text for a single, specified function, thus creating a source module which can then be compiled to produce an object module defining only that specific function.

Programmers who are a little puzzled by the need for this utility may find the following example helpful. Suppose that one user has a module called STRING.C, which defines several string handling functions, and that a program calls one of those functions (say, "strcnt"). If STRING.C is compiled as a single source module, the resulting object module defines "strcnt" along with several other functions. When the program is linked, then, the machine code for "strcnt" is included (as part of the object module produced when STRING.C was compiled), but the code for all of the other functions is included as well, even though the program does not make use of them. Only by compiling "strcnt" as the only function defined in its source module will the compiler produce an object module which just defines that function. FXU can be used to produce such a source file.

The format of the command to invoke the function extract utility is

```
FXU [<header-file>] [>output-file>] filename function
```

The various command line specifiers are shown in the order they must appear in the command; optional specifiers are shown enclosed in brackets. The first two options are part of the general command line options for all C programs (see Section 1.1.4).

**<header-file** The first option specifies a file which will be copied to the output file when the specified function is found. The entire file is copied before any text from the function is written. If only the function itself is to be written to the output file, the <NUL option should be used. If

this option is omitted, text will be read from the user's console and copied to the output file until a control-Z is typed.

>output-file The second option specifies the output file which will contain the text of the extracted function (preceded by the header file text, if any). If this option is omitted, text is written to the user's console.

filename Specifies the name of the file containing the function to be extracted.

function Specifies the name of the function to be extracted from the specified file. The function name must be specified exactly as it appears in its definition, except that alphabetic characters may be specified in either case (upper or lower).

The function extract utility counts braces defined in the body of the functions in order to determine when it has reached the end of a function. Although it recognizes comments and will not make the mistake of counting any braces which might be enclosed in them, it assumes that comments can be nested, which is the same assumption normally made by the compiler. The compiler, however, can be requested by command line option to process comments as if they did not nest; FXU has no such option.

The text extracted consists of all the characters between the closing brace of the preceding function, up to and including the closing brace of the extracted function. If the specified function is the first one defined in the source file, then all characters from the beginning of the file to the function's closing brace are included. Note that functions which refer to external data items defined in the source module cannot be easily processed with the function extract utility. As the example below illustrates, however, the header file option can be used to avoid this limitation.

If the specified function is not encountered in the specified source file, the output file will receive the single error message "Named function not found". Note that FXU works on only a single function, not a list of functions. A source module defining more than one extracted function can be generated, however, by executing FXU repeatedly and then combining the extracted texts using the CAT program, which is supplied as an example source file.

The supplied version of FXU uses an internal buffer to store characters between functions, while it scans for the next. The buffer size can be expanded, if necessary, by a simple modification to the source text, which is supplied as FXU.C.

#### EXAMPLES

FXU <NUL STRING.C strtnt

Extract the function called "strtnt" from the text file STRING.C; do not include any preceding text; and write the extracted text to the user's console.

FXU <IOS.H >INPUT.C IOFUNC.C input

Extract the function called "input" from the text file IOFUNC.C, and prepend the output with the text from the file IOS.H; and write the resulting text to INPUT.C. If each function in IOFUNC.C can refer to the external locations "flag1" and "flag2", for example, and needs the information from the standard I/O header file, then IOS.H should include the text

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern int flag1, flag2;
```

A similar technique can be used for functions which need more extensive external references.

## 6.2 New utility program: Object Module Disassembler

For programmers who wish to debug C modules at the machine code level, the object module disassembler provides a listing of the machine language instructions generated for a particular C source module. If the module is compiled with the -d option so that line number/offset information is included in the object file, the disassembler utility can produce a listing with interspersed source code lines. This listing can then be used in association with the link map for the program to perform interactive debugging using the MS-DOS debug program. The usefulness of this utility, of course, is limited to those programmers who are knowledgeable about the 8086 architecture and instruction set.

The format of the command to invoke the object module disassembler is

```
OMD [>listfile] [options] objfile [textfile]
```

The various command line specifiers are shown in the order they must appear in the command. Optional specifiers are shown enclosed in brackets.

>listfile The first option is used to direct the listing produced by OMD to a specified file or device. If this option is omitted, the listing output is written to the user's console.

options Four override options can be specified; each consists of the special character "-" followed by a single letter which indicates the value to be overridden, and a string of decimal digits specifying the override value. There must be no embedded blanks in any single



option, but each must be specified as a separate field. The valid options are:

- Pnnn Overrides the default size provided for the program section of the object module being processed. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of bytes of storage to be allocated for the program section. The default value is 1024 bytes.
- Dnnn Overrides the default size provided for the data section of the object module being processed. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of bytes of storage to be allocated for the data section. The default value is 1024 bytes.
- Xnnn Overrides the default maximum number of external items which can be processed by OMD; this number applies separately to both external definitions and external references. "nnn" specifies a decimal number of external items which can be processed. The default value is 200.
- Lnnn Overrides the default size for the line number and offset information tables. These tables are used only if the object file was produced with the -d option; line number/offset information from the file is placed in these tables. The default size (which defines the maximum number of line number/offset pairs which can be processed) is 100.
- objfile Specifies the name of the object file, produced by the compiler, which is to be processed by OMD. The full name including the .OBJ extension must be specified.
- textfile Specifies the name of a C source code file which is to be listed along with the disassembled instructions. If this option is present, the object file must have been compiled using the -d option for the LCl command. The full name including the .C extension must be specified.

OMD processes only a single object module. The entire module is read and loaded into memory before the listing is generated. The various override options are useful for processing very large object modules, or for reducing the amount of memory needed by OMD on systems which are cramped for memory.

If the "textfile" option is used, only the source text from the specified file is listed; if it refers to any #include files, they will NOT be listed. Some limitations of the "textfile" option should be noted. First, the code generated for the third portion of "for" statements is placed at the bottom of the loop; that code will appear in front of the next statement after the end of the loop. Second, the compiler tends to defer storing registers until the last possible moment, so that the code shown for assignment statements often consists merely of loading values

into registers; the registers will be stored later. Finally, the code generated for entry to a function will often be displayed in front of the source lines defining that function. Thus, inspection of the surrounding code may be necessary to determine the actual code generated for a source file construct.

#### EXAMPLES

```
OMD -P2048 -D8000 QRS.OBJ
```

Disassemble the object module QRS.OBJ and write the listing to the user's console. Allocate 2048 decimal bytes of storage for the program section defined in the object module, and allocate 8000 decimal bytes for the data section.

```
OMD >TEMP.LST -X400 XYZ.OBJ XYZ.C
```

Disassemble the object module XYZ.OBJ and write the listing to the file TEMP.LST. Include source code lines from XYZ.C in the listing, provided that line number and offset information was present in the object file. Provide for a maximum number of 400 external items (same limit for both external definitions and external references).

#### ERROR MESSAGES

A variety of error conditions are detected by the object module disassembler; all cause early termination of the output file and result in the writing of an appropriate error message to "stderr". These messages are self-explanatory for the most part. If one of the run-time-specifiable options is not sufficiently large, the error message will indicate the specific option which was not large enough; for example, if the module defines too many words of program section, the message

Program section overflow

will be produced. Note that OMD was designed specifically for use with modules generated by the C compiler; attempts to use it with other object modules will probably cause an error message to be generated.

## 7.0 STOCKLIST

Due to the support for the extended memory addressing models, the list of files supplied with the compiler has grown considerably. Note that the manual describes the linking process as involving the files C.OBJ and LC.LIB; in the current release, four different versions of each of these files have been supplied. The procedure for linking programs is the same, but now you must use: for C.OBJ, either CS.OBJ, CP.OBJ, CD.OBJ, or CL.OBJ; and for LC.LIB, either LCS.LIB, LCP.LIB, LCD.LIB, or LCL.LIB. Make sure the same memory model is selected for both files.

You should find the following files on your release disk(s):

## Executable Files

LC1.EXE	C compiler (phase 1)
LC2.EXE	C compiler (phase 2)
FXU.EXE	Function extract utility
OMD.EXE	Object module disassembler

## Run-time and Library Files

CS.OBJ	C program entry/exit module (S model)
CP.OBJ	C program entry/exit module (P model)
CD.OBJ	C program entry/exit module (D model)
CL.OBJ	C program entry/exit module (L model)
LCS.LIB	Run-time and I/O library (S model)
LCP.LIB	Run-time and I/O library (P model)
LCD.LIB	Run-time and I/O library (D model)
LCL.LIB	Run-time and I/O library (L model)

## C Source Files

MAIN.C	Standard library version of "main"
TINYMAIN.C	Abbreviated version of "main"
FTOC.C	Fahrenheit-to-Celsius sample program
CAT.C	File concatenate sample program
FXU.C	Source for function extract utility
CONIO.C	Basic console I/O functions

## C Header Files

STDIO.H	Standard I/O header file
CTYPE.H	Character type macros header file
ERROR.H	Header file defining UNIX error numbers
FCNTL.H	Header file defining level 1 I/O codes
IOS1.H	Header file defining level 1 I/O structures
DOS.H	Environment information header file
MSDOS.H	Defines MS-DOS version
SM8086.H	Memory model header file for S model
PM8086.H	Memory model header file for P model
DM8086.H	Memory model header file for D model
LM8086.H	Memory model header file for L model

(Note: in order to use the DOS.H header file, you must copy one of the last four files into M8086.H)

#### Assembly Language Source Files

C.ASM	Source for C.OBJ (all versions)
IO.ASM	Sample assembler language function

#### Assembly Language Macro Files

SM8086.MAC	Macro include file used with S model
PM8086.MAC	Macro include file used with P model
DM8086.MAC	Macro include file used with D model
LM8086.MAC	Macro include file used with L model

(Note: in order to assemble the sample source modules, you must copy one of the last four files into DOS.MAC)

Lattice 8086/8088 C Compiler  
Supplement to Functional Description Manual for CP/M-86

Section 1 of the manual describes the MS-DOS implementation. Fortunately, CP/M-86 is sufficiently similar that most of the information presented there is applicable to the CP/M-86 compiler as well. This supplement presents, in the same order as the manual, those areas where the differences are important. If a section in the manual is not remarked on here, it can be assumed to apply without modification to the CP/M-86 implementation. (Note: check the manual addenda in the file READ.ME, which may modify substantially any of the manual sections, due to changes to the current version of the compiler.)

### Summary of Differences

1. Program linking is accomplished under CP/M-86 using the Phoenix Software Associates linker PLINK86.
2. Alphabetic characters in command line arguments are converted automatically to upper case by CP/M-86.
3. The exact end of file for disk files is not known to CP/M-86, but the Lattice I/O functions mark the end of file in a special way so that it can always be determined.
4. Device names under CP/M-86 differ from those used in the MS-DOS implementation.

#### 1.1 Operating Instructions

Here are the commands necessary to compile, link, and execute the Fahrenheit-to-Celsius sample program.

STEP 1: Execute the first phase of the compiler by typing

```
LC1 FTOC<CR>
```

STEP 2: When the prompt is issued after LC1 has completed its processing, execute the second phase of the compiler by typing

```
LC2 FTOC<CR>
```

STEP 3: When the prompt is again issued, execute the linker by typing

```
PLINK86<CR>
```

Respond to the linker's prompts as follows:

```
OUT FTOC.CMD<CR>
SECTION CODE GROUP PGROUP<CR>
FILE C, FTOC<CR>
LIB LC<CR>
SECTION DATA MAX 1000H GROUP DGROUP;<CR>
```

No further prompts will be issued after the last line is typed. The first command tells the linker to create the executable file FTOC.CMD. The second is necessary to ensure the correct structure for that file. The third command specifies that the object files C.OBJ and FTOC.OBJ are to be included in the program; note that C (meaning C.OBJ) is specified as the FIRST module on the FILE command. The fourth command specifies LC.LIB as the library to be searched during linking. The final command is again necessary to force the linker to construct the program file correctly; the trailing semi-colon is critical, for it terminates the command input to PLINK86.

**STEP 4:** Execute the .CMD file by typing

```
FTOC<CR>
```

A list of Fahrenheit temperature values and their Celsius equivalents will be written to the user's console.

More information on program linking is presented in Section 1.1.3.

#### 1.1.1 Phase 1

All of the material presented in the text applies, with one exception: the command line options are accepted in either upper or lower case, rather than just in lower case.

#### 1.1.2 Phase 2

See preceding note.

#### 1.1.3 Program Linking

The linker provided with the CP/M-86 compiler is the Phoenix Software Associates PLINK86, a versatile 8086 object module linkage editor with program section overlay capabilities. Refer to the linker manual for a detailed, organized presentation of its features; this section merely summarizes the procedure for simple linking of non-overlaid C programs.

After execution, the linker processes command input until it detects an error or a command ending with a semi-colon (;) is entered. The order of the commands entered is critical, and must

adhere to the following sequence:

(1) The first command should specify the output file name; the .CMD suffix MUST be included to cause the linker to produce a CP/M-86 program. For example:

```
OUT TEST.CMD
```

causes the linker to create the program file TEST.CMD.

(2) The second command must define the program section to correspond to PGROUP. This command must be entered BEFORE any subsequent FILE commands; otherwise, an invalid program file will be created. It has the fixed format

```
SECTION CODE GROUP PGROUP
```

(3) The FILE commands specify the .OBJ files to be included in the program. The first file mentioned MUST be C (or C.OBJ); otherwise, the resulting program will not execute properly. All of the FILE commands should be entered before the LIB command. As the following examples show, the FILE commands consist of the keyword FILE followed by a comma-separated list of .OBJ files:

```
FILE C, XYZ, QRS  
FILE MAIN, SUBR1, SUBR2
```

(4) The LIB command specifies the .LIB library files to be searched during linking. Normally, only the standard C library LC.LIB is mentioned, but others may be included in the list as well. The libraries are searched in the order they are presented in the command:

```
LIB USRLIB, LC
```

(5) The next command must define the DATA section so that it corresponds to DGROUP. Again, failure to include this command will result in an invalid program file. In addition, some value must be specified for the maximum size of the data section. This value is the maximum number of paragraphs of memory which will be allocated, if available, for the data section when the program executes. Normally, the value specified should be 1000H, which causes a full 64K bytes to be allocated for DGROUP. If the program is known to have more modest memory requirements, some other value can be specified. Note that the value specified has no effect on the size of the program file on disk, and does not prevent the program from being loaded if the specified amount of memory is not available. The recommended format of this command is

```
SECTION DATA MAX 1000H GROUP DGROUP
```

(6) Finally, if a load map is desired, it can be obtained by including a MAP command as the final command. For example,

```
MAP = TEST.MAP;
```

creates the file TEST.MAP and terminates the command input. If no map is desired, a semi-colon should be appended to the preceding command (SECTION DATA).

#### 1.1.4 Program Execution

This section applies as written, but one important fact should be noted: under CP/M-86, all alphabetic characters in any command line text are automatically converted to upper case. Programs which require lower case command line options will have to be modified; typically, the "tolower" macro can be used to force characters back to lower case.

#### 1.1.5 Function Extract Utility

Because of the fact noted in the preceding section, the function name can be specified in either upper or lower case on the FXU command. FXU now matches either upper or lower case characters in the specified function name. (Note: the function extract utility has been substantially modified since the manual was printed; see the READ.ME file for details.)

#### 1.4.4 Assembly Language Interface

All of the information presented in this section still applies to the CP/M-86 implementation. Unfortunately, we have no knowledge of an assembler which will run under CP/M-86 and produce 8086 object modules of the appropriate format. For the present, assembly language modules will have to be processed under MS-DOS and somehow transferred to CP/M-86 for linking.

#### 1.5.1 File I/O

The full complement of file I/O functions are supported under CP/M-86, just as described in this section. The file I/O functions mark the end of file using the following scheme: the special character 0x1a (control-Z) is stored at the end of file byte position, and one or more bytes of zero are written to fill out the end of the 128-byte block. If the end of file falls on the last position of a block, a full 128-byte block containing zeroes is appended to the file. This technique makes it possible for the exact end of file to be uniquely identified when the file is opened. If the file was not created by a C program, however, this pattern will not be detected; in that event, the file I/O functions treat the end of the last block as the end of file byte position. In general, this will have relatively little impact on programs which manipulate such files, although the "lseek" mode which positions relative to the end of file will not work properly.



### 1.5.2 Device I/O

The special "file" names checked for in the CP/M-86 implementation are as follows:

Device Name	Translated Mode		Untranslated Mode	
	Read FN	Write FN	Read FN	Write FN
CON	1	2	6	6
AXI	3	-	3	-
AXO	-	4	-	4
PRN	-	5	-	5
NUL	-	-	-	-

The table also shows the BDOS function numbers used to process I/O for the corresponding device; a "-" for the function number indicates that the operation is not supported. Note that NUL is provided as a convenience.

### 1.5.5 Special Functions

Because of the strong similarity between the BDOS functions of MS-DOS and CP/M-86, all of the same special functions are provided and operate in the manner described. The only difference in so far as the console I/O functions are concerned is that BDOS function 6 is used for direct console input, rather than the function 7 used under MS-DOS. The "bdos" function is fully supported under CP/M-86, but beware of subtle differences in otherwise similar BDOS functions under the two operating systems.

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