#### THE CHANGING WORLD OF COBOL

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## HP GENERAL SYSTEMS

This talk will cover some of the differences between COBOL/3000 and ANSI COBOL-74 along with how HP users will be able to convert. There will also be a brief discussion of the directions the ANSI COBOL Committee is taking with the next version of the COBOL Standard.

#### NEW FEATURES IN COBOL-74

- 1. Indexed I/O
- 2. Relative I/O
- 3. Enhanced SORT/MERGE Facility
- 4. File Status
- 5. STRING/UNSTRING
- 6. Multiple COPYLIB Files

#### CONVERSION CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Conversion Guide/Program
- 2. FIPS Pub 43
- 3. New Reserved Words
- 4. EXAMINE vs. INSPECT
- 5. Microcode Support
- 6. COPYLIB Editor
- 7. REMARKS/NOTE Paragraphs deleted

## COBOL-80 DIRECTIONS (NOT FINAL)

#### I. NEW FEATURES

- A. CODASYL Data Base Facility
- B. Reference Modification
- C. 48 Levels of Subscripting D. USAGE BIT

## II. FEATURES TO BE PHASED OUT OR DELETED

- A. 77 & 66 Level Data items
  B. LABEL RECORDS Clause/VALUE OF Clause
- C. ADD/SUBTRACT CORRESPONDING
- D. ALTER Statement
- E. PICTURE Character A
- F. Most IDENTIFICATION DIVISION Paragraphs
- G. File related clauses moved
- H. INSPECT TALLYING. . . REPLACING

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- NEW FEATURES IN COBOL-74
- CONVERSION CONSIDERATIONS
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## **NEW FEATURES**

- INDEXED I/O
- RELATIVE I/O
- ENHANCED SORT/MERGE FACILITY
- FILE STATUS
- STRING/UNSTRING
- MULTIPLE COYPLIB FILES

## SORT STATEMENT

## MERGE STATEMENT

## STRING STATEMENT

## UNSTRING STATEMENT

## CONVERSION CONSIDERATIONS

- CONVERSION GUIDE/PROGRAM
- FIPS PUB 43
- NEW RESERVED WORDS
- EXAMINE/INSPECT
- MICROCODE SUPPORT
- COPYLIB EDITOR
- REMARKS/NOTE PARAGRAPH



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## AIDS FOR COBOL PROGRAM CONVERSION (FIPS PUB 21 to FIPS PUB 21-1)

CATEGORY: SOFTWARE

SUBCATEGORY: PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

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The following Reserved Words have been added to ANSI COBOL in the 1974 standard:

ALSO LENGTH BOTTOM LINAGE

CANCEL LINAGE-COUNTER
CD MERGE
CHARACTER MESSAGE
CODE-SET NATIVE

CODE-SET

COLLATING

COMMUNICATION

COUNT

DATE

DAY

DEBUG-CONTENTS

NATIVE

ORGANIZATION

OVERFLOW

POINTER

PRINTING

PROCEDURES

QUEUE

DEBUG-ITEM RECEIVE DEBUG-LINE REFERENCES DEBUG-NAME RELATIVE DEBUG-SUB-1 REMOVAL DEBUG-SUB-2 REWRITE DEBUG-SUB-3 SEGMENT DEBUGGING SEND DELETE SEPARATE DELIMITED **SEQUENCE** DELIMITER SORT-MERGE DESTINATION STANDARD-1 DISABLE **START** DUPLICATES STRING DYNAMIC SUB-QUEUE-1

EGI SUB-OUEUE-2 **EMI** SUB-QUEUE-3 ENABLE SUPPRESS END-OF-PAGE SYMBOLIC E<sub>O</sub>P TABLE ESI **TERMINAL EXCEPTION** TEXT **EXTEND** TIME INITIAL TRAILING **INSPECT** UNSTRING

The following words are tentatively planned for HP extensions to COBOL at a future date. This list is subject to change.

INTRINSIC
LABELS
NOLIST
SEQ
SWO
SWl
SW2
SW3
SW4
SW5
SW6
SW7
SW8
SW9
UN-EXCLUSIVE
VOL
WHEN-COMPILED

## EXAMINE STATEMENT

## **EXAMINE** IDENTIFIER

#### INSPECT STATEMENT

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#### Format 1

#### INSPECT identifier-1 TALLYING

$$\left\{ \text{, identifier-2 } \frac{\text{FOR}}{\text{CHARACTERS}} \left\{ \text{, } \left\{ \frac{\text{ALL}}{\text{LEADING}} \right\} \left\{ \text{identifier-3} \right\} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\text{BEFORE}}{\text{AFTER}} \right\} \right] \text{ INITIAL } \left\{ \text{identifier-4} \right\} \right] \right\} \dots \right\}$$

#### Format 2

### INSPECT identifier-1 REPLACING

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{CHARACTERS}} \ \underline{\text{BY}} & \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{identifier-6} \\ \text{literal-4} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{BEFORE}} \\ \underline{\text{AFTER}} \end{array} \right] \ \text{INITIAL} \ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{identifier-7} \\ \text{literal-5} \end{array} \right] \right] \\ \left\{ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{ALL}} \\ \underline{\text{LEADING}} \\ \underline{\text{FIRST}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{identifier-6} \\ \text{literal-3} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{BEFORE}} \\ \text{literal-4} \end{array} \right\} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \underline{\text{BEFORE}} \\ \underline{\text{AFTER}} \end{array} \right\} \ \text{INITIAL} \ \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{identifier-7} \\ \text{literal-5} \end{array} \right\} \right\} \right\} \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

#### Format 3

#### INSPECT identifier-1 TALLYING

$$\left\{ \text{. identifier-2 } \underbrace{\text{FOR}}_{\text{CHARACTERS}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underbrace{\left\{ \underbrace{\text{ALL}}{\text{LEADING}} \right\}}_{\text{CHARACTERS}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-3} \\ \text{literal-1} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{\text{BEFORE}}{\text{AFTER}}} \right\} \quad \text{INITIAL} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{identifier-4} \\ \text{literal-2} \end{array} \right\} \right] \right\} \dots \right\}$$

#### REPLACING

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{\text{CHARACTERS BY}}{\text{CHARACTERS BY}} & \begin{cases} \frac{\text{identifier-6}}{\text{literal-4}} \end{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{\text{BEFORE}}{\text{AFTER}} \right\} & \text{INITIAL} \\ \frac{\text{ALL}}{\text{literal-5}} \end{bmatrix} \\
\begin{cases}
\frac{\text{ALL}}{\text{LEADING}} \\ \frac{\text{LEADING}}{\text{FIRST}} \end{cases} & \begin{cases} \frac{\text{identifier-5}}{\text{literal-3}} \end{cases} & \frac{\text{BY}}{\text{literal-4}} & \begin{cases} \frac{\text{BEFORE}}{\text{AFTER}} \\ \frac{\text{AFTER}}{\text{literal-5}} \end{cases} & \text{INITIAL} & \begin{cases} \frac{\text{identifier-7}}{\text{literal-5}} \end{cases} \end{bmatrix} \\
\vdots \\
\end{cases}$$

## NEW FEATURES FOR COBOL-80

- CODASYL DATA BASE FACILITY
- REFERENCE MODIFICATION
- 48-LEVEL SUBSCRIPTING
- USAGE BIT

## FEATURES TO BE PHASED OUT IN COBOL-80

- 77 AND 66 LEVEL DATA ITEMS
- LABEL RECORDS CLAUSE/VALUE OF CLAUSE
- ADD/SUBTRACT CORRESPONDING
- ALTER STATEMENT
- PICTURE CHARACTER "A"
- MOST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION PARAGRAPHS
- FILE RELATED CLAUSES MOVED BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND DATA DIVISIONS
- INSPECT TALLYING. . . REPLACING