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Mr. Moore and several associates formed FORTH, Inc. in 1973 for the purpose of licensing and support of the FORTH Operating System and Programming Language, and to supply application programming to meet customers' unique requirements.

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BALANCED TREE DELETION IN FASL

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Abstract

FASL (Functional Automation Systems Language) is a derivative of FORTH containing significant modifications. This paper discusses one of these, the FASL tree, an implementation of the AVL (height balanced) tree. FASL trees are a data type of the language, and are used in the implementation of the dictionary. An algorithm for deletion in FASL trees is presented, as well as a FASL program to implement the algorithm.

Key Words and Phrases

deletion, height-balanced trees, binary trees, search trees, FORTH.

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Introduction to Height-Balanced Trees

The use of balanced trees has become almost commonplace in data base management, and is seeing limited use in symbol tables. Many systems would benefit from the use of balanced trees, but their designers could not afford the time to develop the algorithms. A case in point is the extensive use of hashing in "high-speed" microcomputer assemblers. Hashing techniques have significantly improved the performance of many assemblers, but analysis of these routines shows a best case performance on the order of several milliseconds (due to the inefficiency of division, or pseudo-random number generation on microprocessors). FASL trees, on the other hand, have a

guaranteed worst case performance of far less than a millisecond even in fairly large (over five hundred node) trees.

In FUNCTIONAL* systems, FASL trees are used in a line editor, data storage directories, FACT (a truth table compiler), message routing tables, microcomputer assemblers, as well as the FASL dictionary. A general purpose microassembler uses a balanced tree (fields) of balanced trees (contents) to describe the target microinstruction. The use of multiple trees allows identical keys in different contexts (e.g., label names and macro names).

The height-balanced tree was first proposed by two Russian mathematicians, G. M. Adel'son-Vel'skiy and E. M. Landis in 1962 (hence AVL tree). The idea is to maintain a binary tree so that the height of the subtrees at any node differ by at most one. The technique incurs a penalty of only two extra bits per node (FASL uses an 8-bit byte), and makes it possible to search for, insert, or delete a node with a worst case of $O(\log N)$ operations (where N is the number of nodes).

Introduction to FASL Trees

Algorithms for search and insertion in AVL trees are presented by Knuth (The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 3, Section 6.2.3); these two algorithms were implemented in machine code and (along with Indirect Threaded Code) became the basis for FASL. The deletion algorithm was not implemented at this time for two primary reasons: Knuth didn't give it, FASL didn't "need" it. Deletions occur much more rarely than insertions or searches; FASL lived for over a year with no delete operation.

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For example, when a file was deleted from a FASL directory, the entire directory was reconstructed without the "deleted" node. The time penalty incurred was not significant because directories are small (for FASL trees), and had to be copied anyway to be sent to the disk. (FASL lives in a message environment. The disk is in another Cyblok*).

After an overview of FASL trees and their use, the remainder of this paper will deal with the development of a FASL tree deletion program in FASL. For an introduction to binary search trees, see Knuth (The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 3).

FASL trees are composed of a number of sixteen byte nodes (see Figure 1). The tree is identified with the address of its head node. From the head node we may find the root node, and thus the entire tree. The head node contains a pointer to its root node, a pointer to its available nodes list, and an integer which is the tree's height.

All nodes other than the head node contain an eight byte key, a left link, a right link, a one byte balance factor, and three uncommitted bytes. The key is used to access the node. Given a key, the search routine compares it to the key at the root node. If it is less, the search continues with the node identified (pointed to) by the left link. If it is greater, the search continues with the node identified by the right link. The search terminates when it matches the key (success), or reaches a null link (failure). The null link is represented by zero. The balance factor is the height of the right subtree minus the height of the left subtree. The insertion routine always leaves the tree balanced, i.e., the

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balance factor is always minus one, zero, or plus one.

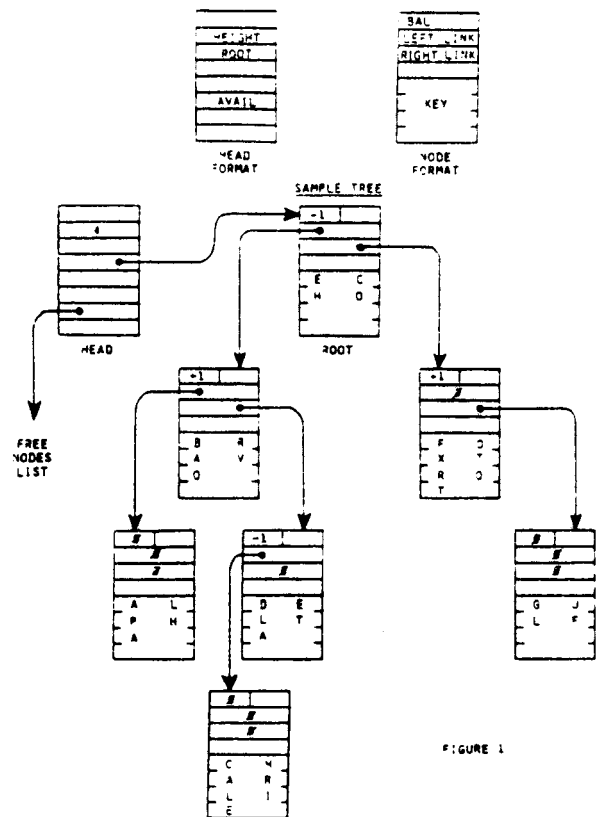


FIGURE 1

The insertion routine obtains new nodes from the free nodes list. This list is simply a number of nodes linked with their right links. A null right link indicates the end of the free nodes list. When the insertion routine needs a free node, it obtains its address from the free nodes list pointer in the head node, and replaces it with the right link of that node. If the free nodes list pointer is null, then the tree is full.

The technique used by the insertion routine to maintain tree balance is essentially the same as for deletion. Basically, four cases arise in insertion when the tree must be rebalanced: single or double rotation, left or right. The discussion is postponed until the section on deletion.

To get a feeling for the efficiency of FASL trees, consider a dictionary of five hundred nodes. If this dictionary was stored as a linked list, a worst case access time of five hundred compares would be incurred, with an average access time of two hundred fifty compares. Stored as a FASL tree, this dictionary has a worst case access time of nine compares, an average of eight. The numbers become even more convincing as the dictionary grows in size.

FASL Tree Operations

FASL provides operations for creating trees, inserting and searching for nodes, and accessing the uncommitted data in a node. For example, the FASL text

```
100 TREE SYMBOLS
```

creates a tree named SYMBOLS with two hundred fifty-six available nodes (the radix is hexadecimal). Assuming there is a string of text in an area named PAD which is to be used as a key to access the tree,

```
PAD SYMBOLS LEAF
```

inserts a node in the tree SYMBOLS with this key. LEAF leaves a boolean flag on the stack to indicate success or failure, and if successful leaves the address of the new node on the stack under the boolean.

Usually, new nodes are initialized with some data. The following FASL text will insert a node with the key in PAD (as above), and initialize its uncommitted bytes with constants:

```
12 3456 PAD SYMBOLS LEAF
   IF F#!
   ELSE DROP2 FI
```

Later, the data may be retrieved onto the stack as follows:

```
PAD SYMBOLS FIND
   IF F#@
   ELSE FAIL FAIL FI
```

If the string in PAD is the same as was used in the preceding example to insert the node, then the data retrieved will be 12 3456. If another string is in PAD, then the data retrieved will be 00 0000, unless a node has been inserted with this string as a key, in which case the data associated with this node will be retrieved.

From the example, it should be clear how to use the FASL trees for a symbol table for an assembler. Text is read to PAD until a delimiter, and then inserted in the tree. In the case of labels, the node would be initialized with the current pseudoPC, and a flag byte to indicate "label." If the inserted text was a macro name, the node might be initialized with a pointer to the macro text and a flag byte to indicate "macro." Alternatively, separate trees may be created so that identical keys may be used as macro and label names. Later, when a label or macro is used, it may be looked up in the tree to find its corresponding values.

The TREE operation allocates space for the tree in the FASL Global Area (where code for colon-words is placed). Another operation, TREEINIT, is provided to initialize trees in space that the FASL user has allocated (e.g., in FUNCTIONAL Cybloks there is a minimum of 256K bytes of "Public Memory" which is accessed through "Windows," and is not part of the FASL Global Area). The TREEINIT operation is often used in the Local Area (space allocated on the Return Stack) or in Public Memory.

The Deletion Algorithm for FASL Trees

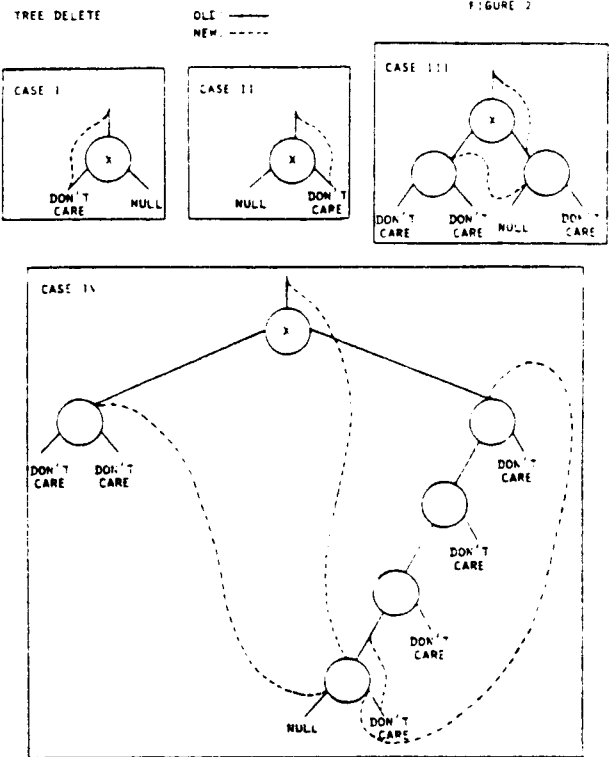
A deletion algorithm for binary trees, and the steps required to adapt this algorithm to balanced trees are provided by Knuth (The Art of Computer Programming, Vol. 3, Sections 6.2.2 and 6.2.3). The details of the balanced tree deletion algorithm are presented here, but first a review of binary tree deletion.

Deleting a node from a binary tree may be decomposed into four cases (see Figure 2). Call this node "X". In the first two cases one of the links of X is null, the other link is a "don't care" (i.e., a pointer or null). In both cases the other link simply replaces the link pointing to X. In case three the right son of X has a null left link. In this case the left link of X replaces the left link of its right son, and the right link of X replaces the link pointing to X. In case four the symmetric successor of X must be found. This is done by following left links starting with the right son of X until a null link is encountered. The left link of the father of the symmetric successor is replaced by the right link of the symmetric successor. The left and right links of the symmetric successor are replaced by the respective links of X, and the link which points to X is replaced by a pointer to the symmetric successor.

In all cases the essential left-to-right order of the nodes is preserved. The deleted node is inserted in the free nodes list, and the algorithm terminates.

All that is required (!) to adapt this algorithm to balanced trees is to insure that the balance is maintained after the deletion. An important observation is that the effect of deletion on the binary tree is to reduce the length of a single path through the tree by one.

This path begins at the head, and ends in cases one and two with the node which replaced X (i.e., the node which is pointed to by the link which used to point to X). In cases three and four the path ends with the node which used to be the right son of the symmetric successor of X. (Note that the ending node may actually be null.)



The path may be represented as a list of pairs

(N.0 , f.0) (N.1 , f.1)
... (N.i , f.i)

where each N.j is a node address, and each f.j is a direction (-1 left, +1 right). N.0 is the head node, f.0 is the +1 (since the "right link" of the head node points to the root). The pair (N.i , f.i) is the end node minus one, and identifies the end node of the path (which, again, may be null). Rebalancing may be required at each node in the path, starting with node (N.i , f.i), working backwards. This is in contrast to insertion where rebalancing is required for, at most, one node.

Adapting the deletion algorithm for binary trees to balanced trees requires that as the tree is searched for the node to be deleted (and for its symmetric successor in cases three and four), a list of pairs describing the path is created. Once the node is deleted, nodes are rebalanced back along the path until a termination condition is reached.

The path is constructed on an auxiliary stack. The operations "Push(x,y)" to push a pair, "Pop(x,y)" to pop a pair, and "Top(x,y)" to read the top pair without popping are used, as well as the capability of saving and restoring the path stack pointer.

Using the notation "Link(-1, M)" for left link of node M, "Link(1, M)" for right link of node M, "Bal(M)" for the balance factor of node M, and "Key(M)" for the key of node M, the following is a detailed algorithm for deleting the node with key K in a balanced tree.

- (1) Initialize local path stack.
Push(HEAD, +1).
Set X to Link(+1, HEAD).
- (2) If K is less than Key(X), go to (3) moving left.
If K is greater than Key(X), go to (4) moving right.
Otherwise go to (5), key is found.
- (3) If Link(-1, X) is 0, go to (11), key is not in tree.
Otherwise Push(X, -1), set X to Link(-1, X), and go to (2), keep searching.
- (4) If Link(1, X) is 0, go to (11) key is not in tree.
Otherwise Push(X, 1), set X to Link(1, X), and go to (2), keep searching.
- (5) There are four cases:
 - (5a) Link(1, X) = 0 ;
Top(N.k, f.k).
Set Link(f.k, N.k) to Link(-1, X).
Go to (7) to rebalance.
 - (5b) Link(-1, X) = 0 ;
Top(N.k, f.k).
Set Link(f.k, N.k) to Link(1, X).
Go to (7) to rebalance.
 - (5c) Link(-1, Link(1, X)) = 0 ;
Top(N.k, f.k).
Set Link(-1, Link(1, X)) to Link(-1, X).
Set Link(f.k, N.k) to Link(1, X).
Set Bal(Link(1, X)) to Bal(X).
Go to (7) to rebalance.
 - (5d) Otherwise ; Push(X, 1), set Z to Link(1, X).
Save path stack pointer in PSP.
Go to (6) to find symmetric successor.
- (6) Push(Z, -1).
Set Z to Link(-1, Z).
Repeat this step until Link(-1, Z) = 0.
Finally, Top(N.k, f.k).
Set Link(-1, N.k) to Link(1, Z).
Set Link(-1, Z) to Link(-1, X).
Set Link(1, Z) to Link(1, X).
Now swap PSP and the path stack pointer.
Pop(N.k, f.k),
Top(N.k, f.k), Push(Z, 1), substituting the symmetric successor for the deleted node on the path stack.
Swap PSP and the path stack pointer again to restore.
Set Link(f.k, N.k) to Z.
Set Bal(Z) to Bal(X).
Go to (7) to rebalance.

(7) Insert X into the free nodes list.

The algorithm proceeds as follows beginning with the last pair of the path:

(8) Pop(N.k , f.k).
 If N.k = HEAD, set Height(HEAD) to Height(HEAD)-1 decreasing the height of the tree, and go to (11) terminating the algorithm.
 Otherwise go to (9).

(9) There are three cases based on the balance factor:

(9a) $Bal(N.k) = 0$; Set $Bal(N.k)$ to $-f.k$, and go to (11) terminating the algorithm.

(9b) $Bal(N.k) = f.k$; Set $Bal(N.k)$ to 0, and go to (8) taking one more step back along the path.

(9c) $Bal(N.k) = -f.k$;
 Rebalancing is required, go to (10).

(10) There are again three cases. (Referring to Figures 3, 4, and 5, A is N.k, α is the subtree containing the path the algorithm has been following, B is the node pointed to by the opposite link from the link which points to α , $Link(-f.k , N.k)$):

(10a) $Bal(A) = Bal(B)$ (Figure 3);
 Set $Bal(A)$ and $Bal(B)$ to 0.
 (single rotation) -
 Set $Link(-f.k , A)$ to $Link(f.k , B)$.
 Set $Link(f.k , B)$ to A.
 Top(N.k , f.k), set $Link(f.k , N.k)$ to B.
 Go to (8) taking one more step back along the path.

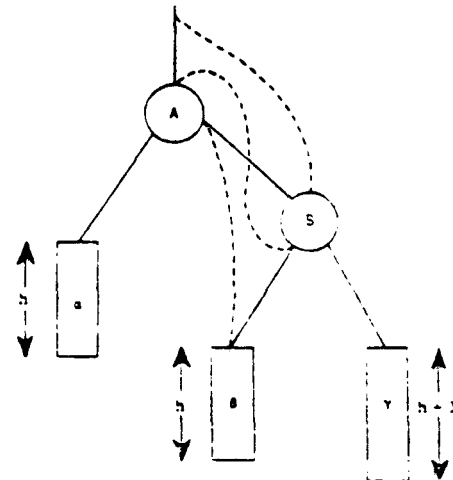
(10b) $Bal(A) = -Bal(B)$
 (Figure 4); If $Bal(X) = Bal(A)$, then set $Bal(A)$ to

$-Bal(X)$ and $Bal(B)$ to 0.
 Otherwise set $Bal(A)$ to 0 and $Bal(B)$ to $-Bal(X)$.
 Set $Bal(X)$ to 0.
 (double rotation) -
 Set $Link(-f.k , A)$ to $Link(f.k , X)$.
 Set $Link(f.k , X)$ to A.
 Set $Link(-f.k , B)$ to $Link(-f.k , X)$.
 Set $Link(-f.k , X)$ to B.
 Top(N.k , f.k), set $Link(f.k , N.k)$ to X.
 Go to (8) taking one more step back along the path.

REBALANCE

FIGURE 3

CASE 1 (TWO SITUATIONS - REFLECT DIAGRAM LEFT/RIGHT)



OLD: ———
 NEW: - - - -

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| <u>NEW BALANCE</u> | |
| A | S |
| B | alpha |
| NEW SUBROOT B | |
| KEEP FIXING... | |

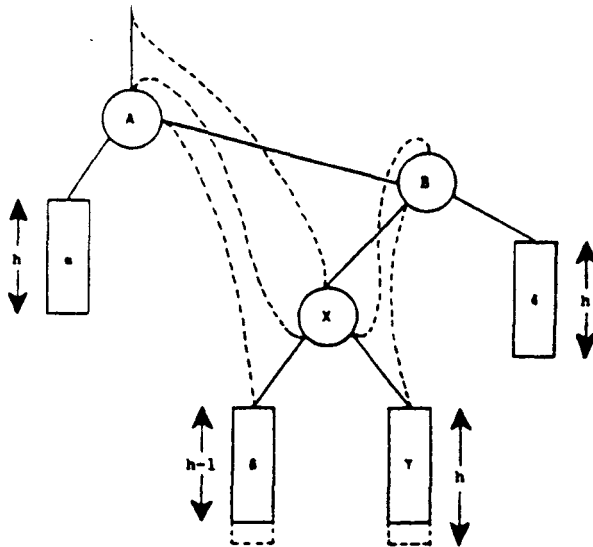
(10c) $Bal(B) = 0$ (Figure 5);
 Set $Bal(B)$ to $-Bal(A)$.
 (single rotation) -
 Set $Link(-f.k, A)$ to
 $Link(f.k, B)$.
 Set $Link(f.k, B)$ to A .
 Top($N.k, f.k$), set $Link(f.k,$
 $N.k)$ to B .
 Go to (11) terminating the
 algorithm.

(11) Deallocate path stack. Done!

REBALANCE

FIGURE 4

CASE II (TWO SITUATIONS - REFLECT DIAGRAM LEFT/RIGHT)



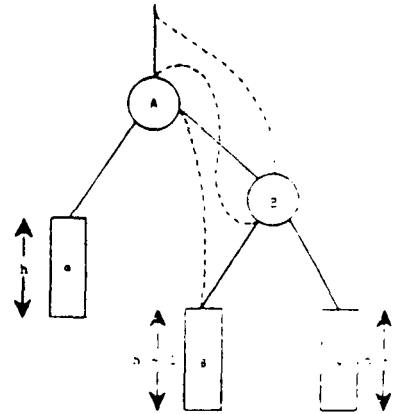
OLD: ———
 NEW: - - - -

| NEW BALANCE | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | $BAL(x) = BAL(A)$ | OTHERWISE |
| A | $-BAL(x)$ | 0 |
| B | 0 | $-BAL(x)$ |
| X | 0 | 0 |
| NEW SUBROOT | X | |
| KEEP FIXING... | | |

REBALANCE

FIGURE 5

CASE III (TWO SITUATIONS - REFLECT DIAGRAM LEFT/RIGHT)



OLD: ———
 NEW: - - - -

| NEW BALANCE | |
|-------------|-----------|
| A | $BAL(A)$ |
| B | $-BAL(A)$ |
| NEW SUBROOT | B |
| DONE! | |

Implementing the Algorithm in FASL

A FASL program to implement the balanced tree deletion algorithm is relatively straightforward (see the listing below). Some preliminary colon-words are defined to access the links, and to access a Local Stack. RCRUMB and LCRUMB are defined (in commemoration of Hansel and Gretel) for adding pairs to the path stack; then colon words for the three cases encountered in rebalancing are defined.

The main colon-word, DROPLEAF, takes stringname and treename parameters just like LEAF and FIND, but leaves no return values since it is always successful. The PROC... ENDPROC pair allocate and deallocate a Local Data Area for the path stack and associated variables. For the most part, DROPLEAF follows the

deletion algorithm presented. Nested IF statements are used to evaluate the case constructs. The string compare in the first (search) WHILE loop tests for less-than directly, and examines FASL Registers (W0, W1) to resolve the trichotomy. (This is an efficiency measure, and has to do with the fact that there is not guaranteed to be a string delimiter in the node's key.)

Empirical tests show that DROPLEAF runs in the 50 to 100 millisecond range for trees with about 500 nodes. For comparison, LEAF runs in the 0.1 to 1 millisecond range on the same trees. The large difference between these runtimes results from the fact that LEAF is highly optimized machine code, only requires one rotation maximum, and does not require a path stack. As previously mentioned, DROPLEAF is used very infrequently, and there has been no incentive to implement it in machine code.

```
( HEIGHT BALANCED )
( TREE DELETE )
( 17Mar80 )

( LOCAL DATA AREA )
( OFFSET )
( ----- )
(
  2  saved path stack pointer
  4  path stack pointer
  6  address of link to node to be deleted
  8  start of path stack
  .
  .
  .
  30 end of path stack + 1
)

( 1,1 )
: LLNK@ 2 + @ ;
: RLNK@ 4 + @ ;
( 2,0 )
: LLNK! 2 + ! ;
: RLNK! 4 + ! ;

( 1,0 )
: PUSH 4 'D @ ! 2 4 'D + ! ;
( 0,1 )
: POP OFFFE 4 'D + ! 4 'D @ @ ;
( 1,1 )
: RCRUMB DUP PUSH OFFFF PUSH ;
: LCRUMB DUP PUSH SUCCEED PUSH ;

( 3,2 )
: SINGLROT OVER2 LTZ?
  IF DUP RLNK@ OVER2 LLNK!
    SWAP OVER RLNK!
  ELSE DUP LLNK@ OVER2 RLNK!
    SWAP OVER LLNK!
  FI ;
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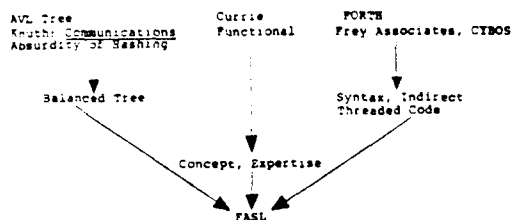
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: ROTCASE1 FAIL OVER C! FAIL OVER2 C!
  SINGLROT SWAPDROP FAIL SWAP ;

: ROTCASE3 OVER C@ NEG OVER C!
  SINGLROT ;

: ROTCASE2 OVER2 OVER2 OVER2 OVER2 - 3 + @
  SINGLROT
  SWAP NEG SWAP OVER2 SWAP
  SINGLROT SWAPDROP
  OVER2 C@ OVER C@ -
  IF DUP C@ NEG SROT C! FAIL SROT C!
    ELSE FAIL SROT C! DUP C@ NEG SROT C! FI
  FAIL OVER C!
  SWAPDROP FAIL SWAP;

: MOVEZR + DUP 6 'D ! @ ;

( 2,0 )
( <name> <name> )
: DROPLEAF
  30 PROC
  8 'D 4 'D !
  SWAP OVER
  RCRUMB
  4 MOVEZR
  WHILE DUP
    IF OVER OVER 8 + SLT? DUP
      IF OVER 10 + WO @ -
        ELSE W1 @ 1 - C@ FI
      ELSE FAIL FAIL FI
    CONTINUE
    IF LCRUMB 2
      ELSE RCRUMB 4 FI
    MOVEZR
  WHILEND
  DROP
  SWAPDROP
  DUP
  IF DUP RLNK@
    IF DUP LLNK@
      IF DUP RLNK@ DUP LLNK@
        IF 4 'D @ 2 'D ! RCRUMB
          DUP
          REPEAT LCRUMB SWAPDROP DUP LLNK@ DUP LLNK@ ZEROP
          UNTIL
          OVER2 LLNK@ OVER LLNK!
          DUP RLNK@ OVER2 LLNK!
          OVER2 RLNK@ OVER RLNK!
          SWAPDROP
          DUP 2 'D @ :
          ELSE OVER LLNK@ OVER LLNK!
          RCRUMB
          FI
          OVER C@ OVER C!
          ELSE DUP RLNK@ FI
          ELSE DUP LLNK@ FI
          6 'D @ !
          OVER OA + @ OVER RLNK! OVER OA + !
          REPEAT
          POP POP OVER2 OVER SWAP -
          IF DUP C@ DUP
            IF OVER2 + OFF AND
              IF OVER 3 + OVER + @ DUP C@
                IF OVER2 OFF AND OVER C@ -
                  IF ROTCASE2
                    ELSE ROTCASE1 FI
                  ELSE ROTCASE3 FI
                POP POP DUP PUSH SWAP DUP PUSH - 3 + !
                ELSE FAIL SWAP C! DROP FAIL FI
                ELSE DROP C! SUCCEED FI
                ELSE 2 + +! SUCCEED FI
              UNTIL
            ELSE DROP FI
          DROP
        ENDPROC
      ;S
```



FASL Credits

FASL arose in response to a need within FUNCTIONAL for a simple and efficient interpreter for system software development. An early FASL Manual (1977) was written with contributions from Eric Frey, Michel Julien, Roland Silver, and Ron Lebel. The idea of implementing the dictionary as a height balanced (AVL) tree came a year later, and with it the FASL TREE data type.

FASL was also made possible by the unselfishness of G. M. Adel'son-Vel'skiy and E. M. Landis, Donald E. Knuth, and Charles Moore.

The author has recently learned of two language processors which use AVL Trees for symbol tables, but not as a data type of the language: a MUMPS system (Dave Bridger for Tandem), and the IBM FORTRAN H Compiler. The current status of these language systems is not known by the author.

Special thanks to Kit Andrews for typing the manuscript on Functional's Wang Word Processor, and patiently illustrating the final versions of the Figures.

Assembler Listings for Search and Insertion

The following pages contain excerpts from the FASL listings pertaining to tree search and insertion for the 6800. Referring to these listings:

- (1) The names used in the comments correspond to those used in Knuth's Algorithm 6.2.3A.
- (2) The routines use variables HEAD and AVAIL to identify the tree and free nodes list on each invocation; the key should be in the eight byte area K.
- (3) The variable VTV may be initialized to point to the default subroutine DEFNOT which causes a "failure" return on an insertion attempt to a full tree, or to a user supplied subroutine which allocates a new free nodes list (with at least one node) by placing the address of the list in AVAIL.
- (4) Trees are initialized by placing a starting address in HEAD, an ending address in AVAIL, and calling the routine BTSIUP. On entry, AVAIL-HEAD should be greater than thirty-two, and zero mod sixteen. On exit, HEAD will not be modified and will point to the head node, and AVAIL will point to the free nodes list.
- (5) All tree routines are object code relocatable.
- (6) Quickie symbol table for these listings:

| | | |
|--------|------|-------------------------------------------|
| BTSIUP | E151 | tree initial- ization |
| FINDIT | E168 | tree search |
| BTSI | E17D | tree insertion |
| DEFNOT | E660 | default tree overflow sub- routine |
| K | D0 | key for search & insertion, 8 bytes |
| HEAD | C2 | pointer to tree |
| AVAIL | C4 | pointer to free nodes list |
| VTV | C0 | overflow transfer vector |

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53      : BALANCED TREE SEARCH AND INSERT
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55      : DIRECT MEMORY DATA DECLARATIONS
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60 OODD   VTY:   EQU OOD   : TREE OVERFLOW TRANSFER VECTOR TO SUBR ERROR HANDL
61 OOC2   HEAD:   EQU VTY+2 : POINTER TO TREE DESCRIPTOR NODE
62 OOCA   AVAIL:  EQU HEAD+2 : POINTER TO ROOT OF AVAILABLE NODES LIST
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64      : THE ABOVE THREE ITEMS ARE INPUTS TO STSI
65      : VTY <- ADDRESS OF ERROR HANDLING SUBROUTINE
66      : FOR OVERFLOW OF ALLOTTED NODES
67      : HEAD <- POINTER TO TREE DESCRIPTOR NODE, OR START
68      : OF FREE SPACE FOR INITIALIZATION "STSIUF"
69      : AVAIL <- POINTER TO LIST OF FREE NODES, OR END OF
70      : FREE SPACE PLUS ONE FOR "STSIUF"
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72      : STSIUF USES HEAD AND AVAIL TO CREATE A NULL BALANC
73      : TREE AND A FREE NODES LIST. AVAIL IS MODIFIED BY
74      : STSIUF AND ALLOC.
75      : *****
76 OOD6   T:     EQU AVAIL+2
77 OOD8   S:     EQU T+2
78 OOD8   R:     EQU S+2
79 OOD8   Q:     EQU R+2
80 OOD8   P:     EQU Q+2
81 OOD0   K:     EQU P+2   : KEY, EIGHT BYTES
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83      : NODE FORMAT
84      :   NODE(0) BALANCE 1
85      :   NODE(1) FLAG   1
86      :   NODE(2) LEFTLINK 2
87      :   NODE(4) RIGHTLINK 2
88      :   NODE(6) VALUE  1
89      :   NODE(8) KEY    8
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386      : STSI BALANCED TREE SEARCH AND INSERT
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389 E17D DE C2 STSI: LDX HEAD   : HEAD -> T
390 E17F DF C8   STX T
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392 E181 EE 04   LDX X 04   : R<HEAD> -> S, S POINTS TO REBALANCE
393 E183 DF C8   STX S
394 E185 20 21   BRA SEARCH
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396 E187 DE C0   OVERFLW: LDX VTY   : TREE OVERFLOW TRANSFER VECTOR
397 E189 AD 00   JEX X 00
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399 E18B DE CA   ALLOCAT: LDX AVAIL   : ALLOCATE A FREE NODE TO THE TREE
400 E18D 27 F8   BRQ OVERFLW  : CHECK FOR EMPTY FREE LIST
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402 E18F DF CC   STX Q
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404 E191 EE 04   LDX X 04   : R<AVAIL> -> AVAIL
405 E193 DF CA   STX AVAIL
406 E195 DE CE   LDX P
407 E197 96 CC   LDAA Q
408 E199 DE CD   LDAB Q+1
409 E19B 39     RTS
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411 E19C A6 00   CONSNV: LDAA X 00   : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR
412 E19E 27 06   BRQ FIDN0V
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414 E1A0 DF C8   STX S
415 E1A2 DE CE   LDX P
416 E1A4 DF C8   STX T
417 E1A6 DE CC   FIDN0V: LDX Q
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419 E1A8 DF C8   SEARCH: STX P
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421 E1AA 8D 12   BSR ENP
422 E1AC 22 4D   BSI MOVF
423 E1AE 26 3D   BSE MOVF
424 E1B0 39     RTS
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428 E1B1 8D 00   SAKSI: BSR SAK41
429 E1B3 8D 00   SAKSI: BSR SAK21
430 E1B5 8D 00   SAKSI: BSR SAK1E
431 E1B7 A7 00   SAKSIK: STAA X 00   : STORE ACCUMULATORS INDEXED
432 E1B9 87 01   STAB X 01
433 E1BB 08     IMX
434 E1BD 08     IMX
435 E1BD 39     RTS
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440 E1BE 96 D0   ENP: LDAA K
441 E1C0 A1 08   CMA X 08
442 E1C2 26 28   BSE RTS
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444 E1C4 96 D1   LDAA K+1
445 E1C6 A1 09   CMA X 09
446 E1C8 26 22   BSE RTS
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448 E1CA 96 D2   LDAA K+2
449 E1CC A1 0A   CMA X 0A
450 E1CE 26 1C   BSE RTS
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452 E1D0 96 D3   LDAA K+3
453 E1D2 A1 0B   CMA X 0B
454 E1D4 26 16   BSE RTS
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456 E1D6 96 D4   LDAA K+4
457 E1D8 A1 0C   CMA X 0C
458 E1DA 26 10   BSE RTS
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460 E1DC 96 D5   LDAA K+5
461 E1DE A1 0D   CMA X 0D
462 E1E0 26 0A   BSE RTS
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464 E1E2 96 D6   LDAA K+6
465 E1E4 A1 0E   CMA X 0E
466 E1E6 26 04   BSE RTS
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468 E1E8 96 D7   LDAA K+7
469 E1EA A1 0F   CMA X 0F
470 E1EC 39     RTS
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473 E1ED EE 02   NOVLI: LDX X 02
474 E1EF DF C0   STX Q
475 E1F1 26 A9   BSE CONSNV
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477 E1F3 8D 96   BSR ALLOCAT
478 E1F5 A7 03   STAA X 02
479 E1F7 87 03   STAB X 03
480 E1F9 20 04   BRA INSERT
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482 E1FB EE 04   NOVLI: LDX X 04
483 E1FD DF C0   STX Q
484 E1FF 26 98   BSE CONSNV
485
486 E201 8D 88   BSR ALLOCAT
487 E203 A7 04   STAA X 04
488 E205 87 05   STAB X 05
489
490 E207 DE CC   INSERT: LDX Q
491 E209 4F     CLR
492 E20A 5F     CLR
493 E20B 8D A6   BSR SAK41
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495 E20D 96 D0   LDAA K
496 E20F D6 D1   LDAB K+1
497 E211 8D A4   BSR SAK1E
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499 E213 96 D2   LDAA K+2
500 E215 D6 D3   LDAB K+3
501 E217 8D 9E   BSR SAK1E
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503 E219 96 D4   LDAA K+4
504 E21B D6 D5   LDAB K+5
505 E21D 8D 98   BSR SAK1E
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507 E21F 96 D6   LDAA K+6
508 E221 D6 D7   LDAB K+7
509 E223 8D 92   BSR SAK1E
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512 : ADJUST BALANCE FACTORS ...
513 :
514 E225 DE 08 ADJ0: LDX S : K - KCS)
515 E227 ED 95 BRB RMP
516 E229 ZI 04 BR1 ADJ1
517 :
518 E228 05 FF LDAB FOFF : FLAG LT (-1 -> A)
519 E22D E2 02 LDX X 02 : LCB) ...
520 E22F ZD 04 BR1 ADJ2
521 :
522 E231 08 01 ADJ1: LDAB F01 : FLAG CE (1 -> A)
523 E233 E2 04 LDX X 04 : RCB) ...
524 :
525 E235 DF CA ADJ2: STX R : ... -> R
526 E237 ZD 10 BR1 ADJ5 : ENTER LOOP
527 :
528 E239 6F 00 ADJ3: CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCF)
529 E23B ED 81 BRB RMP : K - KCF)
530 E23D ZD 04 BR1 ADJ4
531 :
532 E23F 6A 00 DEC X 00 : -1 -> BCF)
533 E241 E2 02 LDX X 02 : LCF) ...
534 E243 ZD 04 BR1 ADJ5
535 :
536 E245 6C 00 ADJ4: LMC X 00 : 1 -> BCF)
537 E247 E2 04 LDX X 04 : RCF) ...
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540 E249 DF CE ADJ5: STX P : ... -> P
541 E24B 9C CE CFI Q : UNTIL WE REACH Q
542 E24D Z6 EA BR1 ADJ3
543 :
544 :
545 : BALANCING ACT ...
546 E24F DE CE BAL0: LDX S : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR OF S
548 E251 A6 00 LDAA X 00
549 E253 Z6 07 BR1 BAL1
550 :
551 E255 E7 00 STAB X 00 : A -> BCB)
552 :
553 E257 DE C2 LDX BRAB : IMPROVEMENT HEIGHT OF TREE
554 E259 6C 03 LMC X 03
555 E25B 39 RTS : FAIL!!!!
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557 :
558 E25C E1 00 BAL1: CHFB X 00 : CHECK BCB) AGAINST A
559 E25E Z7 05 BRQ BAL2
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561 E260 4F CLRA STAA X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
562 E261 A7 00 LCA
563 E263 4C RTS : FAIL!!!!
564 E264 39 : RETURN CC Z = 0
565 :
566 :
567 E265 DE CA BAL2: LDX R : TREE NEEDS BALANCING
568 E267 3D TSTB
569 E268 ZB 46 BRQ BAL3
570 :
571 E26A E1 00 CHFB X 00 : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR OF R
572 E26C Z7 42 BRQ SROT1
573 :
574 :
575 : DOUBLE ROTATE LEFT ...
576 E26E EE 02 SROT1: LDX X 02 : R -> P
577 E270 DF CE STX P
578 :
579 E272 A6 04 LDAA X 04 : RCF) -> LCB)
580 E274 E8 05 LDAB X 05
581 E276 DE CA LDX R
582 E278 A7 02 STAA X 02
583 E27A E7 03 STAB X 03
584 E27C 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
585 :
586 E27E 96 CA LDAA R : R -> BCF)
587 E280 D6 C3 LDAB R+1
588 E282 DE CE LDX P
589 E284 A7 04 STAA X 04
590 E286 E7 05 STAB X 05
591 :
592 E288 A6 02 LDAA X 02 : LCF) -> RCB)
593 E28A E6 03 LDAB X 03
594 E28C DE CE LDX S
595 E28E A7 04 STAA X 04
596 E290 E7 05 STAB X 05
597 E292 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
598 :
599 E294 96 CA LDAA S : S -> LCF)
600 E296 D6 C3 LDAB S+1
601 E298 DE CE LDX P
602 E29A A7 02 STAA X 02
603 E29C E7 03 STAB X 03
604 :
605 E29E E6 00 LDAB X 00 : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR OF P
606 E2A0 Z7 48 BRQ TUP1K
607 E2A2 ZB 04 BR1 SOTL
608 :
609 E2A4 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCF)
610 E2A6 DE CE LDX S
611 E2A8 ZD 7E BR1 TUP0 : -1 -> BCB)
612 :
613 E2AA 6F 00 SOTL: CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCF)
614 E2AC DE CE LDX R
615 E2AE ZD 3C BR1 TUP1K : 1 -> BCB)

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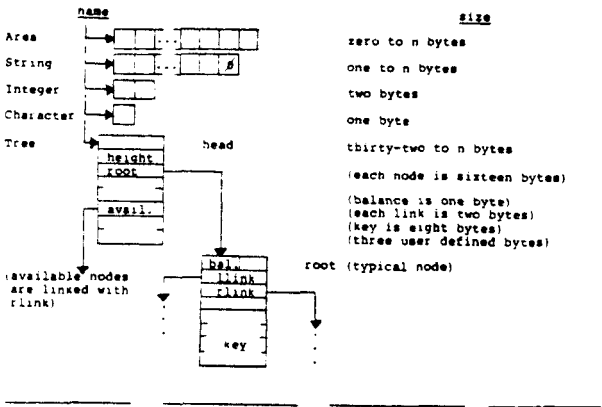
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617 :
618 E2B0 E1 00 BAL1: CHFB X 00 : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR OF R
619 E2B2 Z6 3A BR1 SROT1
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621 : SINGLE ROTATE RIGHT ...
622 E2B4 DF CE SROT1: STX P : R -> P
623 E2B6 4F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
624 E2B8 A6 04 LDAA X 04
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626 E2BC DE CE LDX S
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629 E2C2 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
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631 E2C4 96 CA LDAA S : S -> RCB)
632 E2C6 D6 C3 LDAB S+1
633 E2C8 DE CE LDX R
634 E2CA A7 04 STAA X 04
635 E2CC E7 05 STAB X 05
636 E2CE ZD 62 BR1 TOUCHP
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638 : SINGLE ROTATE LEFT ...
639 E2D0 DF CE SROT1: STX P : R -> P
640 E2D2 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
641 E2D4 A6 02 LDAA X 02
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645 E2DC E7 05 STAB X 05
646 E2DE 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
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648 E2E0 96 CA LDAA S : S -> LCB)
649 E2E2 D6 C3 LDAB S+1
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651 E2E6 A7 02 STAA X 02
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655 E2EC ZD 42 BR1 TUP1K
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657 : DOUBLE ROTATE RIGHT ...
658 E2EE EE 04 SROT1: LDX X 04 : R -> P
659 E2F0 DF CE STX P
660 :
661 E2F2 A6 02 LDAA X 02 : LCF) -> RCB)
662 E2F4 E6 03 LDAB X 03
663 E2F6 DE CE LDX R
664 E2F8 A7 04 STAA X 04
665 E2FA E7 05 STAB X 05
666 E2FC 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
667 :
668 E2FE 96 CA LDAA R : R -> LCF)
669 E300 D6 C3 LDAB R+1
670 E302 DE CE LDX P
671 E304 A7 02 STAA X 02
672 E306 E7 03 STAB X 03
673 :
674 E308 A6 04 LDAA X 04 : RCF) -> LCB)
675 E30A E6 05 LDAB X 05
676 E30C DE CE LDX S
677 E30E A7 02 STAA X 02
678 E310 E7 03 STAB X 03
679 E312 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCB)
680 :
681 E314 96 CA LDAA S : S -> BCF)
682 E316 D6 C3 LDAB S+1
683 E318 DE CE LDX P
684 E31A A7 04 STAA X 04
685 E31C E7 05 STAB X 05
686 :
687 E31E E6 00 LDAB X 00 : CHECK BALANCE FACTOR OF P
688 E320 Z7 10 BRQ TOUCHP
689 E322 ZB 08 BR1 DML1
690 :
691 E324 6F 00 CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCF)
692 E326 DE CE LDX R : -1 -> BCB)
693 E328 A6 00 TUP0: DEC X 00
694 E32A ZD 04 BR1 TOUCHP
695 :
696 E32C 6F 00 DML1: CLR X 00 : 0 -> BCF)
697 E32E DE CE LDX S : 1 -> BCB)
698 E330 6C 00 TUP1: INC X 00
699 :
700 : TOUCHP ...
701 : PREPARATION ...
702 E332 96 CE TOUCHP: LDAA P
703 E334 E6 CF LDAB P+1
704 :
705 E336 DE CE LDX T
706 E338 E8 04 LDX X 04 : RCB) - S, COMPARE
707 E33A 9C C8 CFI S
708 E33C Z7 09 BR1 TUP4
709 :
710 E33E DE CE LDX T : P -> LCB)
711 E340 A7 02 STAA X 02
712 E342 E7 03 STAB X 03
713 E344 C8 FF BR1 FOFF
714 E346 39 RTS : FAIL!!!!
715 :
716 : RETURN CC Z = 0
717 E347 DE CE TUP4: LDX T : P -> RCB)
718 E349 A7 04 STAA X 04
719 E34B E7 05 STAB X 05
720 E34D CA FF BR1 FOFF
721 E34F 39 RTS : FAIL!!!!
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FASL HANDY REFERENCE

PREDEFINED DATA TYPES



Stack inputs and outputs are shown; top of stack on right.
 Operand Key: n two byte number
 s two byte signed number
 u,addr, to, from two byte unsigned number
 b one byte number or character
 f two byte boolean flag (zero or on conditionally present addr)
 addr? four byte signed number
 d
 (Digits are sometimes appended to these operand names.)
 (Unless unsigned operands are indicated, arithmetic operations are two's complement.)

COMPARISON

| | |
|---------|----------------------|
| LTZ? | (s -- f) |
| ZERO? | (n -- f) |
| GTZ? | (s -- f) |
| LT? | (s1 s2 -- f) |
| LE? | (s1 s2 -- f) |
| EQ? | (n1 n2 -- f) |
| NE? | (n1 n2 -- f) |
| GE? | (s1 s2 -- f) |
| GT? | (s1 s2 -- f) |
| ADDRGT? | (u1 u2 -- f) |
| SLT? | (addr1 addr2 -- f) |
| SEQ? | (addr1 addr2 -- f) |

flag is true (one) if:

Less than zero (s < 0)?
 Zero (n = 0)?
 Greater than zero (s > 0)?
 Less than (s1 < s2)?
 Less than or Equal (s1 <= s2)?
 Equal (n1 = n2)?
 Not Equal (n1 != n2)?
 Greater than or Equal (s1 >= s2)?
 Greater than (s1 > s2)?
 Address Greater than? (u1 > u2)?
 String Less Than? (string at addr1 < string at addr2)?
 Strings Equal? (string at addr1 = string at addr2)?

MEMORY

| | |
|-------|----------------------------|
| @ | (addr -- n) |
| ! | (n addr --) |
| C@ | (addr -- b) |
| C! | (b addr --) |
| +! | (n addr --) |
| @SWAP | (addr1 addr2 --) |
| CMOVE | (from to u --) |
| MOVE | (from to u --) |
| SHOVE | (from to --) |
| LEAF | (addr1 addr2 -- addr? f) |

Replace address by contents.
 Store second item at address on top.
 Replace address by contents, one byte only (right justify zero padded).
 Store right byte of second item at address on top.
 Add second item to contents of address on top.
 Swap contents of addr1 and addr2.
 Move u bytes in memory.
 Move u double-bytes in memory.
 Move string in memory.
 Add key (string) at addr1 to tree at addr2. If f = true, then key was inserted at addr2, otherwise the key was already in tree (or tree is full).
 Locate key (string) at addr1 in tree at addr2. If f = true then key is at addr2, otherwise not found.
 Read data from tree node at addr.
 Store data in tree node at addr.
 Compute address of nth byte in current Local Area.

| | |
|------|----------------------------|
| FIND | (addr1 addr2 -- addr? f) |
| F@ | (addr -- b n) |
| F! | (b n addr --) |
| 'D | (s -- addr) |

STACK MANIPULATION

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| DUP | (n -- n n) | Duplicate top of stack. |
| DROP | (n --) | Throw away top of stack. |
| SWAP | (n1 n2 -- n2 n1) | Reverse top two stack items. |
| OVER | (n1 n2 -- n1 n2 n1) | Make copy of second item on top. |
| OVER2 | (n1 n2 n3 -- n1 n2 n3 n1) | Make copy of third item on top. |
| SROT | (n1 n2 n3 -- n2 n3 n1) | Rotate third item to top. |
| SWAPDROP | (n1 n2 -- n2) | Throw away second item on top. |
| DROP2 | (n n --) | Throw away top two. |
| DROP3 | (n n n --) | Throw away top three. |
| RPOSH | (n --) | Move top item to return stack. |
| RPOP | (-- n) | Retrieve top item from return stack. |
| 'R | (s -- addr) | Compute address of sth byte on return stack. |
| 'S | (s -- addr) | Compute address of sth byte on top (2 'S @ * OVER). |

ARITHMETIC AND LOGICAL

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| + | (s1 s2 -- sum) | Add. |
| - | (s1 s2 -- difference) | Subtract (s1 - s2). |
| * | (s1 s2 -- product) | Multiply. |
| / | (s1 s2 -- quotient) | Divide (s1 / s2). |
| MOD | (s1 s2 -- modulo) | Modulo (s1 mod s2). |
| MULE | (s1 s2 -- d) | Multiply extended. |
| DIVE | (d s -- quot mod) | Divide extended. |
| DIVMOD | (s1 s2 -- quot mod) | Divide modulus. |
| SEXT | (s -- d) | Sign extend. |
| NEG | (s -- negation) | Negate. |
| ABS | (s -- absolute) | Absolute Value. |
| MIN | (s1 s2 -- min) | Minimum. |
| MAX | (s1 s2 -- max) | Maximum. |
| AND | (u1 u2 -- intersection) | Bitwise And. |
| OR | (u1 u2 -- conjunction) | Bitwise Or. |
| XOR | (u1 u2 -- disjunction) | Bitwise Exclusive Or. |
| NOT | (u -- complement) | Bitwise Inversion. |
| SUCCESS | (-- 1) | One (true). |
| FAIL | (-- 0) | Zero (false). |
| SBL | (n u -- n) | Shift Left (n, u times). |
| SBR | (n u -- n) | Shift Right (n, u times). |
| ROL | (n u -- n) | Rotate Left (n, u times). |
| ROR | (n u -- n) | Rotate Right (n, u times). |

CONTROL STRUCTURES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DO...LOOP | do: (end+1 start --) | Set up loop, give index range. |
| I | (-- index) | Place current index value on stack. |
| DO...+LOOP | +loop: (n --) | Like DO...LOOP except adds stack value (rather than one) to index. |
| IF...(true)...FI | if: (f --) | If top of stack true (non-zero), execute. |
| IF...(true)...ELSE...(false)...FI | if...else...fi | Same, but if false, execute ELSE clause. |
| DO...IF...(true)...LOOP | do...if...loop | The EXIT in ELSE clause terminates loop prematurely. |
| ELSE...(false)...EXIT FI | else...exit fi | *LOOP may be used in place of LOOP, and the LOOP and EXIT words may be reversed. |
| REPEAT...UNTIL | until: (f --) | Loop back to REPEAT until true at UNTIL. |
| WHILE... | | |
| CONTINUE...(true)... | | Continue while true at CONTINUE, otherwise leave loop. |
| WHILEND...(false)... | continue: (f --) | WHILEND loops unconditionally. |

INPUT/OUTPUT

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| MESS | (addr --) | Type message (string) at addr. |
| TYPE | (addr b --) | Type message at addr terminated by byte b. |
| = | (n --) | Type number on top of stack. |
| C= | (b --) | Type one byte number on top. |
| CRLF | (--) | Type a Carriage Return, Line Feed. |
| SP | (--) | Type a Space. |
| DUMP | (addr u --) | Type u bytes starting at addr. |
| PRTREE | (addr --) | Type tree at addr. |
| GETREX | (--) | Read characters until delimiter to Global Area R. |
| CHECKKEY | (-- f) | True if R is non-numeric. |
| CONVERTK | (-- n) | Converts string at K to number. |
| ASK | (addr delim count --) | Read characters to addr until delimiter or count. |
| WORD | (addr delim --) | Read characters to addr until delimiter. |

DEFINING WORDS

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: xxx      ( -- )      Begin colon-word definition of
                  xxx.
: xxx      ( -- )      End colon-word definition.
: xxx      ( addr -- ) Used to name machine language
                  operation.
GLOBAL xxx  ( n -- )   Create Global Variable xxx with
                  initial value n; returns address
                  when executed.
CONSTANT xxx ( n -- )  Create Constant Variable xxx with
                  value n; returns value when
                  executed.
AREA xxx    ( n -- )   Create Global Area xxx of size n,
                  with no initial value; returns
                  address when executed.
' xxx ...   ( -- )     Create Global String xxx with
                  initial value of text typed in
                  after xxx delimited by quote ("");
                  returns address when executed.
TREE xxx    ( n -- )   Create Global Tree xxx of size
                  n nodes, and initialize; returns
                  address when executed.
TREEMINIT   ( addr1 addr2 -- ) Initialize Tree from addr1 to
                  addr2-1 (used for Local or
                  preallocated Trees).
PROC...ENDPROC proc: ( n -- ) Allocate/Deallocate n bytes of
                  Local Area on return stack (only
                  used inside colon-words).

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SYSTEM & MISCELLANEOUS

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LOAD...:S load: ( addr1 addr2 -- ) LOAD modifies current Input pointers
                  ( addr 1 is address of input string,
                  addr2 is address of machine level
                  input subroutine), ;S restores
                  previous values (uses return
                  stack...be careful).
( -- )          Begin Comment, delimited by right
                  paren. (up to 8K characters are
                  allowed).
PGMOVE ( u1 u2 -- ) Block Move of 8Kbytes from page u1 to
                  page u2.
INTO ( u -- )      Block Move from Inbox to page u.
OUTOF ( u -- )     Block Move from Page u to Outbox.
PEREAD ( u -- )    DUMBOS Read from Outbox of Cyblok u to
                  Inbox.
DUMWAIT ( -- )     Wait for DUMBOS command slot
                  acknowledge.
PEPERS ( addr u -- ) Send message at addr to Cyblok u.
PERMIT ( addr u -- ) Receive message from Cyblok u to addr.
PE SLOT ( u -- addr ) Compute inslot address for cyblok u.

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LETTERS

I would like to point out a possible misconception that I noticed in one of the judge's comments on page 54 in the special FD on Case Structures. The third item listed as an "advantage" states "(The) case selector is kept on (the) return stack instead of in a special variable. This allows nesting of CASE constructs." I'd like to point out that the FORTH-85 CASE structure, which uses a variable (VCASE), is also nestable. The reason for this is that once a match has been made and execution is in progress between, CASE . . .END-CASE the contents of VCASE have served their purpose. Further nesting at this point can alter the contents of VCASE without problems. When the unnesting occurs, END-CASE shoots the Forth instruction pointer to the words after the end of the case structure. END-CASE does not need the older contents of VCASE. If

the programmer would like to retain the selector value, a simple "VCASE @" directly after CASE will preserve the contents of the stack. Then, for any following Forth words having nested DO-CASE structures, the problem of overwriting is solved. The variable storage method takes a little longer to retrieve the current selector value (i.e. VCASE @ versus DUP, or versus I), but retrieving VCASE has not been very common in my experience. To me VCASE @ is more self-explanatory in the context of the program than either DUP or I. In addition, my feeling is that messing up the return stack so the normal index values (I & J) cannot be used within a CASE. . . END-CASE phrase, is a definite disadvantage. To solve return stack problems like this, advanced Forth Systems, such as the one now at Kitt Peak or STOIC, have three stacks. The extra stack is used explicitly for LOOP indices while the return stack is used for return addresses and temporary storage. In lieu of a third stack, the VCASE variable presents a clear way of handling this situation. The variable storage method would need to be changed to user variable storage if multi-tasking was to be implemented. This is only slightly more complicated than the current version. In my extension, I tried both return stack and variable methods. I selected the variable storage due to speed improvements as well as the arguments above. Also, in regards to speed, the CALL's and JMP's within the code statement for CASES are weak in style since the objective in code statements is speed. These really should be expanded out (i.e. MACRO'd!). My original intent was to make the article do double duty by demonstrating these techniques as a stepping stone to some debugging methods I came up with.

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THE EXECUTION VARIABLE AND ARRAY:

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A useful programming construct is the jump table or 'COMPUTED GO TO' type of structure. In Forth the execution variable and array can be used. The Forth word EXECUTE executes the code address on the top of the stack. If one defines:

```
: XEQ <BUILDS , DOES> @ EXECUTE;
```

a word containing a code address as its parameter can be created. As an example

```
: TEST ." THIS IS A TEST" CR ;  
0 XEQ FRED ' TEST CFA ' FRED 2+ !
```

The word TEST can now be executed by typing FRED. You might ask--why not type TEST to execute TEST? The reason is that FRED is now a variable--of sorts. By changing the contents of the parameter stored in FRED the action of FRED can be changed. Execution arrays are similar, however, here several code addresses can be stored and later accessed by index number. In our Forth system (an updated URTH system to Forth-79 running on a PDP-11) the Forth code address of zero is disallowed and will cause execution of the current ABORT procedure which itself is contained in a variable, i.e.

```
: ABORT ABEND @ EXECUTE ;
```

All execution variables and arrays are initialized to zero so that they will have predictable results.

Three words shown in block 502 listed below are used to change the contents of execution variables and arrays.

INSTALL <name>

returns the code field address of <name>.

<code addr> IN <XEQ var name>

stores the code address in the parameter field of XEQ name.

<code addr><array offset> OFFSET.IN
< ()XEQ array name>

stores the code address at the offset in the ()XEQ array.

Thus the previous example could be written as

```
0 XEQ FRED INSTALL TEST IN FRED
```

Note that INSTALL and IN work within a colon definition, e.g.,

```
: DUMMY ;  
: TURN.ON INSTALL TEST IN FRED;  
: TURN.OFF INSTALL DUMMY IN FRED;
```

Execution variables are useful for a variety of functions such as creating forward references, switching output and/or input routines among several terminals, debug routines and of course implementing a jump table.

Examples

1. JUMP TABLE

Problem:

Define a function that will perform one of 26 operations depending on which control key was typed.

Possible Solution:

```
26 ()XEQ CTRL.KEY
```



```
INSTALL 1FUNCTION 1 OFFSET.IN CTRL.KEY
INSTALL 2FUNCTION 2 OFFSET.IN CTRL.KEY
```

```
.
.
.
```

```
INSTALL 26 FUNCTION 26 OFFSET.IN
CTRL.KEY
```

```
: OPERATOR? BEGIN KEY DUP 27 <=
IF CTRL.KEY ELSE DROP THEN AGAIN;
```

One could implement the above with a case or select statement, but the execution array has less overhead in execution speed and memory usage.

2. MULTITERMINAL DRIVERS

Problem:

One has a video terminal with addressable cursor and a 'dumb' hard-copy terminal. The latter terminal does not accept cursor control characters gracefully.

Possible Solution:

One solution which alleviates this problem is shown listed below in block 500. (Publ. note: we're not printing block 500.) The word CTRL is an execution variable. When the video terminal is operating (TT1) all control characters are EMIT'ed; however, when the printer is installed (TTO) the control characters are DROP'ed.

The words EMIT and KEY are defined as state variables as is ABEND (user variables might be a familiar name to some) and are addressed for multi-tasking. They permit each task access to its own terminal driver.

```
: TEST2 0 0 TPC ." TESTING" ;
( POSITION CURSOR AND PRINT )
```

```
TT1 TEST2 ( 'TESTING' WILL START AT
POSITION <0,0> )
```

```
TTO TEST2 ( CONTROL CHARACTERS FOR
0 0 TPC HAVE NO EFFECT)
```

```
22 LIST ( LISTING SENT TO PRINTER )
TT1 ( BACK TO DISPLAY )
```

3. FORWARD REFERENCE

At times early in an application program one needs to define an error handling routine. However, since none of the higher level words have been defined the error handling is rather primitive. Execution variables allow one to 'leave a blank' for the error routine.

Suppose one has

```
0 XEQ DERROR
```

```
<device function code>
: DIO GO.BIT OR DEVICE.CONTROL !
WAIT.FOR.DEVICE.DONE
DEVICE.STATUS @ 0< IF DERROR THEN ;
```

Assume DIO is for control of a mag tape drive. At this point in the application program DERROR would normally be able to do only an ABORT. With a tape drive one would prefer to have some sort of recovery procedure on write errors to either delete the last file or at least write an End of File mark. With the execution variable one can install such a high level routine at a later time after all the necessary words (such as skip record, read record, and write EOF) have been defined. DERROR could also be defined as an ()XEQ array and each error would have its own associated error handling.

The previous examples demonstrate the power of the <BUILDS ... DOES> Forth constructs. XEQ and ()XEQ are just two examples of defining words. It is possible to build a wide range of such defining words from words that build simple linear arrays to ones that define complex relational data bases. In all cases one is associ-

ating a data structure (here, a simple code address) with an algorithm for using the data (here, EXECUTE the code address) and as Wirth has written DATA STRUCTURES + ALGORITHMS = PROGRAMS*

*Wirth, Niklaus, "Algorithms + Data Structures = Programs," Englewood Cliffs, Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1976.

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***** BLOCK 301 *****
EXECUTION VARIABLES AND ARRAYS
: DUNNY ;          DUNNY SEQ ROUTINE ;
: XEQ ;           XEQ VECTOR ;
: XEQ BUILD ;    ( XEQ ADDR -> ) CREATE EXECUTION VECTOR ;
: XEQ EXECUTE ;  ( XEQ ADDR -> ) EXECUTE ;

```

```

***** BLOCK 302 *****
EXECUTION VARIABLES AND ARRAYS CONT'D
( FOR INSTALLATION: INSTALL <ROUTINE NAME> IN <XEQ NAME> )
: INSTALL ( INSTALL <NAME> IN <XEQ> VARIABLE -- SET VECTOR ADDR )
  [ ] STATE # IF COMPILE CFA ELSE CFA THEN ; IMP INSTALL
: IN ( XEQ ADDR -> ) IN <XEQ VAR NAME> -- STORE ADDR IS XEQ VAR )
  [ ] STATE # IF COMPILE ; ELSE ; THEN ; IMP IN
: OFFSET IN ( XEQ ADDR -> XEQ ARRAY WORD OFFSET -> )
  DUP 0 > IF 1 - 24 [ ] + 1 ; CAN'T USE IN COMPILE STATE ;
  ELSE DROP THEN ;

```

MEETINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

8/23/80

Ray Dessey, a chemist from Virginia Polytechnical Institute in Blacksburg, was visiting and he described his recent trip to China. FORTH accompanied him embodied in an AIM and students at Fudan University, Shanghai, got a taste of FORTH. Dr. Dessey said the University already had 3 LSI-11's with Pertec floppies. He also described Virginia Tech's teaching/research machine which is a network with 3 three terminal hosts

each having 15 satellite processors. FORTH runs under an RT-11 operating system. Instrumentation simulation (a function generator + noise) is one use.

Bill Ragsdale announced the Asilomar FORTH retreat (cf., FD Vol. II No. 3 for details).

Kim Harris described OPTIMIST, a program which reminded me of a cantankerous ELIZA. This FORTH program, originally written in PL/1 by Kildall, exemplifies a SECURED vocabulary as part of Kim's tutorial on PRIVATE VOCABULARIES. He showed how they are produced, tested and sealed.

Howard Pearlmutter discussed FIGGRAPH and the "human interface" of FORTH. The FIGGRAPH committee is to generate and articulate hardware specs, goals, and a vocabulary. Howard advised us to attend the HOME BREW COMPUTER CLUB's showing, via a G.E. LIGHT VALVE, of computer graphics. (I saw it and it was as entertaining as LASERIUM).

Handouts included:

- Harris' OPTIMIST and PRIVATE VOCABULARY support
- Zimmer's TERMINAL, a program to teach a FORTHed Ohio Scientific Instruments OS-650v3 to act dumb
- FORTH MODIFICATION LABORATORY's CALL FOR PAPERS: (Programming methodology, Virtual Machine Implementation, Concurrency, Language & Compiler, Applications, and Standardization.

HELP WANTED

SENIOR PROGRAMMER to produce new poly-FORTH systems and applications.

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PROJECT BENCHMARK

A small, informal group of micro-computer enthusiasts here in Albuquerque read with interest "Project Benchmark" in the June issue of the magazine "INTERFACE AGE." We have amongst us a variety of systems and languages, including 8080, 6800, and the AM-100, interpreter and compiler versions of BASIC, and fig-FORTH on the three system types. We ran the benchmark program all around and have attached the results of our testing.

We found the results to be most interesting and offer them to the members of the Forth Interest Group. In addition to the timing results, there was also a significant advantage in memory for the FORTH programs. The compiled AlphaBasic program size was 192 bytes while the FORTH benchmark program size was 166 bytes. All three implementations of FORTH were based on the fig model, and the program ran without modification on all systems demonstrating the transportability achievable with FORTH.

I have attached a listing of the FORTH program. The implementation of the language for the 8080 and the 6800 were from fig, while the Alpha Micro version was provided by Sierra Computer Co., Albuquerque, NM.

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PCN-BENCH OK
:GOO RUN-BENCH
STARTING
 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339 340 341 342 343 344 345 346 347 348 349 350 351 352 353 354 355 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363 364 365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 408 409 410 411 412 413 414 415 416 417 418 419 420 421 422 423 424 425 426 427 428 429 430 431 432 433 434 435 436 437 438 439 440 441 442 443 444 445 446 447 448 449 450 451 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 459 460 461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470 471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478 479 480 481 482 483 484 485 486 487 488 489 490 491 492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504 505 506 507 508 509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516 517 518 519 520 521 522 523 524 525 526 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534 535 536 537 538 539 540 541 542 543 544 545 546 547 548 549 550 551 552 553 554 555 556 557 558 559 560 561 562 563 564 565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572 573 574 575 576 577 578 579 580 581 582 583 584 585 586 587 588 589 590 591 592 593 594 595 596 597 598 599 600 601 602 603 604 605 606 607 608 609 610 611 612 613 614 615 616 617 618 619 620 621 622 623 624 625 626 627 628 629 630 631 632 633 634 635 636 637 638 639 640 641 642 643 644 645 646 647 648 649 650 651 652 653 654 655 656 657 658 659 660 661 662 663 664 665 666 667 668 669 670 671 672 673 674 675 676 677 678 679 680 681 682 683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691 692 693 694 695 696 697 698 699 700 701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712 713 714 715 716 717 718 719 720 721 722 723 724 725 726 727 728 729 730 731 732 733 734 735 736 737 738 739 740 741 742 743 744 745 746 747 748 749 750 751 752 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 763 764 765 766 767 768 769 770 771 772 773 774 775 776 777 778 779 780 781 782 783 784 785 786 787 788 789 790 791 792 793 794 795 796 797 798 799 800 801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810 811 812 813 814 815 816 817 818 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 828 829 830 831 832 833 834 835 836 837 838 839 840 841 842 843 844 845 846 847 848 849 850 851 852 853 854 855 856 857 858 859 860 861 862 863 864 865 866 867 868 869 870 871 872 873 874 875 876 877 878 879 880 881 882 883 884 885 886 887 888 889 890 891 892 893 894 895 896 897 898 899 900 901 902 903 904 905 906 907 908 909 910 911 912 913 914 915 916 917 918 919 920 921 922 923 924 925 926 927 928 929 930 931 932 933 934 935 936 937 938 939 940 941 942 943 944 945 946 947 948 949 950 951 952 953 954 955 956 957 958 959 960 961 962 963 964 965 966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993 994 995 996 997 998 999 1000
FINISHED
    
```

INTERFACE AGE Benchmark Program
Results from the Albuquerque Group

| CPU/System | Clock | Language | Execution Time |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 6800 | .9 mhz | FORTH | 4' 13" |
| 8080 | 1.84 mhz | FORTH | 5' 49" |
| North Star DOS | | | |
| AM-100 | 2 mhz | FORTH | 2' 53" |
| AM-100 w/ pollled serial I/O | 2 mhz | AlphaBasic | 9' 37" |
| 8080 | 2.2 mhz | Boston Harbor Basic | 42" |
| North Star DOS | | | |
| 8080 | 1.84 mhz | Microsoft Basic | 21' 8" |
| 8080 | 1.84 mhz | Microsoft Compiler Basic | 8' 42" |
| 8080 | 1.84 mhz | North Star Basic | 41' 13" |
| 8080 | 1.84 mhz | C-Basic V1.01 | 77" |
| 2-80 | ? | C-Basic | 53" |
| SuperBrain | | | |
| 6502 | 2 mhz | Microsoft Basic | 4' 25" |
| Ohio Scientific | | | |
| 2-80 | 4 mhz | North Star Basic | 19" |
| North Star | | | |
| 2-80 | 4 mhz | North Star | 11' 25" |
| North Star w/ Floating Point Board | | | |
| 6800 | .9 mhz | PERCOM Super Basic | 73" |
| 6800 | .9 mhz | SWTP V2.3 Jk Basic | 81" |
| CYBER 176 | ? | FORTAN | 190 ms |
| CYBER 176 | ? | PASCAL | 260 ms |
| CDC 6600 | ? | FORTAN | 1069 ms |
| CDC 6600 | ? | PASCAL | 3500 ms |

NOTE: Although speed improvements may be made to the basic algorithm as published in INTERFACE AGE, the programs used in the above test remained a true representation of the algorithm published in the June issue of INTERFACE AGE magazine.

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***** FIG-FORTH *****
**** FOR THE ALPHA MICRO SYSTEM ****
fig-FORTH V 1.1
AM-FORTH VERSION A.4
Property of SIERRA COMPUTER COMPANY
617 Mark SE
Albuquerque, NM 87123
12 July 1980
    
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SCR # 8
0 ( INTERFACE AGE BENCHMARK PROGRAM ENTER W/ UPPER LIMIT=1 )
1 : BENCH DUP 2 / 1+ SWAP ." STARTING " CR
2 : 1 DO DUP 1 1 ROT
3 : 2 DO DROP DUP 1 /MOD
4 : DUP 0= IF DROP 1 LEAVE
5 : ELSE 1 = IF DROP 1
6 : ELSE DUP 0 > IF DROP 1
7 : ELSE 0= IF 0 LEAVE
8 : ENDIF
9 : ENDIF
10 :
11 :
12 : LOOP
13 : IF 4 .R ELSE DROP ENDIF
14 : LOOP DROP CR ." FINISHED. " ;
15 :
    
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SCR # 9
0 ( INTERFACE AGE BENCHMARK PROGRAM, CALLING ROUTINE * )
1 : RUN-BENCH TIME SWAP BENCH TIME
2 : SWAP - 60 / 60 /MOD
3 : CR ." ELAPSED TIME: "
4 : ." MINUTES. " ;
5 : ." SECONDS. " ;
6 :
7 :
8 :
9 :
10 :
11 :
12 :
13 :
14 :
15 :
    
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IPS

A GERMAN FORTH-DIALECT

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The AMSAT-Phase III communication satellites for radio-amateurs utilize a computer on board for a variety of tasks. In order to simplify the programming and to allow a simple dialogue with the spacecraft the language IPS was developed (in 1976). It is a Forth-derivative geared very strongly towards engineering applications (real-time control) and by now it is also used in a variety of control-related areas. The following lines describe the rationale of the system and its main differences as compared to FORTH.

Area of Application

The IPS development was aimed in particular towards the "low" end of computers. Most control applications do not justify a larger computer for cost reasons. On the other hand, these applications profit most from a powerful language processor since the common techniques are very clumsy to use. The computer I had in mind when I designed IPS was at about the level of the TRS-80 with 16K bytes of RAM (integral video memory and cassette for mass storage). For real-world interactions control-I/O and a 20ms interrupt must be added to complete the system.

The IPS Language

An introduction to IPS was given in BYTE, Jan. 1979, pp. 146; so here I want to explain the difference to FORTH. First: for the names I tried to find words which are more logical in a postfix environment. Take the IF ELSE THEN construct, e.g., in IPS it is replaced by YES? NO: and THEN. This seemed more logical since the IF

implies a test following. But with the preceding test YES? is more appropriate. Of course these fine points may not be very important. Others are more so: numbers used an truth-variable on the stack use only the least significant bit. This allows the 16-bit logic operators like AND OR or XOR to be used consistently with truth-variables.

A major difference is the way names are encoded. I did not like the limitations coming from the 3 characters plus length codes; but then neither did I want to use more than 4 bytes for the code. The following technique was adopted: from all characters of the name (up to 63), a division remainder using the polynomial $X^{24} + X^7 + X^2 + X^1 + 1$ is computed (3 bytes) and stored with the length of the name. This technique allows arbitrary names; e.g., MACHINE-A1 and MACHINE-A2 are distinct and not confused by the system.

Theoretically there is a small (10 to the -7) probability of a collision --in practice I never yet encountered one. In any case, no harm can come from this because in IPS the system does not allow the redefinition of names. This "advantage" of FORTH was dropped very early because from our user-feedback it soon became clear that it was--directly or indirectly--one of the major causes for programming errors.

Other plausibility checks were added to make the system more forgiving against the typical programming blunders. (I do not believe in the FORTH-assumption that the programmer can be perfect--I am a good example to the contrary). In fact, a few checks can make the system virtually crashproof. Of course, one has to be careful not to get carried away with this--if the integrity of the system is reduced, much of the power of a FORTH-like language goes away.

Three examples within IPS:

- During definitions the colon puts an unused address on the stack. The semicolon checks for this number: if it finds a different number, most likely a structuring error has occurred. The definition is removed and an error message is written.
- Each word has a unique 2-bit identification in the name field defining its use in the interpretive mode. Words like YES?, for example, are not executed outside definitions--so no "magic effects" can result.
- The number of interpreter states the programmer has to keep in mind is minimized. The base for number conversions is set explicitly. Numbers like 40 or -721 are treated as decimal, #03 or #AF07 as hexadecimal numbers.

Real-Time Multiprogramming

The typical situation with real-time control has the processor waiting for some event, then executing a task--usually very fast--and then again waiting for other events. In practice, typically the computer must attend to a number of such tasks. This allows for a fairly simple multiprogramming concept. The tasks are put in a cyclic "chain," an array containing the addresses of the tasks to be executed. The system executed them periodically in a roundrobin fashion. Provided that none of the tasks "grabs" the processor this results in a reasonably fair arbitration of processor time and was found sufficient for most control applications. Two operators are provided to allow dynamic and static task allocations: INCHAIN and DECHAIN.

The interpreter/compiler is also a task in this sense--it executes one

word at a time before it returns to the chain. This keeps all the debugging capability of the interpreter a hand while other tasks are executing.

The system is augmented by the concept of "pseudo-interrupts." The address interpreter (NEXT) is effectively a stack-machine which has ideal properties for interrupting it--no saving is required. If the address interpreter can accept these pseudo-interrupts between the execution of code-routines, a very powerful high-level interrupt-concept is possible. In IPS such a pseudo-interrupt is executed every 20ms to keep the keyboard alive and for timekeeping purposes. Other pseudo-interrupts may be added as required.

Signalling to the address interpreter the pseudo-interrupt request without creating additional overhead is a bit involved with most processors. Only with the CDP 1802, this is straightforward--the address interpreter contains a jump that can be made conditional on an external signal (External flag). With the other processors a real interrupt is used to modify the code of NEXT; admittedly a less than desirable way of programming. Since this occurs only at a single point, it was considered to be the lesser evil over a possibly increased duration of NEXT.

Handling and Testing

IPS is strongly TV-screen oriented. This allowed the stack to be continuously visible by putting a display-program into the chain. For debugging it is a great help not having to request the stack-content, but seeing it continuously. During the operation of chain-operators the system remains "live," you always can go after problems and investigate.

Typically, programs are first written on cassette with the integral text-editor as blocks of 512 bytes each. Then the blocks are compiled and tested. If necessary, blocks may be edited on the cassette and recompiled to solve bugs. Eventually a binary dump of the whole program (IPS plus application) is produced to facilitate fast reloading.

Experiences So Far

Primarily, the system was developed for the Phase III spacecraft that was launched in May 1980. It gave the handling of the satellite an unprecedented degree of flexibility and at the same time helped to solve the rather complex attitude control problems with a minimum of pain. The spherical trigonometry of the satellite was solved very elegantly by Cordic-type rotation operators rather than the conventional solution using sines and cosines. This allows a geometrical analysis of the problems rather than the much more complicated algebraic analysis.

Unfortunately the launcher (ARIANE L02) failed and the spacecraft was destroyed--a repeat is scheduled for early 1982. The ground equipment also uses IPS. An English version for the 8080 using an S-100 bus computer was used for the safety surveillance computer.

Furthermore, a large number of COSMAC based computers within the University of Marburg utilize IPS for a number of research-data-acquisition tasks. All in all, our experience with the system has fully met our goals--to simplify real-time control.

The Problem of Distribution

With the real-time capabilities of IPS, portability of the system is much more difficult to achieve than with more common language processors--

the hardware configurations have much more connections with the system than say with a BASIC interpreter. Typically we modify the IPS meta-source to match the hardware at hand and then run the source through a meta-compiler producing the new system. The lack of suitable "standard-computers" having the required real-time hardware extensions so far has prevented a very widespread distribution of IPS. Now we have a version running on the TRS-80 with a few restrictions; by adding some hardware these restrictions go away. As a next step we intend to build a meta-compiler running on an unmodified TRS-80. Hopefully this way we can get "out of the cycle" and thus enable a widespread distribution of IPS. The large number of letters I received after the BYTE paper convinced me that the need for such a system is very real. I should be pleased if this letter also presents a stimulus to FORTH programmers to add some of the IPS concepts to enhance its usefulness for real-time control.

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THE CASE, SEL, AND COND STRUCTURES:

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The following is a description of the three "case-like" structures which have been added to URTH for the Ultrasound Lab in the Department of Radiology at the University of Rochester. These three structures were evolved from a simpler prototype CASE statement developed by Rich Marisa at the University's Towne House Computer Center and by Larry Forsley at the University's Laboratory for Laser Energetics.

Execution Time Operation

The three structures to be described are the CASE, SEL and COND statements. Referring to the examples given in figure 1, it can be seen that each of these structure types consists of a series of one or more clauses delimited by the << and >> words, and enclosed within the appropriate structure defining words:

```
CASE ... ENDCASE
SEL ... ENDSEL
or, COND ... ENDCOND
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Each can have an optional OTHERWISE clause which is executed if none of the other clauses is executed.

These structure types differ in how a given clause is selected for execution; thus the description of each type which follows will try to elucidate their difference.

The COND structure is a more readable syntax for a series of nested IF...ELSE...THEN statements. The COND structure consists of a series of clauses with explicitly specified conditions and associated

actions which are executed if the condition is satisfied. Only the first clause whose condition is met is executed in a given execution of the structure. The integer on the top of the parameter stack is destroyed after execution. The TEST-COND definition shown in figure 1 is an example of the syntax of this structure.

The SEL structure is similar to the COND structure except that it uses an implicit test for equality to an explicitly specified integer value. Thus when the top of the parameter stack value matches that used within the SEL clause, the associated action is taken. As with the COND statement, only the first clause selected will be executed in a single pass through the structure. Additionally, the integer value tested is removed from the top of the stack after execution. An example of this structure is the TEST-SEL definition shown in figure 1.

The CASE structure is in turn similar to the SEL structure except that it uses both an implicit test for equality, and an implicit numbering of the case clauses, starting with 1 for the first clause. Thus an explicit test value does not have to be specified. In operation, for example, a value of three on the top of the parameter stack would cause execution of the third clause in a CASE statement, if it exists. Note that the CASE value on the top of the parameter stack is dropped after each pass through the structure.

Compiler Operation

The words <<, WHEN, and >> are used in common by all three types of structures; thus these words' compiling operations are dependent on the type of structure being used. This "type" information is determined by the integer on the top of the parameter stack at compile time--which is

set in turn by the words: CASE, SEL, or COND. These structure defining words each put two integer values on the stack. The next to top of the stack value is a flag value of zero which is used by the structure terminating words (ENDSEL, etc.) when they link up branch addresses. The top of stack value reflects the type of structure being used as summarized here:

- 2 COND structure
- 1 SEL structure
- >0 CASE structure; this integer is actually the value of the previous CASE clause which was compiled.

The <<, WHEN, and >> words thus analyze the top of stack value to determine what words are to be compiled into the new word's parameter list. For example, WHEN for a SEL structure compiles the words OVER = and IF into the new word's definition.

The examples of the structures in figure 1 illustrate their respective syntaxes. Figures 2 through 4 are outputs from a FORTH debugger (de-compiler) which emphasize the different compilations of <<, WHEN, and >> for each type of structure. (Note that the results of the compilation process are listed to the left, while the corresponding high level compiler words are at the right.) By studying the definitions of these structural words in figure 5 in conjunction with the examples and the debugger outputs, operation should be easily adapted to other FORTH systems.

```
OK DEBUG TEST-COND
TEST-COND LINKED TO 332D
: DEFINITION
3376 1439 DUP ----- <<
3378 0111 LIT FFFE
337C 17DB <
337E 07FD $IF 3388 ----- WHEN
3382 32B7 LESS-THAN-NEG-TWO
3384 0810 $ELSE 339A ----- >>
3388 1439 DUP ----- <<
338A 1361 2
338C 1806 >=
338E 07FD $IF 3398 ----- WHEN
3392 32CF GREATER-THAN-ONE
3394 0810 $ELSE 339A ----- >>
339B 1A6B CR
339A 13BB DROP ----- ENDCOND
339C 01C8 $;
OK
```

FIGURE 2

```
( STRUCTURE EXAMPLES - PHH - 8 22 80 )
: FIRST ;
: SECOND ;
: THIRD ;
: WHO-KNOWS? ;
: ONE ;
: NEG-THIRTY-THREE ;
: FIVE ;
: LESS-THAN-NEG-TWO ;
: GREATER-THAN-ONE ;

( STRUCTURE TESTS - CON'T - PHH - 8 22 80 )
: TEST-CASE
CASE
  << FIRST >>
  << SECOND >>
  << THIRD >>
  OTHERWISE WHO-KNOWS?
ENDCASE ;

: TEST-SEL
SEL
  << 1 WHEN ONE >>
  << -33 WHEN NEG-THIRTY-THREE >>
  << 5 WHEN FIVE >>
  OTHERWISE WHO-KNOWS?
ENDSEL ;

: TEST-COND
COND
  << -2 < WHEN LESS-THAN-NEG-TWO >>
  << 2 >= WHEN GREATER-THAN-ONE >>
  OTHERWISE CR
ENDCOND
;
```

FIGURE 1

```
OK DEBUG TEST-SEL
TEST-SEL LINKED TO 32E3
: DEFINITION
332D 07B4 1
332F 142C OVER )
3331 17BE = )----- WHEN
3333 07FD $IF 333D )
3337 327A ONE
3339 0810 $ELSE 3363 ----- >>
333D 0111 LIT FPDF
3341 142C OVER )
3343 17BE = )----- WHEN
3345 07FD $IF 334F )
3349 3292 NEG-THIRTY-THREE
334B 0810 $ELSE 3363 ----- >>
334F 0111 LIT 0005
3353 142C OVER )
3355 17BE = )----- WHEN
3357 07FD $IF 3361 )
335B 392E FIVE
335D 0810 $ELSE 3363 ----- >>
3361 326F WHO-KNOWS?
3363 13BB DROP ----- ENDSEL
3365 01C8 $;
OK
```

FIGURE 3


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OK DEBUG TEST-CASE
TEST-CASE LINKED TO J2D2
: DEFINITION
32E3 0111 LIT 0001 )
32E7 142C OVER )
32E9 17BE = )----- <<
32EB 07FD $IF 32F5 )
32EF 3242 FIRST
32F1 0810 $ELSE 331B ----- >>
32F5 0111 LIT 0002 )
32F9 142C OVER )
32FB 17BE = )----- <<
32FD 07FD $IF 3307 )
3301 3250 SECOND
3303 0810 $ELSE 331B ----- >>
3307 0111 LIT 0003 )
330B 142C OVER )
330D 17BE = )----- <<
330F 07FD $IF 3319 )
3313 325D THIR
3315 0810 $ELSE 331B ----- >>
3319 326F WHO-KNOWS?
331B 13BB DROP ----- ENDCASE
331D 01C8 $;
OK

```

FIGURE 4

```

( FORTH CONTROL STRUCTURES ) BASE @ HEX
: 'CADR WPARAM - , ;
: NOT
  IF 0 ELSE 1 THEN ;
: WHILE
  HERE ; IMP WHILE
: PERFORM
  ' DUP !CADR
  ' <R !CADR ' $IF !CADR
  HERE 0 . : IMP PERFORM
: ENDWHILE
  HERE SWAP ! ' > !CADR
  ' NOT !CADR ' $IF !CADR . ;
IMP ENDWHILE
BASE ! :S

( FORTH CONTROL STRUCTURES ) BASE @ HEX
: UNTIL ; IMP UNTIL
: CASE 0 0 ; IMP CASE
: SEL 0 -1 ; IMP SEL
: COND 0 -2 ; IMP COND ( DO CONDITIONAL BRANCH )
: >>
  ' $ELSE !CADR 0 , HERE
  SWAP ! HERE 2 - SWAP ; IMP >>
: ENDSSEL DROP ( CASE#/FLAG )
  HERE
  WHILE OVER PERFORM
  DUP ROT ! ENDWHILE
  2DROP ' DROP !CADR ;
: ENDCASE ENDSSEL ; : ENDCOND SEL :
IMP ENDSSEL IMP ENDCASE IMP ENDCOND
BASE ! :S

( FORTH CONTROL STRUCTURES ) BASE @ HEX
: WHEN
  DUP -2 =
  IF ' OVER !CADR
    ' = !CADR
  THEN
  ' $IF !CADR
  HERE 0 , ;
: << DUP 0< IF
  DUP -2 = IF ' DUP !CADR THEN ( COND )
  ELSE ' LIT !CADR 1+ DUP , WHEN THEN ;
IMP << IMP WHEN
: OTHERWISE ; IMP OTHERWISE
BASE ! ;S

```

FIGURE 5

MEETINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

9/27/80

Dave Lion announced availability of his 6800 assembler in FORTH occupying 1.5 Kbytes of 4 screens.

Tom Zimmer announced availability of his Tiny Pascal in FORTH; Ragsdale again lauded Tom's effort as a benchmark (cf., MEETING REPORT, FD vol. 11 No. 3, p. 59).

Martin Schaaf announced committee formation for specifying a FORTH machine's hardware.

Henry Laxen of ORTHOCODE Corp. made freely available a FORTH "WORDSTAR"-styled Editor and announced sale of GOING FORTH, the tutorial package on 8" disk by CREATIVE SOLUTIONS.

Eric Welch, the FORTH Programming Team Manager for FRIENDS-AMIS' pocket computer project, gave an in-depth description of his job. A philosophy of team organization and control was graphed and an iterative planning strategy delineated. Some problems encountered and solved by this management strategy included:

- wheel-reinvention, duplication and redundancy prevention
- tool development (much effort was spent on tracers, patches, simulators, target compiler, breakpoints and documentation and its maintenance)
- style adherence (readability and maintainability) in development and documentation
- programming environment (which, in FORTH, is relatively worse due to newness and inexperience)--here the solution entails the project manager's close involvement and intense team interaction
- accountability of time spent at each level of the plan

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4th Saturday FIG Monthly Meeting, 1:00 p.m., at Liberty House Department Store, Hayward, CA. FORML Workshop at 10:00 a.m.

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