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## **for the TRS-80** **Model II & III**

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To my family and my past,  
present, and future students





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# Preface

This introductory book is intended for students in a classroom setting. Unlike most programming texts, the objective of this book is to introduce the BASIC language through business problems rather than introducing the language and then solving problems. The business problems start at a simple level and are expanded to become more complex as you proceed through the book. All examples, exercises, and problems deal with business—payroll, inventory, customer statements, salesmen's commissions, etc. This book was written with an assumption that the reader has some basic knowledge of business transactions. A mathematics background is *not* required.

After teaching courses in Management Information Systems (MIS) for many years to Business School students, it became clear that most programming texts fail to give the student the necessary background. MIS requires a fundamental background in files. This material is usually taught last, if at all, in a programming course. Files are used extensively in this book (starting in Chapter 4). All business applications use files, and the file instructions for the TRS-80 are different from those for other computers. This book was written specifically for the Model II and Model III. Where deviations occur between the two models, they are highlighted in the text. One of the major differences between the two TRS-80 models is the size of the screen. The Model III will display 64 characters to a line, while the Model II will display 80 characters. As a result, all programs in the book use 64 characters to a line. Since all programs deal with business, all outputs were produced on a line printer although the programs will indicate a print to the screen.

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# 1 / Introduction

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Understand the importance and impact of computer usage
- Sign-on and sign-off the TRS-80 computer
- Understand how the TRS-80 reacts to system commands

Performance  
Objectives

Everyone living in the United States today is affected by computers. The federal government uses computers in almost all of its departments. The Social Security Administration and the Internal Revenue Service are highly computerized. State and local governments use computers for tax collections and assessments. Businesses and utilities use computers for customer billing. Banks and other financial organizations use computers to handle customer accounts. Hospitals use computers for hospital administration and patient billing. Unless you live as a hermit in a cave, you are affected everyday in some way by computers.

The computer revolution is approximately thirty years old. Since 1946 when the ENIAC (the first electronic digital computer) began operating, the changes that computers have wrought have been prodigious. All areas of our society have been, and are being, touched by computers. From the time we read the morning newspaper (typeset by computer) until we go to sleep watching television (computer allocated programs), we are constantly using computers either directly or indirectly.

THE IMPACT OF  
COMPUTERS  
ON SOCIETY

The effect of the Computer Revolution can be compared to the Industrial Revolution, which also radically changed society. Both revolutions changed work and leisure activities. With respect to work, no occupations were left untouched by the Industrial Revolution, except artisan crafts (sculptors, painters, etc.). Now, approximately two hundred years after the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, there are no coopers (barrel makers), wainwrights (horse drivers), millers (flour makers) or weavers (cloth makers) in the old sense of those occupations. The products or services are still supplied, but the methods of production have been radically altered. Work hours at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution were dawn to dusk, six days a week, leaving limited time for leisure activities. Now leisure is available during long weekends and after working hours. The impact of the Industrial Revolution may aid us in imagining the breadth of changes that will result from the computer revolution.

Initially, the few digital computers available were used for numerical calculations (“number crunching”) by an elite group of mathematicians, engineers and scientists. Since then, radical changes in the cost, design, and use of computers have occurred. Today, computers are no longer the exclusive tool of mathematicians and scientists. More computers are used in businesses, such as insurance, banking, retailing, utilities, manufacturing and hospitals, than are used in scientific organizations. Almost daily, television and newspapers report new uses of computers. The computer has taken the

drudgery out of calculating and printing bills, invoices, paychecks and other record-keeping tasks, freeing people from many of the routine tasks of adding numbers together. With the shift of paperwork from people to computers, some significant implications have become apparent. For society the use of computers is considered by some people to be a mixed blessing. But blaming the computer for human failings is an error. The computer itself is a tool. It is simply a new technology and this technology will be used as society chooses. The first quarter century of the computer revolution has brought us

- Computer controlled air-defense and air traffic control systems
- The landing of men on the moon
- Large scale and inexpensive use of checking accounts
- Credit cards
- Integrated reservation systems for travel
- Computerized hospitals
- A new field of employment (data processing)
- Management Information Systems

But so far we can barely envision what the second quarter century will bring.

#### Impact of Computers on Management

The first computer dedicated to business applications was installed in 1954. Since that time business applications have become more sophisticated. Applications at first consisted of simple clerical functions: preparation of payroll, financial statements, and other bookkeeping tasks. Thousands of clerical jobs were replaced by computers. The computer could do these routine tasks faster, cheaper, and more accurately.

The next major step was the use of computers to make simple decisions, e.g., ordering to restock inventory when a low level has been reached. At the present time, computers are the tools used to implement Management Information Systems (MIS). Management Information Systems transcend routine business applications because attention is focused upon providing management with the proper information for decision making. In many organizations, it is common to see computer terminals in the offices of the president and other senior executives. And MIS will become more common in organizations as computers become less expensive and easier to use. The manager of the future will need some familiarity with computers in order to make use of the great potential of MIS.

#### WHY USE BASIC?

BASIC (Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) is a computer language. It was chosen for this text for numerous reasons. The first and most significant reason is that it is the simplest computer language that is widely available. The second reason is that the time required to learn BASIC is the shortest of all the common languages. Additionally, the extensions and enhancements made to BASIC have added power to the language, making BASIC comparable to other, more difficult languages.

A final reason for learning BASIC is that almost all of the manufacturers and vendors of microcomputers and minicomputers provide BASIC for their machines and systems; and these smaller computers are the fastest growing segment of the computer market. Radio Shack alone has sold over 250,000 TRS-80 microcomputers; and every one of these small computers used BASIC for its higher-level language. Computers of this type are used by the hobbyist as well as by the largest organization.

This text is written with an assumption that the student has some basic knowledge of business transactions such as payroll, invoicing, and customer statements. It is also helpful if the student has the ability to think logically. The computer is not affected by emotions. If the student is a disciple of Marshall McLuhan, beware: The computer is not!

It is *not* important, however, that you possess a mathematical background in order to learn BASIC. (A mathematical background, however, will not penalize a student.) On the basis of the successful completion of this text alone, the reader will probably *not* be able to find employment as a computer programmer or technician; but the student will understand the fundamentals of programming and be able to write programs of reasonable complexity.

In business, one usually wishes to computerize a manual system or function. It is important to understand how the manual system operates in order to successfully perform this function on a computer. Throughout this text, the major example will be the payroll function. It will serve as a vehicle for the introduction of programming (instructing the computer to perform a function, in this case payroll). A payroll system consists of the collection and manipulation of data to pay people for their time spent working. An hourly payroll system will be analyzed and programmed.

The first step in computerizing a payroll is an analysis of the system and a clear definition of the system: The Silpar Company, Inc., has approximately 14 hourly employees used in the fabrication and assembly of computer components. All hourly wages are computed on the basis of hourly rate multiplied by the regular hours worked, plus time-and-a-half for overtime. The normal work week is 40 hours with one paid hour per day for lunch and coffee breaks. An employee may work a maximum of 20 overtime hours per week, if work is available. The payroll system should produce weekly paychecks and the necessary reports for tax and auditing purposes.

It should be obvious that all of the analysis and definition of the computerized payroll system has not been performed in the preceding paragraph. However, enough has been stated to begin the computerization of the payroll system. The first step consists of identifying the data necessary to produce all of the output (paychecks and reports). An examination of the manual system data will provide the answers to our first step.

In the manual system, each employee has a record that contains infor-

Prerequisites

HOW TO USE  
A COMPUTER



mation such as employee number, social security number, address, marital status, number of dependents, hourly wages, wage payments made during the last year, federal income taxes withheld, FICA (Social Security) and other miscellaneous data. Each week, time cards are used to accumulate the regular and overtime hours worked by each employee. At the end of a pay period (weekly), the time cards are signed by the employee's supervisor and sent to the payroll department for processing. The payroll department computes the employee's pay for the week, the required deductions, issues a check for the employee's net pay (gross pay minus deductions), enters this information into the employee's record, and prepares a payroll register. A payroll register is a listing of the amounts paid to all employees, all deductions subtracted from their pay, and totals for all amounts.

In computerizing the payroll function or any other business application, it is very important to understand that files are used exactly as in the manual system. In the payroll, two files are used. The first is the employee *master file*; it consists of the *records* of all the employees. Each employee record contains data in *fields*. The fields are: employee number, name, hourly rate, etc. It is important to note that all records in one file must contain the same fields in the same order. Also, fields may contain data that is numeric, alphabetic, or both alphabetic and numeric (alphanumeric). The second file is the *time file*; it consists of a record for each employee and contains as fields the regular and overtime hours worked. With these two files and the appropriate program, a payroll register will be produced in Chapter 8.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE TRS-80 Sometime in the not too distant future, we may communicate with computers by simply talking. In many science fiction films this is already the case. Unfortunately, technology has not taken us that far yet. As a consequence, we have to communicate with a computer through some sort of mechanical device. The common name for this device is a keyboard. One important feature is that a keyboard is similar to a typewriter keyboard.

The keyboard allows us to communicate with the TRS-80. It takes the information that we transmit by pressing on the keys and transforms it into electronic signals that can be understood by the computer. Conversely, when the TRS-80 communicates with us, the terminal transforms the electronic signals from the computer into characters printed on paper or displayed on a video screen. A short way of referring to the screen is by the initials CRT, which stands for cathode ray tube. The way messages are written on a CRT is similar to the way pictures appear on a TV screen. (A television picture tube is a CRT, but no one calls it that, except technicians.) In the TRS-80 the computer is housed in the same enclosure as the keyboard.

You should not be timid about using the TRS-80: The important thing to remember is that *you cannot damage* a computer or do any harm to it by typing *anything* on the keyboard. The only way you can cause any damage is by banging on the keyboard or spilling coffee on it. *You may type anything* on the keyboard and *not harm* or "break" the computer system. Simi-

larly, neither the keyboard nor the computer can harm the user in any physical manner.

Every time you wish to use the TRS-80, there is a procedure that you must follow. This procedure is called a *sign-on*. Silly as it may sound, your first step, after sitting at the TRS-80, is to make sure it is on. There are two different sign-on procedures depending upon whether you have a Model III or a Model II.

## Sign-On Procedure

### *For the Model III*

Once the TRS-80 is on, and all diskette units and printers are turned on, insert a TRSDOS system diskette in the disk unit. If you have two diskette drives, use the bottom one. The diskette label is on the top, and the oval hole is to the rear for insertion of the diskette. (See Appendix E for a description of the TRSDOS system diskette and the Format and Backup procedures.) Close the diskette door, and press the orange button. Messages are displayed on the screen, and you are asked to enter the date in this format—MM/DD/YY. (*Example:* September 1, 1981, would be typed in as 09/01/81.) After typing the date, press “ENTER”. You are then asked for the time in this format—HH.MM.SS. You do not have to enter the time. You may simply press “ENTER”. The message TRSDOS Ready will appear on the screen. Type BASIC, and press “ENTER”. The question “HOW MANY FILES?” will appear on the screen. Press “ENTER”. Next the question “MEMORY SIZE?” will appear on the screen. Press “ENTER”. The TRS-80 will respond with Ready and a “prompt” character (>) on the next line. This tells you that the TRS-80 is ready for you to enter your program. The computer is prompting you to begin.

The “ENTER” key serves the same function as a carriage return key on a typewriter. When you finish typing a line on a typewriter, you press it. On the TRS-80, when you press “ENTER”, you have told the computer that you are at the end of a line. The TRS-80 will then respond with a prompt character (>) or a message on the next line.

To recap:

1. Turn the power switch on.
2. Insert a diskette in the bottom drive.
3. Close the diskette drive door.
4. Push the orange button.
5. Type the date MM/DD/YY when requested. Press “ENTER”.
6. Type the time HH.MM.SS. and press “ENTER”, or just press “ENTER”.
7. Type BASIC. Press “ENTER”.

8. HOW MANY FILES? Press "ENTER".
9. MEMORY SIZE? Press "ENTER".

*For the Model II*

Once the TRS-80 is on, and all diskette units and printers are turned on, insert a TRSDOS system diskette in the drive—label to the right. (See Appendix E for a description of the TRSDOS system diskette and the Format and Backup procedures.) When the diskette is properly inserted, you will hear a click. Close the diskette drive door. Messages are displayed on the screen and you are asked to enter the date. Type in the date in this format—MM/DD/YYYY. (*Example:* September 1, 1981, would be typed in as 09/01/1981.) After typing in the date, press "ENTER". You are then asked for the time in this format—HH.MM.SS. You do not have to enter the time. You may simply press "ENTER". The message TRSDOS Ready will appear on the screen. Press the key "CAPS", type BASIC, and press "ENTER". The TRS-80 will respond with READY and a "prompt" character (>) on the next line. This tells you that the TRS-80 is ready for you to enter your program. The computer is prompting you to begin.

The "ENTER" key serves the same function as a carriage return key on a typewriter. When you finish typing a line on a typewriter, you press it. On the TRS-80, when you press "ENTER", you have told the computer that you are at the end of a line. The TRS-80 will then respond with a prompt character (>) or a message.

To recap:

1. Turn the power switch on. Turn on all diskette units and printers.
2. Insert a diskette in the disk drive and close the door.
3. Type the date MM/DD/YYYY when requested. Press "ENTER".
4. Type the time HH.MM.SS. and press "ENTER", or just press "ENTER".
5. Press "CAPS". Type BASIC. Press "ENTER".

Sign-Off  
Procedure

When you have finished with the TRS-80, the following procedure should be used.

*For the Model III*

Type CMD"3 and press "ENTER".

The TRS-80 will respond with the message TRSDOS Ready. Then remove the diskette from the drive after the drive light goes out. Turn the power switch off.

*For the Model II*

Type SYSTEM and press "ENTER". The TRS-80 responds with TRSDOS Ready. Open the diskette drive door and remove your diskette. Then turn the power switch to the off position. Always remove your diskette before turning the power off!

In order to write programs (instructions understood by the computer), the sign-on procedure must be used. The program in BASIC is entered through the terminal after the prompt character, line by line. Programming  
in BASIC

The greatest problem that people have when first using a computer is that they forget to press the "ENTER" key after entering something on a line. The result is that nothing happens! The "ENTER" *must* be pressed to indicate the end of your message to the computer. Until it is pressed, the computer assumes that you have not finished whatever you are trying to tell it!



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## 2 / Performing Simple Calculations

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Write a program that will do simple calculations
- Enter a program into the computer and use simple BASIC commands (NEW, SAVE, LIST, RUN)
- Use BASIC instructions for data manipulation and calculations (assignment to data fields, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, output of results, end of program)
- Retrieve and modify an existing program using a BASIC command (LOAD)
- Obtain a list of programs stored on a diskette

Performance  
Objectives

The first uses of computers were computational. The power of the computer was used to perform engineering and scientific calculations. In business there are many instances where calculations have to be performed. Computers can perform these calculations very quickly. In this chapter we will show you how to program the computer to perform calculations and how to display the results of these calculations.

The first problem deals with payroll calculations. Starting with elementary calculations, this problem will be expanded to include more and more realistic elements. For the very first problem you are given the hourly rate and the number of hours worked. You are asked to calculate the gross pay for an employee.

WRITING A  
PROGRAM

One way of showing what a program does is to diagram the general steps of a program. Such a diagram shows the order in which the various steps are performed. Conceptually the execution of a program flows from one instruction to another; hence, the name flowchart. Flowcharts are used throughout this book to illustrate the structure of programs. For simple programs a flowchart may not be necessary; however, for complex programs flowcharts are very helpful. The symbols used in program flowcharting are explained here.

Flowcharting  
The Logic of  
a Program



The rectangle is used to describe all processing performed by a computer. The arrow shows the direction of flow in the flowchart. In general the flow is top to bottom and left to right on a page.



The diamond is used to indicate a decision point where the flow may go in one of two directions depending on the condition in the diamond. The parallelogram is used to indicate input of data to the computer or output



of information from the computer. The oval is used for the beginning or end of the program.




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### Problem Summary

#### *Input*

Hourly rate: \$3.00

Number of hours worked: 40

#### *Processing*

Multiply hourly rate times hours worked, giving gross pay.

#### *Output*

Gross pay

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The paycheck calculation program has to perform the following steps:

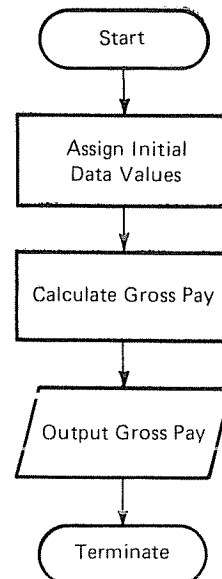
1. Assign values to data fields.
2. Calculate the gross pay.
3. Output the gross pay amount.
4. End the program.

The flowchart and a BASIC computer program to perform these four steps is shown below:

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END

```



This program consists of seven lines. Each line starts with a number. This number, also called the statement number, is important because it tells the computer the sequence in which this program should be performed. The statement with the lowest number will be performed first, then the statement with the next lowest number, and so on until the end of the program is reached.

In this example the statement numbers go from 10 to 32767. However, any other sequence of numbers that keeps the same order could have been used. As long as the order of the lines is not changed, the lines could have been numbered from 10 to 16. These line numbers would have the same effect as the present numbers in the example program. Each line of the program is now explained:

The first line, 10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY, serves the programmer and not the computer. In fact, all "REM" statements are ignored by the computer. REM is short for remark. It is used to insert comments in a program as an aid to understanding the logic of the program.

The second line, 100 LET R = 3.00, states that the value 3.00 (the hourly rate of \$3.00) is assigned to the field called R (for rate). The programmer identifies these fields by giving each a name. In BASIC, field names consist of one letter, or a letter followed by a single-digit number or two letters. Following are examples of field names with explanations of their validity.

| <i>Example</i> | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|----------------|---|
| A              | Valid field name; one letter  |
| AA             | Valid field name; two letters   |
| A1             | Valid field name; one letter followed by single-digit number  |
| B2             | Valid; one letter and one digit   |
| 2B             | Invalid; the first character has to be a letter   |
| O0             | Valid; letter "O" followed by zero "0" ( <i>but not recommended since it is hard to see the difference</i> )                      |
| I1             | Valid; letter "I" followed by number "1" ( <i>also not recommended since it may be difficult to distinguish between I and 1</i> ) |

The third line, 110 LET H = 40, sets the value of H (H stands for hours worked) to 40. It is good practice to use field names that will help you to remember what is in that field. Such descriptive names are called mnemonic—memory aids. Of course, with only one letter, two letters, or a letter followed by a number, BASIC is limited in mnemonic capability.

The fourth line, 120 LET P = R \* H, performs the calculations for gross

pay. First the hourly rate (R) is multiplied by the number of hours worked (H). Then the result of this multiplication is placed in the field P. The star (\*) between R and H means multiply. Other arithmetic operations are + (plus) for addition, - (minus) for subtraction, / (slash) for division. A final arithmetic operation—raising to a power—shows as [ on the screen when you press the upward arrow (↑) on the Model III. On the Model II, pressing the shift key and the 6 shows as a caret (^) on the screen. Parentheses may be used to separate parts of an arithmetic statement.

The next line, 130 PRINT P, tells the system to display the value of field P. Whatever number has been placed into the field called P, will be written on the screen.

The last two lines are used to terminate the program. The STOP tells the TRS-80 that the processing is finished. This statement will result in a message after your program has run that will tell you that the program has finished as you intended. The END, which is the last statement of any program, is optional on the TRS-80. If you use other computers with the BASIC language, it is absolutely necessary, and its omission will result in an error. The END instruction is used in all programs in this book. Since it is the last instruction of a program, it will have the statement number 32767; 32767 is the highest line number available on the Model II.

## RUNNING THE PROGRAM

The next step in the problem-solving process is the entry of the program into the TRS-80. First, sign-on the system using the procedure from the previous chapter. Once you are on, then type

NEW

Don't forget the "ENTER"! The command NEW tells the system that a new BASIC program will be entered. The computer is now ready to accept the program and responds with Ready and on the next line a > is printed. At this time, type the program, one line at a time, ending each line with "ENTER". The program that you enter will be held in the TRS-80 memory.

The memory is where anything typed from the keyboard is stored. When the TRS-80 is turned off, all information stored in memory is wiped clean. Think about the memory as a blackboard that is wiped clean when you sign off.

```
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END
```

If a mistake is made in typing a line, the mistake can be corrected by pressing "ENTER" and retyping the line. To erase a single character, use the backward arrow key (←) (Model III), or the "BACKSPACE" key (Model

II). Do not worry, mistakes will occur; to err is human. Merely retype the line correctly.

When the program has been entered into the TRS-80, type

### SAVE "PAY"

This command places a copy of the program onto the diskette and stores it there under the program name (PAY). You can use up to 8 characters for a program name. The first character must be alphabetic. The program itself is also still in the memory (only a copy of the program exists on the diskette). If you did not SAVE "PAY", and turn the TRS-80 off, you would have to retype the program. To see what is in the memory type

### LIST

This command will display the program in memory. Each line of the program is written on the screen. The command permits you to check that the program was entered correctly. Errors can be corrected by retyping incorrect lines. When a new line is typed with an old line number, the new line wipes out the old line and takes its place in the program sequence. To tell the computer to do what the program says (i.e., to execute or run the program) type the word

### RUN

If you type RUN and the screen displays the message:

```
Syntax Error in 130
Ready
130
```

this means that you have made a typing error in line 130. Press "ENTER", and the screen will display the incorrect line and the prompt character (>) on the next line. Retype the line, press "ENTER", and, on the next line after the prompt character, type RUN. Then press "ENTER". Syntax errors consist of typing BASIC instructions wrong. For example, if you typed 130 PRNT P you would get an error message when you try to run the program. Syntax errors are called "dumb errors". The computer will catch these. If you typed 100 LET R = 300, the computer would not catch that type of error.

```
NEW
Ready
>
>10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
>100 LET R=3.00
>110 LET H=40
```

```
>120 LET P=H*R
>130 PRINT P
>140 STOP
>32767 END
>
>SAVE "PAY"
Ready
>
>LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=H*R
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END
Ready
>
>RUN
 120
Break in 140
Ready
>
```

Notice that the last line BREAK IN 140 is a result of the STOP. All programs, when run, will give this message. The line number will correspond to the line number of the STOP. As you proceed through the book, programs become more complex, and it is important to know if your program ran to completion. The message "BREAK IN \_\_\_\_\_" tells us that the program finished as it should.

Since the terminal session is now complete, sign-off.

When looking at the process that has occurred, some elements become apparent. First the problem has to be precisely specified. In this case the specification included a definition of starting values, hourly rate and hours worked; a statement of the desired output, gross pay; and a statement of how to get the output from the given inputs—multiply hourly rate by hours worked to get gross pay. Second, a program has to be written to perform the actions required to solve the problem. Third, the computer performs the instructions, one at a time in line number sequence. The BASIC instructions that tell the computer what to do were:

- The LET statement, which assigns a value to a field
- The PRINT statement, which displays the value of a field
- The STOP statement, which tells the computer to stop executing
- The END statement, which indicates the end of the program

These are all statements in the BASIC language. Furthermore, to work with a program, these BASIC commands were used:

NEW To tell the system that a new program will be input from the keyboard

SAVE To tell the system to keep a copy of the program on the diskette

LIST To display the program currently in the memory

RUN To tell the TRS-80 to perform (execute) the program

BASIC commands do not have line numbers; BASIC instructions (statements) must have line numbers. Only after the last command (RUN) is entered does the computer actually perform (execute) the instructions of a program.

Invoice Example: This example deals with invoice calculations. Initial data are the number of units sold and the price per unit for an item. The output desired is the dollar amount of the invoice. Examples

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#### Problem Summary

##### Input

Number of units sold: 50  
Price per unit: \$15

##### Processing

Multiply number of units sold by price per unit, giving dollar amount of invoice.

##### Output

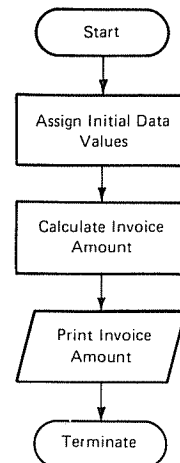
Dollar amount of invoice

---

```

NEW
READY
>10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES INVOICE AMOUNT
>100 LET U=50
>110 LET P=15
>120 LET D=U*P
>130 PRINT D
>140 STOP
>32767 END
>
>SAVE "INVCE"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES INVOICE AMOUNT
100 LET U=50
110 LET P=15
120 LET D=U*P

```



```
130 PRINT D
140 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
 750
Break in 140
```

Inventory Example: This problem asks for the calculation of ending inventory. The number of units in beginning inventory, the number of units received into inventory and the number of units released from inventory are given.

---

Problem Summary

*Input*

Number of units in beginning inventory: 120  
Number of units received into inventory: 40  
Number of units released from inventory: 45

*Processing*

Add number of units received to inventory; then subtract number of units released, giving ending inventory.

*Output*

Number of units in ending inventory

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```
NEW
Ready
>
>10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES ENDING INVENTORY
>100 LET B=120
>110 LET R1=40
>120 LET R2=45
>130 LET E=B+R1-R2
>140 PRINT E
>150 STOP
>32767 END
\
>SAVE "INVTY"
Ready
>
>RUN
 115
Break in 150
```





Account Balance Exercise: Retail merchants have to update customer accounts. The update consists of adding new charges to an account balance and subtracting customer payments from an account balance. Write a program that will perform these tasks to arrive at an ending balance for the customer.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

Starting balance: \$60  
 Customer payments: \$60  
 New charges: \$45

*Processing*

Subtract customer payments from starting balance; then add customer charges to balance, giving ending balance.

*Output*

Ending balance

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Program:

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Run your program and check your ending balance with the following ending balance:

```
RUN
45
Break in 150
```

## MODIFYING THE PROGRAM

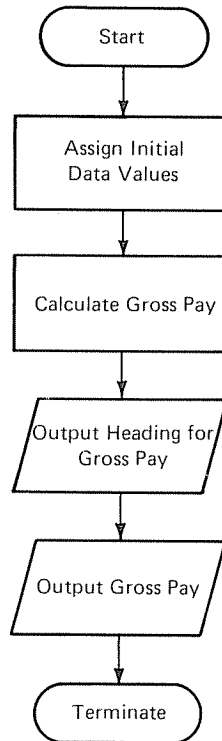
To change a program that has already been written requires the use of some new BASIC commands. For the payroll example, a modification is in order, if the problem is changed.

Assume that the output requirement is changed so that the words "GROSS PAY" as well as the amount of gross pay are displayed. This change requires that the print statement in the program be expanded for the output of alphabetic information. Printing alphabetic information is easy: Simply type "PRINT" followed by the alphabetic information enclosed in quotation marks as illustrated in line 125 below. Each PRINT causes one line of output. Therefore to display a line with "GROSS PAY", followed by a line with the amount of gross pay, the new program would look as follows:

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
125 PRINT "GROSS PAY"
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END

```



This new program has an extra line. To add this line to the existing program, it will be necessary to get the old program, and make the addition. This modification involves a series of steps.

First, sign-on the system. Next to get a copy of the program from the diskette, type

**LOAD "PAY"**

This command will copy your SAVED program (PAY) from your diskette to memory where you may modify or RUN it.

If you cannot remember the program name, type

CMD "D:O" (Model III)  
SYSTEM "DIR" (Model II)

This command gives a list of the program names on the diskette. It stands for diskette directory.

After PAY is in memory, the new line can be inserted into the program. Type the additional line

125 PRINT "GROSS PAY"

The system will place the line in the proper sequence automatically. In order to provide space for program modifications, the line numbers were initially picked so that there was room for the insertion of additional lines. If the line numbers in the original program had run from 10 to 16, then no open space for program modifications would have been available. To place a copy of the modified program on your diskette the command

SAVE "PAY1"

will have to be used.

After saving the modified program, LIST it; then RUN it. Following is the sequence that performs these tasks.

```
LOAD "PAY"
READY
>
>125 PRINT "GROSS PAY"
>
>SAVE "PAY1"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
125 PRINT "GROSS PAY"
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
GROSS PAY
  120
Break in 140
```

Review of  
Problem  
Modification  
Procedure

The problem modification procedure starts with a change in one of the problem specifications, either a change in initial data, or in the processing requirement, or in the desired output. In this example, the output was changed to include alphabetic information. Then the required changes are identified in the written program.

Next, on the TRS-80, the old program is retrieved from the diskette and placed in memory. The new line is added to the program. The program is renamed and saved. The changed program is then listed and executed.

Invoice Example: In this problem we want to have a heading for the invoice dollar amount. The remaining problem specifications are unchanged. The procedure for making this modification is given as follows:

Examples

```

LOAD "INVCE"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES INVOICE AMOUNT
100 LET U=50
110 LET P=15
120 LET D=U*P
130 PRINT D
140 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>125 PRINT "INVOICE AMOUNT"
>
>SAVE "INVCE2"
READY
>
>RUN
INVOICE AMOUNT
  750
Break in 140

```

Sales Tax Example: Many states and municipalities require that a sales tax be added to the purchase price of an item. The initial data for this problem are a dollar amount of taxable sales and the tax rate. The desired output is the total amount of the sale that the customer has to pay.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Dollar amount of sale: \$10.00  
Tax rate: 4%

##### *Processing*

Multiply tax rate by dollar amount to get taxes. Add taxes to dollar amount, giving total amount of sale.

##### *Output*

Total sale

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```

NEW
Ready
>
>10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES THE TOTAL SALE

```

```
>100 LET S=10.00
>110 LET R=.04
>120 LET T=S*R
>130 LET A=S+T
>140 PRINT A
>150 STOP
>32767 END
>
>SAVE "TAX"
Ready
>
>RUN
  10.4
Break in 150
```

It now becomes desirable to have additional output. Customers would like to see the tax separate from the total. Therefore, the desired output has been changed to include printing of the sales amount and of the tax.

```
LOAD "TAX"
READY
>
>135 PRINT S
>137 PRINT T
>
>SAVE "TAX"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES THE TOTAL SALE
100 LET S=10.00
110 LET R=.04
120 LET T=S*R
130 LET A=S+T
135 PRINT S
137 PRINT T
140 PRINT A
150 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
  10
  .4
  10.4
Break in 150
```

#### Exercises

Account Balance Exercise: Change the account balance problem so that the title "ENDING BALANCE" will appear as part of the output. Your output should look similar to the output shown below:

```
RUN
ENDING BALANCE
45
Break in 150
```

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Sales Tax Exercise: Change the sales tax problem to calculate the total sales amount for a tax rate of 5%. The title "TOTAL SALE" should appear in the output. You can check your results with the output shown below.

```
RUN
TOTAL SALE
10.5
Break in 150
```

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PRINTING  
MANY VALUES  
ON A LINE

The PRINT instruction has already been used to display the value of one field as well as to display alphabetic information. This PRINT statement can also be used to output many field values. To output many fields with one PRINT statement, the fields are separated by commas. This capability is illustrated by taking the initial payroll example and changing the desired output to a display of the hours worked and the hourly rate in addition to the output of gross pay.

---

Problem Summary

*Input*

Hourly rate: \$3.00  
Hours worked: 40

*Processing*

Multiply hours worked by hourly rate, giving gross pay.

*Output*

Hourly rate, hours worked, and gross pay

---

This change would alter line 130 of the Pay program to

130 PRINT R, H, P

To make this change in the program, the required sequence of steps is:

1. Sign-on.
2. Get the old program (LOAD "PAY").
3. List the old program (LIST).
4. Type the new line (130 PRINT R, H, P).
5. Save the program (SAVE "PAY2").
6. List the program (LIST).
7. Execute the program (RUN).
8. Sign-off.

This sequence of steps would produce the following output.

```
LOAD "PAY"  
READY  
>  
>LIST  
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
```

```

100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
130 PRINT P
140 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>130 PRINT R,H,P
>
>SAVE "PAY2"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
130 PRINT R,H,P
140 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
   3                40                120
Break in 140

```

Notice that with the new PRINT instructions, three numbers are printed on a line. Each of these field values starts at a column position that has been built into the system. The prespecified column positions are called zones and are 16 characters long. For the Model III, with 64 columns per line, there are four print zones. The Model II, with 80 columns per line, has five print zones. If the PRINT instruction contains more fields than can be printed on a single line, the fields will be continued on the next line.

With the prespecified zones, headings and associated data will always line up. As long as the alphabetic information has less than 16 characters, including blanks, any data displayed will fall directly under the headings. This alignment is shown in the revised payroll problem where headings are added to the output.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Unchanged

##### *Processing*

Unchanged



*Output*

Change output to include headings for hourly rate, hours worked, and gross pay.

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This modification requires that a line of headings be added to the program. After sign-on, the steps are:

1. Get the old program.

```
LOAD "PAY2"
```

2. List the program to see where to make the modification.

```
LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
130 PRINT R,H,P
140 STOP
32767 END
```

3. Make the change. In this example, the data are printed in line 130. Since the headings have to appear before the data, a line has to be added before line 130. The headings consist of the words "Hourly Rate", "Hours Worked", and "Gross Pay". It is good practice to keep headings and data together. Therefore, line number 125 is used to output the headings.

```
125 PRINT "HOURLY RATE", "HOURS WORKED", "GROSS PAY"
LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO COMPUTE PAY
100 LET R=3.00
110 LET H=40
120 LET P=R*H
125 PRINT "HOURLY RATE", "HOURS WORKED", "GROSS PAY"
130 PRINT R,H,P
140 STOP
32767 END
```

4. Execute the program.

```
RUN
HOURLY RATE      HOURS WORKED    GROSS PAY
3                40              120
Break in 140
```

5. Check the output. Although this aspect has not been discussed before, it should be remembered that errors can occur. Therefore, whenever you execute a program for the first time, make sure that the output is correct. If you are satisfied with the output, then the program can be SAVED for future use in the current form.

```
SAVE "PAY3"
```

6. If you are finished, sign-off.

The headings in the last example were all smaller than the number of positions available in a print zone. However, what would happen if the headings were longer? For example, what would the output look like, if the alphabetic titles that you wanted were "Hourly Rate of Pay", "Hours Worked", and "Gross Pay"? To find out what a system would do if requirements change, there is only one valid test—try it. Make the change and execute the program to see what happens. For the payroll problem, the key steps are shown below:

HANDLING  
ALPHABETIC  
TITLES

```
LOAD "PAY3"
Ready
>
>125 PRINT "HOURLY RATE OF PAY", "HOURS WORKED", "GROSS PAY"
>
>RUN
HOURLY RATE OF PAY           HOURS WORKED     GROSS PAY
  3                          120
Break in 140
```

Oops! The data do not line up. One way of handling this problem is to print the headings on two lines. The heading "HOURLY RATE OF PAY" is separated into two parts "HOURLY" and "RATE OF PAY". The two parts are then printed separately. The procedure for this change involves re-typing line 125 as

```
125 PRINT "RATE OF PAY", "HOURS WORKED", "GROSS PAY"
```

and a new line is added as line number 123

```
123 PRINT "HOURLY"
```

Now the output from the program would look as follows:

```
>125 PRINT "RATE OF PAY", "HOURS WORKED", "GROSS PAY"
>123 PRINT "HOURLY"
>
```

```
>RUN
HOURLY
RATE OF PAY      HOURS WORKED      GROSS PAY
   3                40                120
Break in 140
Ready
>
>SAVE "PAY3"
```

Example      Inventory Example: Inventory records typically show more than just the number of units in ending inventory. In this example we want to show the beginning inventory, the number received into inventory, the number issued from inventory, the number in ending inventory and the dollar amount of ending inventory. Furthermore, a general heading for the output is also worked.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Number of units at beginning: 120  
Number received into inventory: 40  
Number of units issued from inventory: 45  
Cost per unit: \$5.20

##### *Processing*

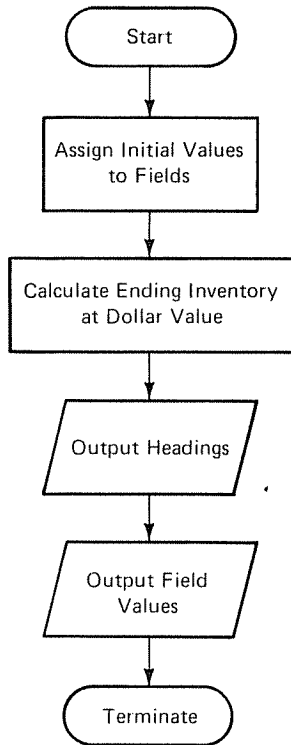
Add number received to beginning inventory and subtract number issued from inventory, giving ending inventory. Multiply ending inventory by cost per unit to get dollar amount of inventory.

##### *Output*

Heading of "Inventory Status", labels for each field of output "Beginning Inventory", "Receipts", "Issued", "Ending Inventory", and "Dollar Amount" followed by a line of field values.

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**Note:** Five fields are printed on a line in this program. The heading "Inventory Status", should appear centered over the output. Therefore, to align the words "Inventory Status" over the third column, it is necessary to skip to the third zone position. Printing two blank fields will skip to the third column. Similarly, two blank fields are inserted in the print line for "Receipts" and "Issued" since these titles do not have to be split over print lines.



```

>LOAD "INVTY"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES ENDING INVENTORY
100 LET B=120
110 LET R1=40
120 LET R2=45
130 LET E=B+R1-R2
140 PRINT E
150 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>132 LET C=5.20
>134 LET D=E*C
>136 PRINT " ", " ", "INVENTORY STATUS"
>138 PRINT "BEGINNING", " ", " ", "ENDING", "DOLLAR"
>140 PRINT "INVENTORY", "RECEIPTS", "ISSUED", "INVENTORY", "AMOUNT"
>142 PRINT B, R1, R2, E, D
>
>SAVE "INV2"
READY
>
>LIST

```

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES ENDING INVENTORY
100 LET B=120
110 LET R1=40
120 LET R2=45
130 LET E=B+R1-R2
132 LET C=5.20
134 LET D=E*C
136 PRINT " ", " ", "INVENTORY STATUS"
138 PRINT "BEGINNING", " ", " ", "ENDING", "DOLLAR"
140 PRINT "INVENTORY", "RECEIPTS", "ISSUED", "INVENTORY", "AMOUNT"
142 PRINT B,R1,R2,E,D
150 STOP
32767 END

```

Ready  
>

RUN

|           |          | INVENTORY STATUS |           |        |
|-----------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------|
| BEGINNING |          |                  | ENDING    | DOLLAR |
| INVENTORY | RECEIPTS | ISSUED           | INVENTORY | AMOUNT |
| 120       | 40       | 45               | 115       | 598    |

Break in 150

Notice that what you see on the screen of your TRS-80 will differ in many cases from what is printed in this book. The differences occur since all program listings and output presented were written on a printer with a 132-character print line, while the TRS-80 screen is only 64 characters wide on the Model III. On the Model II, with an 80-character per line screen, this problem will occur less frequently.

Program output can, of course, use many more than 64 spaces. Some programs that generate reports will need more than 64 print positions. While you can write such a program in BASIC with no thought given to whether or not you even have a printer, when you RUN it, the output can look very strange as each printed line takes up two lines on the screen. This is called "wrapping".

With a little practice, you can learn to read the screen well enough to tell whether or not your program ran correctly.

The output on your screen for the last program would look as follows on the Model III:

```

RUN
                                     INVENTORY STATUS
BEGINNING                               ENDING
DOLLAR
INVENTORY          RECEIPTS          ISSUED          INVENTORY
AMOUNT
    120              40              45              115
    598
Break in 150
Ready
>

```



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|              |         |          |         |
|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
| RUN          |         |          |         |
| BEGINNING    |         |          | ENDING  |
| BALANCE      | CHARGES | PAYMENTS | BALANCE |
| 60           | 45      | 60       | 45      |
| Break in 150 |         |          |         |

## SUMMARY

This chapter has shown you how to use the computer for simple calculations. The instructions of the BASIC language and the BASIC commands are listed below. BASIC commands are used to manipulate a program; they have no line numbers. BASIC instructions are used to manipulate data in a program; they do have line numbers.

Additionally, you have learned, not only how to write a program from scratch, but also ways of changing your program. The method of program modification will be continued throughout this book as the problem requirements and the BASIC capabilities are further developed.

## BASIC Commands Introduced:

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| NEW                        | Tells the TRS-80 that the operator is about to type in a new program.  |
| LIST                       | Gives a printout (listing) of the program.   |
| SAVE                       | Puts a copy of the program onto the diskette under program name. Must give program name.   |
| RUN                        | Executes a program, i.e., tells the computer to perform the program instructions.  |
| LOAD                       | Asks for a copy of a program from the diskette, and places it in memory so that you can modify, run, or list it. Must give program name. |
| CMD "D:O"<br>(Model III)   | Lists the names of programs saved on the diskette.   |
| SYSTEM "DIR"<br>(Model II) |  |

## BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Statement</i> | <i>Explanation</i>                         |
|------------------|--|
| LET X = Y        | Assigns the value of Y to the field X      |
| PRINT X,Y        | Displays the values of X and Y             |
| PRINT "XYZ"      | Displays the alphabetic information XYZ    |
| STOP             | Tells the system to stop                   |
| END              | Indicates the physical end of a program    |
| REM              | Ignored by computer—remarks for programmer |

*Arithmetic operations*

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| X + Y                               | Add Y to X  |
| X - Y                               | Subtract Y from X   |
| X * Y                               | Multiply X by Y   |
| X / Y                               | Divide X by Y   |
| X[Y (Model III)<br>X ^ Y (Model II) | Raise X to the Y power  |
| ( )                                 | Parentheses may be used to group parts of arithmetic statements |

*Definitions*

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Field Name:   | A field is named by a letter (A - Z), or by a letter followed by a number (A - Z, 0 - 9), or by two letters.                                  |
| Program Name: | A program name may be up to 8 characters; the first character must be a letter. Short program names are used in this book to minimize typing. |



## PROBLEMS

Write programs that will do the following:

1. Write your name.
2. Calculate the amount of a sale where 175 units are sold at \$1.19 per unit.
3. Calculate the net amount of a sale where 47 units are sold at \$4.56 per unit and a return is made for 3 units at \$6.26 per unit.
4. Calculate the average sale for a day in which sales were made for \$126.46, \$276.19, \$197.50 and \$252.71. (**Note:** Average = the sum of daily sales divided by the number of sales.)
5. Modify Problem 3 above where the output is labelled Net Sale.
6. Modify Problem 4 above where the output is labelled Average Sale.
7. Modify the inventory program on page 33 so that the amount is printed on a separate line.
8. Calculate the amount of interest that would be earned in one year on \$527.26 at 4%, 5%, 6%, 6.5%, and 7% annual interest. Display the results on one line and place headings of the interest rate above the interest amounts. Also center the heading Interest Calculation in your output.
9. In economics, the concept of unit elasticity means that the price times the quantity is a constant. If a product is manufactured by a company whose revenue is \$125,000, and output could be 10,000, 8,000, 7,000, or 6,000 units, what would the price be at the four levels of output? Put headings on your output and write the numeric output on one line. (**Note:**  $pq = r$  where  $p$  = price,  $q$  = quantity,  $r$  = revenue.)
10. The formula for compound interest is  $A = P(1 + i)^n$  where  $p$  = principal amount,  $i$  = interest rate expressed as a decimal,  $n$  = the number of time periods, and  $A$  = total amount at the end of  $n$  periods. Determine and label the output for  $p = \$1,250$ ,  $i = .055$ , and the number of time periods is from 1 to 5.

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## 3 / Data Entry

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Write a program that will take data from the TRS-80 keyboard
- Write a program that will process many records
- Test data for reasonableness

Performance  
Objectives

In many cases the data values are unknown when the program is written. For example, payroll data change from week to week. Consequently, to use the program, the data assignments have to be changed. Quite often in business, the person who runs a program is not the person who wrote the program. Therefore making changes, such as changing the assignment statements, would be cumbersome and awkward. Isn't there a way to give a program to somebody to run so that the person using the program doesn't have to know programming? The answer is yes. There is a way for a program to get data from a keyboard. In this chapter, we will show you how to enter data while a program is running, how to process many records at the same time, and how to check field values for reasonableness.

ENTERING  
DATA FROM A  
KEYBOARD

The payroll function must calculate the employee's gross pay and the employee's net pay, the amount of his paycheck. Gross pay is the wages for regular and overtime hours. Net pay is gross pay minus deductions. Deductions include federal income tax and social security contributions (also known as FICA—Federal Insurance Contribution Act). In the following problems you are given the tax rate and the social security withholding rate.

Problem  
Description

The program should be written so that the data for the hourly rate, the number of regular hours worked, and the number of overtime hours worked can be entered from a keyboard. The required outputs are gross pay, taxes, social security deductions, and net pay. Gross pay is calculated by adding regular wages to overtime wages. Regular wages are regular hours worked multiplied by the hourly rate. With time-and-a-half for overtime, overtime wages are calculated by multiplying overtime hours by 1.5 and then multiplying by the hourly rate. The deductions are calculated by multiplying gross pay by the appropriate rate. Net pay is calculated by subtracting the deductions from gross pay. The person is identified by name.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Social security withholding rate: 6.70% (.067)

Federal income tax rate: 15% (.15)

Hourly rate: \$3.00

Regular hours worked: 40

Overtime hours worked: 2

##### *Processing*

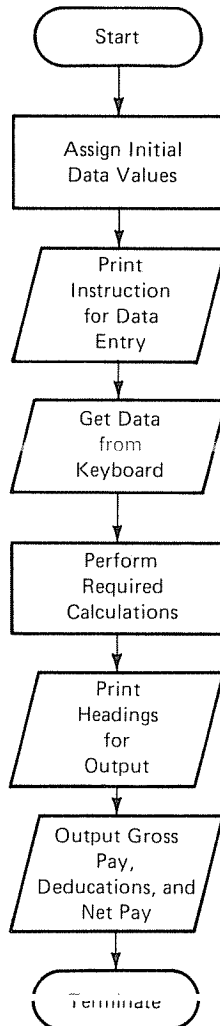
Multiply regular hours by hourly rate, giving regular wages. Multiply overtime hours times 1.5 and then multiply by hourly rate, giving overtime wages. Add regular wages to overtime wages, giving gross pay.

Multiply gross pay by income tax rate, giving federal income tax deduction. Multiply gross pay by social security rate, giving social security deduction. Subtract federal income tax and social security deductions from gross pay, giving net pay.

*Output*

Gross pay, payroll deductions, and net pay.

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```
10 REM PROGRAM TO INPUT AND COMPUTE PAY
100 LET F1=.15
110 LET F2=.067
```

```

120 PRINT "TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"
130 INPUT N$,R,H1,H2
140 LET G=R*H1+R*H2*1.5
150 LET D1=G*F1
160 LET D2=G*F2
170 LET N=G-D1-D2
180 PRINT "NAME: ", N$
190 PRINT "GROSS", "F.I.T.", "F.I.C.A.", "NET"
200 PRINT "PAY", "DEDUCTION", "DEDUCTION", "PAY"
210 PRINT G,D1,D2,N
220 STOP
32767 END

```

This program contains one new BASIC instruction. Line 130 contains the word "INPUT". This instruction tells the computer to ask for data from the keyboard. During program execution, a question mark (?) will be displayed on the screen. Data values are typed, each field separated by a comma, after the question mark. One value has to be entered for each field of the INPUT statement. In this case, four values separated by commas have to be typed, one value each for name, hourly rate, regular hours and overtime hours. This program also contains a new type of field name (N\$), for alphabetic information. In line 130, N\$ is used to hold alphabetic information. In line 180 the name is printed. After this program is entered, it can be executed.

**Note:** When entering dollar amounts, do not use the dollar sign (\$) and do not use commas to separate thousands. Commas are used to separate field values; and the "\$" has a special meaning in BASIC. It is used to name a field that contains alphabetic or alphanumeric data. The definition of a field name remains the same, but a \$ is added.

The arithmetic statement in line 140 computes gross pay. It also could have been written the following way:

$$140 \text{ LET } G = (R*H1) + (R*H2*1.5)$$

The parentheses could have been added; but the computation in the program and the one above with parentheses give us exactly the same result. Arithmetic statements are performed in BASIC in the following sequence: First, exponentiation; next, division or multiplication; and last, subtraction or addition. In the program, G would be calculated in the following way: H2 is multiplied by 1.5, and this result is multiplied by R; H1 is multiplied by R, and this result is then added to the first result, giving us G.

```

RUN
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
?JONES,3.00,40,2
NAME:                JONES

```

| GROSS<br>PAY | F. I. T.<br>DEDUCTION | F. I. C. A.<br>DEDUCTION | NET<br>PAY |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 129          | 19.35                 | 8.643                    | 101.007    |

Break in 220  
READY  
>  
>SAVE "PAY4"

Notice that the name, the hourly rate, the regular hours, and the over-time hours have to be typed *in that order*. The program will take the first typed value and assign it to the first field in the input statement, assign the next value to the next field, and so on, until it has assigned a value to each field. With the capability of entering data during program execution, it is not necessary for you, the programmer, to know what the specific data values will be. You can write the logic of processing and use it for different data values. By this approach you achieve a generally more useful program, since changes in data values do not require changes in the program. However, the person who uses the program must know what the data values are and the order in which they must be entered.

### Examples

Invoice Example: This example deals with invoice calculations. The data to be input during execution are the number of units sold and the price per unit for an item. The output desired is the dollar amount of the invoice.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Number of units sold: 50  
Price per unit: \$15

##### *Processing*

Multiply number of units sold by price per unit, giving dollar amount of invoice.

##### *Output*

Dollar amount of invoice

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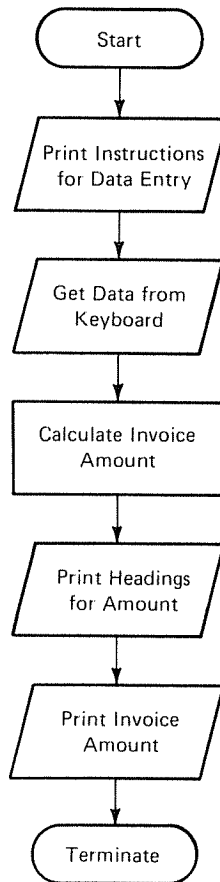
```

10 REM DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INVOICE
100 PRINT "TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT"
110 INPUT U,P
120 LET D=U*P
130 PRINT "AMOUNT"
140 PRINT D
150 STOP
32767 END
READY
>

```

```
>SAVE "INVCE3"  
READY  
>  
>  
>RUN  
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT  
? 50,15.00  
AMOUNT  
 750  
Break in 150
```

The flowchart to derive this program follows.



**Inventory Example:** This problem requires the calculation of ending inventory. The number of units in beginning inventory, the number of units received into inventory and the number of units released from inventory are given.



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 Problem Summary
*Input*

Number of units in beginning inventory: 120

Number of units received into inventory: 40

Number of units released from inventory: 45

*Processing*

Add number of units received to inventory; subtract number of units released, giving ending inventory.

*Output*

Number of units in ending inventory

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```

10 REM CALCULATE ENDING INVENTORY
100 PRINT"TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED"
110 INPUT B,R1,R2
120 LET E=B+R1-R2
130 PRINT "ENDING INVENTORY"
140 PRINT E
150 STOP
32767 END
  
```

```

RUN
TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED
? 120,40,45
ENDING INVENTORY
  115
Break in 150
  
```

## Exercises

Commission Exercise: Write a program to calculate the commission that a salesman has earned. The data are gross sales and the commission rate; both should be input during execution with instructions on the order of input. Label the output "Commission."

---

 Problem Summary
*Input*

Gross sales: \$12000

Commission rate: 0.05

*Processing*

Multiply gross sales by commission rate, giving dollar amount of commission.

*Output*

Dollar amount of commission

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Program:

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Run your program, and see if your output matches the following output.

```
TYPE GROSS SALES, COMMISSION RATE
? 12000, .05
COMMISSION
 600
Break in 150
```

Account Balance Exercise: Retail merchants have to update customer accounts. The update consists of adding new charges to the account balance and subtracting customer payments from the account balance. Write a program that will perform these tasks to arrive at an ending balance for the customer. The data should be input during execution. Label the output "Account Balance."

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Starting balance: \$60  
Customer payments: \$60  
New charges: \$45

##### *Processing*

Subtract customer payments from starting balance and add customer charges to balance, giving ending balance.

##### *Output*

Ending balance

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Program:

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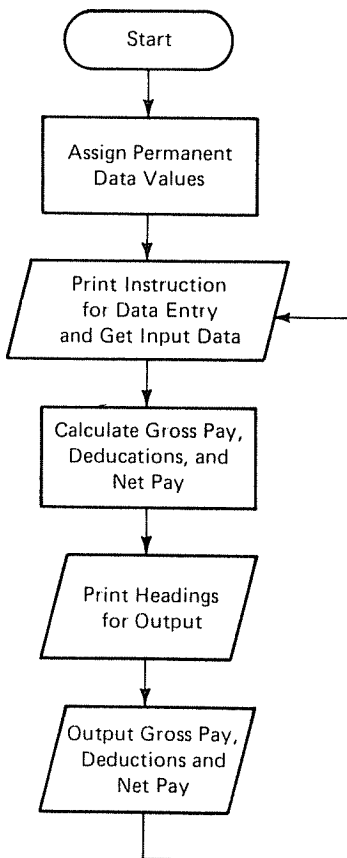
Run your program and check your ending balance with the ending balance given below.

```
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
? 60,60,45
ACCOUNT BALANCE
  45
Break in 150
```

PROCESSING  
MANY  
RECORDS

Let's assume that you have collected the weekly payroll data. You have a stack of time cards, with each card containing the weekly data on a person. Depending on the size of the organization, the stack of time cards may contain anywhere from 20 to 2,000 records. Therefore, to do the calculations for the weekly payroll, you would have to run your payroll program 20 to 2,000 times. In this section we will show you how to write a program to process many records in one run.

The assignment for this problem is similar to the previous problem. But instead of data for only one person, the weekly time records of many people have to be processed. The data are listed in Table 3-1. A program for processing all the data in one run follows.



Weekly Payroll Data

Table 3-1

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Hourly Rate</i> | <i>Regular Hours Worked</i> | <i>Overtime Hours Worked</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Adams    | 5.00               | 40                          | 0                            |
| 2. Baker    | 5.60               | 40                          | 4                            |
| 3. Cohen    | 6.25               | 38                          | 0                            |
| 4. Johnson  | 3.75               | 40                          | 0                            |
| 5. Tanner   | 4.25               | 36                          | 0                            |

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO INPUT AND COMPUTE PAY
100 LET F1=.15
110 LET F2=.067
120 PRINT "TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"
130 INPUT N$,R,H1,H2
  
```

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140 LET G=R*H1+R*H2*1.5
150 LET D1=G*F1
160 LET D2=G*F2
170 LET N=G-D1-D2
180 PRINT "NAME: ", N$
190 PRINT "GROSS", "F.I.T.", "F.I.C.A.", "NET"
200 PRINT "PAY", "DEDUCTION", "DEDUCTION", "PAY"
210 PRINT G,D1,D2,N
215 GOTO 120
220 STOP
32767 END

```

This program contains one new BASIC instruction, "GOTO 120," found in line 215. The instruction means exactly what it says: When the computer reaches line 215, it is instructed there to go back to line 120. When the program is run, the computer executes lines 100 to 210 in sequence; when it reaches line 215, it goes back to line 120 and executes from 120 onwards.

This repetition is shown in the flowchart by the arrow that takes the flow back to steps that have already been executed. Thus the computer effectively processes one payroll record, and, since more than one employee is involved, it goes back to get the next employee record. To stop the program, after the last employee record has been processed, press the BREAK key. The message

```

BREAK IN 130
READY

```

will appear on the screen on the Model III.

For the Model II, when the BREAK key is pressed, the following appears:

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^C
BREAK IN 130
READY

```

The logical end of the program is, therefore, entered during execution—after the last piece of data has been processed and more data is requested.

Since this program is only a one line change from the previous program, the modification is accomplished speedily. The change and execution actions are shown as follows:

```

LOAD "PAY4"
READY
>
>215 GOTO 120
>
>SAVE "PAY5"

```

```

READY
>
>RUN
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
? ADAMS, 5.00, 40, 0
NAME:          ADAMS
GROSS          F.I.T.          F.I.C.A.          NET
PAY            DEDUCTION        DEDUCTION        PAY
  200          30          13.4          156.6
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
? BAKER, 5.60, 40, 4
NAME:          BAKER
GROSS          F.I.T.          F.I.C.A.          NET
PAY            DEDUCTION        DEDUCTION        PAY
  257.6        38.64         17.2592         201.701
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
? COHEN, 6.25, 38, 0
NAME:          COHEN
GROSS          F.I.T.          F.I.C.A.          NET
PAY            DEDUCTION        DEDUCTION        PAY
  237.5        35.625        15.9125         185.963
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
? JOHNSON, 3.75, 40, 0
NAME:          JOHNSON
GROSS          F.I.T.          F.I.C.A.          NET
PAY            DEDUCTION        DEDUCTION        PAY
  150          22.5          10.05          117.45
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
? TANNER, 4.25, 36, 0
NAME:          TANNER
GROSS          F.I.T.          F.I.C.A.          NET
PAY            DEDUCTION        DEDUCTION        PAY
  153          22.95         10.251         119.799
TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
?
  Break in 130

```

Invoice Example: In this problem we want a heading for the invoice dollar amount and to process four records. The remaining problem specifications are unchanged. The procedure for making this modification is given below.

Examples

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#### Problem Summary

##### Input

| <i>Units</i> |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| <i>sold</i>  | <i>Price per unit</i> |
| 50           | \$15.00               |
| 20           | \$14.00               |
| 120          | \$ 1.20               |
| 30           | \$ 6.00               |

*Processing*

Perform calculations for four records.

*Output*

Unchanged

---

```
LOAD "INVCE3"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM DETERMINE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INVOICE
100 PRINT "TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT"
110 INPUT U,P
120 LET D=U*P
130 PRINT "AMOUNT"
140 PRINT D
150 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>145 GOTO 100
>
>SAVE "INVCE4"
READY
>
>RUN
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT
? 50,15.00
AMOUNT
  750
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT
? 20,14.00
AMOUNT
  280
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT
? 120,1.2
AMOUNT
  144
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT
? 30,6
AMOUNT
  180
TYPE NUMBER OF UNITS, PRICE PER UNIT
? Break in 110
```

Sales Tax Example: Many states and municipalities require that a sales tax be added to the purchase price of an item. The initial data for this problem

are a dollar amount of taxable sales and the tax rate. The desired output is the total amount of the sale that the customer has to pay. Six records should be processed.

---

Problem Summary

*Input*

Dollar amount of sale: \$10.00, \$42.00, \$57.00, \$2.50, \$726.32, \$9.27  
Tax rate: 4%

*Processing*

Multiply tax rate by the dollar amount to get the taxes; add the taxes to dollar amount, giving the total amount of sale.

*Output*

Total sale

---

```
100 PRINT "TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE"
110 INPUT S
120 LET R=.04
130 LET T=R*S
140 LET A=S+T
150 PRINT "TOTAL SALE"
160 PRINT A
170 GOTO 100
180 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE
? 10.00
TOTAL SALE
  10.4
TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE
? 42.00
TOTAL SALE
  43.68
TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE
? 57
TOTAL SALE
  59.28
TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE
? 2.50
TOTAL SALE
  2.6
TYPE AMOUNT OF SALE
? 726.32
TOTAL SALE
 755.373
```





```

45
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
? 130,120,60
ACCOUNT BALANCE
70
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
? 59.95,59.95,39.75
ACCOUNT BALANCE
39.75
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
? 22.50,22.50,0.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE
0
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
? 37.62,0,42.97
ACCOUNT BALANCE
80.59
TYPE STARTING BALANCE,CUSTOMER PAYMENT,NEW CHARGES
?
Break in 110

```

When a program is written, it is necessary to make sure it performs its intended function. In the examples given so far, the numbers have been sufficiently simple so that the calculations can be checked by hand. It is good practice to check all calculations of a program whenever possible.

PROGRAM  
VERIFICATION

Errors do occur in complex programs. Errors crop up in the specification of a problem: For example, if salesman commissions are defined as a percentage of gross margin (sales minus cost of goods sold), then a specification of commission on the basis of gross sales would be in error. Errors can happen when the program is first written: For example, if receipts were subtracted from rather than added to beginning inventory, then a design error would exist. Errors can happen when the program is entered into the computer: Hitting the wrong key on the keyboard can cause many problems. These errors, called syntax errors, are caught when the program is first run. Other errors will be caught when the program tries to do something and can't. Logical errors like these will show up during execution.

But many errors, such as the erroneous calculation of inventories will not give any error messages. In those cases it is necessary to do the calculations by hand to make sure that the output is correct. However, even hand calculation will not catch problem specification errors. The salesman commission error—the calculation of commission on the basis of gross sales instead of gross margin—would require a comparison of the specifications with the actual operations of the company.

Errors in programs, called “bugs”, bedevil even experienced programmers. But the largest number of errors in data processing is caused by bad data. This source of errors has been immortalized by the phrase “garbage in, gar-

HOW TO  
CATCH SOME  
ERRORS IN DATA

bage out.” In this section we show you how to catch some of the “garbage in.” The concept is known as “range checking.”

Range checking assumes that you know the permissible range of data values. Range checks make sure that data are not too high or too low. But range checking can not catch errors when the erroneous data is within the range. A transposition error (for example, \$3.69 is entered incorrectly as \$3.96) will not be caught by range checks if the erroneous data is within range. In the case of the payroll example, we know that regular hours worked cannot exceed 40 hours. Therefore, we can check to make sure that values for regular hours worked are not larger than 40. The permissible ranges for the data fields are:

| <i>Field</i>   | <i>Low Value</i> | <i>High Value</i> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Hourly rate    | 3.05             | 10.00             |
| Regular hours  | 0                | 40                |
| Overtime hours | 0                | 20                |

Checking range values of input fields is only part of the task. Once an error has been found, it must be identified so that the keyboard operator can correct the mistake. By accident, such as misinterpreting handwritten numbers, or through carelessness, erroneous data may have been typed. Range checks help to catch input that is obviously wrong. But the operator also needs to be told that the input is wrong. Hence, appropriate error messages must be printed. Following are flowcharts (Figs. 3-1 and 3-2) and a program that perform these additional requirements:

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO INPUT AND COMPUTE PAY
100 LET F1=.15
110 LET F2=.067
120 PRINT "TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"
130 INPUT N$,R,H1,H2
131 IF R<3.05 THEN 138
132 IF R>10 THEN 138
133 IF H1<0 THEN 138
134 IF H1>40 THEN 138
135 IF H2<0 THEN 138
136 IF H2>20 THEN 138
137 GOTO 140
138 PRINT "ERROR IN INPUT DATA"
139 GOTO 120
140 LET G=R*H1+R*H2*1.5
150 LET D1=G*F1
160 LET D2=G*F2
170 LET N=G-D1-D2
180 PRINT "NAME: ", N$
190 PRINT "GROSS", "F.I.T.", "F.I.C.A.", "NET"

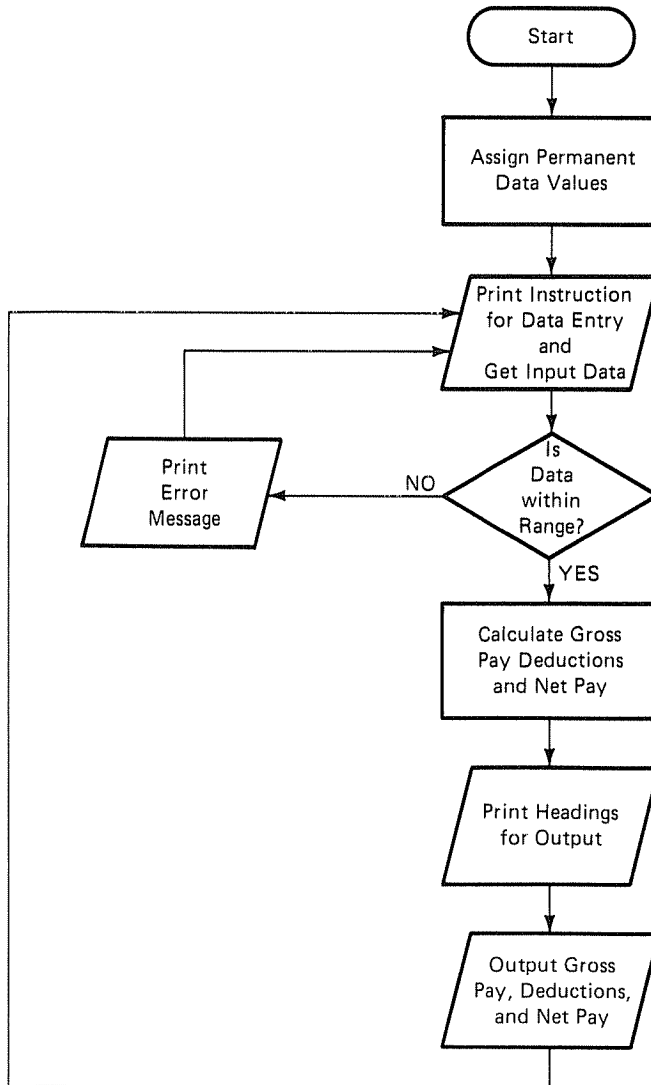
```

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200 PRINT "PAY", "DEDUCTION", "DEDUCTION", "PAY"
210 PRINT G, D1, D2, N
215 GOTO 120
220 STOP
32767 END

```

The difference between this program and the previous program on page 49 is in lines 131 to 139. Here we test the data with a series of IF statements. An IF statement compares two values.



Flowchart of Range Test Program

Figure 3-1

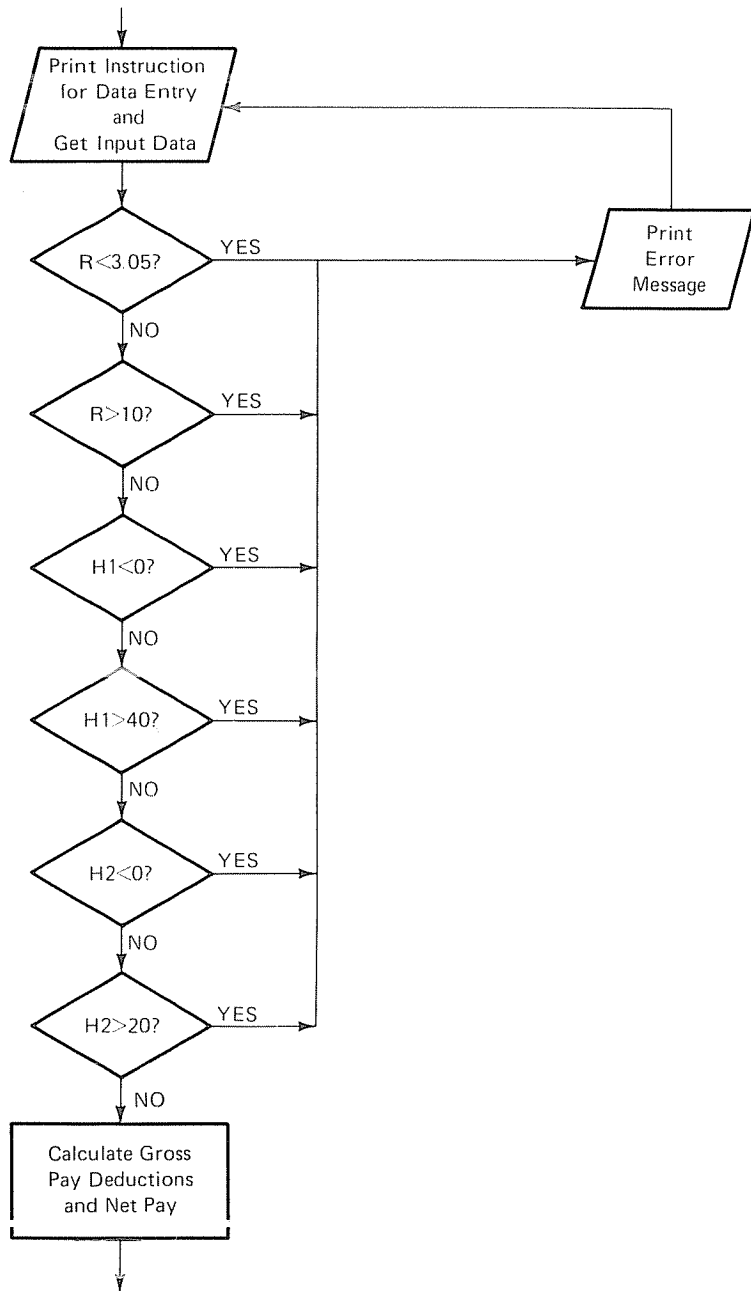


Figure 3-2

Range Tests:  
Expansion of Decision—"Is Data Within Range?"

The six comparison operators are:

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| =   | Equal                 |
| <   | Less than             |
| < = | Less than or equal    |
| >   | Greater than          |
| > = | Greater than or equal |
| < > | Not equal             |

The comparison is followed by **THEN** and a line number. The “**THEN** line number” means **GOTO** the line number indicated if the comparison is true. If the comparison is not true, the next line is executed (see Fig. 3–2). Fields are compared with values or with other fields. Thus we can read line 131 as, “**IF** the hourly rate (**R**) is less than 3.05 **THEN** go to line 138.” Similarly, line 132 means: “**IF** the hourly rate (**R**) is greater than 10 **THEN** go to line number 138.” In line 138 an error message is printed. The error message is followed by a return to the instruction (line 120) for data entry.

Notice the **GOTO 140** in line 137. This **GOTO** directs control to line 140 for the processing of valid data. When the computer reaches line 137, the data must be valid because it passed all the tests in lines 131 to 136. If line 137 did not exist, then valid records would also print the error message.

These changes to the old program are shown below:

```

LOAD "PAY5"
READY
>131 IF R<3.05 THEN 138
>132 IF R>10 THEN 138
>133 IF H1<0 THEN 138
>134 IF H1>40 THEN 138
>135 IF H2<0 THEN 138
>136 IF H2>20 THEN 138
>137 GOTO 140
>138 PRINT "ERROR IN INPUT DATA"
>139 GOTO 120
>SAVE "PAY6"
READY
>
>LIST
10 REM PROGRAM TO INPUT AND COMPUTE PAY
100 LET F1=.15
110 LET F2=.067
120 PRINT "TYPE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"

```

```

130 INPUT N$,R,H1,H2
131 IF R<3.05 THEN 138
132 IF R>10 THEN 138
133 IF H1<0 THEN 138
134 IF H1>40 THEN 138
135 IF H2<0 THEN 138
136 IF H2>20 THEN 138
137 GOTO 140
138 PRINT "ERROR IN INPUT DATA"
139 GOTO 120
140 LET G=R*H1+R*H2*1.5
150 LET D1=G*F1
160 LET D2=G*F2
170 LET N=G-D1-D2
180 PRINT "NAME: ", N$
190 PRINT "GROSS","F.I.T. ","F.I.C.A. ","NET"
200 PRINT "PAY","DEDUCTION","DEDUCTION","PAY"
210 PRINT G,D1,D2,N
215 GOTO 120
220 STOP
32767 END

```

### Example

Inventory Example: We want to modify the inventory example in Chapter 2 to process three records and check the appropriateness of their values. The high values were determined by examining the capacity of the company to store and handle inventory. The low values cannot be negative, and the lowest cost of an item of inventory is \$1.00.

**Note:** The output of this program was produced on a printer. To use a printer, replace all PRINT's with LPRINT.

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### Problem Summary

#### *Input*

|  |        |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of units at beginning:          | 120    | 20     | 60     |
| Number received into inventory:        | 40     | 70     | 20     |
| Number of units issued from inventory: | 45     | 100    | 80     |
| Cost per unit:                         | \$5.00 | \$7.00 | \$3.25 |

#### *Processing*

Test the data for reasonableness.

*Data Ranges*

| Field              | Low Value | High Value |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Units at Beginning | 0         | 10,000     |
| Units Received     | 0         | 3,000      |
| Units Issued       | 0         | *          |
| Cost               | \$1.00    | \$10.00    |

\*Number of Units in Inventory = Units at Beginning + Units Received.

*Output*

Unchanged

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES ENDING INVENTORY VALUE
100 PRINT"TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED"
105 PRINT"AND COST, SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
110 INPUT B,R1,R2,C
111 IF B<0 THEN 120
112 IF B>10000 THEN 120
113 IF R1<0 THEN 120
114 IF R1>3000 THEN 120
115 IF R2<0 THEN 120
116 IF R2>(B+R1) THEN 120
117 IF C<1.00 THEN 120
118 IF C>10.00 THEN 120
119 GOTO 130
120 PRINT "ERROR IN INPUT DATA"
121 GOTO 100
130 LET E=B+R1-R2
134 LET D=C*E
136 PRINT " ", " ", "INVENTORY STATUS"
138 PRINT "BEGINNING", " ", " ", "ENDING", " DOLLAR"
140 PRINT "INVENTORY", "RECEIPTS", "ISSUED", "INVENTORY", "VALUE"
142 PRINT B,R1,R2,E,D
143 GOTO 100
150 STOP
32767 END
Ready
>

```

```

RUN
TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED
AND COST, SEPARATED BY COMMAS
? 120,40,45,5.00
                                INVENTORY STATUS
BEGINNING                      ENDING
INVENTORY                      INVENTORY
  120                          115
      40                        575
      45
TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED
AND COST, SEPARATED BY COMMAS
? 20,70,100,7.00

```



```

ERROR IN INPUT DATA
TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED
AND COST, SEPARATED BY COMMAS
? 60,20,80,3.25

```

```

                                INVENTORY STATUS
BEGINNING                        RECEIPTS      ISSUED      ENDING      DOLLAR
INVENTORY                       20          80          INVENTORY  VALUE
60                               20          80          0          0

```

```

TYPE BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED, UNITS RELEASED
AND COST, SEPARATED BY COMMAS
?

```

```

  Break in 110

```

### Review of Validity Check Operations and Deleting Obsolete Programs

This sequence of actions starts with the sign-on procedure. The old program is copied from the diskette and placed into the memory with the command

**LOAD "PAY5"**

When the system indicates that it is ready with a prompt, the new lines between 130 and 140 are typed. The **SAVE** and **LIST** commands save a copy of the modified **PAY6** and provide a display of the program so that you can visually verify your modifications. If an error has occurred, you can call the old **PAY5** program and make the modifications again. This same sequence is used for the inventory example.

Note that only the program in memory is changed. The diskette is not affected unless you **SAVE** a program. **SAVE** copies a program from the memory to the diskette. You can find out what programs are stored for you on the diskette by typing the directory command.

You can also delete programs from the diskette with the **KILL** command. Old programs that have been superseded by newer programs should be removed. Look at the directory. See if you have programs that you no longer need. If there are obsolete programs in your catalog that you want to remove, then type **KILL** followed by the program name in quotation marks. When the system responds with the prompt character, the program has been deleted from the diskette.

### SUMMARY

This chapter covered four new techniques:

- How to get data from a keyboard
- How to process many records

- How to check records for reasonableness
- How to delete obsolete programs

All these techniques make your programs more realistic because they add generality and flexibility. No longer do you need to know specific data values when you write a program. The specific data can be entered when the program is used. No longer does a program have to be re-run for each record. A loop controlled by a GOTO can process many records in one run. And with range checks, some of the errors in input data will be caught. Therefore, programs written this way use the computer more flexibly and provide important assistance to the users.

#### BASIC Commands Introduced:

**KILL** Eliminates a program from the diskette. Must use program name.

#### BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Statement</i> | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|------------------|---|
| INPUT X,Y        | Takes numeric values for fields X and Y from the keyboard.  |
| INPUT X\$,Y\$    | Gets alphabetic values for fields X\$ and Y\$ from the keyboard.  |
| GOTO nnn         | Tells the system to go to line number nnn for the next instruction.   |
| IF x THEN nnn    | If x is true then go to line nnn for the next instruction, otherwise (if x is false) go to the next line in sequence. |

| <i>Comparison operators</i> | <i>Result of comparison</i>                       |
|-----------------------------|---|
| X = Y                       | Result is true if X equals Y                      |
| X < Y                       | Result is true if X is strictly less than Y       |
| X < = Y                     | Result is true if X is less than or equal to Y    |
| X > Y                       | Result is true if X is strictly greater than Y    |
| X > = Y                     | Result is true if X is greater than or equal to Y |
| X < > Y                     | Result is true if X is not equal to Y             |

Rather than stating the comparison result as true or false, yes or no may be used.

## PROBLEMS

Write a program to do the following:

1. Modify the invoice problem in this chapter to check the value of the price per unit. The price should not be less than zero or more than \$20. Data to be input at execution time

|       |      |       |       |      |      |
|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Units | 20   | 12    | 34    | 27   | 100  |
| Price | 1.50 | 21.22 | 14.50 | 1.95 | 2.56 |

2. Modify the commission problem in this chapter to check the values of gross sales and commission rate. Gross sales may range from 0 to \$100,000. The commission rate varies from 2% to 6%. Data to be input at execution time

|                 |       |        |         |        |
|-----------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Gross sales     | 2,476 | 29,650 | 400,000 | 97,727 |
| Commission rate | 4%    | 4.2%   | 2.1%    | 6.7%   |

Error messages should indicate whether the error detected is in gross sales or the commission rate.

3. Modify the payroll example on page 56 to output specific error messages such as "HOURLY RATE TOO HIGH", "HOURLY RATE TOO LOW", "HOURS TOO HIGH", "HOURS TOO LOW", "OVERTIME TOO HIGH", "OVERTIME TOO LOW". Use the following data:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Hourly Rate</i> | <i>Regular Hours</i> | <i>Overtime</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Able        | \$1.95             | 40                   | 0               |
| Baker       | 2.96               | 42                   | 26              |
| Charlie     | 11.65              | -4                   | 0               |
| Fern        | 5.50               | 40                   | 25              |
| Graak       | 7.20               | 40                   | 10              |

4. In Problem 3 above, a single error will result in not processing a person's data. Modify your program so that multiple errors in a person's data will be detected and result in appropriate error messages. Use the same data. **Note:** Process invalid records.
5. Modify the inventory example on page 58 to output specific error messages such as "BEGINNING INVENTORY TOO HIGH", "BEGINNING INVENTORY TOO LOW", "UNITS RECEIVED TOO HIGH", "UNITS RECEIVED TOO LOW", "UNITS ISSUED TOO HIGH", "UNITS ISSUED TOO LOW", "COST TOO HIGH", "COST TOO LOW". Use the following data:

| <i>Beginning<br/>Inventory</i> | <i>Units<br/>Received</i> | <i>Units<br/>Issued</i> | <i>Cost</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 100                            | 20                        | 60                      | \$ 4.00     |
| 20                             | 3,500                     | 4,000                   | \$ .75      |
| 500                            | 200                       | 600                     | \$12.00     |
| 20                             | -40                       | 60                      | \$ 1.50     |
| -100                           | 200                       | 700                     | \$14.00     |

6. Modify your program in Problem 5 so that multiple errors in a data record (a line of input) will be indicated. Use the same data. **Note:** Process invalid records.



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## 4 / Sequential Files

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Use files to store data
- Write a program that will put data in a file
- Write a program that will read data from a file
- Find a record in a file

Performance  
Objectives

To use a computer, it is necessary to get data into the computer. In many cases when the amount of data is large, a computer file has to be set up to store the data. With files, the same data can be used again and again.

With files, entry of data is separated from the processing of data. Therefore, the data can be entered into a computer file at one time to be processed later.

But the files that a computer uses are different from the files used by people. Data is stored in a computer file in electromagnetic form. And people can't read electromagnetic data directly.

It is necessary to write a program to enter data into files and to write programs that read data from files. In this chapter, we will show you how to set up a file for computer processing. The type of file used is a sequential file. The file is called a sequential file because it is organized in a particular sequence, one record next to another. In a later chapter another type of file, a direct access file, will be discussed.

**Note for the Model II:** In order to run programs with files, you must make a simple modification to the sign-on procedure. Up to this point the last step of the sign-on was to type BASIC; now you must type BASIC-F:n and press "ENTER". The n is the number of files that you will use in a program.

The payroll problem will illustrate the capabilities of BASIC to handle files. In this case, we want to write a program that lets a data entry operator enter data into a file. Later, we will use the data in the file for calculations and reports. When files are used, only one record at a time is read or written.

The payroll data for this problem consists of records with the following fields. Field names are in parentheses.

- Employee number (N)
- Employment department number (D)
- Employee name (N\$)
- Hourly rate of pay (H)
- Regular hours worked (R)
- Overtime hours worked (V)

The processing consists of entering data through a keyboard and placing it in a file. For output, messages telling the operator what to do are necessary.

SETTING UP  
A FILE



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 Problem Summary

| <i>Input</i>               | <i>Valid Range</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Employee number            | 100 to 999         |
| Employee department number | 1 to 20            |
| Employee name              | anything           |
| Hourly rate                | 3.05 to 15.00      |
| Regular hours worked       | 0 to 40            |
| Overtime hours worked      | 0 to 20            |

*Processing*

Take data from a keyboard and place valid data in a file. Check the data for validity.

*Output*

Instructions for operator and data on a computer file.

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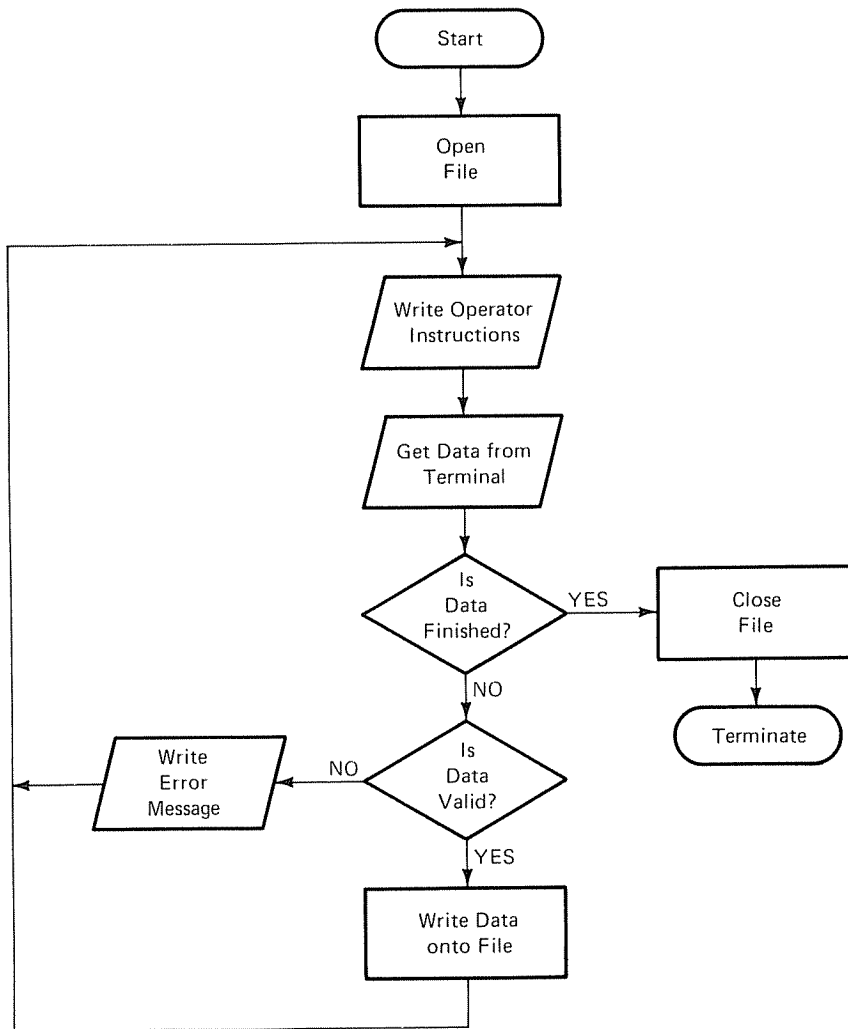
Therefore the program has to be able to:

1. Set up a new file (open it).
2. Get data from the keyboard when an operator types it.
3. Write the data into a file that the computer can use.
4. Stop when all the data has been entered.

See the flowchart (Fig. 4-1) and program to do all of these actions below:

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM TAKES DATA FROM THE KEYBOARD AND
20 REM      PLACES IT IN THE EMPLOY FILE
100 OPEN "O",1,"EMPLOY"
110 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME"
120 PRINT "HOURLY REATE, REGULAR HOURS"
130 PRINT "OVERTIME HOURS, SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
140 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED, TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99"
150 INPUT N,D,N$,H,R,V
160 IF N=99 THEN 400
170 IF N<100 THEN 290
180 IF N>999 THEN 290
190 IF D<1 THEN 290
200 IF D>20 THEN 290
210 IF H<3.05 THEN 290
220 IF H>15.00 THEN 290
230 IF R<0 THEN 290
240 IF R>40 THEN 290
250 IF V<0 THEN 290
260 IF V>20 THEN 290
270 PRINT #1, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
280 GOTO 110
290 PRINT "ERROR IN INPUT DATA, PLEASE RETYPE"
300 GOTO 110
400 CLOSE #1
32767 END
  
```



Flowchart for Setting Up a File

Figure 4-1

This program contains three new statements:

- Line 100 opens a file.
- Line 270 writes data into a file.
- Line 400 closes a file.

Let's look closely at these three statements.

**Open a file:** Line 100 is `OPEN "O",1,"EMPLOY"`. This statement is used to open a file for writing. It creates the file "EMPLOY" if it has not been OPENed before. The statement says to open a file, for writing, that the

number of the file is 1, and that the name of the file is "EMPLOY". The "O" in the statement stands for output. The data will be written "out" to the diskette. The one (1) is the number of the file. The file number is necessary inside the program to identify the file. Line 100, therefore, links the computer file name with the file number.

The file name is limited to 8 alphanumeric characters. The first character must be alphabetic. Examples of valid and invalid file names are shown in the following list. (**Note:** The rules for filenames are the same as the rules for program names!)

| <i>Example</i> | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|----------------|---|
| A              | Valid file name. You can use up to 8 characters.  |
| A1             | Valid file name. Numbers are also alphanumeric characters. The file names A and A1 are not recommended since they may be confused with field names. |
| LIST           | Valid file name; but not recommended since it is a BASIC command and therefore a possibility of confusion exists.                                   |
| ACCREC         | Valid file name. Good choice of a name since ACCREC for Accounts Receivable has mnemonic (helps you remember) characteristics.                      |

2PAYROLL Invalid file name. File names must begin with a letter.

After you have run this program you will find that your directory contains not only programs but also the data file "EMPLOY".

**Write into a file:** Line 270 PRINT #1,N;D;N\$;"",;H;R;V uses the file number, one (1) in this case, preceded by a "#" symbol. The # symbol means that the number following it is a file identifier number. A file number is used for brevity—it is shorter to use a file number than to refer to a file by its name ("EMPLOY"). Valid file numbers are 1, 2, and 3.

The PRINT in line 270 tells the computer to write. The "#1" tells it where to write and the list of fields tells it what to write. The fields are always separated by semicolons with one exception. If a field contains alphabetic data (N\$), it must be followed by a semicolon and quotation mark, comma, quotation mark, semicolon (;",");. This is necessary since the computer treats numeric fields differently from alphabetic fields.

**Close a file:** Line 400 CLOSE #1 closes the file. The CLOSE tells the computer that you are finished with the file.

When you use computer files, think about a file cabinet in an office. In order to put data into a file cabinet, you have to open the file drawer

(OPEN), place the information in the drawer (PRINT), and, finally, close the drawer (CLOSE).

One last explanation before you try this program. In line 140 the operator is instructed to type "99,99,AA,99,99,99" when no more data has to be entered. This entry generates a last record. In effect, we have a dummy record. It is used to indicate that the data input to the file is finished.

But the computer doesn't know that you have chosen a record with 99's and an AA in each field to end the data. This record is called a dummy record since it does not contain usable payroll data. To the machine, it looks like any other record. We know that this record indicates the end of data because that's what we told the operator to do in line 140 in order to end data input. We could have told the operator to enter any other values in line 140 to indicate the end of data. But whatever we told the operator, we have to pick carefully. The dummy record should be invalid so that it stands out. It should be the same every time so that when the data changes, we don't have to rewrite the program.

The instruction to type 99's and AA serves to end the data for the payroll problem. When such a record is reached, we know that it is time to close the file since data entry is finished. The end of data is tested in line 160. If N, the field for employee number, has a 99 then we assume that no more data will be forthcoming, and we go to line 400 to close the file.

Sign-on the system and type the program. Once you have finished typing the program and given the RUN command, enter the payroll data shown below in Table 4-1.

Payroll Data

Table 4-1

| <i>Employee<br/>Number</i> | <i>Department<br/>Number</i> | <i>Employee<br/>Name</i> | <i>Hourly<br/>Rate</i> | <i>Regular<br/>Hours</i> | <i>Overtime<br/>Hours</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 101                        | 1                            | Adams                    | \$5.00                 | 40                       | 0                         |
| 103                        | 12                           | Baker                    | 5.60                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 104                        | 17                           | Brave                    | 4.00                   | 40                       | 2                         |
| 108                        | 16                           | Cohen                    | 6.25                   | 38                       | 0                         |
| 172                        | 2                            | Johnson                  | 3.75                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 198                        | 1                            | Tanner                   | 4.25                   | 36                       | 0                         |
| 202                        | 16                           | Wilson                   | 4.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 206                        | 7                            | Lester                   | 5.25                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 255                        | 12                           | Schmidt                  | 5.60                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 281                        | 12                           | Miller                   | 6.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 313                        | 7                            | Smith                    | 4.25                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 347                        | 12                           | Gray                     | 6.00                   | 38                       | 0                         |
| 368                        | 1                            | Weaver                   | 3.50                   | 40                       | 2                         |
| 422                        | 1                            | Williams                 | 4.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |

Better yet, write the program and talk somebody else into entering the data from the keyboard. By having somebody else enter the data, you have a closer approximation to how things are actually done in organizations. If an error occurs during data entry, then you must stop the program and run it again from the beginning. So be careful. In the last section of this chapter you will learn how to correct records in a data file.

Example      Inventory Example: Create a file called "INV" with five fields per record.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Beginning<br/>Units</i> | <i>Units<br/>Received</i> | <i>Units<br/>Issued</i> | <i>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 101                    | 120                        | 40                        | 45                      | \$5.00      |
| 210                    | 20                         | 70                        | 100                     | 7.00        |
| 219                    | 60                         | 60                        | 80                      | 3.25        |
| 226                    | 5                          | 110                       | 90                      | 2.95        |
| 235                    | 100                        | 0                         | 50                      | 6.20        |
| 347                    | 0                          | 50                        | 20                      | 4.60        |

Data ranges remain the same as in Chapter 3.

*Processing*

Take data from keyboard and place valid records in a file named "INV".

*Output*

Instructions for data entry and a file named "INV".

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```

100 REM THIS PROGRAM PUTS DATA INTO THE INV FILE
110 OPEN "O",1,"INV"
120 PRINT "TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,"
130 PRINT "UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN"
140 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99"
150 INPUT P,B,R,I,C
160 IF C=99 THEN 350
170 IF B<0 THEN 270
180 IF B>1000 THEN 270
190 IF R<0 THEN 270
200 IF R>3000 THEN 270
210 IF I<0 THEN 310

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220 IF I>B+R THEN 310
230 IF C<1 THEN 330
240 IF C>10 THEN 330
250 PRINT #1,P;B;R;I;C
260 GOTO 120
270 PRINT "ERROR IN BEGINNING UNITS-RETYPE"
280 GOTO 120
290 PRINT "ERROR IN UNITS RECEIVED-RETYPE"
300 GOTO 120
310 PRINT "ERROR IN UNITS ISSUED-RETYPE"
320 GOTO 120
330 PRINT "ERROR IN COST-RETYPE"
340 GOTO 120
350 CLOSE #1
360 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 101,120,40,45,5.00
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 210,20,70,100,7.00
ERROR IN UNITS ISSUED-RETYPE
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 219,60,60,80,3.25
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 226,5,110,90,2.95
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 235,100,0,50,6.20
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 347,0,50,20,4.60
TYPE PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST, WITH COMMAS IN BETWEEN
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 1,1,1,1,99
? 1,1,1,1,99
Break in 360
```

Exercises Account Balance Exercise: Set up a customer statement file ("CUST") with six records that contains the data specified below.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

| <i>Customer Number</i> | <i>Customer Name</i> | <i>Balance</i> | <i>Payments</i> | <i>Charges</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2741                   | Fernwood             | 120            | 120             | 40             |
| 2937                   | Blakey               | 0              | 0               | 90             |
| 3246                   | Grey                 | 250            | 130             | 170            |
| 3359                   | Phillips             | 90             | 40              | 100            |
| 3426                   | Bird                 | 180            | 180             | 200            |
| 3527                   | Lombard              | 100            | 100             | 250            |

*Processing*

Take data from keyboard and place it in a file named "CUST".

*Output*

Instructions for data entry and a file named "CUST".

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Sales Commission Exercise: Set up a sales file called "SALES" that contains seven records with the data specified below.





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READING A  
FILE

In the previous section, you learned how to set up a computer file. To know what is in a computer file, it is necessary to write a program. The program will read a file and print its contents.

The processing for this program consists of reading a file, record by record, and then printing the records. The program continues reading and printing records until there are no more records in the file.

A program to do that is shown below:

```
10 REM THIS PROGRAM READS AND PRINTS THE "EMPLOY" FILE
100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
110 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
120 PRINT N;D,N$,H,R;V
130 GOTO 110
250 CLOSE #1
500 STOP
32767 END
```

This program contains one new instruction:

```
110 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
```

Line 110 tells the computer to input field values from file number 1. The INPUT statement that reads a file is identical to the input from a terminal except for the specification of the file number.

When we run this program, the content of the file is printed:

|     |    |       |     |    |   |
|-----|----|-------|-----|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS | 5   | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER | 5.6 | 40 | 4 |
| 104 | 17 | BRAVE | 4   | 40 | 2 |

|     |    |          |      |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|------|----|---|
| 108 | 16 | COHEN    | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON  | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER   | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON   | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER   | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT  | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER   | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH    | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4    | 40 | 0 |

Input past end in 110

You'll note that, at the end of the file, when the program attempts to read past the last record in the file, a message is printed on your output. The message is: Input past end in 110.

To eliminate this message, it is necessary to introduce a new BASIC instruction. The instruction is the same as any IF statement, but in this case it takes the following form:

```
105 IF EOF(1) THEN 250
```

The EOF(1) tells the computer that if the end of the file one [EOF(1)] is encountered in the INPUT statement, the next line to execute in the program is 250. This closes the file and then ends the program. Line 130 GOTO 110 must be modified to 130 GOTO 105 so that the end of file occurs before each record is read.

You may wonder why the test for the end of file occurs in the program before the INPUT statement rather than after it. In TRS-80 BASIC it must always precede the INPUT statement in order for the test to work properly. (**Beware:** From a logical point of view, flowcharts that have end of file tests will place the test after the INPUT statement.) The placement of the end of file test in TRS-80 BASIC is one of the oddities of the rules of the language.

You may also wonder how all six fields printed on a line can appear on a single line of the screen. This is done by the use of semicolons in the PRINT statement.

```
120 PRINT N;D,N$,H,R;V
```

The semicolons override the use of the print zones and will place fields very close to each other. In the line above, the department number field is printed close to the employee number field. The same is true in the case of the regular hours and overtime hours fields. You have to be careful in the

use of the semicolon if you want your columns to line up. You should only use semicolons after numeric fields that have the same number of digits. Try putting a semicolon after the hourly rate or the name and see what happens.

Below you have a listing of the program and its output.

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM READS AND PRINTS THE "EMPLOY" FILE
100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
105 IF EOF(1) THEN 250
110 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
120 PRINT N;D,N$,H,R;V
140 GOTO 105
250 CLOSE #1
500 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
  101  1      ADAMS          5          40  0
  103 12      BAKER         5.6         40  4
  104 17      BRAVE          4          40  2
  108 16      COHEN         6.25        38  0
  172  2      JOHNSON       3.75        40  0
  198  1      TANNER        4.25        36  0
  202 16      WILSON         4          40  0
  206  7      LESTER        5.25        40  0
  255 12      SCHMIDT       5.6         40  4
  281 12      MILLER        6          40  0
  313  7      SMITH         4.25        40  4
  347 12      GRAY          6          38  0
  368  1      WEAVER        3.5         40  2
  422  1      WILLIAMS      4          40  0
Break in 500

```

Example      Inventory Example: Read the file "INV" and print each record in that file.

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM READS "INV" FILE AND PRINTS IT
100 OPEN "I",1,"INV"
105 IF EOF(1) THEN 250
110 INPUT #1, P,B,R,I,C
120 PRINT P;B,R,I,C
130 GOTO 105
250 CLOSE #1
500 STOP
32767 END
Ready
>RUN
  101  120      40          45          5

```



FINDING A  
RECORD IN  
A FILE

A file of data is created for some purpose. Files are not created to be placed on a shelf in the corner to collect dust. Files are used to hold data until there is a need for it. When there is a need for data, we must be able to go to a file and pull data, with the desired characteristics, out of the file.

Suppose that Smith, employee number 313, wanted to know how many hours of overtime he had worked. Smith is one of the people in the file “EMPLOY”. To answer his question, we need to write a program that will locate his record and print it out. But to locate his record in a sequential file, all preceding records will have to be read.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

The file “EMPLOY” with each record having six fields:

- Employee identification number
- Department number
- Employee name
- Hourly rate
- Regular hours worked
- Overtime hours worked

*Processing*

Search the file until the record with employee number 313 is found.  
Print that record and stop.

*Output*

If the search is successful, the desired record is printed. If the search is not successful (the record is not in the file) then a “RECORD NOT FOUND” message is printed.

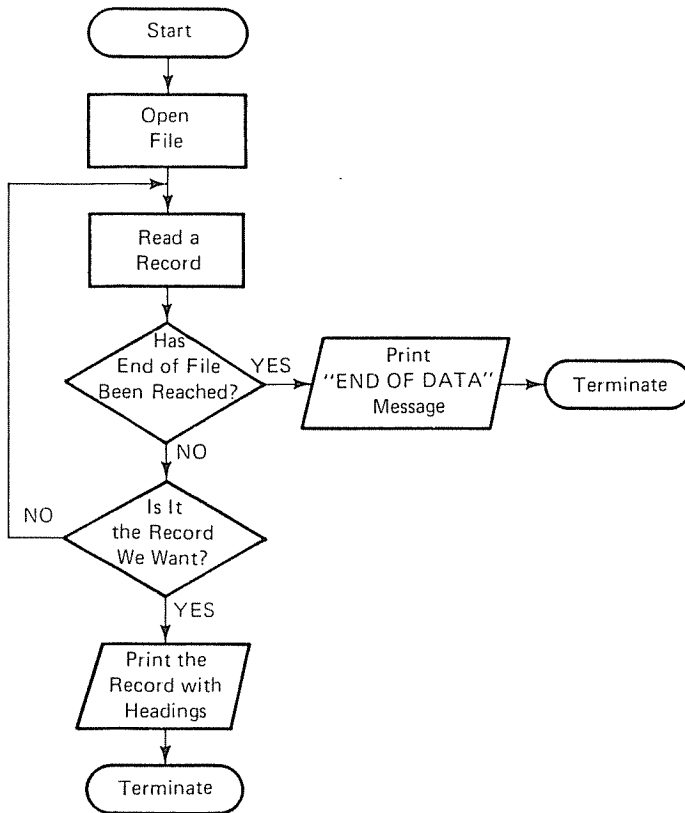
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The logic of the program for finding a record in a sequential file is:

1. Link to the file.
2. Read a record.

3. If it is the record we want, then print it; otherwise, read the next record.
4. Stop when the search is finished.

A flowchart (Fig. 4-2) and program to do these tasks are shown below:



Flowchart of Finding a Record

Figure 4-2

```

100 REM PROGRAM TO FIND AN EMPLOYEE RECORD
110 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
120 IF EOF(1) THEN 280
130 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
140 IF N=313 THEN 170
  
```

```

150 GOTO 120
160 REM PRINT THE RECORD FOUND
170 PRINT "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYEE", "HOURLY", "REGULAR", "OVERTIME"
180 PRINT "NUMBER", "NAME", "RATE", "HOURS", "HOURS"
190 PRINT N, N$, H, R, V
200 CLOSE #1
210 STOP
270 REM *** RECORD NOT IN FILE ***
280 PRINT "END OF DATA-RECORD NOT FOUND"
290 CLOSE #1
300 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN

```

| EMPLOYEE<br>NUMBER | EMPLOYEE<br>NAME | HOURLY<br>RATE | REGULAR<br>HOURS | OVERTIME<br>HOURS |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 313                | SMITH            | 4.25           | 40               | 4                 |

The key to the search program lies in statement 140. Here the employee number of the record that was read from the file is compared to 313, Smith's employee number. If there is a match (i.e., the value of  $N$ , the employee number, is 313), then we know that the desired record has been found and can be printed in lines 170–190. Or, if the employee number is not 313, the next record in the file is read and the check for a match is repeated.

But notice that we also need to consider the possibility that Smith is not in the file. Maybe he was on vacation or sick leave and did not work that week. Or maybe his time card was lost and not entered into the file. Hence, we must include instructions telling the computer what to do if the end of file is reached. The IF EOF(1) condition in line 120 and the statements following line 280 take care of that possibility.

No matter the result, whether the desired record is found, or the desired record is not in the file, or the program “bombs” (fails), the file must be closed and the program must be terminated.

We have repeated this same logic in the next example. Look it over, and try the exercises that follow.

Example    Inventory Example: Read the file “INV”, find and print out the record for part number 235 with suitable headings.

```

100 REM TO FIND INVENTORY RECORD
110 OPEN "I", 1, "INV"
120 IF EOF(1) THEN 280
130 INPUT #1, P, B, R, I, C
140 IF P=235 THEN 170

```

```

150 GOTO 120
160 REM PRINT THE RECORD FOUND
170 PRINT "PART NUMBER","BEG. UNITS","UNITS REC."
175 PRINT P,B,R
177 PRINT
178 PRINT
180 PRINT "UNITS ISSUED",COST"
185 PRINT I,C
190 PRINT
200 CLOSE #1
205 PRINT
206 PRINT
210 STOP
270 REM *** RECORD NOT IN FILE ***
280 PRINT "END OF DATA-RECORD NOT FOUND"
290 CLOSE #1
300 STOP
32767 END
READY
>

```

>RUN

| PART NUMBER | BEG. UNITS | UNITS REC. |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 235         | 100        | 0          |

| UNITS ISSUED | COST |
|--------------|------|
| 50           | 6.2  |

Break in 210

Account Balance Exercise: Read the customer statement file "CUST", find and print out the record for customer number 2741 with suitable headings.

Exercises

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Once a file has been created it is good practice to check it by writing a program that reads and prints the file. Then you can look at what is in the file to see that all records have been entered correctly. Although the range checks will catch some errors in data entry, they do not catch errors if the incorrect value entered is within the range specified. These errors can be caught by comparing the records in a file with what the data should have been. To correct them, a program has to be written.

Assume that the "EMPLOY" file had an error: for some reason the regular hours for Gray, employee number 347, was entered as 38 when it should have been 40. A program to correct that error is shown below:

```
100 REM PROGRAM TO CORRECT THE HOURS WORKED FOR GRAY
110 REM
120 REM   LINK TO FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
```

CORRECTING  
RECORDS IN  
A FILE

```

150 OPEN "O",2,"EMPLCR"
160 REM
170 REM   READ THE RECORDS FROM EMPLOY
180 REM
190 IF EOF(1) THEN 410
200 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
210 REM
220 REM   DETERMINE WHETHER ITS THE RECORD FOR GRAY
230 REM
240 IF N<>347 THEN 330
250 REM
260 REM   IT IS THE RECORD FOR GRAY,EMPLOYEE NUMBER 347
270 REM   THEREFORE ASSIGN THE CORRECT HOURS WORKED
280 REM
290 R=40
300 REM
310 REM   PUT RECORD INTO EMPLCR -- THE CORRECT FILE
320 REM
330 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
340 GOTO 190
350 REM
410 CLOSE #1
420 CLOSE #2
430 STOP
32767 END
READY
>
>RUN
Break in 430

```

If you now change the program that prints the "EMPLOY" file in line 100 to

```
100 OPEN"1",1,"EMPLCR"
```

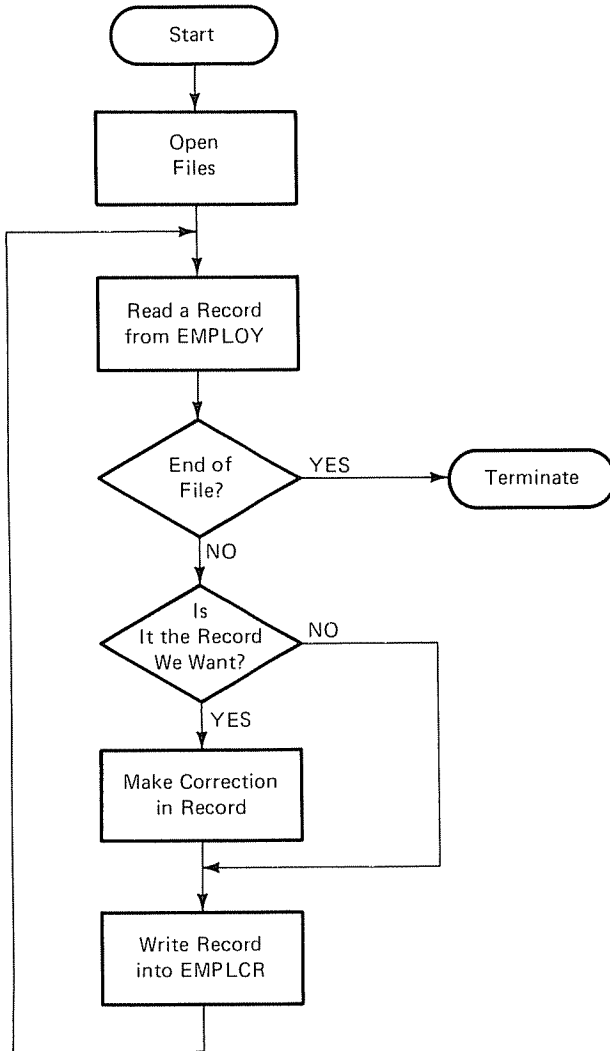
and run it, you can list the "EMPLCR" file as follows:

|     |    |         |      |    |   |
|-----|----|---------|------|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS   | 5    | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER   | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 104 | 17 | BRAVE   | 4    | 40 | 2 |
| 108 | 16 | COHEN   | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER  | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON  | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER  | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER  | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH   | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |

|     |    |          |     |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|-----|----|---|
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6   | 40 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5 | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4   | 40 | 0 |

Break in 500

The logic for this program is illustrated in Fig. 4-3 ( below). This program is designed to find a specific record, employee number 347, and to



Flowchart for Correcting Records in a File

Figure 4-3

change the value of the regular hours in that record. When you look at the program two differences from earlier programs emerge:

1. Two files are opened.
2. A LET seems to be missing in line 290.

The program runs despite the apparent error in line 290. It runs because the LET is optional. Many computer systems permit you to assign values to a field without the keyword LET. A few systems do not. In TRS-80 BASIC, the LET is optional. Since the LET is optional, you do not have to use it, and by this omission you can save time, and energy, not to mention the added possibility of making typographical errors. In all subsequent programs we have omitted the LET.

Two files are necessary because sequential files can only be used for input to the program or for output from the program, but not both. Therefore to correct an error, we need to read the old file and place the correct data in a new file.

In this program, lines 140 and 150 open the two files. Each file must be unique (a filename should appear only once). At the end, both files are closed.

The logic of this program takes a record from "EMPLOY". Line 240 checks whether it is the record with an error. If it is, the error is corrected; the statement in line 290 assigns the correct value to R thereby erasing the old, incorrect value of R. And correct records are written into "EMPLCR". The process continues until all records have been read from "EMPLOY" and written into "EMPLCR".

After this program has been run, both files will appear in your directory—"EMPLOY" with its error, and "EMPLCR" with only correct records. In effect we have copied the "EMPLOY" file.

A more general error correction program is the next example.

**Example** Inventory Example: It has been discovered that when the file "INV" was initially created, two errors were made. The units received for part number 219 should have been 160 instead of 60; and the beginning units for part number 235 should have been 90 instead of 100. These records must be corrected. Part numbers to be corrected should be entered in ascending order.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

The file "INV" where each record has five fields:

- Part number
- Beginning units
- Units received

- Units issued
- Unit cost

Correct field values for erroneous records.

#### *Processing*

Get the identification number for incorrect records from the terminal. Search the file until the desired record has been found. Get correct data for incorrect records from the terminal. Place correct records into file "INVCR".

#### *Output*

Instructions for data entry and the file "INVCR" with correct inventory records.

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```
100 REM THIS PROGRAM TO CORRECT ERRORS IN THE INV FILE
110 REM
120 REM LINK TO FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",2,"INV"
150 OPEN "O",3,"INVCR"
160 REM
170 REM GET PART NUMBER OF RECORD TO BE CORRECTED
180 REM
190 PRINT "TYPE PART NUMBER OF RECORD TO BE CORRECTED"
200 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99"
210 INPUT N
220 REM
230 REM CHECK IF ERROR CORRECTIONS ARE FINISHED
240 REM
250 IF N=99 THEN 545
260 REM
270 REMGET A RECORD FROM INV
280 REM
285 IF EOF(2) THEN 670
290 INPUT #2, P,B,R1,R2,C
300 REM
310 REM
320 REM CHECK IF THE RECORD NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED
330 REM
340 IF P=N THEN 420
350 REM
360 REM WRITE RECORD INTO THE INVCR FILE
370 REM
380 PRINT #3, P;B;R1;R2;C
390 GOTO 285
400 REM
410 REM
420 PRINT "FOR PART NUMBER ";P
```

```

430 PRINT "ENTER BEGINNING UNITS,UNITS RECEIVED"
440 PRINT "UNITS ISSUED, AND COST"
450 INPUT B,R1,R2,C
460 PRINT #3,P;B;R1;R2;C
470 REM
480 REM GET PART NUMBER OF NEXT RECORD TO BE CORRECTED
490 REM
500 GOTO 190
510 REM
520 REM CORRECTIONS FINISHED, COPY REMAINING RECORDS
530 REM FROM INV TO INVC
540 REM
545 IF EOF(2) THEN 670
550 INPUT #2,P,B,R1,R2,C
560 PRINT #3,P;B;R1;R2;C
570 GOTO 545
640 REM
650 REM TERMINATE
660 REM
670 CLOSE #2
680 CLOSE #3
690 STOP
32767 END
READY
>

```

```

TYPE PART NUMBER OF RECORD TO BE CORRECTED
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99
? 219
FOR PART NUMBER 219
ENTER BEGINNING UNITS,UNITS RECEIVED
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST
? 60,160,80,3.25
TYPE PART NUMBER OF RECORD TO BE CORRECTED
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99
? 235
FOR PART NUMBER 235
ENTER BEGINNING UNITS,UNITS RECEIVED
UNITS ISSUED, AND COST
? 90,0,50,6.20
TYPE PART NUMBER OF RECORD TO BE CORRECTED
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99
? 99
Break in 690

```

If the old program to list the "INV" file is changed as follows:

```
100 OPEN "I",1,"INVC"
```

and run, the "INVCR" file is printed as follows:

|              |     |     |    |      |
|--------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| 101          | 120 | 40  | 45 | 5    |
| 219          | 60  | 160 | 80 | 3.25 |
| 226          | 5   | 110 | 90 | 2.95 |
| 235          | 90  | 0   | 50 | 6.2  |
| 347          | 0   | 50  | 20 | 4.6  |
| Break in 500 |     |     |    |      |

This program can correct any number of erroneous records. No matter which records are wrong or which fields have false values, the program can correct them. However, the operator must know in which records the errors have occurred and what the correct field values are. Both items have to be entered by the operator from the terminal.

The program finds a record specified by the operator by searching through the file. As it searches, records that have a lower identification number are placed in the new file. When the record to be corrected has been found, the operator is instructed to enter the data for that record. The data received from the terminal is then placed into the new file. This cycle is repeated until there are no more records to be corrected. At that time any records still remaining in the old file are copied into the new file.

At times it is necessary to make a copy of a file for back up. Then, if the first file is accidentally destroyed, the copy can be retrieved and used. In the previous section, where errors in records were corrected, a revised version of a file was created.

#### COPYING A FILE

The general approach to error corrections is also appropriate to copying a file:

- Link to the desired files
- Read data from one file
- Write the data into the other file
- When no more data remains in the first file, then close both files and terminate.

These steps are included in both examples and in both exercises of the previous section. They are particularly obvious in lines 545-570 of the last program (page 92) where the records remaining in file "INV" are copied to file "INVCR".

This chapter introduces you to sequential files. Sequential files are very economical when large volumes of data have to be processed. You have seen how to set up files and how to enter data into a file. Next the data file was read and printed. Finding a record in a file is an elementary operation that has uses in many applications. In this chapter finding a record was used to correct erroneous data. The chapter concluded by pointing out that error

#### SUMMARY



correction has to copy a file. Copying a file is necessary in error correction because sequential files should only be read or written, not both.

In the programs of this chapter more REM statements have been used to explain how the programs work. In computer terms, this is called internal documentation of a program. As you proceed through the book, more and more REM's will be used as the programs become more complex.

BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Statement</i>                                 | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|--|---|
| OPEN "I",1, "filename"<br>OPEN "O",1, "filename" | Opens a file identified by the filename, and gives it an identifying number. The filename can be from 1 to 8 characters. The "O" is for output. The "I" is for input. |
| INPUT #1, fieldname1, fieldname2, etc.           | Reads a record from the file. Records are specified by their fieldnames.  |
| PRINT #1, fieldname1; fieldname2; etc.           | Writes a record on the file. The fields of the record will be separated by semicolons. Alphabetic fields are separated by ";" .                                       |
| CLOSE #1   | Closes the file.  |
| IF EOF(1) THEN line number                       | Tells the computer to go to <i>line number</i> when all records of a file have been read.   |

PROBLEMS 1. Set up a file called "XKI" and enter the following data:

| <i>I.D. Number</i> | <i>Time 1</i> | <i>Time 2</i> |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 101                | 40            | 0             |
| 103                | 40            | 4             |
| 104                | 40            | 2             |
| 108                | 38            | 0             |

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| 172 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 40 | 0 |
| 281 | 40 | 0 |
| 347 | 38 | 0 |
| 422 | 40 | 0 |

- Print out the contents of file XKI.
- Write a simple program that will set up a file "TOP" with the input data (below) and print out the file.

| <i>I.D.</i> | <i>Name</i> |
|-------------|-------------|
| 247         | Farnsworth  |
| 262         | Lowell      |
| 264         | Ferguson    |
| 275         | Fong        |

- Read the sales file, "SALES". Find and print out the record for salesman Joe with suitable headings.
- Read the inventory file. Find and print out the records for part numbers 219 and 347 with suitable headings. The END OF DATA-RECORD NOT FOUND message will be printed.
- Read the "XKI" file from Problem 1, above. Find and print out the record for I.D. number 172 with suitable headings.

For problems 7–10 below, write an additional program to read and print the file:

- Write a program that will read the customer statement file "CUST" and place that data in a new file "CUST1" so that you have two files with exactly the same data. Verify by printing "CUST1".
- Write a program that will read the customer statement file "CUST" and place only customer data that have customer numbers from 3000 to 4000 into a new file "CUST2". Verify by printing "CUST2".
- Write a program that will read the sales commission file "SALES" and place the name and gross sales data into a new file "SALE1". However, the company has instituted a new sales policy so that the commission rate for all salesmen will be 6%. Verify by printing "SALES1".
- Write a program that will read the payroll file "EMPLOY" and place the following data fields into a new file "EMPL1": Employee number, department number, name, hourly rate.



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## 5 / Writing Reports from Sequential Files

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Calculate totals and subtotals for a file
- Produce reports that are clear and legible

Data is the lifeblood of a business. Without data, a business could not operate. For example, customer orders tell a firm what items to ship to a customer. They also tell a business who to bill and how much the customer owes the business. Data, such as customer orders, direct the operations of a business.

There are many other items of data that have the same characteristic, i.e. they support business operations. Production orders, inventory transactions, vendor invoices, time cards, and the like all serve to direct the activities of the firm.

But data is also used to support management decision making. From a management perspective, it is not enough to know that one customer has ordered one item. For decision making it is necessary to keep track of all customers. It is necessary to look at inventories as a whole. It is necessary to judge and evaluate all products. It is necessary to plan and control the operations of the firm as a whole.

Data to support management decisions has to be collected and processed. The processed data has to be presented to management as information in a report that will help management keep track of the activities of a firm. For example, a customer report allows management to determine their best customers. A product-line sales summary would tell management which products are selling well and which products are selling poorly.

This chapter shows you how sequential files are processed to produce reports. It will show you how to accumulate totals for the whole file and how to calculate subtotals for parts of the file. And it will show you how to use additional PRINT capabilities to make your reports neat and orderly.

In order to understand the programming involved in accumulating totals, the following example illustrates what is required.

HOW TO  
ACCUMULATE  
TOTALS

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Problem Summary

*Input*

“EMPLOY” file

*Processing*

Accumulate the total number of regular hours worked for all employees.

*Output*

Total regular hours worked with an appropriate heading.

---

See the flowchart (Fig. 5-1) and program to do this on the next page.

```

10 REM PROGRAM TO TOTAL REGULAR HOURS WORKED FOR
11 REM ALL EMPLOYEES; R1 WILL BE THE ACCUMULATION
12 REM OF REGULAR HOURS
100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
110 R1=0
115 IF EOF(1) THEN 190
120 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
140 R1=R1+R
150 GOTO 115
190 CLOSE #1
200 PRINT "TOTAL REGULAR HOURS ",R1
210 STOP
32767 END
    
```

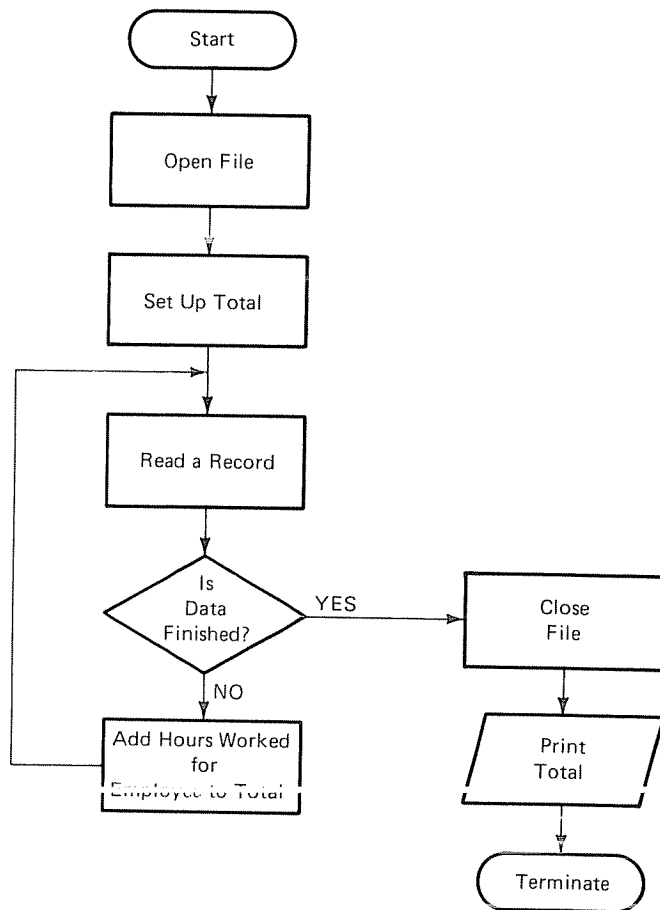


Figure 5-1

Flowchart for Accumulating Totals

This program is very similar to the last payroll program with the exception of lines 110 and 140.

```
110 R1 = 0
```

Line 110 sets the value of R1 to zero. This is called initializing an accumulation. Most computer systems will do this automatically, however some systems will not. Therefore it is worth the slight additional effort to put in an initialization statement. The choice of the name, R1 in this case, is up to the programmer. Any name could be used provided it is not used to define any other field. R1 seems a reasonable choice since R is the name assigned to the regular hours field.

```
140 R1 = R1 + R
```

This statement looks strange until you remember that the equal sign ( = ) is not an equal sign in algebraic terms. This statement looks the same as the algebra statement  $a = a + b$ ; however, it is different. The equal sign in BASIC is an assignment. Line 140, if translated into English means take the value that you found in field R, add its value to the current value of R1, and assign the sum to R1. If we look at the first four records in EMPLOY the values of R are: 40 for Adams, 40 for Baker, 40 for Brave, and 38 for Cohen.

When the computer executes line 110 it sets the value of R1 to 0, at line 120 the value of R for Adams is 40. At line 140 the values to the right of the equal sign are 0 and 40 which sum to 40. The value 40 is now assigned to R1; after line 140 has been executed, R1 has the new value of 40. The program then directs that the next record be input (Baker). Again at 120 the value of R for Baker is 40. In line 140 R1 is 40 and R is 40. When they are summed, the new value of R1 is  $40 + 40$  which is 80. The program directs that the next record be input (Brave). At line 120 the value of R for Brave is 40. At line 140, R1 is now 80 and R is 40. These values are summed and the new value of R1 is assigned as 120. The next record is input (Cohen). The value of R is 38, R1 is 120. The new value of R1 is assigned as 158.

This process repeats until the end of the file is reached. Then the file is closed and the following output is produced:

```
TOTAL REGULAR HOURS          552
Break in 210
```

As a second example, let us increase the number of totals. For this case, we want to calculate the total hours worked (both regular and overtime) and the total wages earned by everyone. The "EMPLOY" file will again be used. Now, we need to add the regular and overtime hours worked by each employee to get their totals, also we need to add the wages earned by each employee to get the total wages earned.



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Problem Summary

*Input*

“EMPLOY” file

*Processing*

Accumulate regular hours worked, overtime hours worked, and wages earned by each employee to get totals.

*Output*

Totals for regular hours worked, overtime hours worked, and wages earned with appropriate headings.

---

The program therefore has to:

1. Link to the “EMPLOY” file.
2. Set up fields for the totals.
3. Read the records in the file.
4. Accumulate totals.
5. Print the totals with appropriate headings.

The program to perform these steps is shown below:

```
10 REM THIS PROGRAM TO ACCUMULATE TOTALS FOR REGULAR HOURS
11 REM OVERTIME HOURS, AND TOTAL WAGES EARNED IN THE "EMPLOY"
12 REM FILE.
100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
120 R1=0
130 V1=0
140 W1=0
145 IF EOF(1) THEN 250
150 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
170 R1=R1+R
180 V1=V1+V
190 W1=W1+H*R+1.5*H*V
200 GOTO 145
250 CLOSE #1
260 PRINT "TOTAL REGULAR HOURS WORKED",R1
270 PRINT "TOTAL OVERTIME HOURS WORKED",V1
280 PRINT "TOTAL WAGES EARNED BY ALL EMPLOYEES",W1
290 STOP
32767 END
```

```

RUN
TOTAL REGULAR HOURS WORKED      552
TOTAL OVERTIME HOURS WORKED     16
TOTAL WAGES EARNED BY ALL EMPLOYEES      2771.7
Break in 290

```

The first group of statements, lines 120, 130, and 140, sets the fields called R1, V1, and W1 to zero. R1 will be used to accumulate regular hours. V1 will be used to accumulate overtime hours. And W1 is used, later in the program, to accumulate the wages earned. Again, as in the preceding example, before you read a record, you have to initialize these fields to zero anywhere before the loop.

The second group of statements performs the accumulation of totals. As each record is read, the data from the record is added to the fields that are used to hold the accumulation. Remember the = symbol is an assignment symbol and not an equal sign! What line 170 tells the computer to do is: Take the value that is currently in R1, add to this the value that is currently in R, and place the sum back into R1.

A similar operation occurs in lines 180 and 190. In line 180, the current contents of V1 is added to the current contents of V; and the result is placed into V1. In line 190, a somewhat more complicated procedure is involved:

First, the regular wages are computed when the hourly rate is multiplied by the hours worked ( $H * R$ ).

Next, the computer calculates overtime wages when it multiplies the overtime hours ( $V$ ) by one-and-a-half times the hourly rate ( $1.5 * H$ ).

Then, the regular wages and the overtime wages are added to the current wage total ( $W1$ ).

Finally, that sum is stored again in  $W1$ .

In this way, the wages of all employees are accumulated, but only one at a time.

The third group of statements, in lines 260-280, prints what has been accumulated in R1, V1, and W1, with appropriate headings, of course.

To further illuminate this process, here is another example. To highlight how the accumulation procedure works, let's take a simple data file and generate the totals of that file.

Assume you have a file called "SALORD", that contains sales orders. Further assume that each sales order has just two fields—order number and dollar amount of order. The file of data could look like this:

| <i>Sales Order Number</i> | <i>Dollar Amount of Sale</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 20473                     | 1800.00                      |
| 20474                     | 450.00                       |
| 20475                     | 600.00                       |
| 20476                     | 150.00                       |
| 20477                     | 500.00                       |

Of course, a *real* sales order would have many more fields. For example, a sales order would have to identify the customer, the customer address, the salesman who made the sale (for commission calculation if needed), where to ship the items, who to bill for the sale, and so on. And obviously, a *real* sales order file would contain many more records than the five that are shown. For our simple example, this file will be adequate.

Now, what we need to do is write a program that will accumulate the total dollar amount of sales, and then print out this total. But let's also print the value of sales and the value for the total as we are accumulating.

A program to perform this task is given below:

```

100 REM PROGRAM TO TOTAL SALES ORDERS
110 OPEN "I",1,"SALORD"
120 T=0
125 IF EOF(1) THEN 210
130 INPUT #1, N,S
150 T=T+S
160 PRINT "S=";S,"T=";T
170 GOTO 125
210 CLOSE #1
220 PRINT "THE TOTAL DOLLAR SALES ARE: ";T
230 STOP
32767 END

```

If you now type RUN, the program will give the following output.

```

S= 1800          T= 1800
S= 450           T= 2250
S= 600           T= 2850
S= 150           T= 3000
S= 500           T= 3500
THE TOTAL DOLLAR SALES ARE: 3500
Break in 230

```

Look again at the program. We'll go over the steps that it performs one by one, and we'll trace what happens to the fields labelled N, S, and T.

After opening the file, line 120 sets the field T to zero. So, picture a box called T and put a zero into it.

T 0

Line 130 reads two values from the file and puts these values into N and S.

Thus:

N  S

Line 150 then takes the value of field T. Look at the box called T above. It contains a zero—right? So, it takes the zero and adds to it the content of the box called S. S contains 1800. So, 1800 is added to zero and now T would look like:

T

In line 160, we print the contents of S and T. And line 170 gets us back to line 125. At line 130, the next set of values is placed into the fields N and S:

N  S

Line 150 then adds what is in T (the 1800) to the contents of S (the 450). And the result (2250) is placed into the field T.

T = 2250

Line 160 outputs S and T before line 170 takes us back for another cycle.

You can now repeat these steps on your own. Use the boxes below for the third, fourth and fifth records.

|     |            |                                   |                        |                        | ending                 |
|-----|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 3rd | starting T | <input type="text" value="2250"/> | N <input type="text"/> | S <input type="text"/> | T <input type="text"/> |
| 4th |            |                                   | N <input type="text"/> | S <input type="text"/> | T <input type="text"/> |
| 5th |            |                                   | N <input type="text"/> | S <input type="text"/> | T <input type="text"/> |

Note the pattern that is followed in accumulating a total. Start by setting a field to zero. Then, add one item at a time to that field until you are out of data. When you next PRINT that field, the grand total is output.

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#### Problem Summary

Example

*Input*

“SALES” file

*Processing*

Accumulate the total sales commissions that must be paid to the salesmen.

*Output*

Total of all the commissions suitably labelled.

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|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCES | 740  |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS           | 570  |
| TOTAL CHARGES            | 850  |
| TOTAL NEW BALANCES       | 1020 |
| Break in                 | 300  |

In many cases, summaries of the file as a whole are too gross to make any decisions. A more refined breakdown of the data is needed. But the detail is not at the individual record level. Instead of totals for the file as a whole or detail at the individual record level, we need an intermediary categorization of the data. Subtotals provide such intermediary categorizations.

## HOW TO CALCULATE SUBTOTALS

Again, we look to the payroll problem for an illustrative example. Look at the payroll data file. It contains values for employee number, department number, employee name, etc. For our example, we need a summary of employee wages by department.

Departmental subtotals furnish an intermediary breakdown of the data. They are not as aggregate as file totals, neither are they as detailed as the earnings by individual employee. Instead, they fit someplace between the employee level detail and the all encompassing aggregation of file totals.

But before subtotals can be calculated with sequential files, the data has to be reorganized. Table 5-1 shows how the EMPLOY file would look once it's been placed into department number sequence.

Employee File Sorted by Department Number

Table 5-1

| <i>Employee<br/>Number</i> | <i>Dept.<br/>Number</i> | <i>Employee<br/>Name</i> | <i>Hourly<br/>Rate</i> | <i>Regular<br/>Hours</i> | <i>Overtime<br/>Hours</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 422                        | 1                       | Williams                 | \$4.00                 | 40                       | 0                         |
| 368                        | 1                       | Weaver                   | 3.50                   | 40                       | 2                         |
| 198                        | 1                       | Tanner                   | 4.25                   | 36                       | 0                         |
| 101                        | 1                       | Adams                    | 5.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 172                        | 2                       | Johnson                  | 3.75                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 313                        | 7                       | Smith                    | 4.25                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 206                        | 7                       | Lester                   | 5.25                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 347                        | 12                      | Gray                     | 6.00                   | 38                       | 0                         |
| 281                        | 12                      | Miller                   | 6.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 255                        | 12                      | Schmidt                  | 5.60                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 103                        | 12                      | Baker                    | 5.60                   | 40                       | 4                         |
| 202                        | 16                      | Wilson                   | 4.00                   | 40                       | 0                         |
| 108                        | 16                      | Cohen                    | 6.25                   | 38                       | 0                         |
| 104                        | 17                      | Brave                    | 4.00                   | 40                       | 2                         |



The process used to order the data in a particular sequence is called sorting. (Sorting is a complex subject, so we will not cover the logic of sorting a data file. Instead, Appendix B contains a sort program with instructions on how to use it. We will indicate where a sort is needed, but sorting itself is left to your discretion.)

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Problem Summary

*Input*

“EMPLOY” file in department number sequence, which will be called “EMPLDP”.

*Processing*

Accumulate regular hours worked, overtime hours worked, and wages earned by department and for the file as a whole.

*Output*

Subtotals and totals accumulated.

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The program will have to:

1. Link to the “EMPLDP” file.
2. Set up fields for subtotals and totals.
3. Read the records in the file.
4. Accumulate subtotals by department.
5. Print the subtotals.
6. Accumulate totals for the file.
7. Print the totals.
8. Terminate.

The flowchart for the program is shown in Figure 5-2. A program to do these steps is shown below.

```
10 REM PROGRAM TO ACCUMULATE SUBTOTALS FOR THE
11 REM PAYROLL PROBLEM AND TO ACCUMULATE TOTALS
12 REM OF THE SUBTOTALS
130 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLDP"
140 R1=0
150 V1=0
160 W1=0
170 R2=0
180 V2=0
190 W2=0
200 D1=0
210 PRINT "DEPARTMENT", "REGULAR", "OVERTIME", "WAGES"
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220 PRINT "NUMBER", "HOURS", "HOURS", "EARNED"
230 PRINT "-----", "-----", "-----", "-----"
240 REM READ THE DATA IN THE FILE
245 IF EOF(1) THEN 520
250 INPUT #1, N, D, N$, H, R, V
265 REM SET UP FOR THE FIRST DEPARTMENT
270 IF D1 > 0 THEN 280
275 D1 = D
280 IF D1 < D THEN 350
290 REM THEN DEPARTMENT THE SAME AS FOR THE PREVIOUS RECORD
300 REM THEREFORE ACCUMULATE SUBTOTALS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
310 R1 = R1 + R
320 V1 = V1 + V
330 W1 = W1 + H * R + 1.5 * H * V
331 REM READ THE NEXT RECORD
340 GOTO 245
341 REM PRINT DEPARTMENT SUBTOTALS
350 PRINT D1, R1, V1, W1
360 REM ADD SUBTOTALS TO TOTALS
370 R2 = R2 + R1
380 V2 = V2 + V1
390 W2 = W2 + W1
400 REM SET SUBTOTALS TO ZERO FOR THE NEXT DEPARTMENT
410 R1 = 0
420 V1 = 0
430 W1 = 0
440 REM SET DEPARTMENT TO CURRENT DEPARTMENT
450 D1 = D
460 GOTO 310
510 REM PRINT SUBTOTALS FOR THE LAST DEPARTMENT
520 PRINT D1, R1, V1, W1
530 REM ADD SUBTOTALS FOR THE LAST DEPARTMENT TO TOTALS
540 R2 = R2 + R1
550 V2 = V2 + V1
560 W2 = W2 + W1
570 REM PRINT THE TOTALS
580 PRINT "TOTAL", R2, V2, W2
590 REM TERMINATE THE PROGRAM
600 CLOSE #1
610 STOP
32767 END

```

| RUN<br>DEPARTMENT<br>NUMBER | REGULAR<br>HOURS | OVERTIME<br>HOURS | WAGES<br>EARNED |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| -----                       | -----            | -----             | -----           |
| 1                           | 156              | 2                 | 663.5           |
| 2                           | 40               | 0                 | 150             |
| 7                           | 80               | 4                 | 405.5           |
| 12                          | 158              | 8                 | 983.2           |
| 16                          | 78               | 0                 | 397.5           |
| 17                          | 40               | 2                 | 172             |
| TOTAL                       | 552              | 16                | 2771.7          |

Break in 610

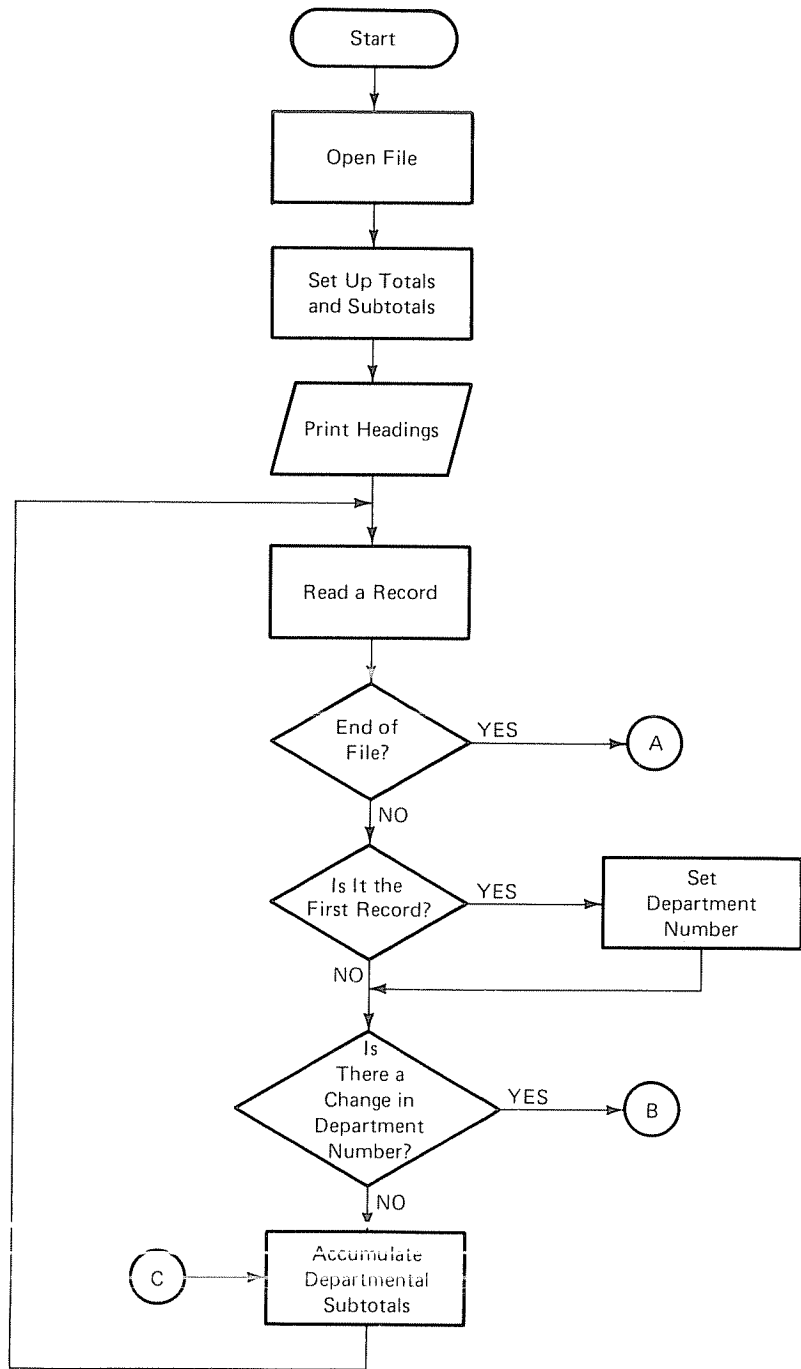
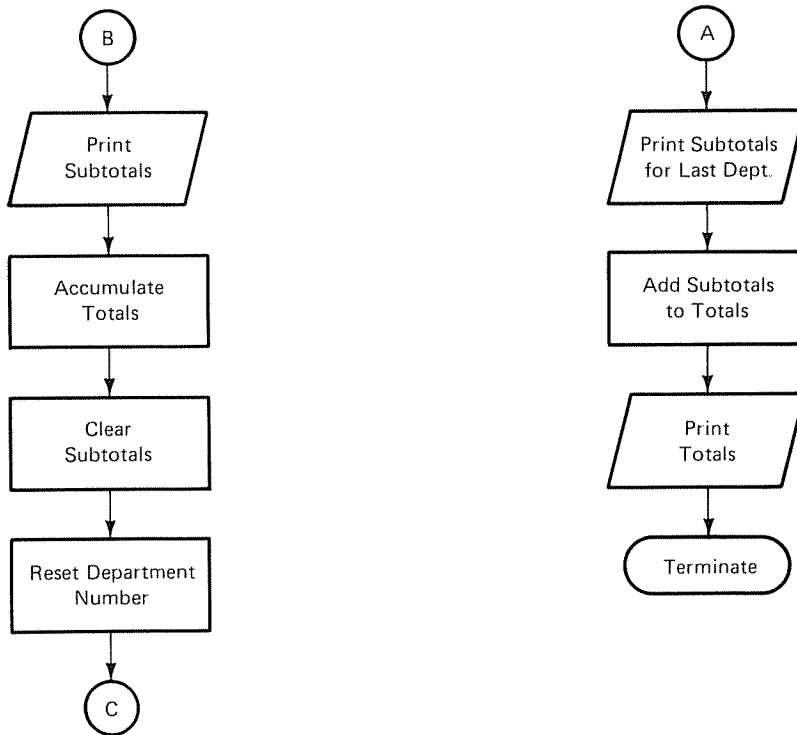


Figure 5-2

Flowchart for Payroll Total Program



Flowchart for Payroll Total Program (Cont'd.)

Figure 5-2

We can trace the logic of this program to see what it does. You'll note the same elements that existed in the process of getting totals.

First, the fields that are used to hold the subtotals (as well as those for the totals) are set to zero in lines 140-190. Next, they are used to accumulate the running totals in lines 310-330. Then they are printed in line 350; used in the accumulation of totals in lines 370-390; and set to zero for the accumulation of subtotals for the next department in lines 410-430.

As you can see, calculating subtotals is identical to the process used to calculate totals. The key difficulty lies in determining when to start and when to stop accumulating for one department.

How do we know we have finished with a department? Look at Table 5-1, the employee file sorted by department number. Cover up the table (with a sheet of paper or your hand) except for the titles. Now look at the first record. Move your sheet of paper down the table one record at a time (because that is the way the computer does it—the computer sees the whole file, but only one record at a time). And herein lies the clue for determining the end of a department. We are finished with one department when we arrive at the next department.

Try it again. Look at Table 5-1, one record at a time. Look only at the department number. We start with department number 1. Remember that number. Look at the next record. It is still department 1. And the next one. Still 1. Look at the fourth record. Department number is 1. Read the next record. The department number is no longer one. Therefore, we know that we are finished with department one.

Now let's look at the program. The process that you have just gone through is in lines 250, 270, 275, 280, and 450. The statement in line 250 reads a record. Line 280 compares the department number of the record just read with a prior department number. The prior department number is defined in lines 270 and 275 for the first record read, and it is set in line 450 after each department break. (A "break" in this context refers to the point where a number changes from one value to another.)

So, D1 "remembers" the previous department number. And when in line 280 a different department number (D) is encountered (D1 not equal to D) then the accumulated values in R1, V1, and W1 represent the subtotals for the previous department. Hence, the logic flows to line 350 where the subtotals are printed.

One more item needs to be mentioned: printing the last department. We know we have finished accumulating the subtotals for the last department when we run out of data. But at that point, while the accumulation is complete, the answer resides in the computer. To get it out, it has to be printed. But a print different from line 350 has to be used. This is the purpose of the THEN 520 in the end-of-file test in line 245. When the end of file occurs, then it is time to print the last department subtotal, calculate the totals, print them, and terminate the program.

Look over the inventory example and then try the exercises.

#### Example

Inventory Example: In the "INV" file, assume that part numbers 100-199 belong to department one (1), numbers 200-299 belong to department two (2), and numbers 300-399 belong to department three (3). Calculate the dollar value of the beginning and ending inventory for each department and print these values as well as their grand totals. We want to write a program that will calculate the departmental subtotals for the value of the beginning and ending inventory values, as well as the grand totals.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

"INV" file

##### *Processing*

Accumulate beginning and ending inventory dollar values by department for the file.

*Output*

Departmental subtotals and grand totals suitably labelled.

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The steps in this program are the same as in the previous payroll program in that the program will have to:

1. Link to the INV file.
2. Set up fields for subtotals and totals.
3. Read the records in the file.
4. Accumulate subtotals by department.
5. Print the subtotals.
6. Accumulate totals for the file.
7. Print the totals.
8. Terminate.

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM TO ACCUMULATE SUBTOTALS FOR BEGINNING
11 REM AND ENDING INVENTORY VALUES BY DEPARTMENT
12 REM AND TO ACCUMULATE TOTALS FOR THE FILE
100 OPEN "I",2,"INV"
110 B1=0
120 E1=0
130 B2=0
140 E2=0
150 D1=0
160 PRINT "DEPARTMENT","BEGINNING","ENDING"
170 PRINT "NUMBER","INVENTORY","INVENTORY"
180 PRINT "-----","-----","-----"
190 REM READ DATA IN THE FILE
200 IF EOF(2) THEN 480
210 INPUT #2, N,B,R1,R2,C
220 N=INT(N/100)
230 IF D1>0 GOTO 260
240 D1=N
260 IF D1<N GOTO 330
270 REM DEPARTMENT NUMBER IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS RECORD
280 REM THEREFORE ACCUMULATE THE SUBTOTALS
290 B1=B1+B*C
300 E1=E1+B*C+R1*C-R2*C
305 REM READ THE NEXT RECORD
310 GOTO 200
320 REM PRINT DEPARTMENT SUBTOTALS
330 PRINT D1,B1,E1
340 REM ADD THE SUBS TO THE TOTALS
350 E2=E2+E1
360 B2=B2+B1

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370 REM SET SUBS TO ZERO FOR THE NEXT DEPARTMENT
380 B1=0
390 E1=0
400 REM SET D1 EQUAL TO THE NEXT DEPARTMENT NUMBER
410 D1=N
420 GOTO 290
470 REM END OF FILE REACHED--PRINT SUBTOTALS FOR LAST DEPARTMENT
480 PRINT D1,B1,E1
490 REM ADD SUBTOTALS FROM THE LAST DEPARTMENT TO TOTALS
500 E2=E2+E1
510 B2=B2+B1
520 REM PRINT TOTALS FOR THE FILE
530 PRINT "TOTAL BEGINNING AND ENDING INVENTORIES ";B2;E2
540 CLOSE #2
32767 END

```

```

RUN
DEPARTMENT          BEGINNING          ENDING
NUMBER              INVENTORY          INVENTORY
-----
1                   600                   575
2                   829.75               513.75
3                   0                    138
TOTAL BEGINNING AND ENDING INVENTORIES  1429.75  1226.75

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The only difference in logic between this program and the previous payroll program is the test for a new department. Before, department numbers were given in a field; in this example, the department number is determined from the part number. The instruction in line 220 does this. The statement

$$N = \text{INT}(N/100)$$

illustrates the use of a new type of BASIC statement. INT is called a function. It makes an integer (whole number) out of what appears in parenthesis after it, by dropping anything after the decimal point. For example, if we had the number 2.73 appearing in the parenthesis after INT, that is, if we had  $\text{INT}(2.73)$ , the resulting value would be 2. In the particular case of the expression in this program, when the first record is input, N is equal to 101.  $\text{INT}(N/100)$  divides the value 101 by 100, giving 1.01, and the integer function makes an integer (1) out of this value.

So D1 has the value 1. In this way all parts with values 100-199 will be accumulated. When the second record with part number 219 is input, at line 240 D1 is equal to 1 so that we go to line 330 where departmental subtotals (for one) are printed. Then in line 410 D1 has the value of 2 and the program continues to accumulate the subtotals for department two. Similarly, when the last record with part number 347 is input, N in line 240 will have





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*(Attach additional paper to complete your program.)*

| TERRITORY<br>NUMBER<br>----- | TERRITORY<br>SALES<br>----- | COMMISSIONS<br>PAID<br>----- |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                            | 17320                       | 839.65                       |
| 2                            | 18140                       | 893.6                        |

Account Balance Exercise: The department is indicated by the first digit of the customer number.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

“CUST” file

*Processing*

Accumulate initial balances and final balances by department and for the file as a whole.

*Output*

Department subtotals and grand totals suitably labelled.

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Lined area for calculations or notes.

*(Attach additional paper to complete your program.)*

| DEPARTMENT<br>NUMBER<br>-----       | BEGINNING<br>BALANCE<br>----- | ENDING<br>BALANCE<br>----- |     |      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|------|
| 2                                   | 120                           | 130                        |     |      |
| 3                                   | 620                           | 890                        |     |      |
| TOTAL BEGINNING AND ENDING BALANCES |                               |                            | 740 | 1020 |
| Break in 510                        |                               |                            |     |      |

REPORT  
WRITING BY  
COMPUTER

So far the output of all the programs has been labelled in a manner that identifies it. The output of the programs up to now has been brief and satisfactory for programmer purposes. The output would be unsatisfactory for management purposes because it is too brief and is not self-explanatory to a manager. Managers do not read programs. It is important that the output be self-explanatory with appropriate headings and follow general business formats.

The output to the second payroll example consists of the following:

|                                     |     |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| TOTAL REGULAR HOURS WORKED          | 552 |        |
| TOTAL OVERTIME HOURS WORKED         | 16  |        |
| TOTAL WAGES EARNED BY ALL EMPLOYEES |     | 2771.7 |
| Break in 290                        |     |        |

The program can be modified so that the function of the program can be made clear in the output. The supporting data that resulted in that output can also be printed. The report that we want to produce is usually called a payroll report.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

"EMPLOY" file

##### *Processing*

Accumulate regular hours, overtime hours, and wages for the company.

##### *Output*

An easily readable and understandable payroll report.

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100 REM THIS PROGRAM TO ACCUMULATE TOTALS FOR REGULAR HOURS
110 REM OVERTIME HOURS, AND TOTAL WAGES EARNED IN THE "EMPLOY"
111 REM FILE.
120 PRINT
130 PRINT
140 PRINT "                PAYROLL REPORT"
150 PRINT

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160 PRINT
170 PRINT "EMPLOYEE  DEPT      NAME      HOURLY      REGULAR      OVERTI
ME GROSS"
180 PRINT "NUMBER      NUMBER      RATE      HOURS      HOUR
S      PAY"
190 PRINT "-----"
-----
200 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
210 R1=0
220 V1=0
230 W1=0
235 IF EOF(1) THEN 360
240 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
260 R1=R1+R
270 V1=V1+V
280 W1=W1+H*R+1.5*H*V
290 W=H*R+(1.5*H*V)
300 PRINT USING"###      ##      %      %#.##      ##
#      #,###.##";N,D,N$,H,R,V,W
310 GOTO 235
360 CLOSE #1
370 PRINT "*****"
*****
380 PRINT USING"TOTALS      ##
##      #,###.##";R1,V1,W1
32767 END

```

PAYROLL REPORT

| EMPLOYEE<br>NUMBER | DEPT<br>NUMBER | NAME     | HOURLY<br>RATE | REGULAR<br>HOURS | OVERTIME<br>HOURS | GROSS<br>PAY |
|--------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 101                | 1              | ADAMS    | 5.00           | 40               | 0                 | 200.00       |
| 103                | 12             | BAKER    | 5.60           | 40               | 4                 | 257.60       |
| 104                | 17             | BRAVE    | 4.00           | 40               | 2                 | 172.00       |
| 108                | 16             | COHEN    | 6.25           | 38               | 0                 | 237.50       |
| 172                | 2              | JOHNSON  | 3.75           | 40               | 0                 | 150.00       |
| 198                | 1              | TANNER   | 4.25           | 36               | 0                 | 153.00       |
| 202                | 16             | WILSON   | 4.00           | 40               | 0                 | 160.00       |
| 206                | 7              | LESTER   | 5.25           | 40               | 0                 | 210.00       |
| 255                | 12             | SCHMIDT  | 5.60           | 40               | 4                 | 257.60       |
| 281                | 12             | MILLER   | 6.00           | 40               | 0                 | 240.00       |
| 313                | 7              | SMITH    | 4.25           | 40               | 4                 | 195.50       |
| 347                | 12             | GRAY     | 6.00           | 38               | 0                 | 228.00       |
| 368                | 1              | WEAVER   | 3.50           | 40               | 2                 | 150.50       |
| 422                | 1              | WILLIAMS | 4.00           | 40               | 0                 | 160.00       |
| *****              |                |          |                |                  |                   |              |
| TOTALS             |                |          |                | 552              | 16                | 2,771.70     |

The only new BASIC instruction in this program is PRINT USING. It is similar to the PRINT instruction, but it allows us to align numbers in columns and print zeroes after decimal points. It also can be used for putting commas (,) in large numbers for thousands, millions, etc. The rules for PRINT USING are as follows:

1. After the words PRINT USING a pair of quotation marks encloses what is to be printed on a line.
2. To indicate a numeric field, use the sharp (#). Its length is determined by the number of sharps.
3. To print a decimal point in a number, use a period (.). Its position is determined by its placement between sharps (#). The value printed will be rounded to the nearest decimal.
4. To print commas in long numbers, use a comma (,). Its position may be determined by its placement between sharps (#).
5. To indicate an alphabetic field, use a percent sign (%). Its length is determined by a pair of percent signs and the space between. (Model 11 use a backward slash (\) rather than %.)
6. After the second quotation mark, a list of the field names to be printed on the line, separated by commas, must appear.
7. If the number of characters in a numeric field to be printed is larger than the number of characters in the PRINT USING statement, a percent (%) will be printed.

Assume for the examples the following field values:

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N = 101
N$ = ADAMS
H = 5.0
P = 200.0
T = 2476.436
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Ø means a space or blank — it is used on this page to assist you in counting spaces; it is never used in a program.

*Examples*

|                                  | <i>Printing Columns</i> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                  | 1                       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 PRINT USING "###";N           | 1                       | 0 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###";N           |                         |   |   | 1 | 0 | 1 |   |   |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.##";H        |                         |   | 5 | . | 0 | 0 |   |   |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";P       |                         |   | 2 | 0 | 0 | . | 0 | 0 |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";T       | 2                       | , | 4 | 7 | 6 | . | 4 | 4 |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";N, H    | 1                       | 0 | 1 | 5 | . | 0 | 0 | 0 |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";N\$,    |                         |   | A | D | A | M | S |   |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";N\$,    | A                       | D | A | M | S |   |   |   |   |
| 10 PRINT USING "###.###";N, N\$, | 1                       | 0 | 1 | A | D | A | M | S |   |

In the program the PRINT USING statement appears in line 300.

```
300 PRINT USING" ###      ##      %      %#.##      ##
      #  #,###.###";N,D,N$,H,R,V,W
```

The first field, N, will be printed in columns 2, 3, and 4. The three sharps indicate that it is three characters long. The one space after the quotation mark prints a blank as the first character. The second field, D, is printed in columns 11 and 12. Its length is two characters. The third field, N\$, is ten characters long. It is alphabetic and the name will be printed in columns 19 through 28. It is ten characters long because there are eight spaces between the percents. The percents are also counted in determining the length of the printed field. The fourth field, H, is four characters with a decimal point between the second and third numbers. It is printed in columns 29 through 33. Fields R and V are two and one character long and start in columns 41 and 52, respectively. The last field, W, is printed in columns 56 through 63 and will appear with a decimal point, and comma if there are numbers that need them.

The second PRINT USING statement appears in line 380. It follows all of the rules given above, with one extension. The word "TOTALS" is to be printed in the first six columns of the total row. To do this, insert the word where you want it to print.

The program does not have a STOP instruction before the END. This STOP instruction was removed after the program was tested so that the message Break in 390 would not appear on the report. You may remove the final STOP instruction after you run the program and it is correct. Then run the program a final time and the message will not appear at the bottom of the report.

It is very important to make sure that you know the maximum length of a field in order to specify its length in a PRINT USING instruction. If you specify a numeric field larger than its maximum value, the numbers will

be right justified (printed using the far right positions first). Alphabetic fields are printed using the far left positions first (left justified). As a result of this, your printed output will line up in columns that are easily readable.

The preceding program is one example of how a report may be printed so that it is easily readable and understandable. Columns of numbers can be made neat with the PRINT USING instruction.

## SUMMARY

In this chapter you have been shown how to accumulate subtotals and totals for a file. A use of the BASIC instruction INT has been explained for cases where department numbers are part of some identification number. Finally you have seen how to produce reports for management that are easily readable and understandable with the PRINT USING instruction.

## BASIC Instructions Introduced:

INT(X)            The value X is made into an integer (whole number).

PRINT USING    Prints columns of data in a manner that they may be easily read.

## PROBLEMS

1. Use the "XK1" file from the first problem in Chapter 4 (page 89) to accumulate the totals from Time 1 and Time 2. Output these totals suitably labelled.
2. Use the "XK1" file to accumulate departmental subtotals from Time 1 and Time 2 assuming that departments are defined as follows:

| <i>Department</i> | <i>I.D. Number</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1                 | 100-199            |
| 2                 | 200-299            |
| 3                 | 300-399            |
| 4                 | 400-499            |

Output these totals suitably labelled.

3. Use the "INV" file to accumulate department subtotals and grand totals for units received. Assume department one has part numbers 100-199, department two has part numbers 200-299, department three has part numbers 300-399. Output the totals suitably labelled.
4. Modify your program that produces sales and commission department subtotals and grand totals from the "SALES" file so that it may be read by management. Title it: Sales and Commission Report.
5. Modify your program that produces initial balances and final balances by department and grand totals from the "CUST" file so that it may be read by management. Title it: Customer Sales Report.

6. Modify the program that produces beginning and ending inventory value by department and grand totals from the "INV" file so that it may be read by management. Title it: Inventory Value Report.
7. Modify your program in Problem 3 above so that you produce a management report. Title it: Units Issued by Departments.





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## 6 / Adding and Deleting Records

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Add records to sequential files
- Delete records from sequential files

Performance  
Objectives

Files are not static. The contents of files change as the business changes. In the payroll example, employees are hired and new employee records are added to the files. People also leave or retire, and the old employee records have to be dropped from the file. Customers are acquired and new customer records have to be inserted into a file. Or a product becomes obsolete and it must be deleted from the file.

In this chapter we will show you how to add and delete records using sequential files.

An accidental omission has occurred. When the data for the employee payroll (Table 4–1, Chapter 4) was given, two records were lost. Now they have been found. Fortunately, the payroll has not been prepared. But these two records have to be added to the file before the payroll program can be run.

ADDING  
RECORDS  
TO A FILE

This hypothetical situation (it would never occur in real life, would it?) serves as the basis for showing you how to add records to a file. Let's assume that the two missing records are the following:

| <i>Employee Number</i> | <i>Department Number</i> | <i>Employee Name</i> | <i>Hourly Rate</i> | <i>Regular Hours</i> | <i>Overtime Hours</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 425                    | 17                       | Jones                | 4.80               | 40                   | 2                     |
| 426                    | 17                       | Cooper               | 4.25               | 38                   | 0                     |

As you can see, Jones and Cooper belong at the end of the “EMPLOY” file. So we need to find the end of the file and add the records at that point.

But here we run into a limitation of sequential files. We can either read from a file or print into a file, but we cannot both read and print the same sequential file unless we are only adding records to the end of a file. If records are to be added between existing records or old records are to be changed, we need to read from one file and print into another file. Since this is the most typical situation we will use the two file approach in this chapter.

The problem has two sets of input data. First, the payroll file with its records of six fields:

- Employee number
- Department number
- Employee name
- Hourly rate of pay
- Regular hours worked
- Overtime hours worked

Secondly, the two omitted records with the same fields (which must be added from the keyboard). For output the problem requires a complete file as well as messages to the keyboard operator.

The processing consists of reading the records in the old file and writing them into a new file. When the end of data has been reached in the old file, then records are entered from the keyboard and added to the new file.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input Data*

1. "EMPLOY" file with six fields per record:

- Employee number
- Employee department number
- Employee name
- Hourly rate
- Regular hours
- Overtime hours

No validity checks necessary since all fields have already been checked.

2. New records to be added to the file, each record consisting of six fields.

| <i>Field name</i>          | <i>Valid Range</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Employee number            | 100 to 999         |
| Employee department number | 1 to 20            |
| Employee name              | -                  |
| Hourly rate                | 3.05 to 15.00      |
| Regular hours worked       | 0 to 40            |
| Overtime hours worked      | 0 to 20            |

##### *Processing*

Take data from the old file and write into new file until end of data is reached. Then take data from keyboard and place valid records into new file.

##### *Output*

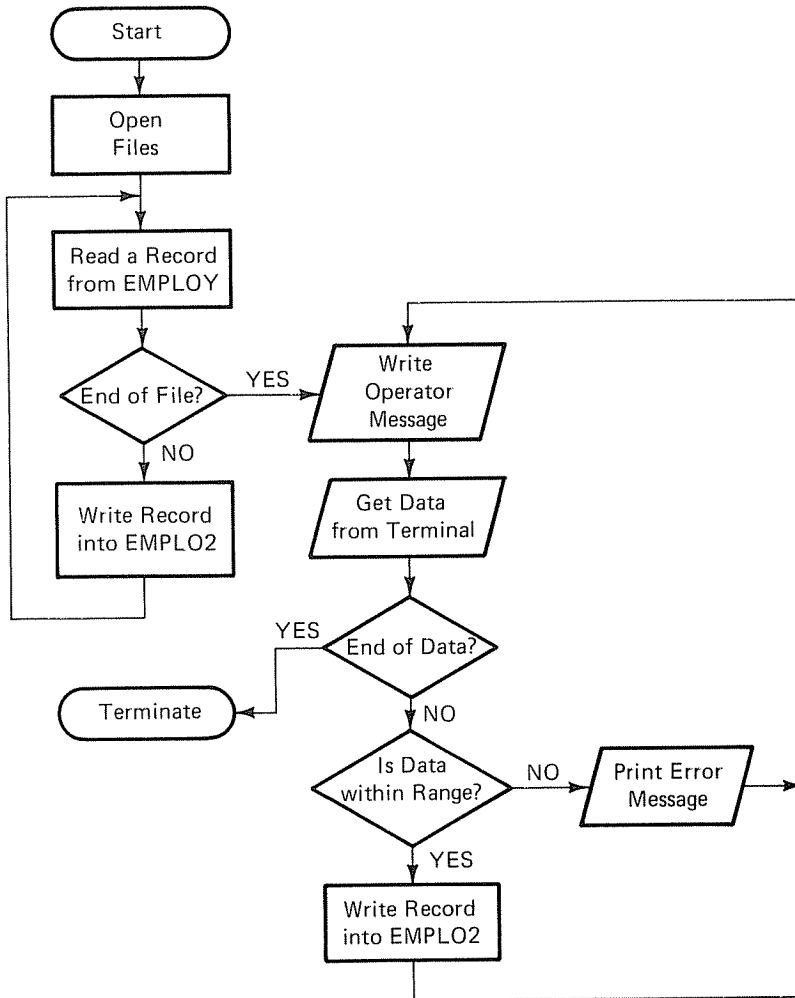
Instructions for operator and complete payroll data file.

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The program, therefore, has to be able to:

1. Link to the file "EMPLOY".
2. Set up a new file.
3. Read from the old file and write into new file until end of data is reached.
4. Get data from terminal and check it for valid range.
5. Write valid records into new file.
6. Stop when new records have been added.

The flowchart for the program is given in Figure 6–1.



Flowchart for Adding Records to the End of a File

Figure 6–1

```
100 REM THIS PROGRAM APPENDS RECORDS TO A FILE
110 REM
120 REM OPEN FILES FOR INPUT AND OUTPUT
130 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
140 OPEN "O",2,"EMPLO2"
150 REM
160 REM READ THE FILE "EMPLOY"
170 REM CHECK FOR END OF FILE
180 REM AND PRINT INTO THE FILE "EMPLO2"
190 REM
195 IF EOF(1) THEN 300
200 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
220 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
230 GOTO 195
280 REM READ DATA FROM THE KEYBOARD AND
290 REM ADD IT TO FILE EMPLO2
300 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER"
310 PRINT "EMPLOYEE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS"
320 PRINT "AND OVERTIME HOURS--SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
330 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99"
340 INPUT N,D,N$,H,R,V
350 REM
360 REM CHECK FOR END OF DATA
370 IF N=99 THEN 590
380 REM
390 REM CHECK THE DATA FOR VALIDITY
400 REM
410 IF N<100 THEN 540
420 IF N>999 THEN 540
430 IF D<1 THEN 540
440 IF D>20 THEN 540
450 IF H<3.05 THEN 540
460 IF H>15.00 THEN 540
470 IF R<0 THEN 540
480 IF R>40 THEN 540
490 IF V<0 THEN 540
500 IF V>20 THEN 540
510 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
520 GOTO 300
540 PRINT "*** ERROR IN INPUT DATA -- PLEASE RETYPE"
550 GOTO 300
560 REM
570 REM TERMINATE PROGRAM
580 REM
590 CLOSE #1,#2
600 STOP
32767 END
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```

TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER
EMPLOYEE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS
AND OVERTIME HOURS--SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 425,17,JONES,4.80,40,2
TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER
EMPLOYEE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS
AND OVERTIME HOURS--SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 426,17,COOPER,4.25,38,0
TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER
EMPLOYEE NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS
AND OVERTIME HOURS--SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 99,99,AA,99,99,99
Break in 600

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In order to determine whether the program worked, print the "EMPLO2" file with the following program.

```

100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLO2"
105 IF EOF(1) THEN 250
110 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
120 PRINT N;D,N$,H,R;V
130 GOTO 105
250 CLOSE #1
500 STOP
32767 END

```

|     |    |          |      |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|------|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS    | 5    | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER    | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 104 | 17 | BRAVE    | 4    | 40 | 2 |
| 108 | 16 | COHEN    | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON  | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER   | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON   | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER   | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT  | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER   | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH    | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 425 | 17 | JONES    | 4.8  | 40 | 2 |
| 426 | 17 | COOPER   | 4.25 | 38 | 0 |

Break in 500



This program contains no new statements. The TRS-80 allows a much shorter version of this program only if we want to add records to the end of the file. But in order for you to better understand the logic of the next program, this program was written the long way.

Look again at the program. As you can see, it transfers all of the records from the old file to the new file before it gets any data from the terminal. But what if the employees Jones and Cooper had employee numbers 154 and 232 respectively? Then the program would still place their records at the end of the file, but at the end of the file, their records would be out of sequence by employee number.

We must change the program so that new records fit into the middle of the new file. The location of these records is determined by the sequence of identification numbers, in this case employee number. Records to be added fit into the file after records with lower numbers, and before records with higher numbers.

However, the computer cannot see the whole file. It operates on the file *one record at a time*. It will know where to insert a record only after it has read a record from the old file with a *higher* identifying number.

Let's look at an example to illustrate this point. Below you have the employee numbers of a section of the payroll file. And the employee numbers of the records to be added.

| <i>Employee<br/>Number<br/>in File</i> | <i>New Employee<br/>Numbers of Records<br/>to be Added</i> |
|--|--|
| 104                                    | 154  |
| 108                                    | 232  |
| 172                                    |  |
| 198                                    |  |
| 202                                    |  |
| 206                                    |  |
| 255                                    |  |
| 282                                    |  |

Now look at the first number in each column. Remember, the employee number stands for the complete record. With the first number in each column you have the whole record. You can see that record 154 belongs after record 104. Hence 104 is transferred to the new file.

Now read the next record in the file—108. Again, since it is less than the record to be added—154, it gets transferred to the new file. When you now read the next record, we have the following position.

| <i>Record to be Added</i> | <i>Record from Old File</i> | <i>Records in New File</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 154                       | 172                         | 104                        |
|                           |                             | 108                        |

Here the record from the old file is greater than the record to be added. Therefore the record to be added is placed into the new file. The new file now consists of three records in sequential (ascending) order—104, 108 and 154.

Since we do not know where the next record will fit, until we have read it, a new record to be added is obtained and the comparison is repeated. In our example, the record to be added is 232. But it could just as easily have been record 155 or 163 or 171. In that case, the record also should be placed prior to record 172.

Think your way through the process of placing record 232 into the new file. Read the old file, one record at a time. Move all records with lower employee numbers to the new file. Once you read a record with a higher ID number, then place the record to be added into the new file.

You have been playing “computer” when you think through a problem in this excruciatingly detailed way. And very simple thinking also; but that is the way the simple-minded computer works: one elementary operation at a time on small amounts of data.

The general pattern of record insertion hinges on two things:

1. The old records are in ascending order.
2. The program must find a record that is larger than the one that has to be inserted into the sequence.

The program therefore has to transfer all records with lower employee numbers to the new file. Then the record to be added can be written into the new file. *Then* the record with a higher employee number is written into the new file. Finally, another record to be added is input and the process continued.

A program to add records to a file is shown below. The range checks of the records to be added have been removed for brevity and to highlight the program logic.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

“EMPLOY” file in employee number sequence. Records to be added, also in employee number sequence.

##### *Processing*

Place records to be added into their proper location in the file.

*Output*

Data entry operator instructions and complete file of payroll records.

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Here is the program and flowchart (Fig. 6-2) for placing records in the middle of a file:

```

10 REM THIS PROGRAM ADDS RECORDS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FILE
100 REM OPEN THE FILES
110 REM
120 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
130 OPEN "O",2,"EMPLO3"
140 REM
150 REM GET A RECORD FROM THE TERMINAL
160 REM
170 REM
180 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME"
190 PRINT "HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"
200 PRINT "SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
210 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99"
220 INPUT N1,D1,N1$,H1,R1,V1
230 REM
240 REM CHECK FOR END OF DATA FROM TERMINAL
250 REM
260 IF N1=99 GOTO 670
270 REM
280 REM SEARCH THE FILE FOR NUMBER SEQUENCE
290 REM
295 IF EOF(1) THEN 670
300 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
320 IF N1<N THEN 420
330 REM
340 REM RECORD FROM FILE LESS THAN RECORD FROM TERMINAL
350 REM
360 PRINT #2,N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
370 GOTO 295
380 REM
390 REM RECORD FROM TERMINAL IS LOWER THAN THE ONE IN THE FILE
400 REM PRINT THE RECORD IN THE NEW FILE
410 REM
420 PRINT #2, N1;D1;N1$;" ";H1;R1;V1
430 REM
440 REM GET ANOTHER RECORD FROM THE TERMINAL
450 REM
460 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE"
470 PRINT "NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS"
480 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99"
490 INPUT N1,D1,N1$,H1,R1,V1
500 IF N1=99 GOTO 580
530 GOTO 320

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540 REM
550 REM NO MORE RECORDS TO BE ADDED
560 REM TRANSFER REMAINING RECORDS TO THE NEW FILE
570 REM
575 IF EOF(1) THEN 670
580 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;",";H;R;V
590 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
600 GOTO 575
620 REM
630 REM
670 CLOSE #1,#2
700 STOP
32767 END

```

```

TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME
HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 154,17,JONES,4.80,40,2
TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE
NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 232,17,COOPER,4.25,38,0
TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT NUMBER, EMPLOYEE
NAME, HOURLY RATE, REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 99,99,AA,99,99,99
? 99,99,AA,99,99,99
Break in 700

```

To determine whether the program worked, print the "EMPLO3" file. This may be done by modifying your program that prints the "EMPLO2" file. The change necessary is

```
100 OPEN "I",1,"EMPL03"
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Then run the changed program.

|     |    |         |      |    |   |
|-----|----|---------|------|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS   | 5    | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER   | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 104 | 17 | BRAVE   | 4    | 40 | 2 |
| 108 | 16 | COHEN   | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 154 | 17 | JONES   | 4.8  | 40 | 2 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER  | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON  | 4    | 40 | 0 |

|     |    |         |      |    |   |
|-----|----|---------|------|----|---|
| 206 | 7  | LESTER  | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 232 | 17 | COOPER  | 4.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER  | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH   | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY    | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER  | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |

Break in 500

Let's take another look at this program. Notice how the end of data in the file (EOF) for the old file and the end of data from the terminal (EOD) decisions appear a number of times. The program is made complicated by having to consider all possibilities:

1. There are no records to be added.
2. The file is empty when more records have to be added. (In our example, the program merely terminated when that happened; see line 295. The extension of handling such records is left as an exercise for you.)
3. No more records have to be added while there are still records in the file.
4. The file is empty and no records need to be added.

For all four cases the program has to provide a means of reaching a satisfactory conclusion. In our example, the program merely terminates without telling the operator what has happened. Maybe you can think of some way to modify the program so that a message appears that would identify why the program stopped.

Example Inventory Example: To the inventory file ("INV"), add the following two records.

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#### Problem Summary

##### Input

|          | Part<br>Number | Beginning<br>Units | Units<br>Received | Units<br>Issued | Cost |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------|
| Record 1 | 112            | 0                  | 50                | 10              | 8.25 |
| Record 2 | 300            | 0                  | 150               | 70              | 6.85 |

"INV" file

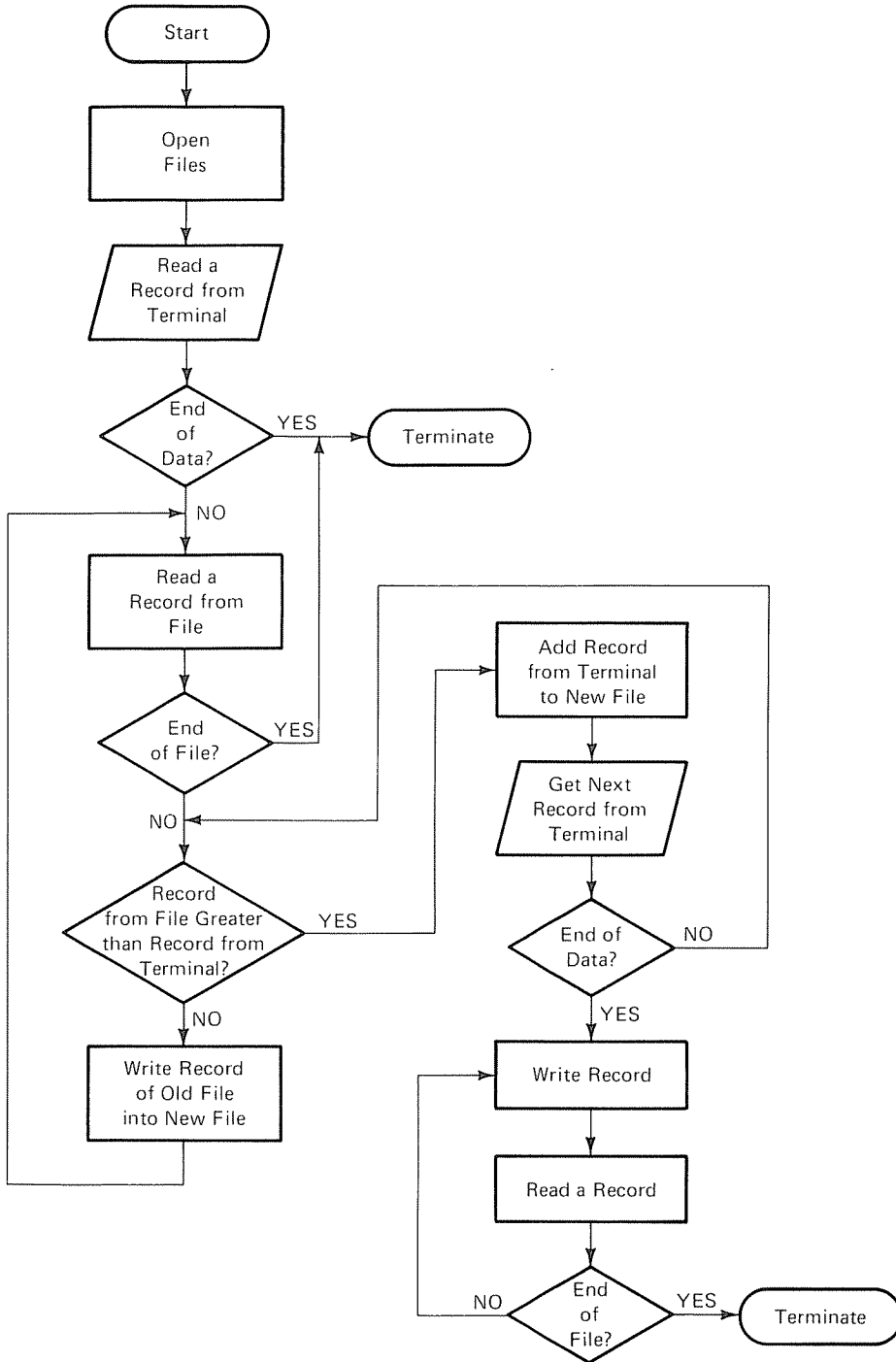
##### Processing

Place records to be added into their proper sequence in the file.

##### Output

Data entry operator instructions  
 New file "INVI"  
 Print the file "INVI"

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Flowchart for Adding a Record into the Middle of a File

Figure 6-2

```
100 REM PROGRAM TO ADD INVENTORY RECORDS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE INV FIL
110 REM
120 REM LINK TO FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"INV"
150 OPEN "O",2,"INV1"
160 REM
170 REM GET RECORD TO BE ADDED FROM TERMINAL
180 REM
190 PRINT"ENTER PART NUMBER,BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,"
200 PRINT"UNITS ISSUED, AND UNIT COST -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
210 PRINT"WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99 FOR EACH FIELD"
220 INPUT P9,B9,R9,I9,C9
230 REM
240 REM CHECK FOR END OF DATA FROM TERMINAL
250 REM
260 IF P9=99 THEN 1130
270 REM
280 REM SEARCH FILE FOR PLACE TO ADD NEW RECORDS
290 REM
310 IF EOF(1) THEN 480 REM INV IS EMPTY BUT ADD MORE DATA
320 INPUT #1, P,B,R1,R2,C
330 IF P9<P THEN 440
340 REM
350 REM RECORD FROM TERMINAL BREATHER THAN RECORD FROM FILE
360 REM THEREFORE PLACE RECORD FROM FILE INTO INV1
370 REM
380 PRINT #2, P;B;R1;R2;C
390 GOTO 310
400 REM
410 REM RECORD FROM TERMINAL LESS THAN RECORD FROM FILE
420 REM THEREFORE PLACE RECORD FROM TERMINAL INTO INV1
430 REM
440 PRINT #2, P9;B9;R9;I9;C9
450 REM
460 REM GET ANOTHER RECORD FROM TERMINAL
470 REM
480 PRINT"ENTER PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,"
490 PRINT "UNITS ISSUED, AND UNIT COST -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
500 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99 FOR EACH FIELD"
510 INPUT P9,B9,R9,I9,C9
520 REM
530 REM CHECK FOR END OF DATA ENTRY
540 REM
550 IF P9=99 THEN 630
560 GOTO 330
570 REM
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580 REM NO MORE RECORDS TO BE ADDED, BUT RECORDS STILL IN INV
590 REM TRANSFER REMAINING RECORDS FROM OLD FILE (INV)
600 REM INTO NEW FILE (INV1)
610 REM
630 PRINT #2, P;B;R1;R2;C
635 IF EOF(1) THEN 810 REM **INV IS EMPTY AND DATA ENTRY FINISHED
640 INPUT #1, P,B,R1,R2,C
650 GOTO 630
660 REM
780 REM
790 REM NEW FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED, SO PRINT IT OUT
800 REM
810 CLOSE #1,#2
820 OPEN "I",1,"INV1"
830 REM
840 REM PRINT HEADINGS
850 REM
860 PRINT
870 PRINT
880 PRINT
890 PRINT "PART","BEGINNING","UNITS","UNITS","UNIT"
900 PRINT "NUMBER","UNITS","RECEIVED","ISSUED","COST"
910 PRINT "-----","-----","-----","-----","-----"
920 IF EOF(1) THEN 1130 REM** NEW FILE INV1 HAS BEEN WRITTEN
930 INPUT #1, P,B,R1,R2,C
940 PRINT P,B,R1,R2,C
950 GOTO 920
1120 REM
1130 CLOSE #1
1140 STOP
32767 END

```

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RUN
ENTER PART NUMBER,BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND UNIT COST -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99 FOR EACH FIELD
? 112,0,50,10,8.25
ENTER PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND UNIT COST -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99 FOR EACH FIELD
? 300,0,150,70,6.85
ENTER PART NUMBER, BEGINNING UNITS, UNITS RECEIVED,
UNITS ISSUED, AND UNIT COST -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99 FOR EACH FIELD
? 99,99,99,99,99.

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| PART<br>NUMBER | BEGINNING<br>UNITS | UNITS<br>RECEIVED | UNITS<br>ISSUED | UNIT<br>COST |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 101            | 120                | 40                | 45              | 5            |
| 112            | 0                  | 50                | 10              | 8.25         |
| 219            | 60                 | 60                | 80              | 3.25         |
| 226            | 5                  | 110               | 90              | 2.95         |
| 235            | 100                | 0                 | 50              | 6.2          |
| 300            | 0                  | 150               | 70              | 6.85         |
| 347            | 0                  | 50                | 20              | 4.6          |

This example contains one new feature: A file is opened, closed, and reopened.

In line 150 the file "INV1" was opened and the program wrote into the file. However, the problem summary specifies that the file should also be printed. Therefore "INV1" must be opened again, as shown in line 820. But before a file can be changed from writing to reading, it must be closed as in line 810.

It is perfectly legal for a program to open a file first for writing, close it, and then open it again for reading. When it is opened again, the records are read starting at the beginning of the file.

If we focus only on the end-of-file condition, then three locations in the program are possible.

1. The EOF was encountered in line 310.
2. The EOF was encountered in line 635.
3. The EOF was encountered in line 920.

If the culprit is line 310, then we have run out of data in "INV", but there are more records to be added. If line 635 was the cause of the EOF, then we have run out of data in the file "INV" and no more records have to be added. If line 920 caused the EOF, then the program was printing out the new file "INV1".

In the first case, EOF in line 310, the program should get more records from the keyboard and add them to "INV1". In the second case, EOF in line 635, data entry is finished and the program should close the files and start to print out "INV1". In the third case, EOF in line 920, the program is finished and it should terminate.

With this logic the program can add records to the middle of a file.

You should notice the strange placement of REM's in lines 310, 635, and 920. They appear on the same line with the IF EOF statements. On the



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(Attach additional paper to complete your program.)

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TYPE CUSTOMER NUMBER, CUSTOMER NAME, BALANCE
PAYMENTS, CHARGES --- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 999,AAA,999,999,999
? 2995,JONES,0,0,50
TYPE CUSTOMER NUMBER, CUSTOMER NAME, BALANCE
PAYMENTS, CHARGES --- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 999,AAA,999,999,999
? 3370,MOATS,0,0,75
TYPE CUSTOMER NUMBER, CUSTOMER NAME, BALANCE
PAYMENTS, CHARGES --- SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 999,AAA,999,999,999
? 999,AAA,999,999,999
  
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| CUSTOMER<br>NUMBER<br>----- | CUSTOMER<br>NAME<br>----- | BALANCE<br>----- | PAYMENTS<br>----- | CHARGES<br>----- |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2741                        | FERNWOOD                  | 120              | 120               | 40               |
| 2937                        | BLAKEY                    | 0                | 0                 | 90               |
| 2995                        | JONES                     | 0                | 0                 | 50               |





```

RUN
TYPE SALES TERRITORY,SALESMAN, GROSS
SALES, AND COMMISSION RATE.--SEPARATE WITH COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 0,AA,0,0.
? 1,KEVIN,2500,.045
TYPE SALES TERRITORY,SALESMAN,GROSS SALES
COMMISSION RATE--SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 0,AA,0,0
? 2,JACK,500,.05
TYPE SALES TERRITORY,SALESMAN,GROSS SALES
COMMISSION RATE--SEPARATED BY COMMAS
WHEN FINISHED TYPE 0,AA,0,0
? 0,AA,0,0.

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| SALES<br>TERRITORY | SALESMAN | GROSS<br>SALES | COMMISSION<br>RATE |
|--------------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| -----              | -----    | -----          | -----              |
| 1                  | BILL     | 12050          | .05                |
| 1                  | JOE      | 5270           | .045               |
| 1                  | KEVIN    | 2500           | .045               |
| 2                  | TOM      | 6940           | .04                |
| 2                  | PHIL     | 11200          | .055               |
| 2                  | JACK     | 500            | .05                |
| 3                  | CLYDE    | 7340           | .04                |
| 3                  | HARRY    | 9460           | .045               |
| 3                  | BOB      | 14690          | .05                |

Break in 1030

Sometimes it is necessary to delete records from sequential files. Employees quit or retire. Occasionally an employee may be fired. Items in inventory become obsolete. Suppliers may be dropped. Old customers may shift their buying elsewhere. There are many instances when files need to be purged of records that are no longer needed.

In such cases it is necessary to find the records and delete them. Here again the nature of computer files places a burden on the programmer. Reading a record does not remove it from a file.

Therefore to delete a record, we have to read all of the records in a sequential file, and write all of the records into a new file—*except* those records that should be deleted.

Another aspect to consider is that sequential files are in sequence—and you can't go back. Once a record has been processed, it can only be found again if we start from the beginning of the file.

Therefore if there is more than one record that has to be deleted, they also must be in sequence. Otherwise, the whole file has to be read for each record to be removed.

So let's assume that we have to delete some records from our payroll file, for example, records with employee numbers 104 and 202. A flowchart (Fig. 6-3) and program to do this follow:

DELETING  
RECORDS  
FROM A FILE

```
100 REM PROGRAM TO DELETE RECORDS FROM A FILE
110 REM
120 REM OPEN FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
150 OPEN "O",2,"EMPLO4"
160 REM
170 REM GET THE ID NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED
180 REM
200 PRINT
210 PRINT "TYPE THE ID NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED"
220 PRINT "IF FINISHED--TYPE 99"
230 INPUT N1
240 IF N1=99 THEN 570
250 REM
260 REM READ A RECORD FROM THE EXISTING FILE
270 REM
280 REM TEST FOR END OF FILE
290 REM
300 IF EOF(1) THEN 640
310 REM
320 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
330 REM
340 REM CHECK IF RECORD SHOULD BE DELETED
350 REM
360 IF N1=N THEN 450
370 REM
380 REM SINCE ID NUMBERS ARE NOT EQUAL THE RECORD REMAINS
390 REM
400 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
410 GOTO 280
420 REM
430 REM ID NUMBERS EQUAL; RECORD IS REMOVED
440 REM
450 PRINT "RECORD REMOVED";N;D;N$;H;R;V
460 GOTO 200
470 REM
480 REM END OF FILE REACHED WITH THE RECORD NOT FOUND
490 REM
500 PRINT "END OF FILE REACHED"
510 PRINT "RECORD ";N1;" NOT FOUND"
520 GOTO 640
530 REM
540 REM NO MORE RECORDS TO BE DELETED, TRANSFER REMAINING
550 REM RECORDS FROM THE OLD FILE TO THE NEW FILE
560 REM
570 IF EOF(1) THEN 640
580 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,H,R,V
590 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;" ";H;R;V
600 GOTO 570
610 REM
620 REM END OF PROGRAM
630 REM
```

```

640 CLOSE #1,#2
650 STOP
32767 END

```

```

TYPE THE ID NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED
IF FINISHED--TYPE 99
? 104
RECORD REMOVED 104 17 BRAVE 4 40 2

```

```

TYPE THE ID NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED
IF FINISHED--TYPE 99
? 202
RECORD REMOVED 202 16 WILSON 4 40 0

```

```

TYPE THE ID NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED
IF FINISHED--TYPE 99
? 99
Break in 650

```

To determine whether the program worked, print the "EMPLO4" file. Modify your program that prints the "EMPLO3" file as follows and run it.

```
100 OPEN"1",1,"EMPLO4"
```

|     |    |          |      |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|------|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS    | 5    | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER    | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 108 | 16 | COHEN    | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON  | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER   | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER   | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT  | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER   | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH    | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4    | 40 | 0 |

There are no new statements in this program. Just old instructions in a new arrangement. But what an arrangement! Three input statements, four decisions, two prints to a file, and many explanatory REM statements.

When we look at such a program, the mind boggles at the amount of detail. But let's look at it as a computer would see it—one instruction at a time. That way the whole process is simplified.



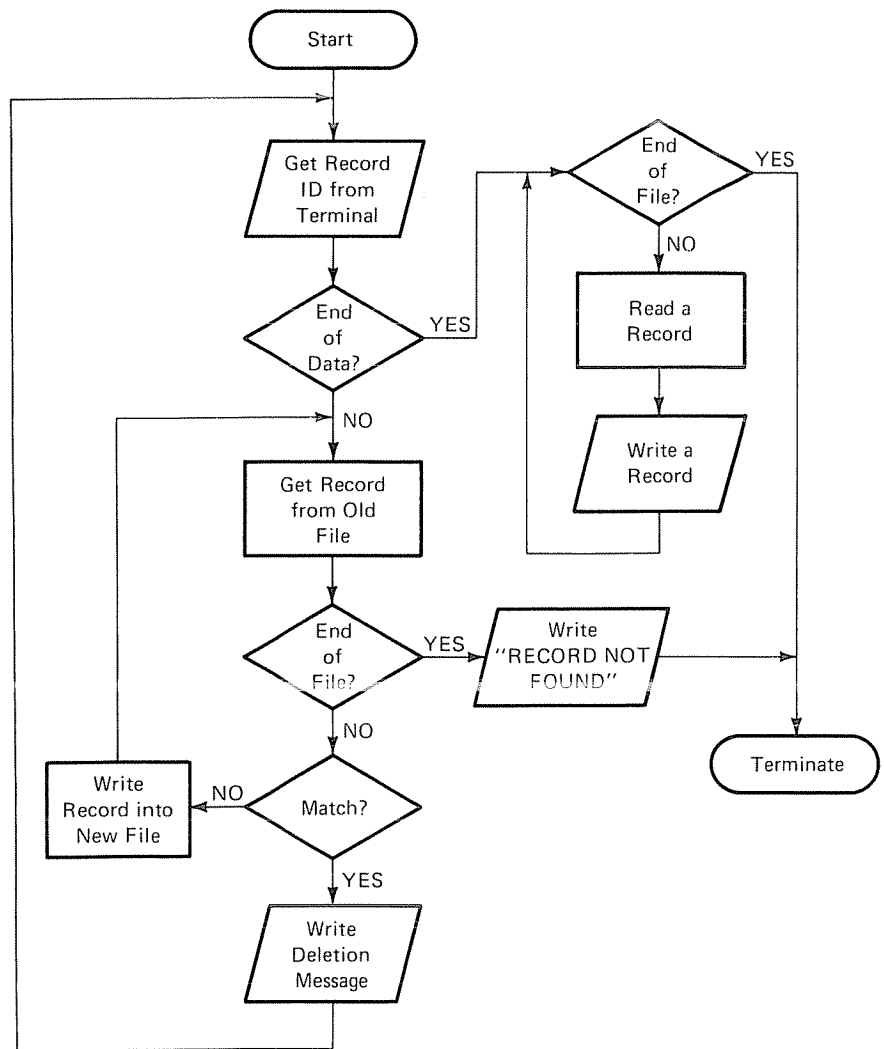


Figure 6-3

Flowchart for Deleting Records from a File

We start by getting the identification number of a record (employee number) to be deleted from the terminal:

*If* the data is not finished (ID number is not 99)

*Then*

We read a record from the old file

*If* the file is empty

*Then* print the record not found message and terminate  
*Else* (there are records in the file)  
*If* the keyboard ID matches the record ID from the file  
     *Then* the record deleted message is  
         printed and we go back to get another  
         record from the keyboard  
     *Else* (record ID does not match keyboard ID)  
         The record is printed in the new file  
         and we go back to get another record  
*Else* (there are no more records to be deleted)  
     *If* there are no more records in the file (we might have deleted the  
     last record in the file)  
         *Then* terminate  
         *Else* Read a record from the file  
             Print it in the new file  
             Go back to check end of file (EOF) again.

Notice that when we look at the program from this viewpoint, we do not look forward. Rather, we work with the limited amount of data available at any particular time. By golly, the computer is abysmally ignorant; so, we need to be very precise and consider all possibilities in order to cover all bases in our programs—*before* they are written. Otherwise, if something is overlooked and that particular condition occurs, the program will not work.

Look at this program again. Then review the other examples provided. After that you can practice thinking logically by doing the exercises.

Inventory Example: Delete from the new inventory file ("INVI") the records for Part Numbers 101, 219, and 300. Print the new file. Example

```

100 REM THIS PROGRAM DELETES RECORDS FROM THE INVENTORY FILE
110 REM
120 REM OPEN FILE FOR INPUT AND OUTPUT
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"INV1"
150 OPEN "O",2,"INV2"
160 REM
170 REM GET THE PART NUMBER FOR THE ITEM TO BE DELETED FROM THE KEYBOARD
180 REM
190 PRINT "TYPE THE PART NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED"
200 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99"
210 INPUT N1
220 IF N1=99 THEN 550
230 REM
240 REM RE A RECORD FROM THE EXISTING FILE
250 REM
260 REM CHECK FOR END OF FILE

```

```
270 REM
280 IF EOF(1) THEN 480
290 REM
300 INPUT #1,N,B,R1,R2,C
310 REM
320 REM CHECK TO SEE IF THE RECORD SHOULD BE DELETED
330 REM
340 IF N1=N THEN 430
350 REM
360 REM ID NUMBERS NOT EQUAL -- RECORD REMAINS IN THE FILE
365 REM PRINT RECORD IN THE FILE
370 REM
380 PRINT #2,N;B;R1;R2;C
383 REM
385 REM READ ANOTHER RECORD FROM THE FILE
390 GOTO 280
400 REM
410 REM ID NUMBERS EQUAL--RECORD NOT TRANSFERRED
420 REM
430 PRINT "RECORD REMOVED";N;B;R1,R2,C
432 REM
435 REM GET THE NEXT RECORD TO BE REMOVED FROM THE TERMINAL
440 GOTO 190
450 REM
460 REM END OF FILE FOUND WITH RECORD NOT FOUND
470 REM
480 PRINT "END OF FILE REACHED"
490 PRINT "RECORD ";N1;" NOT FOUND"
500 GOTO 620
510 REM
520 REM NO MORE RECORDS TO BE DELETED
530 REM TRANSFER REMAINING RECORDS TO A NEW FILE
540 REM
550 IF EOF(1) THEN 620
560 INPUT #1,N,B,R1,R2,C
570 PRINT #2,N;B;R1;R2;C
580 GOTO 550
590 REM
600 REM END OF PROGRAM
610 REM
620 CLOSE #1,#2
740 STOP
32767 END
```

TYPE THE PART NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED  
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99

? 101

RECORD REMOVED 101 120 40 45 5

TYPE THE PART NUMBER OF THE RECORD TO BE DELETED  
WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99



*(Attach additional paper to complete your program.)*

Sales Commission Exercise: Delete from the new sales file ("SALES1") the records for salesmen Bill, Tom, and Harry. Print the new file with another program.



## PROBLEMS

1. Use the file "XK1" from Problem 1 in Chapter 4 (page 94) and add the following records:

| <i>ID</i> | <i>Time 1</i> | <i>Time 2</i> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 107       | 35            | 0             |
| 209       | 40            | 4             |
| 420       | 40            | 2             |

Call the new file "XK2". PRINT the new file.

2. Use the file "TOP" from Problem 3 in Chapter 4 (page 89) and add the following records:

| <i>ID</i> | <i>Name</i> |
|-----------|-------------|
| 250       | Bong        |
| 263       | Cabot       |
| 270       | Walters     |
| 273       | Beck        |

Call the new file "TOP1". Print the new file.

3. Use the file "XK2" from Problem 1 above and delete records with the following IDs: 101, 209, 281, 422. Call the new file "XK3". Print the new file.
4. Use the file "TOP1" from Problem 2 above and delete records with the following IDs: 247, 262, 263, 273. Call the new file "TOP2". Print the new file.

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## 7 / Updating Sequential Files

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to update sequential files with:

Performance  
Objectives

- One transaction record for each master record
- Transaction records missing
- Master records missing
- Multiple transaction records for each master record
- Coded transaction records

So far, you have used one or two files in a program. The two files have generally had records with the same fields. When you have created files, the records have also contained the same fields. In this chapter, sequential files are used; however, the records of the different files will not contain the same number of fields. Updating is the term used to describe the processing and/or programs that take master files and transaction files and create new master files.

UPDATING  
FILES

The programs in this chapter may appear to be long. Most of the statements in each program are remarks. The programs contain these remarks so that you may follow the logic in the programs more easily.

The payroll example has the file “EMPLOY” that contains records with the following fields: employee number, department number, name, hourly rate, regular hours worked, overtime hours worked. This file has been sufficient for our needs until now. In using this file, you may have thought that for each pay period (week), this file is input by a data entry operator with one record per employee. This is not the way it is done by businesses. If the “EMPLOY” file was prepared this way each week, there would be a great deal of duplication. To have to type employee number, department number, and hourly rate for each employee each week would be a great waste of time, especially if there were thousands of employees.

In order to avoid this duplication, master files and transaction files are used. A master file contains information that does not change often. A transaction file contains information that changes regularly. In the payroll example, the only information about an employee that may change regularly (with each payroll) will be regular and overtime hours worked. As a consequence of this, each employee may have two records in two different files. The first file will contain the information that does not change from pay period to pay period; this is the employee master file. The second file will contain the information that does change regularly; this is the employee transaction file.

An example of typical information contained in an employee master file and transaction file is given in Figure 7-1. The information that changes regularly, regular and overtime hours, appears in the transaction file along with the employee number (for identification of the record). The employee master file contains information that does not change often: department number, name, hourly rate, number of exemptions as well as some other information. The year-to-date information is kept in the master record and,

|  |
|--|
| Employee Master File                                 |
| Employee Master Records                              |
| • Employee Number                                    |
| • Department Number                                  |
| • Name   |
| • Marital Status                                     |
| • Hourly Rate  |
| • Number of Exemptions                               |
| • Year-to-Date Gross Pay (YTD GROSS)                 |
| • Year-to-Date Federal Income Tax Withheld (YTD FIT) |
| • Year-to-Date Social Security Withheld (YTD FICA)   |
| Employee Transaction File                            |
| Employee Transaction Record                          |
| • Employee Number                                    |
| • Regular Hours Worked                               |
| • Overtime Hours Worked                              |

Figure 7-1

Data in Employee Master and Transaction Files

obviously, these amounts will change with each payroll. So, the definition of a master record given above must be modified. A master record contains information that does not often change, as well as summary information. In this case the summary information is year-to-date data. In a business, an employee master record for payroll would contain many more fields, but for brevity, the record defined in Figure 7-1 will be sufficient to illustrate an update.

In programming terms, an update may be thought of as a program that matches transaction records with master records and updates the summary information in the master record. As an integral part of this procedure, a payroll can be prepared as well as any management reports concerning payroll. In this chapter, to compute the federal income tax (FIT), use 20% of gross pay; to compute the FICA amount, use 6.13% of gross pay. Emphasis is placed on the programming logic needed to deal with master and transaction files to perform an update. In a later chapter, the tax information will be given and you will be able to program the exact computations for taxes. There is no field for year-to-date net pay since it can easily be computed ( $\text{YTD NET PAY} = \text{YTD GROSS PAY} - \text{YTD FIT} - \text{YTD FICA}$ ).

Table 7-1 shows the information in the employee master file, "EMPMAS", Table 7-2 shows the information in the employee transaction file, "EMPTRA". You can create the file "EMPMAS" by writing a program that will take the "EMPLOY" file and print on the records of the

Employee Master File

Table 7-1

| <i>Employee No.</i> | <i>Dept. No.</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Marital Status</i> | <i>Hourly Rate</i> | <i>No. of Exemp.</i> | <i>YTD Gross</i> | <i>YTD FIT</i> | <i>YTD FICA</i> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 101                 | 1                | Adams       | 2                     | 5.00               | 3                    | 1000.00          | 200.00         | 61.30           |
| 103                 | 12               | Baker       | 1                     | 5.60               | 2                    | 1288.00          | 257.60         | 78.95           |
| 104                 | 17               | Brave       | 2                     | 4.00               | 4                    | 860.00           | 172.00         | 52.72           |
| 108                 | 16               | Cohen       | 2                     | 6.25               | 4                    | 1187.50          | 237.50         | 72.79           |
| 172                 | 2                | Johnson     | 1                     | 3.75               | 0                    | 750.00           | 150.00         | 45.98           |
| 198                 | 1                | Tanner      | 2                     | 4.25               | 4                    | 765.00           | 153.00         | 46.89           |
| 202                 | 16               | Wilson      | 2                     | 4.00               | 5                    | 800.00           | 160.00         | 49.04           |
| 206                 | 7                | Lester      | 2                     | 5.25               | 3                    | 1050.00          | 210.00         | 64.37           |
| 255                 | 12               | Schmidt     | 2                     | 5.60               | 5                    | 1288.00          | 257.60         | 78.95           |
| 281                 | 12               | Miller      | 2                     | 6.00               | 4                    | 1200.00          | 240.00         | 73.56           |
| 313                 | 7                | Smith       | 2                     | 4.25               | 3                    | 977.50           | 195.50         | 59.92           |
| 347                 | 12               | Gray        | 2                     | 6.00               | 3                    | 1140.00          | 228.00         | 69.88           |
| 368                 | 1                | Weaver      | 1                     | 3.50               | 1                    | 752.50           | 150.50         | 46.13           |
| 422                 | 1                | Williams    | 2                     | 4.00               | 2                    | 800.00           | 160.00         | 49.04           |

Employee Transaction File

Table 7-2

| <i>Employee Number</i> | <i>Regular Hours</i> | <i>Overtime Hours</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 101                    | 40                   | 0                     |
| 103                    | 40                   | 4                     |
| 104                    | 40                   | 2                     |
| 108                    | 38                   | 0                     |
| 172                    | 40                   | 0                     |
| 198                    | 36                   | 0                     |
| 202                    | 40                   | 0                     |
| 206                    | 40                   | 0                     |
| 255                    | 40                   | 4                     |
| 281                    | 40                   | 0                     |
| 313                    | 40                   | 4                     |
| 347                    | 38                   | 0                     |
| 368                    | 40                   | 2                     |
| 422                    | 40                   | 0                     |

“EMPMAS” file the following fields: employee number, department number, name, and hourly rate. Make sure that you leave space for the five missing fields. Then write another program or continue in the same program to input from the keyboard the missing fields—marital status, number of exemptions, year-to-date gross pay, year-to-date federal income tax withheld,

and year-to-date social security withheld. Marital status is defined as follows: 1 = single, 2 = married. The alternative way to create the "EMPMAS" file is to input all of the data from the keyboard by writing a program as shown in Chapter 4.

The "EMPTRA" file may be created by writing a program that reads the "EMPLOY" file and places employee number, regular hours, and over-time hours in the "EMPTRA" file. Alternatively, you may write a program that will input the data from the keyboard. The transaction file data is found in Table 7-2.

A program that combines the creation of the "EMPMAS" and "EMPTRA" files is given below.:

```

100 REM THIS PROGRAM CREATES THE EMPLOYEE MASTER FILE
110 REM AND THE EMPLOYEE TRANSACTION FILE
130 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
140 OPEN "O",2,"EMPMAS"
150 OPEN "O",3,"EMPTRA"
160 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
170 PRINT "MARITAL STATUS (1 OR 2), EXEMPTIONS FOR ";N$
180 INPUT M,E
190 PRINT "YTD GROSS, YTD FIT, YTD FICA"
200 INPUT G,F,F1
210 PRINT #2, N;D;N$;",";M;H;E;G;F;F1
220 PRINT #3,N;R;V
230 GOTO 160
270 CLOSE #1,#2,#3
300 STOP
32767 END

```

In the program, the transaction file with the weekly hours worked will be used to update the master file. Also a list of employees and their gross pay will be printed.

In order to understand the programming involved in an update, the following example illustrates what is required.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

1. Employee master file, "EMPMAS"
2. Employee transaction file, "EMPTRA"

##### *Processing*

Match transaction records and master records by employee number.  
Calculate gross pay, taxes, and net pay.

##### *Output*

An updated master file with the new values for year to date fields. Print out a list of employee numbers, their names, their net pay, and the updated master file suitably labelled.

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The program therefore has to perform the following steps:

1. Establish a link to the transaction file, master file, and the new master file.
2. Read a transaction record and associated master record.
3. Calculate the taxes and print the employee number, name, and net pay.
4. Update the master record with the payroll data.
5. Write the updated master record into a new master file.
6. Go back to read more records while there is still data in the files.
7. Print out the updated master file.

A program is shown below:

```

100 REM          UPDATE OF MASTER FILE
120 REM
130 REM          SET UP HEADINGS
140 REM
150 PRINT
160 PRINT "EMPLOYEE  NAME          NET"
170 PRINT "NUMBER          PAY"
180 PRINT
190 REM
200 REM
210 OPEN "I",1,"EMPMAS"
220 OPEN "I",2,"EMPTRA"
230 OPEN "O",3,"EMPMAL"
240 REM
250 REM          READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
260 REM
270 INPUT #2,I,R,V
280 REM
290 REM          READ A MASTER RECORD
300 REM
310 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,F1
320 REM
330 REM          COMPARE ID'S
340 REM
350 IF I=N THEN 410
360 IF I>N THEN 310
370 IF I<N THEN 750
380 REM
390 REM          ID'S MATCH -- DO COMPUTATIONS FOR UPDATE
400 REM
410 G1=(R*H)+(V*H*1.5)
420 F2=.2*G1
430 F3=.067*G1

```

```

440 P=G1-F2-F3
450 G=G+G1
460 F=F+F2
470 F1=F1+F3
480 P1=P1+P
490 REM
500 REM          PRINT UPDATED MASTER RECORD
510 REM
520 PRINT #3,N;D;N$;"",",",M;H;E;G;F;F1
530 REM
540 REM          PRINT ID, NAME, NET PAY
550 REM
560 PRINT USING "   ###      %          %   ####.##";N,N$,P
570 REM
580 REM          READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
590 REM
595 IF EOF(2) THEN 780
600 INPUT #2,I,R,V
610 GOTO 350
720 REM
730 REM          MISSING MASTER RECORD
740 REM
750 PRINT "MASTER RECORD MISSING FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER ";I
780 CLOSE #1,#2,#3
790 REM
800 REM          PRINT OUT OF UPDATED MASTER FILE
810 REM
820 PRINT
830 PRINT
840 PRINT
850 PRINT
860 PRINT "          UPDATED MASTER FILE"
870 PRINT
880 OPEN "I",1,"EMPM1"
890 PRINT "EMPLOYEE  DEPT  NAME          MARITAL  HOURLY  EX-      YTD
      YTD      YTD"
900 PRINT "NUMBER          STATUS    RATE     EMP      GROSS
      FIT      FICA"
905 IF EOF(1) THEN 940
910 INPUT #1,N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,F1
920 PRINT USING "   ###      ##      %          % #   ##.##      #   #
####.## ####.## ####.##";N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,F1
930 GOTO 905
940 CLOSE #1
950 STOP
32767 END

```

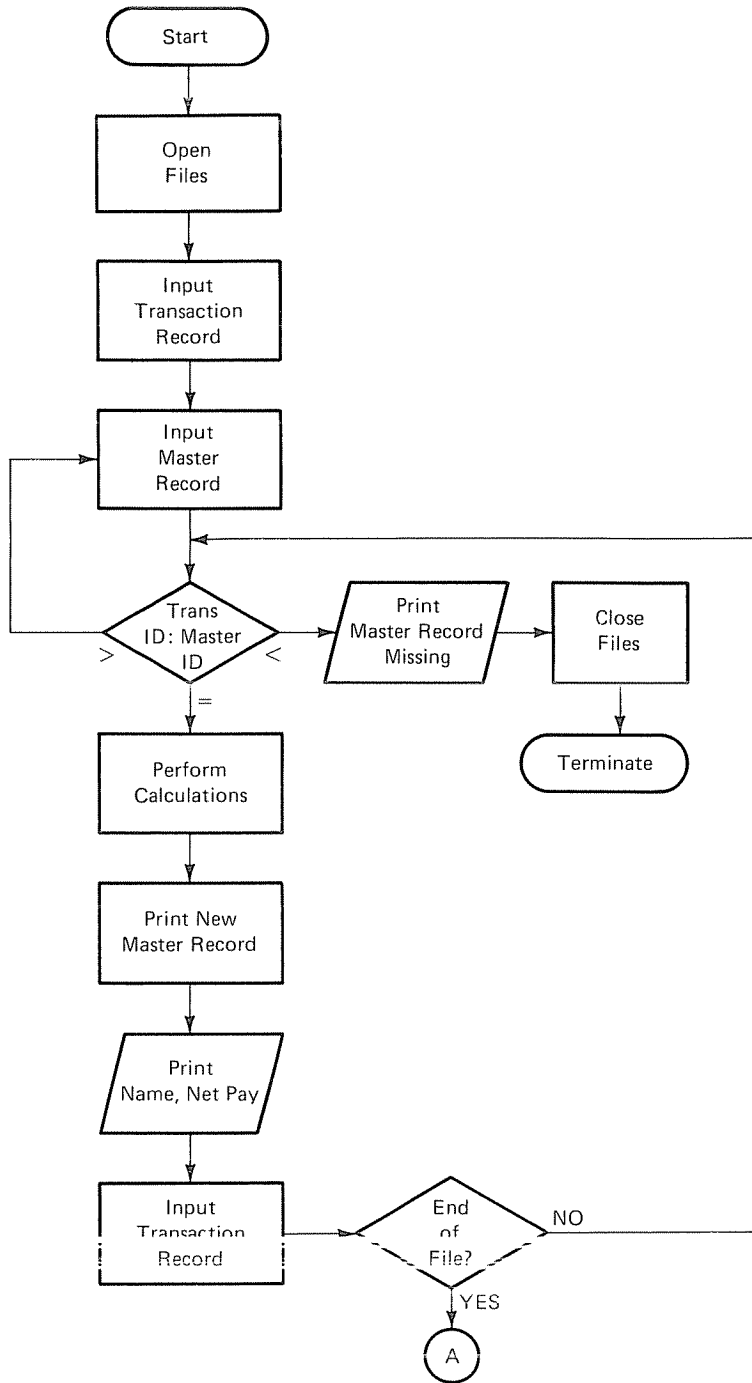
| EMPLOYEE<br>NUMBER | NAME     | NET<br>PAY |
|--------------------|----------|------------|
| 101                | ADAMS    | 146.60     |
| 103                | BAKER    | 188.82     |
| 104                | BRAVE    | 126.08     |
| 108                | COHEN    | 174.09     |
| 172                | JOHNSON  | 109.95     |
| 198                | TANNER   | 112.15     |
| 202                | WILSON   | 117.28     |
| 206                | LESTER   | 153.93     |
| 255                | SCHMIDT  | 188.82     |
| 281                | MILLER   | 175.92     |
| 313                | SMITH    | 143.30     |
| 347                | GRAY     | 167.12     |
| 368                | WEAVER   | 110.32     |
| 422                | WILLIAMS | 117.28     |

## UPDATED MASTER FILE

| EMPLOYEE<br>NUMBER | DEPT | NAME     | MARITAL<br>STATUS | HOURLY<br>RATE | EX-<br>EMP | YTD<br>GROSS | YTD<br>FIT | YTD<br>FICA |
|--------------------|------|----------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 101                | 1    | ADAMS    | 2                 | 5.00           | 3          | 1200.00      | 240.00     | 74.70       |
| 103                | 12   | BAKER    | 1                 | 5.60           | 2          | 1545.60      | 309.12     | 96.21       |
| 104                | 17   | BRAVE    | 2                 | 4.00           | 4          | 1032.00      | 206.40     | 64.24       |
| 108                | 16   | COHEN    | 2                 | 6.25           | 4          | 1425.00      | 285.00     | 88.70       |
| 172                | 2    | JOHNSON  | 1                 | 3.75           | 0          | 900.00       | 180.00     | 56.03       |
| 198                | 1    | TANNER   | 2                 | 4.25           | 4          | 918.00       | 183.60     | 57.14       |
| 202                | 16   | WILSON   | 2                 | 4.00           | 5          | 960.00       | 192.00     | 59.76       |
| 206                | 7    | LESTER   | 2                 | 5.25           | 3          | 1260.00      | 252.00     | 78.44       |
| 255                | 12   | SCHMIDT  | 2                 | 5.60           | 5          | 1545.60      | 309.12     | 96.21       |
| 281                | 12   | MILLER   | 2                 | 6.00           | 4          | 1440.00      | 288.00     | 89.64       |
| 313                | 7    | SMITH    | 2                 | 4.25           | 3          | 1173.00      | 234.60     | 73.02       |
| 347                | 12   | GRAY     | 2                 | 6.00           | 3          | 1368.00      | 273.60     | 85.16       |
| 368                | 1    | WEAVER   | 1                 | 3.50           | 1          | 903.00       | 180.60     | 56.21       |
| 422                | 1    | WILLIAMS | 2                 | 4.00           | 2          | 960.00       | 192.00     | 59.76       |

The easiest way to understand the logic that is required for an update is to begin with the flowchart (Figure 7-2). This flowchart does not represent each line in the program with a box. It focuses on the logic of matching transaction records with master records in (a) and the logic of the error routines in (b). First, a record from the transaction file "EMPTRA" is input then a record from the master file "EMPMAS" is input. In matching the transaction record to the appropriate master record three conditions may

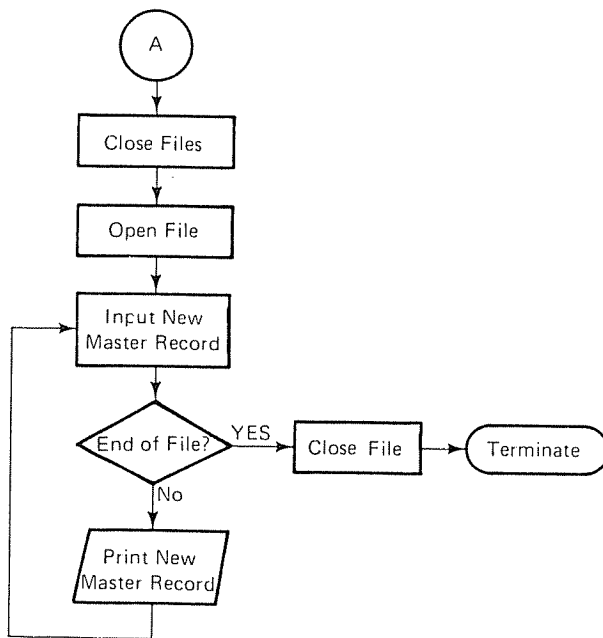




(a) Matching Logic

Flowchart of Update Program

Figure 7-2



(b) End-of-File Logic

Flowchart of Update Program (cont'd)

Figure 7-2

occur. The employee number (ID) of the transaction record may be greater than, less than, or equal to the employee number (ID) of the master record.

- If the transaction record ID is greater than the master record ID: Then, there is no transaction and input the next master record. This should not occur since there is one transaction record for each master record.
- If the transaction record ID is equal to the master record ID: Then, perform the update calculations, print the updated (new) masterfile, and print the employee ID, name, net pay. Read the next transaction record.
- If the transaction record ID is less than the master record ID: Then, a master record is missing from the master file. If a master record is missing, a message is generated and the program is terminated.

**Note:** Remember, the transaction and master files must be in ascending order of employee number (ID).

If the flowchart does not help you understand the program, then let us perform the job (update) manually. There are two files “EMPMAS” and “EMPTRA”, assume that they are in separate cabinets. Also assume that the data on each record in both files are on a separate sheet of paper, and that the files are organized in ascending employee number. In order to focus on the problem of matching master and transaction records only the first field, employee number (ID), is shown in Figure 7–3.

| Record Number | Master File<br>“EMPMAS”<br>Employee Number | Transaction File<br>“EMPTRA”<br>Employee Number |
|---------------|--|---|
| 1             | 101  | 101   |
| 2             | 103  | 103   |
| 3             | 104  | 104   |
| 4             | 108  | 108   |
| 5             | 172  | 172   |
| 6             | 198  | 198   |
| 7             | 202  | 202   |
| 8             | 206  | 206   |
| 9             | 255  | 255   |
| 10            | 281  | 281   |
| 11            | 313  | 313   |
| 12            | 347  | 347   |
| 13            | 368  | 368   |
| 14            | 422  | 422   |

Figure 7–3 Employee Number Fields for Master and Transaction Records

Manually we would reach into the transaction file and read the first record. Remember, you can only read one record at a time! We then reach into the master file for a record. The IDs match (both are 101). We update the master record with the information on the transaction record and then read the second transaction record. Its ID is 103, the master record ID is still 101 so we read the next master record. Its ID is 103 and we have a match. We update and read the third transaction record—ID is 104. The master ID is still 103, so we read the next (third) master record and have a match. We update and proceed until there are no more records to be processed.

In the program the end-of-file condition is reached after the last master record is updated. To be more specific, the end of file is reached at line 600 where an attempt to read a transaction record encounters the end of file. Then the files are closed and the updated master file (“EMPMAS”) is printed.

You may be thinking at this point that all you have to do is read a transaction record and a master record and they will match. This is the case here where there is one, and only one, transaction record for each and every master record. It is rarely the situation!

The payroll example illustrates an update where there is one transaction record for each master record. There are many instances where there may be more than one transaction record for each master record or no transaction record for a master record. Common examples are credit card statements, sales, inventory, and customer statements.

For the next example, the sales file "SALES" will be used as the master file and the transaction file will be called "SALEST". The data in these files is given in Tables 7-3 and 7-4. If you have the "SALES" file saved, you can run the alphabetic sort given in Appendix B on this file or create a new "SALES" file with data shown in Table 7-3. The transaction file, "SALEST", must be created. The program should print out an error message if a master record is missing, but it should not terminate.

Sales Master File "SALES" Sorted Alphabetically By Salesman

Table 7-3

| <i>Department</i> | <i>Salesman</i> | <i>Gross Sales</i>  |                        |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|                   |                 | <i>Year-to-Date</i> | <i>Commission Rate</i> |
| 1                 | Bill            | 12050               | .05                    |
| 3                 | Bob             | 14690               | .05                    |
| 3                 | Clyde           | 7340                | .04                    |
| 3                 | Harry           | 9460                | .045                   |
| 1                 | Joe             | 5270                | .045                   |
| 2                 | Phil            | 11200               | .055                   |
| 2                 | Tom             | 6940                | .04                    |

Sales Transaction File "SALEST" Sorted Alphabetically By Salesman

Table 7-4

| <i>Salesman</i> | <i>Amount of Sale</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Bill            | 1050                  |
| Bill            | 275                   |
| Bill            | 390                   |
| Clyde           | 460                   |
| Clyde           | 290                   |
| Harry           | 1500                  |
| Joe             | 280                   |
| Joe             | 490                   |

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 Problem Summary
*Input*

1. Sales commission master file, "SALES"
2. Sales transaction file, "SALEST"

*Processing*

Match transaction records and master record by salesman's name. Calculate the commissions for the salesmen due on the transaction data.

*Output*

A list of commissions for the salesmen for their latest sales, an updated master file with the new value of year to date sales, and print out the updated master file.

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The program therefore has to perform the following steps:

1. Establish a link to the transaction, master and new master files.
2. Read a transaction record and the associated master record.
3. Calculate the commissions for the latest sales.
4. Print the commissions for the salesmen.
5. Update the master record with the transaction data.
6. Write the updated master record into a new master file.
7. Go back to read more records while there is still data in the files.
8. Print out the updated master file.

See the flowchart (Fig. 7-4) and the following program.

```

100 REM          PROGRAM TO UPDATE SALES
120 REM
130 REM          SET UP HEADINGS FOR OUTPUT
140 REM
150 PRINT "NAME", "COMMISSION"
160 PRINT "-----"
170 REM
180 REM          LINK TO FILES
190 REM
200 OPEN "I", 1, "SALEST"
210 OPEN "I", 2, "SALMAS"
220 OPEN "O", 3, "NSALES"
230 REM
240 REM          READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
250 REM
260 INPUT #1, N$, A
270 REM
280 REM          READ A MASTER RECORD

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290 REM
300 INPUT #2,D,S$,G,C
310 REM
320 REM          COMPARE TRANSACTION WITH MASTER
330 REM
340 IF N$=S$ THEN 410
350 IF N$>S$ THEN 550
360 IF N$<S$ THEN 670
370 REM
380 REM          TRANSACTION EQUAL TO MASTER
390 REM          UPDATE THE MASTER
400 REM
410 G=G+A
420 C1=A*C
430 REM
440 REM          PRINT NAME AND COMMISSION
450 REM
460 PRINT USING"%          %          ###.##";S$,C1
470 REM
480 REM          READ NEXT TRANSACTION AND GO TO COMPARE
490 REM
495 IF EOF(1) THEN 740
500 INPUT #1, N$,A
510 GOTO 340
520 REM
530 REM          TRANSACTION GREATER THAN MASTER
540 REM          WRITE UPDATED MASTER
550 PRINT #3,D;S$;" ";G;C
560 REM
570 REM          GO BACK AND GET ANOTHER MASTER
580 REM
590 GOTO 300
600 REM
610 REM          TRANSACTION LESS THAN MASTER
620 REM          ERROR -- NO MASTER IN FILE
630 REM          WRITE ERROR MESSAGE, THEN
640 REM          READ ANOTHER TRANSACTION &
650 REM          CONTINUE PROCESSING.
660 REM
670 PRINT "*** TRANSACTION WITHOUT MASTER *** ";N$;A
680 GOTO 495
690 REM
700 REM          NO MORE TRANSACTIONS -- WRITE REMAINING MASTER
710 REM          RECORDS
720 REM
725 IF EOF(2) THEN 790
730 INPUT #2,D,S$,G,C
740 PRINT #3,D;S$;" ";G,C
750 GOTO 725
760 REM
770 REM          UPDATE IS FINISHED -- PRINT THE
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```

780 REM                                     UPDATED MASTER
790 CLOSE #1,#2,#3
800 OPEN "I",1,"NSALES"
810 REM
820 REM             PRINT HEADINGS
830 REM
840 PRINT
850 PRINT
860 PRINT "UPDATED FILE -- NSALES"
870 PRINT "-----"
880 PRINT
890 PRINT "TERRITORY","NAME","YTD","COMMISSION"
900 PRINT " "," ","SALES","RATE"
910 PRINT "-----","-----","-----","-----"
920 REM
930 REM  READ A RECORD AND PRINT
940 REM
945 IF EOF(1) THEN 990
950 INPUT #1, D,S$,G,C
960 PRINT USING"    ##           %           %           ##,###.##
.###";D,S$,G,C
970 GOTO 945
980 REM
990 CLOSE #1
1110 STOP
32767 END

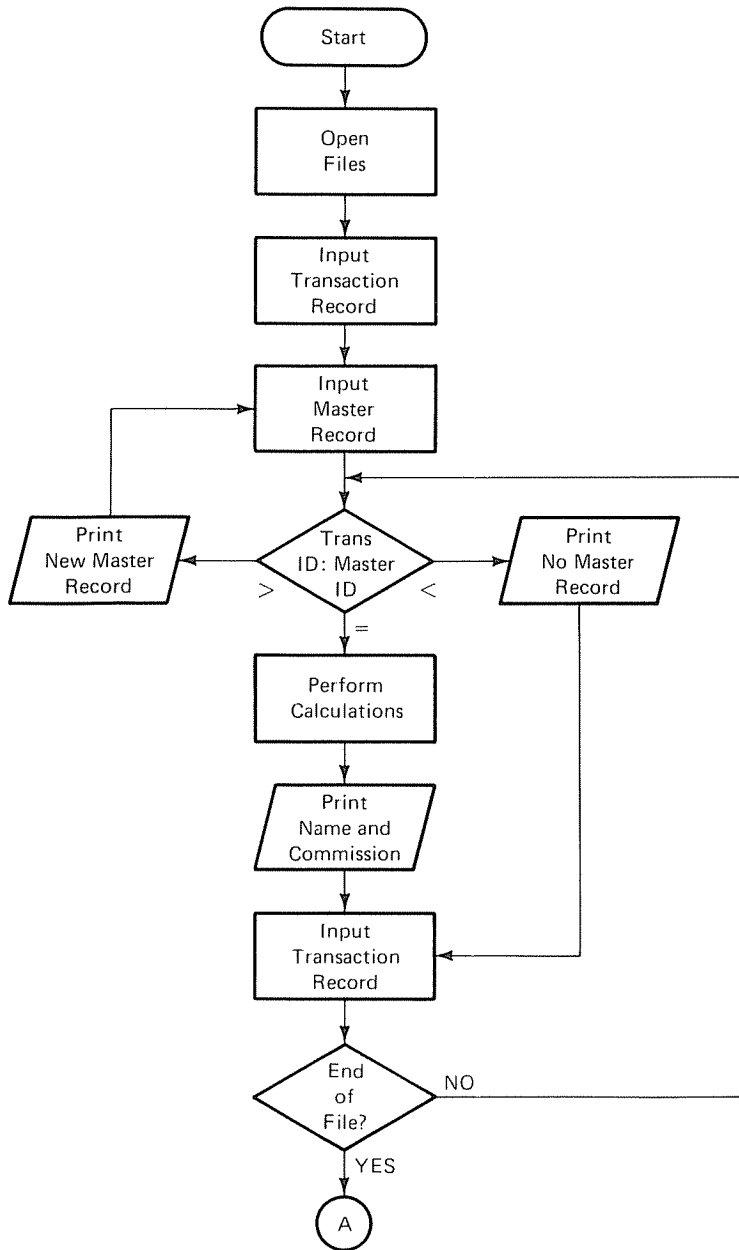
```

| NAME  | COMMISSION |
|-------|------------|
| ----- | -----      |
| BILL  | 52.50      |
| BILL  | 13.75      |
| BILL  | 19.50      |
| CLYDE | 18.40      |
| CLYDE | 11.60      |
| HARRY | 67.50      |
| JOE   | 12.60      |
| JOE   | 22.05      |

UPDATED FILE -- NSALES

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| TERRITORY | NAME  | YTD<br>SALES | COMMISSION<br>RATE |
|-----------|-------|--------------|--------------------|
| -----     | ----- | -----        | -----              |
| 1         | BILL  | 13,765.00    | .050               |
| 3         | BOB   | 14,090.00    | .050               |
| 3         | CLYDE | 8,090.00     | .040               |
| 3         | HARRY | 10,960.00    | .045               |
| 1         | JOE   | 6,040.00     | .045               |
| 2         | PHIL  | 11,200.00    | .055               |
| 2         | TOM   | 6,940.00     | .040               |



(a) Matching Logic

Flowchart of the Sales Update

Figure 7-4



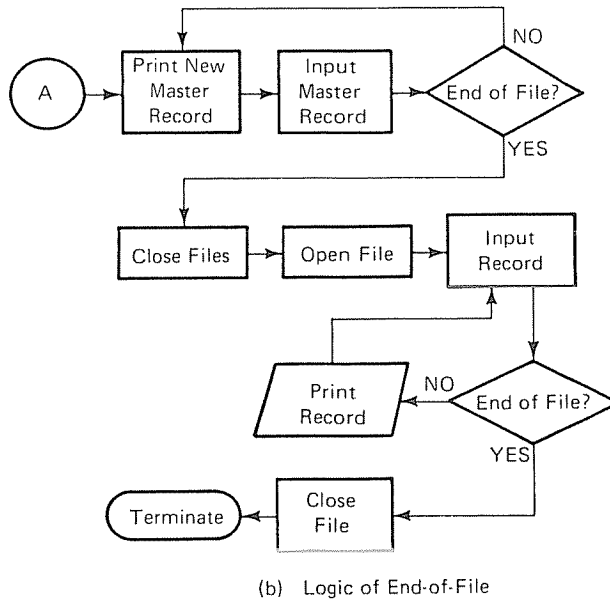


Figure 7-4

Flowchart of the Sales Update (cont'd.)

The flowcharts and program are different from the payroll update in five ways:

1. Missing transaction records occur.
2. The new master record is printed on the file when the transaction record ID is greater than the master record ID.
3. The matching of IDs is on alphabetic data.
4. The program will not terminate when a master record is missing.
5. Multiple transaction records for each master record occur.

Missing transactions are accounted for in the logic in two places. First, new master records are printed on the file only when the transaction record

ID is greater than the master record ID. Second, if the end of the transaction file has been read and master records remain to be processed, line 495 IF EOF(1) THEN 740 and the instructions that follow line 740 take care of this problem.

IDs that consist of alphabetic information (salesman name) are matched in this program. There is no essential difference between matching alphabetic as opposed to numeric IDs as far as the programming is concerned.

The program will not terminate if master records are missing. This problem is solved by printing the appropriate message and reading the next transaction record.

Finally, the program will handle the case where there is more than one transaction record for a master record. This is done by not printing a new master record until the transaction record ID is greater than the master record ID. Also, the accumulation of the gross sales in line 410,  $G = G + A$ , will update the gross sales on the master record correctly. The value of  $G$  is changed each time a master record is read, while the value of  $A$  will be added to it for each transaction record.

The program can best be understood by referring to the flowchart (Figure 7-4), Figure 7-5, and tracing the logic. The first transaction record is input followed by the first master record. The salesman for both these records is Bill. There is a match, the name and commission are printed and the second transaction record is input. The master record ID is Bill and the second transaction record ID is Bill. So the name and commission are printed using the data of the second transaction record. The third transaction record is read. There is another match and the printout of name and commission occurs again. The fourth transaction record is read (Clyde) and the transaction record ID is greater than the master record ID so the master record for Bill, now fully updated by three transaction records, is printed and the second master record is read (Bob). You may wonder how Clyde is greater than Bob. The answer is that the letter "C" is greater, or of higher

| Master File<br>SALES |          | Transaction File<br>SALEST |
|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| Record Number        | Salesman | Salesman                   |
| 1                    | Bill     | Bill                       |
| 2                    | Bob      | Bill                       |
| 3                    | Clyde    | Bill                       |
| 4                    | Harry    | Clyde                      |
| 5                    | Joe      | Clyde                      |
| 6                    | Phil     | Harry                      |
| 7                    | Tom      | Joe                        |
| 8                    |          | Joe                        |

Salesman Fields For Master and Transaction Records

Figure 7-5

value, than the letter “B”. The alphabet from A to Z is viewed by the computer as just a series of increasing values. It is this fact that allows us to perform alphabetic sorts as in Appendix B, and compare alphabetic fields with IF statements.

At this point, we have printed Bill’s updated master record, input Bob’s master record, and input Clyde’s transaction record. Clyde is greater than Bob (TR>MR) so Bob’s master record is printed. There were no transaction records for Bob; so his updated master record remains the same and the next master record is input (Clyde). There is a match, name and commission are printed, and the next transaction record is input (five). There is another match, name and commission are printed and the next transaction record is input (Harry). Harry is greater than Clyde, so Clyde’s master record is printed and the next master record input (Harry). The logic continues in the above manner until the end of the master file is reached and the program is finished. Note, there are no transactions for Phil or Tom so that the end of file for the transaction file occurs at line 495. The statement IF EOF(1) THEN 740 will direct the computer to line 740 and the remaining master records that do not have any transaction records will be printed on the new master file. The two other end-of-file statements (725, 945) are used to print out the updated master file and produce the required report.

#### UPDATING WITH CODED TRANSACTIONS

The final example of an update program will use exactly the same logic as the last program, but the transaction file will be more complex. This last example will be an inventory problem. It will use as the master file the file “INVMR”. Table 7–5 gives the contents of the master file, Table 7–6 the transaction file, “INVTR”.

You will have to write programs to create both the transaction and master file. The transaction records have three fields: the part number (ID), a transaction code, and a quantity. The transaction code field has either the number 1 or 2 in it. A transaction code of 1 means that the transaction is a receipt to inventory. A transaction code of 2 means that the transaction is an issuance of goods from inventory. The first transaction record (101,1,150)

Table 7–5

Inventory Master File

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Units on Hand</i> | <i>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 101                    | 350                  | 5.00        |
| 110                    | 275                  | 7.00        |
| 219                    | 90                   | 3.25        |
| 226                    | 120                  | 2.95        |
| 235                    | 360                  | 6.20        |
| 247                    | 140                  | 4.60        |

Inventory Transaction File

Table 7-6

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Transaction<br/>Code</i> | <i>Quantity</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 101                    | 1                           | 150             |
| 101                    | 2                           | 75              |
| 101                    | 2                           | 60              |
| 101                    | 2                           | 20              |
| 219                    | 2                           | 20              |
| 226                    | 1                           | 75              |
| 226                    | 1                           | 100             |
| 226                    | 2                           | 90              |
| 235                    | 2                           | 30              |
| 247                    | 1                           | 70              |

means that 150 units of part 101 were received in inventory. The third transaction record (101,2,60) means that 60 units of part 101 were issued from inventory.

You may assume that the master file is updated at the end of each week and that the transactions were generated during this week. The files are sorted by part number and you have to write the program for the update. For the *updated* master file, the calculation is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Units on Hand} = & \text{Units on Hand (in the old master file)} \\ & + \text{Units received (transaction code 1)} \\ & - \text{Units issued (transaction code 2)} \end{aligned}$$

Besides updating the master file, one report is to be produced. The report is an "Inventory Valuation Report." It lists the part numbers and the amount of money that is tied up in inventory at the end of the week. It is produced from the updated master file.

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

1. Inventory master file, "INVMR"
2. Inventory transaction file, "INVTR"

##### *Processing*

Match transaction records and master records by part number. Calculate quantities received and issued by transaction code. Calculate units on hand.

##### *Output*

An updated master file, "INVSN", and an inventory valuation report.

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The program therefore has to perform the following steps:

1. Establish a link to the transaction file and the master and new master files.
2. Read a transaction record and associated master record.
3. Determine from the transaction code whether the quantity is issued or received.
4. Update the master record.
5. Write the updated master record.
6. Go back to read more records while there is still data in the files.
7. Print out the new master file.
8. Produce the report from the updated master file.

The program follows:

```
100 REM PROGRAM TO UPDATE INVENTORY
110 REM
120 REM          LINK TO FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"INVTR"
150 OPEN "I",2,"INVMR"
160 OPEN "O",3,"INVSN"
170 REM
180 REM          READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
190 REM
210 INPUT #1,P1,T1,Q1
220 REM
230 REM          READ A MASTER RECORD
240 REM
250 INPUT #2, P2,Q2,C2
260 REM
270 REM          COMPARE TRANSACTION WITH MASTER
280 REM
290 IF P1=P2 THEN 380
300 IF P1>P2 THEN 560
310 IF P1<P2 THEN 680
320 REM
330 REM          TRANSACTION EQUAL TO MASTER
340 REM          UPDATE THE MASTER
350 REM
360 REM          CHECK IF TRANSACTION IS RECEIPT OR ISSUE
370 REM
380 IF T1=2 THEN 470
```

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390 REM
400 REM RECEIPT:  T1=1
410 REM
420 Q2=Q2+Q1
430 GOTO 505
440 REM
450 REM ISSUE:    T1=2
460 REM
470 Q2=Q2-Q1
480 REM
490 REM          READ NEXT TRANSACTION AND GO TO COMPARE
500 REM
505 IF EOF(1) THEN 750
510 INPUT #1,P1,T1,Q1
520 GOTO 290
530 REM
540 REM          TRANSACTION GREATER THAN MASTER
550 REM          WRITE UPDATED MASTER
560 PRINT #3, P2;Q2;C2
570 REM
580 REM          GO BACK AND GET ANOTHER MASTER
590 REM
600 GOTO 250
610 REM
620 REM          TRANSACTION LESS THAN MASTER
630 REM          ERROR -- NO MASTER IN FILE
640 REM          WRITE ERROR MESSAGE, THEN
650 REM          READ ANOTHER TRANSACTION &
660 REM          CONTINUE PROCESSING.
670 REM
680 PRINT "*** TRANSACTION WITHOUT MASTER *** ";P1;T1;Q1
690 GOTO 505
700 REM
710 REM          NO MORE TRANSACTIONS -- WRITE REMAINING MASTER
720 REM          RECORDS
730 IF EOF(2) THEN 800
740 INPUT #2, P2,Q2,C2,
750 PRINT #3, P2;Q2;C2
760 GOTO 730
770 REM
780 REM          UPDATE IS FINISHED -- PRINT THE UPDATED
790 REM          FILE AND THE REPORT
800 CLOSE #1,#2,#3
810 OPEN "I",1,"INVSN"
820 REM
830 REM          HEADINGS FOR UPDATED FILE
840 REM
850 PRINT
860 PRINT "  NEW INVENTORY MASTER FILE"
870 PRINT "  -----"
880 PRINT
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890 PRINT "PART          UNITS      COST"
900 PRINT "NUMBER      ON HAND   "
910 PRINT "-----      -"
915 IF EOF(1) THEN 950
920 INPUT #1,P,Q,C
930 PRINT USING"###          ####          #.##";P,Q,C
940 GOTO 915
950 CLOSE #1
960 OPEN "I",1,"INVSN"
970 REM      PRINT REPORT HEADINGS
980 REM
990 PRINT
1000 PRINT
1010 PRINT "  INVENTORY VALUATION REPORT"
1020 PRINT "  -----"
1030 PRINT
1040 PRINT "PART","DOLLAR"
1050 PRINT "NUMBER","AMOUNT"
1060 PRINT "-----","-----"
1070 REM
1080 REM READ A RECORD AND CALCULATE INVENTORY VALUES
1090 REM
1100 IF EOF(1) THEN 1190
1110 INPUT #1,P,Q,C
1120 D=Q*C
1130 T=T+D
1140 PRINT USING " ###          #,###.##";P,D
1150 GOTO 1100
1160 REM
1170 REM      END OF DATA -- PRINT TOTAL
1180 REM
1190 PRINT "-----"
1200 PRINT USING "%      %          #,###.##";"TOTAL",T
1210 CLOSE #1
1220 STOP
32767 END

```

NEW INVENTORY MASTER FILE

| PART<br>NUMBER | UNITS<br>ON HAND | COST |
|----------------|------------------|------|
| 101            | 345              | 5.00 |
| 110            | 275              | 7.00 |
| 219            | 70               | 3.25 |
| 226            | 205              | 2.95 |
| 235            | 330              | 6.20 |
| 247            | 210              | 4.60 |

## INVENTORY VALUATION REPORT

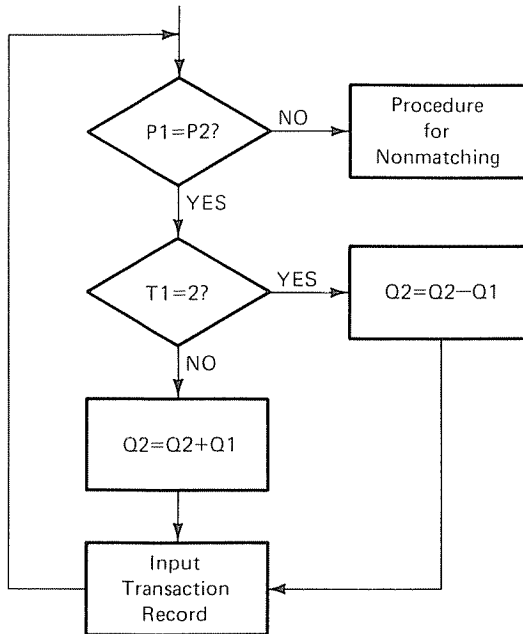
| PART<br>NUMBER | DOLLAR<br>AMOUNT |
|----------------|------------------|
| 101            | 1,725.00         |
| 110            | 1,925.00         |
| 219            | 227.50           |
| 226            | 604.75           |
| 235            | 2,046.00         |
| 247            | 966.00           |
| TOTAL          | 7,494.25         |

The flowchart is the same as the flowchart of the sales update program (Figure 7-4) with one minor exception—the logic for handling the transaction codes. The flowchart for this portion of the program is Figure 7-6. Since the master record inputs the value of Q2, the two statements

$$Q2 = Q2 + Q1$$

$$Q2 = Q2 - Q1$$

will accumulate the value of Q2 updated by the transaction records until the new master record is printed and a new master record is input.



Flowchart of Transaction Code Logic

Figure 7-6



The data for the required report are obtained from the new master file and the report is the last part of the program.

#### SUMMARY

This chapter covered the updating of sequential files. Descriptions of master files and transaction files to produce a new updated master file were given. Various conditions with respect to the correspondence of master and transaction records were handled by the programs. In each program the third IF statement used to match master and transaction records could have been replaced by a GOTO statement. The IF statement was used to emphasize the logic of matching.

The objective of data processing in a business environment is achieved by the update. Through the update, customer statements, payrolls, accounts receivable, accounts payable and general ledgers are produced on some time cycle, usually once a month.

- PROBLEMS
1. Modify the first update program (payroll example) so that it will provide the logic required to:
    - a. Handle a missing transaction record.
    - b. Continue processing rather than stop after printing the error message "MASTER RECORD MISSING FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER".

Create and use the following transaction file to test the program.

| <i>Employee<br/>Number</i> | <i>Regular<br/>Hours</i> | <i>Overtime<br/>Hours</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 103                        | 40                       | 4                         |
| 108                        | 38                       | 0                         |
| 165                        | 40                       | 0                         |
| 198                        | 36                       | 0                         |
| 255                        | 40                       | 4                         |
| 313                        | 40                       | 4                         |
| 368                        | 40                       | 2                         |

Use "EMPMAS" as the master file.

Print out the updated master file with suitable headings.

Print out the employee numbers, names and their net pay. Remember some employees will receive no pay.

2. Modify the sales update program so that it will print out the total commission due to each salesman, rather than the commission for each sale. Also print out the total commission due to all salesmen.
3. Modify the inventory update to print out for each part number the total units issued and received.
4. Assume that the payroll transaction file can contain more than one record for an employee. Modify your program in Problem 1 so that it can use the following transaction file and perform the update.

| <i>Employee<br/>Number</i> | <i>Regular<br/>Hours</i> | <i>Overtime<br/>Hours</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 104                        | 20                       | 0                         |
| 104                        | 20                       | 5                         |
| 108                        | 10                       | 0                         |
| 198                        | 40                       | 7                         |
| 202                        | 15                       | 0                         |
| 202                        | 25                       | 4                         |

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| 202 | 0  | 6 |
| 206 | 20 | 0 |
| 206 | 20 | 3 |
| 313 | 30 | 0 |
| 313 | 10 | 0 |
| 313 | 0  | 8 |

There should be a printout for every employee showing number, name, and net pay—even if it is zero. Use one line per employee. Also print out the new master file.

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## 8 / Using Lists and Tables

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

Performance  
Objectives

- Set up lists and tables
- Use lists to accumulate summary output
- Use tables to hold data for reference
- Use lists and tables to hold data for processing

All the transaction processing applications that we have discussed have basically the same pattern. The pattern consists of getting a transaction, doing the required computation for that transaction, outputting required results, and then looping back to get the next transaction. Such processing minimizes the amount of data required by the computer.

But business has problems that require a group of data to be entered at the beginning and used for all transactions. Tax tables come readily to mind. And business also has analytic problems, where all the data has to be available to solve a problem or where data is collected from all transactions and held for output until the end of all transactions. An example of the first type would be a linear programming problem (which is a management science method). An example of the second type would be analytic reports that classify data in categories.

To help solve these types of problems, BASIC provides lists and tables. A list is a series of items in a meaningful grouping or sequence. Employee names in alphabetic sequence would be an example of a list. Total sales in item number sequence might be another example. Any row or column of items constitutes a list.

A table is an arrangement of words, numbers, or signs in parallel columns. It is used to show a set of facts or relationships in a compact and comprehensive form. Income tax tables are a clear example of “an arrangement of . . . numbers . . . in parallel columns.” A table is therefore a grouping of lists. A list is a one-dimensional (row or column, but not both) presentation of data; and a table is a two-dimensional (both rows and columns) presentation of data.

Let’s derive a problem from the payroll application to get a feel for the use of lists and tables. Assume that you need to summarize the payroll expense by department. As you recall, there are 20 departments—numbered consecutively from 1 to 20. But sorting the file is a time consuming process. Hence the “EMPLOY” file will not be sorted for this problem. A simple representation of this type of problem is shown in Figure 8–1.

SUMMARY  
OUTPUT

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

“EMPLOY” file

##### *Processing*

Calculate gross pay and accumulate gross pay by department.

*Output*Total gross pay by department

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The program therefore has to:

1. Link to the "EMPLOY" file.
2. Read a record.
3. Calculate the gross pay.
4. Accumulate gross pay by department number.
5. When all records have been processed, print the departmental gross pay totals.
6. Terminate.

A flowchart (Fig. 8-1), a program to perform these tasks, and the output are shown below:

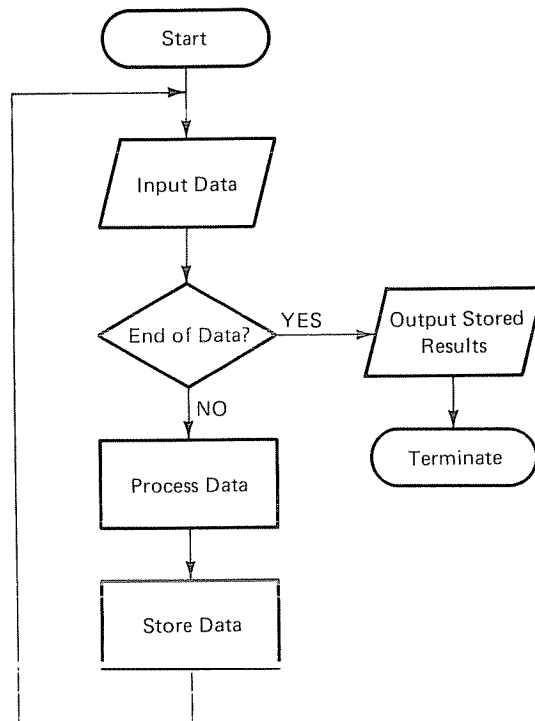


Figure 8-1

Flowchart for Summary Output

```

100 REM PROGRAM TO ACCUMULATE GROSS PAY BY DEPARTMENT
110 REM
120 REM OPEN FILE
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"EMPLOY"
150 REM
160 REM SET UP A LIST TO HOLD DEPARTMENTAL TOTALS
170 REM
180 DIM T(20)
190 REM
200 REM READ A RECORD, UNTIL OUT OF DATA
220 IF EOF(1) THEN 420
230 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,H,R,V
240 REM
250 REM CALCULATE AMOUNT OF GROSS PAY
260 REM
270 G=H*R + H*V*1.5
280 REM
290 REM ACCUMULATE GROSS PAY BY DEPARTMENT NUMBER
300 REM
310 T(D) = T(D) + G
320 GOTO 220
330 REM
340 REM CHECK FOR END OF FILE AND PRINT RESULTS
350 REM
400 REM PRINT DEPARTMENTAL TOTALS WITH HEADINGS
410 REM
420 PRINT "DEPARTMENTAL GROSS PAY TOTALS"
430 PRINT
440 PRINT "DEPARTMENT", "GROSS PAY"
450 PRINT "-----", "-----"
460 FOR M=1 TO 20
470 PRINT USING "    ##          ###.##"; M,T(M)
480 NEXT M
490 REM
500 REM TERMINATE
510 REM
520 CLOSE #1
530 STOP
32767 END

```

## DEPARTMENTAL GROSS PAY TOTALS

| DEPARTMENT | GROSS PAY |
|------------|-----------|
| -----      | -----     |
| 1          | 663.50    |
| 2          | 150.00    |



|    |        |
|----|--------|
| 3  | 0.00   |
| 4  | 0.00   |
| 5  | 0.00   |
| 6  | 0.00   |
| 7  | 405.50 |
| 8  | 0.00   |
| 9  | 0.00   |
| 10 | 0.00   |
| 11 | 0.00   |
| 12 | 983.20 |
| 13 | 0.00   |
| 14 | 0.00   |
| 15 | 0.00   |
| 16 | 397.50 |
| 17 | 172.00 |
| 18 | 0.00   |
| 19 | 0.00   |
| 20 | 0.00   |

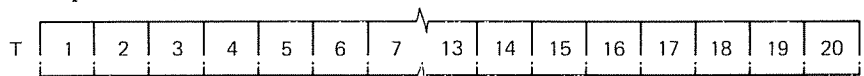
Break in 530

Now here is a program with some interesting new features:

- The DIM statement in line 180
- The summation in line 310 and the output in 470
- The FOR statement in line 460 and its associated NEXT statement in line 480

Let's look at each of these three items in turn. The DIM statement sets up a list, at least that is what the preceding remark in line 160 says. But what exactly does it do? In this case, line 180 tells the computer to reserve 20 consecutive positions all under the name "T." Previously, one field name served to identify one value. Here, one field name serves to identify many values.

If many values are identified by one name, how can you differentiate between the values? The answer is simple—by position. Line 180 sets up a list of 20 positions, thus:



To get any one item in the list, we need to specify its position (1–20). The value in the first position would be referred to as T(1). If we wanted the value from the second position, then T(2) is used. The location in the list is specified by enclosing a number, or a field name that has the position desired, in parentheses.

Line 310 refers to T(D). Here the "D" (enclosed in parentheses) speci-

fies which position in T is involved. Hence the Dth position (whatever the department number D may be) of T is referenced. Similarly, in line 470, the reference is to position M (whatever value M may have) in T.

A new BASIC instruction in this program is found in lines 460 and 480. These two lines define a *loop*. A loop is a shorthand way of telling the computer to repeat a series of instructions a certain number of times. Line 460 sets up the loop and gives the loop parameters. The loop parameters tell the computer how often the statements in the loop are to be repeated. Line 480 closes the loop.

In general, the FOR-NEXT statements form loops. The statements within a loop are repeated the number of times specified in the FOR statement by the loop parameters. The loop parameters (in line 460), 1 TO 20, specify that the loop will be repeated twenty times. Each time the loop is repeated, the value of M will be increased by one. By this manner, when M reaches a value of 20, the loop will be repeated one more (final) time.

Line 460 tells the computer to repeat the statements between 460 and 480 (the NEXT M statement) twenty times. In this example, line 470 is performed for M values of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in turn.

Let us look closely at what the program does. First it opens a file for input. This is the file "EMPLOY" from past examples. The file contains employee records with six fields:

- Employee number
- Department number
- Employee name
- Hourly rate
- Regular hours
- Overtime hours

The department number is between 1 and 20. The range of department numbers is important because we want to accumulate gross pay by department. Next a list "T" with 20 positions: one for each of the departments, is set up. Then the program reads a record and calculates gross pay. The department number (D) is used to add the gross pay to that location in T. In other words, whenever the gross pay for a person in department 2 is calculated, it is added to the second position in T. Similarly if the department were 16, gross pay would be added to the sixteenth position in T.

After the end-of-file has been reached, the gross pay for each of the departments is printed in lines 460–480. Notice that line 470 will print M, which stands for the department number, as well as the Mth value of T (which is the departmental gross pay total).

Many problems require the use of reference tables. Income tax tables are the most obvious example. But life insurance companies use actuarial tables; statisticians use statistical tables; and financial analysts use present value or

annuity tables. If you look closely, you can see tables everywhere. Even this book has a table, a table of contents.

Tables hold data for reference. When the data is needed, we look it up in the appropriate table. One problem that requires table referencing is an income tax calculation. A simple representation of this type of problem is shown in Figure 8–2.

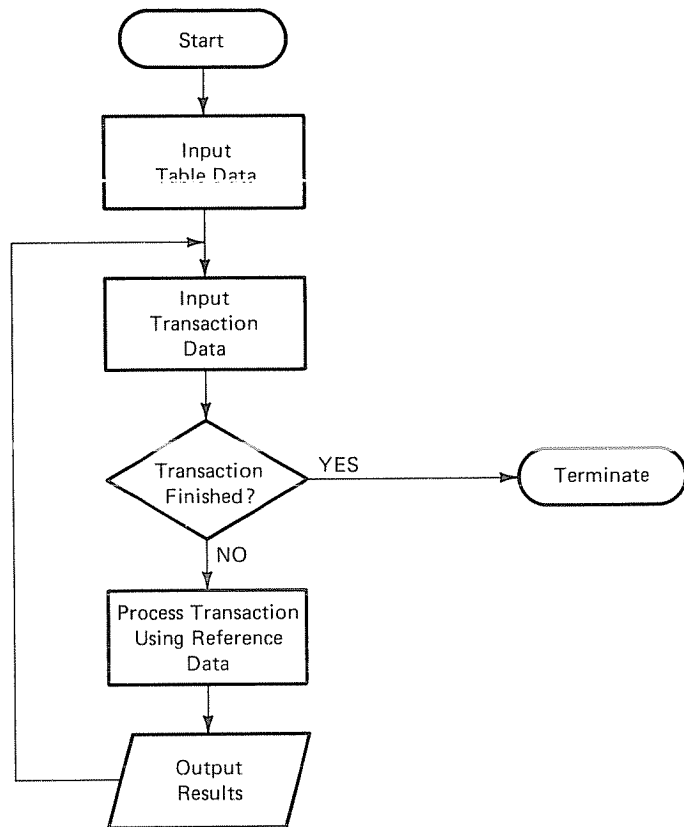


Figure 8–2

Flowchart for Reference Tables

The income tax problem requires two tables: one for single people; another for married people. Both are shown in Table 8–1. But the tables provided by the Internal Revenue Service have to be changed to fit our requirements. The tables need to be consistent. Table 8–2 is the same IRS tables—made consistent by the addition of the first line.

Before the tables can be used in the weekly payroll calculation, they have to be set up. Since tax rates are liable to annual changes, the tax tables

are stored in separate files: "SINGLE" for single people; and "MARRID" for married people. The program to get the data into the "SINGLE" file is shown below.

Percentage Withholding Tables

Table 8-1

| (a) SINGLE person—including head of household: |                             |   | (b) MARRIED person—        |                             |   |
|--|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| If the amount of wages is:                     |                             | The amount of income tax to be withheld shall be: | If the amount of wages is: |                             | The amount of income tax to be withheld shall be: |
| Not over \$27 ..... 0                          |                             |   | Not over \$46 ..... 0      |                             |   |
| Over—  | But not over—               | of excess over—                                   | Over—                      | But not over—               | of excess over—                                   |
| \$27   | —\$63 ..... 15%             | —\$27   | \$46                       | —\$127 .... 15%             | —\$46   |
| \$63   | —\$131 ... \$5.40 plus 18%  | —\$63   | \$127                      | —\$210 ... \$12.15 plus 18% | —\$127  |
| \$131  | —\$196 ... \$17.64 plus 21% | —\$131  | \$210                      | —\$288 ... \$27.09 plus 21% | —\$210  |
| \$196  | —\$273 ... \$31.29 plus 26% | —\$196  | \$288                      | —\$369 ... \$43.47 plus 24% | —\$288  |
| \$273  | —\$331 ... \$51.31 plus 30% | —\$273  | \$369                      | —\$454 ... \$62.91 plus 28% | —\$369  |
| \$331  | —\$433 ... \$68.71 plus 34% | —\$331  | \$454                      | —\$556 ... \$86.71 plus 32% | —\$454  |
| \$433  | ..... \$103.39 plus 39%     | —\$433  | \$556                      | ..... \$119.35 plus 37%     | —\$556  |

Weekly Tax Tables

Table 8-2

| a. Single person—including head of household |       |                       |                                    | b. Married person                   |       |                       |                                    |
|--|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Amount of Wages Lower and Upper End          |       | Amount to be Withheld | Percentage for Excess over Low End | Amount of Wages Lower and Upper End |       | Amount to be Withheld | Percentage for Excess over Low End |
| \$ 0   | \$ 27 | \$ 0                  | 0                                  | \$ 0                                | \$ 46 | \$ 0                  | 0                                  |
| 27   | 63    | 0                     | .15                                | 46                                  | 127   | 0                     | 0.15                               |
| 63   | 131   | 5.40                  | .18                                | 127                                 | 210   | 12.15                 | 0.18                               |
| 131  | 196   | 17.64                 | .21                                | 210                                 | 288   | 27.09                 | 0.21                               |
| 196  | 273   | 31.29                 | .26                                | 288                                 | 369   | 43.47                 | 0.24                               |
| 273  | 331   | 51.31                 | .30                                | 369                                 | 454   | 62.91                 | 0.28                               |
| 331  | 433   | 68.71                 | .34                                | 454                                 | 556   | 86.71                 | 0.32                               |
| 433  | 999   | 103.39                | .39                                | 556                                 | 999   | 119.35                | 0.37                               |

```

100 REM PROGRAM TO SET UP TAX TABLE
110 REM
120 REM LINK TO FILE
130 REM
140 OPEN "O",1,"SINGLE"
150 REM
160 REM SET UP A TABLE OF 8 ROWS AND 4 COLUMNS
170 REM
180 DIM T(8,4)
190 REM
200 REM FOR EACH ROW, GET DATA FROM TERMINAL
210 REM
220 FOR R=1 TO 8
230 PRINT "ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE"
240 INPUT T(R,1),T(R,2),T(R,3),T(R,4)
250 NEXT R
260 REM
270 REM PRINT TABLE AND PLACE IT INTO FILE

```

```

280 REM
290 PRINT
300 PRINT
310 FOR L=1 TO 8
320 PRINT T(L,1),T(L,2),T(L,3),T(L,4)
330 PRINT #1,T(L,1);T(L,2);T(L,3);T(L,4)
340 NEXT L
350 CLOSE #1
360 STOP
32767 END
READY

```

RUN

```

ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 0,27,0,0
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 27,63,0,.15
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 63,131,5.4,.18
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 131,196,17.64,.21
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 196,273,31.29,.26
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 273,331,51.31,.30
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 331,433,68.71,.34
ENTER LOW AND HIGH WAGES, MINIMUM AND PERCENTAGE
? 433,999,103.39,.39

```

|     |     |        |     |
|-----|-----|--------|-----|
| 0   | 27  | 0      | 0   |
| 27  | 63  | 0      | .15 |
| 63  | 131 | 5.4    | .18 |
| 131 | 196 | 17.64  | .21 |
| 196 | 273 | 31.29  | .26 |
| 273 | 331 | 51.31  | .3  |
| 331 | 433 | 68.71  | .34 |
| 433 | 999 | 103.39 | .39 |

Break in 360

The program gets table data from the terminal and places it into the "SINGLE" file. The details of its operation deserve closer inspection.

Line 180 reserves the spaces for the table T. The dimensions of the table are given in parentheses as 8,4. These dimensions show that the table consists of 8 rows (first dimension) by 4 columns (second dimension). Therefore 32 positions are reserved for T.

The data is entered into the table by the loop in lines 220–250. The "FOR-NEXT" loops the computer through the statements in 230 and 240 eight times. The first time through the loop, R has the value 1. Therefore line

240 gets four values from the terminal and assigns them to row 1 (first dimension: R is 1), columns 1 through 4 in turn.

Then the NEXT R is encountered. The computer adds 1 to R and checks the R value against its limit (the 8 specified in the FOR statement). (Since R is less than 8, lines 230 and 240 are executed.) This time, the data are placed into row 2.

Every time the computer encounters the NEXT R (until R would exceed 8), it adds 1 to R and fills the next successive row of T. After the eighth row has been filled, the looping is finished. The computer continues with the next statement in the program.

Lines 310 through 340 print the data on the screen and also place it into the SINGLE file. The FOR-NEXT loop sends the computer through the statements in 320 and 330 eight times. For each value of L (1 to 8), it prints that row of the table and places the row into the SINGLE file. Thus the eight rows of T are filed away for future use.

A similar program has to be written to place the data into "MARRID". You can use this program if you change the file name from "SINGLE" to "MARRID".

These two tables are used in the calculation of the taxes for the employees in "EMPTRA". We will also need the master file "EMPMAS" to get the number of exemptions and the year-to-date social security (YTD FICA). Each exemption claimed by the employee deducts \$19.23 from taxable wages. And social security deductions are 6.7% up to a limit of \$31,800 gross pay.

The old UPDATE program from Chapter 7 serves as the basis for solving this problem. We have modified it to handle the tax tables and the social security calculations.

**Note:** To run this program on the Model III, you must sign on and when asked HOW MANY FILES? type 5 and press "ENTER".

#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

- "SINGLE" and "MARRID" files for the tax tables
- "EMPTRA" file for the weekly earnings
- "EMPMAS" file for the deductions and year-to-date FICA

##### *Processing*

For each employee: Calculate gross pay, social security (FICA), federal income tax (FIT), and net pay (by subtracting FICA and FIT from gross pay).

##### *Output*

The results of the "pay check" calculations, giving employee name and number, gross pay, social security and income tax deductions, and net pay

The updated master file, "EMPMA1"

The program therefore has to

1. Link to the files.
2. Read and hold the tax tables.
3. Get an employee record from "EMPTRA".
4. Find the matching record from "EMPMAS".
5. Calculate gross pay.
6. Determine the amount of the social security deduction:
  - a. If YTD gross pay plus weekly gross pay is less than \$31,800, *then* all of weekly gross pay is subject to FICA.
  - b. If YTD gross pay is less than \$31,800, but weekly gross pay added to YTD gross pay makes it greater than \$31,800, *then* only that portion of weekly gross pay that brings the YTD up to \$31,800 is subject to FICA.
  - c. If YTD gross pay is greater than \$31,800, *then* no social security is withheld.
7. Calculate taxable income by subtracting deductions from gross pay.
8. Find the applicable tax in the tax tables.
9. Calculate net pay.
10. Update the master record and place it into "EMPMA1".
11. Print the output.
12. Repeat steps 3 through 12 for all other "EMPLOY" records.
13. Terminate.

A program to do all those tasks is shown on the following pages.

```

100 REM          UPDATE OF MASTER FILE
120 REM
130 REM          SET UP HEADINGS
140 REM
150 PRINT
160 PRINT "EMPLOYEE  NAME          GROSS          FIT          FICA          NET"
170 PRINT "NUMBER          PAY"
180 PRINT
190 REM
200 REM
202 OPEN "I", 4, "SINGLE"
204 OPEN "I", 5, "MARRID"
210 OPEN "I", 1, "EMPMAS"
220 OPEN "I", 2, "EMPTRA"
230 OPEN "O", 3, "EMPMA1"
231 REM
232 REM TAX TABLES
233 REM
234 DIM S(8,4), M(8,4)
235 FOR L1 = 1 TO 8
236     INPUT #4, S(L1,1), S(L1,2), S(L1,3), S(L1,4)
237     INPUT #5, M(L1,1), M(L1,2), M(L1,3), M(L1,4)
238 NEXT L1
239 REM

```

```
240 REM
250 REM          READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
260 REM
270 INPUT #2, I,R,V
280 REM
290 REM          READ A MASTER RECORD
300 REM
310 INPUT #1, N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,F1
320 REM
330 REM          COMPARE ID'S
340 REM
350 IF I=N THEN 410
360 IF I>N THEN 310
370 IF I<N THEN 750
380 REM
390 REM          ID'S MATCH -- DO COMPUTATIONS FOR UPDATE
400 REM
405 REM CALCULATE GROSS PAY
406 REM
410  $G1=(R*H)+(V*H*1.5)$ 
411 REM
412 REM CALCULATE SOCIAL SECURITY
413 REM
414 F3=0
415 REM
416 REM SOCIAL SECURITY IS ZERO IF YTD GROSS OVER 31,800
417 REM
418 IF G > 31800 THEN 433
419 REM
420 REM SOCIAL SECURITY IS 0.067 OF WEEKLY GROSS
421 REM IF YTD GROSS + WEEKLY GROSS LESS THAN 31,800
422 REM
423 IF G+G1 > 31800 THEN 429
424  $F3=G1*0.067$ 
425 GOTO 433
426 REM SOCIAL SECURITY IS 0.067 OF DIFFERENCE
427 REM BETWEEN 31800 AND YTD GROSS
428 REM
429  $F3=(31800-G) * 0.067$ 
430 REM
431 REM CALCULATE TAXABLE INCOME BY SUBTRACTING EXEMPTIONS
432 REM
433  $T=G1 - E*19.23$ 
434 REM
435 REM DETERMINE TAX TABLE
436 REM
437 IF M=2 THEN 452
438 REM
439 REM M IS 1; FIND ROW IN SINGLE TABLE
440 REM
441 FOR R1=1 TO 8
442     IF T <= S(R1,2) THEN 447
443 NEXT R1
444 REM
```



```
445 REM CALCULATE TAX
446 REM
447 F2=S(R1,3) + (T-S(R1,1))*S(R1,4)
448 GOTO 462
449 REM
450 REM M IS 2; FIND ROW IN MARRID TABLE
451 REM
452 FOR R1=1 TO 8
453     IF T <= M(R1,2) THEN 458
454 NEXT R1
455 REM
456 REM CALCULATE TAX
457 REM
458 F2=M(R1,3) + (T-M(R1,1))*M(R1,4)
459 REM
460 REM CALCULATE NET PAY
461 REM
462 P = G1 - F2 - F3
463 REM
464 REM ADD WEEKLY GROSS, FIT AND FICA TO YTD TOTALS
465 REM
466 G = G + G1
467 F = F + F2
470 F1=F1+F3
480 P1=P1+P
490 REM
500 REM             PRINT UPDATED MASTER RECORD
510 REM
520 PRINT #3,N;D;N$;" ";M;H;E;G;F;F1
530 REM
540 REM             PRINT ID, NAME, NET PAY
550 REM
560 PRINT USING"   ##      %           % #####.##      ##.##      ##.##
# #####.##";N,N$,G1,F2,F3,P
570 REM
580 REM             READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
590 REM
595 IF EOF(2) THEN 780
600 INPUT #2, I,R,V
610 GOTO 350
720 REM
730 REM             MISSING MASTER RECORD
740 REM
750 PRINT "MASTER RECORD MISSING FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER ";I
780 CLOSE #1,#2,#3,#4,#5
790 REM
800 REM             PRINT OUT OF UPDATED MASTER FILE
810 REM
820 PRINT
830 PRINT
840 PRINT
850 PRINT
860 PRINT "
                        UPDATED MASTER FILE"
870 PRINT
```

```

880 OPEN "I",4,"EMPMAL"
890 PRINT "EMP  DEPT  NAME  MARITAL  HOUR  EX-  YTD  YTD
      YTD"
900 PRINT "NUM  STATUS  RATE  EMP  GROSS  FIT
      FICA"
905 IF EOF(4) THEN 940
910 INPUT #4,N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,Fl
920 PRINT USING"###  ##  %  %  #  ##.##  #  #####.##
###.##  ###.##";N,D,N$,M,H,E,G,F,Fl
930 GOTO 905
940 CLOSE #4
950 STOP
32767 END

```

| EMPLOYEE<br>NUMBER | NAME     | GROSS<br>PAY | FIT   | FICA  | NET    |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|
| 101                | ADAMS    | 200.00       | 14.91 | 13.40 | 171.69 |
| 103                | BAKER    | 257.60       | 37.31 | 17.26 | 203.03 |
| 104                | BRAVE    | 172.00       | 7.36  | 11.52 | 153.11 |
| 108                | COHEN    | 237.50       | 18.19 | 15.91 | 203.39 |
| 172                | JOHNSON  | 150.00       | 21.63 | 10.05 | 118.32 |
| 198                | TANNER   | 153.00       | 4.51  | 10.25 | 138.24 |
| 202                | WILSON   | 160.00       | 2.68  | 10.72 | 146.60 |
| 206                | LESTER   | 210.00       | 16.71 | 14.07 | 179.22 |
| 255                | SCHMIDT  | 257.60       | 18.35 | 17.26 | 221.99 |
| 281                | MILLER   | 240.00       | 18.64 | 16.08 | 205.28 |
| 313                | SMITH    | 195.50       | 14.10 | 13.10 | 168.31 |
| 347                | GRAY     | 228.00       | 19.95 | 15.28 | 192.78 |
| 368                | WEAVER   | 150.50       | 17.70 | 10.08 | 122.72 |
| 422                | WILLIAMS | 160.00       | 11.33 | 10.72 | 137.95 |

## UPDATED MASTER FILE

| EMP<br>NUM | DEPT | NAME     | MARITAL<br>STATUS | HOUR<br>RATE | EX-<br>EMP | YTD<br>GROSS | YTD<br>FIT | YTD<br>FICA |
|------------|------|----------|-------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 101        | 1    | ADAMS    | 2                 | 5.00         | 3          | 1200.00      | 214.91     | 74.70       |
| 103        | 12   | BAKER    | 1                 | 5.60         | 2          | 1545.60      | 294.91     | 96.21       |
| 104        | 17   | BRAVE    | 2                 | 4.00         | 4          | 1032.00      | 179.36     | 64.24       |
| 108        | 16   | COHEN    | 2                 | 6.25         | 4          | 1425.00      | 255.69     | 88.70       |
| 172        | 2    | JOHNSON  | 1                 | 3.75         | 0          | 900.00       | 171.63     | 56.03       |
| 198        | 1    | TANNER   | 2                 | 4.25         | 4          | 918.00       | 157.51     | 57.14       |
| 202        | 16   | WILSON   | 2                 | 4.00         | 5          | 960.00       | 162.68     | 59.76       |
| 206        | 7    | LESTER   | 2                 | 5.25         | 3          | 1260.00      | 226.71     | 78.44       |
| 255        | 12   | SCHMIDT  | 2                 | 5.60         | 5          | 1545.60      | 275.95     | 96.21       |
| 281        | 12   | MILLER   | 2                 | 6.00         | 4          | 1440.00      | 258.64     | 89.64       |
| 313        | 7    | SMITH    | 2                 | 4.25         | 3          | 1173.00      | 209.60     | 73.02       |
| 347        | 12   | GRAY     | 2                 | 6.00         | 3          | 1368.00      | 247.95     | 85.16       |
| 368        | 1    | WEAVER   | 1                 | 3.50         | 1          | 903.00       | 168.20     | 56.21       |
| 422        | 1    | WILLIAMS | 2                 | 4.00         | 2          | 960.00       | 171.33     | 59.76       |

The key statements for the table reference are in lines 452-454 for married employees and in lines 441-443 for single employees, where the appro-

ropriate row of the table is found. But before we can discuss that, let's look at how the tables were set up in line 234–238.

First, line 234 reserves the space for two tables: S for single and M for married employees. Each table consists of eight rows and four columns. According to the tax tables of the Internal Revenue Service, each row corresponds to a range of income. The columns of the table are as follows:

- Column 1: the low end of the weekly income range
- Column 2: the upper end
- Column 3: the taxes up to the low end
- Column 4: the tax rate for anything above the low end (but below the high end of the range).

Then in lines 235–238 the tables are filled. The field L1 stands for the row number. It is assigned the values 1 through 8 successively by the FOR-NEXT statement. For each value of L1, the four columns of each table are input. So if L1 is 1, then the first row is filled. When L1 is two, the second row of the tables S and M is given values. Once all eight rows are filled, we exit from the loop and start to process the employee records.

Now we can see how to work with these tables. The taxable income has already been computed when we arrived at line 437. The statement in 437 checks whether the single person or married person tax table has to be used. Depending on this test, we go either to line 441 for a single person or to line 452 for a married person.

The taxable income tells us what row of the table is used for the tax calculation. Hence taxable income is compared to the upper end of an income range. Because the ranges are in ascending order, each row holds the data for a weekly income that is less than the upper end of that row, but greater than the upper end of the earlier rows. Since the rows are checked starting with the lowest income, as long as taxable income is greater than the upper end of a range, we have not yet reached the correct row of the table.

Once the right row has been found, then we can use the row number R1 to calculate the taxes. Line 458 calculates the tax for married employees and line 447 calculates the tax for single employees.

Besides the table reference, this program also contains one other complication—the social security calculation. Actually, there is nothing new in lines 414–429; it's just cumbersome because we have to follow the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. All the conditions make it awkward to follow the calculations. The program handles three conditions:

1. Year-to-date greater than \$31,800; in which case no social security is calculated (determined in line 418).
2. Year-to-date plus weekly wages less than \$31,800; where all of the weekly wages are subject to social security (calculated in line 424).

3. Year-to-date less than \$31,800, but year-to-date plus weekly wages greater than \$31,800; here the difference between \$31,800 and the year-to-date is subject to a social security deduction. (That deduction is calculated in line 429.)

TRS-80 BASIC has the ability to handle up to fifteen files in a program. However, if you have more than three files open simultaneously in a program, you must specify the number of files that the program uses when you sign on.

Of course, the actual payroll calculation for a real firm would have many more deductions. Not included in this example are deductions for health insurance, pension plans, payroll savings plans, state and local taxes where required, union dues, etc. But from this example you can appreciate what is needed to do payroll calculations.

Look at the other example that follows.

Inventory Report: Some industries experience rapid price fluctuations. When prices fluctuate rapidly, it is often convenient to establish and maintain separate price tables for parts in inventory. Table 8-3 shows the price table for the parts in inventory.

Example

Inventory Price Table

Table 8-3

| <i>Part Number</i> | <i>Price</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 101                | 5.25         |
| 110                | 7.00         |
| 219                | 3.25         |
| 226                | 3.10         |
| 235                | 6.20         |
| 247                | 4.85         |

Management has asked for a report that shows the dollar value of issues and receipts by part number. The issues and receipts are in the transaction file "INVTR".

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Problem Summary

*Input*

"INVTR" file  
Price table file, "INVPRC"

*Processing*

Accumulate subtotals and totals for the dollar amounts issued and received by part number and for the file as a whole.

*Output*

An inventory report, giving by part number the dollar amount of issues and the dollar amount of receipts.

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```
100 REM PROGRAM TO PRICE ISSUES AND RECEIPTS
101 REM
102 REM HEADINGS FOR REPORT
103 PRINT
104 PRINT
105 PRINT "          RECEIPTS AND ISSUES REPORT"
106 PRINT
107 PRINT " PART          RECEIPTS          ISSUES"
110 REM
120 REM          LINK TO FILES
130 REM
140 OPEN "I",1,"INVTR"
150 OPEN "I",2,"INVPRC"
160 REM
170 REM          SET UP PRICE TABLE AND GET DATA FROM INVPRC
180 REM
190 DIM P(6,2)
200 R=0
210 IF EOF(2) THEN 300
220 INPUT #2,N,D
230 R=R+1
240 P(R,1)=N
250 P(R,2)=D
260 GOTO 210
270 REM
280 REM          READ AN INVENTORY TRANSACTION
290 REM
300 INPUT #1,P1,T1,Q1
310 REM
320 REM          SET P9 TO PART NUMBER FOR LATER COMPARISON
330 REM
340 P9=P1
350 REM
360 REM          DETERMINE PRICE OF PART BY COMPARING P1 TO
370 REM          COLUMN 1 OF TABLE P
380 REM
390 FOR R=1 TO 6
400 IF P1=D(R,1) THEN 450
410 NEXT R
420 REM
430 REM          DETERMINE WHETHER TRANSACTION IS SHIPMENT OR REC
EIPT
440 REM
```

```
450 IF T1=2 THEN 540
460 REM
470 REM          RECEIPT: T=1
480 REM
490 R1=R1+Q1*P(R,2)
500 GOTO 575
510 REM
520 REM          SHIPMENT: T1=2
530 REM
540 S1=S1+Q1*P(R,2)
550 REM
560 REM          READ NEXT TRANSACTION
570 REM
575 IF EOF(1) THEN 800
580 INPUT #1, P1,T1,Q1
590 REM
600 REM          CHECK WHETHER IT'S THE SAME PART AS BEFORE
610 REM
620 IF P1=P9 THEN 390
630 REM
640 REM          PRINT OUT OLD PART NUMBER, RECEIPTS, AND SHIPMEN
TS
650 REM
660 PRINT USING"   ###           #####.##           #####.##";P9,R1,S1
670 REM
680 REM          SET RECEIPT AND SHIPMENT ACCUMULATORS TO ZERO
690 REM          AND PROCESS TRANSACTION
700 REM
710 R1=0
720 S1=0
730 GOTO 340
740 REM
800 CLOSE #1,#2
32767 END
```

## RECEIPTS AND ISSUES REPORT

| PART | RECEIPTS | ISSUES |
|------|----------|--------|
| 101  | 787.50   | 813.75 |
| 219  | 0.00     | 65.00  |
| 226  | 542.50   | 279.00 |
| 235  | 0.00     | 186.00 |

This program generates a report of receipts and shipments by part number from the "INVTR" file. It performs the following tasks:

1. It links to files "INVTR" and "INVPRC" (statements 140 and 150).
2. It reserves room for the price table (statement 190).
3. It gets a part number and a price from "INVPRC" and assigns it to the price table (statements 200–260).
4. It reads the first inventory transaction from "INVTR" (statement 300).
5. It "remembers" the part number (statement 340).
6. It processes the transaction:
  - a. It determines which row of the price table has the same part number (statements 390-410).
  - b. It determines whether the transaction is a shipment or a receipt (statement 450)
    - (1) It accumulates the dollar amount of receipts (statement 490).
    - (2) It accumulates the dollar amount of shipments (statement 540).
7. It reads the next transaction (statement 580).
8. If the part number of this transaction is the same as the part number on a prior transaction, then repeat steps 6 and 7 (statement 620).
9. If the part number of this transaction is not the same as the part number of a prior transaction, then print the prior part number receipts and shipments (statement 660); set accumulators for receipts and shipments to zero (statements 710 and 720) and perform steps 5, 6 and 7.
10. It terminates when out of transaction data.

The table reference in this example is in step 6. Let's look at it again to see the details of its operation. The price table P looks as follows:

| Row | Column |      |
|-----|--------|------|
|     | 1      | 2    |
| 1   | 101    | 5.25 |
| 2   | 110    | 7.00 |
| 3   | 219    | 3.35 |
| 4   | 226    | 3.10 |
| 5   | 235    | 6.20 |
| 6   | 247    | 4.85 |

Now let's take the first transaction:

| <i>Part Number</i> | <i>Transaction Code</i> | <i>Quantity</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 101                | 1                       | 150             |

The FOR-NEXT loop starts R at 1. So in line 400 when we compare the part number (P1) to column 1 of the table, we have a match. Therefore we skip out of the loop (R is still 1 since it was not changed) and use this row number to calculate the dollar value of the receipt in line 490.

That example was too easy. Take another transaction:

| <i>Part Number</i> | <i>Transaction Code</i> | <i>Quantity</i> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 226                | 2                       | 90              |

Again R starts at 1 in line 390. The comparison between P1 (the part number) and the table P (Row 1, Column 1) shows they are not equal. Therefore we come to the NEXT R statement in 410. A one is added to R: R is now 2; and the comparison in line 400 is between P1 (value of 226) and row 2, column 1 of table P (value of 110). Again, they are not equal.

Notice that as R is changed, from 1 to 2, to 3, to 4, the program skips down the first column of P. At each value of R the next row of the table is used in the comparison. Once the proper row has been found, the row number (R) is used with the second column of P to calculate the dollar value of a transaction, either in line 490 or in line 540.

Sometimes we must change the order of a small amount of data. For example, we might want a listing of our employees by descending order of gross pay for labor negotiations. Or we might want product lines in ascending order of sales. Or we might want to rank our customers by volume of sales.

Sorting of files has already been mentioned. Appendix B has the sorts

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AND TABLES



needed. But sometimes the data is in lists or tables, not on a file, and we need to sort it.

Let's assume that we need a list of employees in descending order of net pay. The net pay of the employees has already been calculated in the revised employee payroll program. But the output from that program is in employee number sequence. Our need is in descending order of net pay.

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Problem Summary

*Input*

Employee number  
Employee name  
Weekly net pay

*Processing*

Store the fields in lists. Sort by weekly net pay (in descending order).

*Output*

Print employee name and number in descending order of pay.

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The program therefore has to:

1. Get the employee data and put it into lists.
2. Sort the list into descending order of net pay.
3. Print the sorted data.
4. Terminate.

A program that performs these tasks is shown below:

```
100 REM PROGRAM TO SORT LISTS
110 REM
120 REM SET UP LISTS TO HOLD DATA
130 CLEAR 1000
140 DIM N(100),N$(100),P(100)
150 REM
160 REM GET THE DATA FROM THE TERMINAL AND PLACE IT INTO
170 REM THE LISTS
180 REM
190 L=0
200 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME"
210 PRINT "AND NET PAY - SEPARATED BY COMMAS"
220 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED - TYPE 99,AA,99"
230 INPUT N1,M$,P1
240 IF N1=99 THEN 330
250 L=L+1
260 N(L)=N1
270 N$(L)=M$
```

```
280 P(L)=P1
290 GOTO 230
300 REM
310 REM SORT THE DATA
320 REM
330 U=L-1
340 F=0
350 FOR K=1 TO U
360 REM COMPARE TWO CONSECUTIVE VALUES
370 REM IF THEY ARE NOT IN ORDER, THEN EXCHANGE
380 IF P(K) >= P(K+1) THEN 600
400 REM
410 REM VALUES OUT OF SEQUENCE, HENCE EXCHANGE
420 REM
430 T=P(K)
440 P(K)=P(K+1)
450 P(K+1)=T
460 REM
470 REM EXCHANGE NAME AND ID ALSO TO KEEP THEM
480 REM AND RATES TOGETHER
490 REM
500 T=N(K)
510 N(K)=N(K+1)
520 N(K+1)=T
530 T$=N$(K)
540 N$(K)=N$(K+1)
550 N$(K+1)=T$
560 REM
570 REM SET F TO INDICATE THAT AN EXCHANGE HAS OCCURRED
580 REM
590 F=1
600 NEXT K
610 REM
620 REM CHECK IF ANY EXCHANGES HAVE OCCURRED
630 REM
640 IF F=1 THEN 340
650 REM
660 REM END OF SORT
670 REM
680 REM PRINT OUT LISTS WITH HEADINGS
690 REM
700 PRINT "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYEE", "WEEKLY"
710 PRINT "NUMBER", "NAME", "PAY"
720 FOR K=1 TO L
730 PRINT N(K), N$(K), P(K)
740 NEXT K
750 STOP
32767 END
```

TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME  
AND NET PAY - SEPARATED BY COMMAS

```

WHEN FINISHED - TYPE 99,AA,99
? 101,ADAMS,171.69
? 103,BAKER,203.03
? 104,BRAVE,153.11
? 108,COHEN,203.39
? 172,JOHNSON,118.32
? 198,TANNER,138.24
? 202,WILSON,146.60
? 206,LESTER,179.22
? 255,SCHMIDT,221.99
? 281,MILLER,205.28
? 313,SMITH,168.31
? 347,GRAY,192.78
? 368,WEAVER,122.72
? 422,WILLIAMS,137.95
? 99,AA,99
EMPLOYEE      EMPLOYEE      WEEKLY
NUMBER        NAME          PAY
255          SCHMIDT      221.99
281          MILLER      205.28
108          COHEN      203.39
103          BAKER      203.03
347          GRAY      192.78
206          LESTER      179.22
101          ADAMS      171.69
313          SMITH      168.31
104          BRAVE      153.11
202          WILSON      146.6
198          TANNER      138.24
422          WILLIAMS    137.95
368          WEAVER      122.72
172          JOHNSON    118.32
Break in 750

```

This program puts data into lists in lines 190-300. Then it sorts the lists in lines 340 to 640. Finally, it prints out the lists in lines 700 to 740. Let's look at each of these actions in turn.

The storage of data starts by setting the field L to zero. L will be used in lines 250 through 280 to indicate the location in a list. Notice that the lists have 100 spaces each (the dimension is set in line 140), although fewer spaces will be needed for our data.

Then line 230 gets the first record for the file. The program adds 1 to L in line 250. L is now 1. Hence in lines 260-280, the first (L value of 1) location of N, N\$, and P is filled with the values of N1, M\$ and P1 respectively.

Line 290 takes us back to the input of data. As long as there are records in the file, the program reads the data; adds one to L; and places the desired

fields into successive locations in the lists. At the end of the data input, L will contain the number of records; L is also the highest position in the lists that has been filled with data.

Lines 330 to 640 sort the data into descending order of weekly pay. The sort is finished when all items are in order. It works by comparing two adjacent positions in the pay list. If they are in sequence, we compare the next two positions. But if two adjacent positions are out of sequence, they are first placed in the proper sequence before the next two positions are compared.

We know that all items are in their proper sequence if we do not have to interchange any items. Whether an interchange has occurred is shown by a field (a “flag” called F in the program). The field is set to zero at the beginning of each pass through the array. When an interchange occurs, it is set to one. Therefore if F is one, we don’t know yet that the lists are in their desired sequence. Line 640 tests F, and if F is one, we repeat the process.

We can see the operations of this sort by looking at the first five records of the lists. These records would be in the lists N, N\$ and P as follows:

| <i>Position</i> | <i>List</i> |            |          |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|----------|
|                 | <i>N</i>    | <i>N\$</i> | <i>P</i> |
| 1               | 101         | Adams      | 171.69   |
| 2               | 103         | Baker      | 203.03   |
| 3               | 104         | Brave      | 153.11   |
| 4               | 108         | Cohen      | 203.39   |
| 5               | 172         | Johnson    | 118.32   |

Now let’s start through the steps of the sort. First, U, a field to hold the upper limit for the comparisons, will be 4. Therefore K, the loop index, will take on values 1 to 4 in turn. Line 340 sets F to zero, because at this stage no exchanges have occurred. Then K is set to 1, and we compare the K (first) position and K + 1 (second) position in the net pay list. They are out of sequence. P(2) is \$203.03, and P(1) is \$171.69. To put them in proper order, Baker should come before Adams. Hence lines 430 to 450 interchange the values.

Notice that an interchange is a three-step process. If we tried it in two steps, it wouldn’t work:

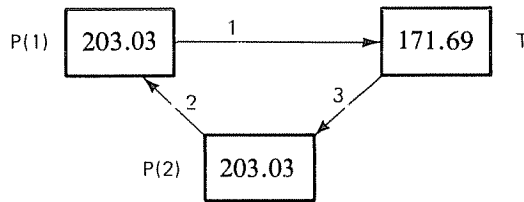
$$\begin{aligned} P(K) &= P(K + 1) \\ P(K + 1) &= P(K) \end{aligned}$$

Why not? Because the computer is a sequential machine. For a K value of 1, the following would happen in the two-step process: Step 1:  $P(K) = P(K + 1)$ . This means  $P(1) = P(2)$  and after the assignment the first two positions of P would look as follows:

Position 1            203.03  
 Position 2            203.03

Because we put the value from position 2 into the first position, they are both identical. The value in the first position is lost, wiped out, erased. And the second step would put a 203.03 into position 2 again.

The three-step process works, because it puts the value for the first position temporarily somewhere else—in T. Now when a value is placed into P (K), we still have its old value in T as shown below:



The numbers on the arrows give the sequence in which the assignments have to occur to do the exchange.

At the end of line 450, our lists would look as follows:

| <i>N</i> | <i>N\$</i> | <i>P</i> |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 101      | Adams      | 203.03   |
| 103      | Baker      | 171.69   |
| 104      | Brave      | 153.11   |
| 108      | Cohen      | 203.39   |
| 172      | Johnson    | 118.32   |

As you can see the net pays are in order, but they are not with the right employee name and number. Lines 500–550 interchange the names and ID numbers so that the list will look like this:

| <i>N</i> | <i>N\$</i> | <i>P</i> |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 103      | Baker      | 203.03   |
| 101      | Adams      | 171.69   |
| 104      | Brave      | 153.11   |
| 108      | Cohen      | 203.39   |
| 172      | Johnson    | 118.32   |

Then line 590 sets F to 1 because an interchange has occurred and we are ready for the next K value.

When K is 2, the second (Kth) and third positions of P are compared. They are already in sequence. Therefore we go to the next K value.

When K is 3, we compare the third and fourth position. They are out of sequence. Therefore we interchange and our list would look as follows before the next K value is executed:

| <i>N</i> | <i>N\$</i> | <i>P</i> |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 103      | Baker      | 203.03   |
| 101      | Adams      | 171.69   |
| 108      | Cohen      | 203.39   |
| 104      | Brave      | 153.11   |
| 172      | Johnson    | 118.32   |

When K is 4, the comparison between the fourth (Kth) and fifth (K + 1) values of P shows that they are in sequence.

Since K has now reached its upper limit (the value of U), the looping is finished. But a check with F (in line 640) shows that at least one exchange has occurred. Since the lists may not be in sequence, the program sends us back to 350 for another pass through the data.

At the end of the second pass (K value of 1, 2, 3 and 4), the lists would look as follows:

| <i>N</i> | <i>N\$</i> | <i>P</i> |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 103      | Baker      | 203.03   |
| 108      | Cohen      | 203.39   |
| 101      | Adams      | 171.69   |
| 104      | Brave      | 153.11   |
| 172      | Johnson    | 118.32   |

It takes one more pass to get the data in order and another to assure us that no more interchanges are needed. Then we know that the lists are in the desired sequence.

Notice that the sequence of the items is basically defined by the test in line 380. In this example, the contents of two adjacent positions in the list are compared to see if they are in descending sequence.

It is important that two equal values *not* be exchanged. If the test in 380 was just *greater than* (as opposed to the actual *greater than or equal*), then two values that were equal would be exchanged. And they would be exchanged again in the next pass. And the next. And the next. And the next. In fact, the exchanges would never end.

A situation like that, called an infinite loop, can cost you a lot in computer time. Therefore care must be taken to avoid infinite loops. In this case, the test must be a *greater than or equal*, or *less than or equal*, so that an infinite loop is not generated.

There is one new instruction in the program:

```
130 CLEAR 1000
```

The CLEAR instruction must be used to provide space in memory for handling more than 100 alphabetic characters at the same time. Normally, it is not necessary in handling records, but in the case of this program, where all of the names are brought into memory, it must be used, or an error message will occur when you run the program.

## SUMMARY

This chapter has discussed the use of lists and tables. Lists and tables are convenient ways to hold data either for subsequent processing or for output after processing.

In the first example, a list was used to accumulate departmental totals. To use the list, space for the list had to be reserved and labelled. To access individual elements of the list, subscripts giving the location of a position in a list had to be used.

Tables are different from lists, because two subscripts are needed—a row indicator and a column indicator. Two tables were used to determine income taxes for the employees.

Besides lists and tables, this chapter also presented a way to perform looping. The FOR-NEXT instruction lets you control how often a set of BASIC statements would be executed.

## BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Statement</i>              | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| CLEAR n                       | Allocates space in memory for n alphabetic characters. Used only when n is greater than 100.  |
| DIM Y(X),Z(Q,R)               | Sets the lists Y (represented by a letter) to X positions. Defines that Z (represented by a letter) has Q rows and R columns. Individual elements of lists and tables are identified by their location: the position number in a list or the row number <i>and</i> column number in a table. X, Q, and R must be numbers. |
| FOR Y = N TO M<br>:<br>NEXT Y | Sets up a loop. The FOR statement begins the loop. It sets Y to N (beginning value); the loop will continue until Y has a value greater than M (the upper bound). The NEXT statement closes the loop.   |

## PROBLEMS

1. Write a program that will generate a summary report of inventory by department from the "INV" file (see Chapter 5). Use a list to hold the inventory cost by department.
2. A machine shop has seven machines. When an order for a part arrives, the sequence in which any of the seven machines will be used. To make a part requires four of the seven machines. The time in minutes for each machine to make a part is shown below:

| <i>Machine</i> | <i>Time</i> |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1              | 20          |
| 2              | 30          |
| 3              | 12          |
| 4              | 26          |
| 5              | 32          |
| 6              | 17          |
| 7              | 14          |

- a. Write a program to store the data as a table in the "MCHTM" file.
- b. The data regarding orders will be input from a terminal. Order data consists of an order number and the numbers of the machines in the required sequence to make the part. The following orders have arrived:

| <i>Order Number</i> | <i>Machine Sequence</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 7442                | 2,4,5,6                 |
| 7443                | 1,5,3,7                 |
| 7444                | 1,6,5,4                 |
| 7445                | 1,3,6,7                 |

Write a program that will input the "MCHTM" file and the order data; then print the order number and the total time required to process that order.

3. In Problem 2, the time required to transport the orders from one machine to another has been neglected. Modify your program to take transportation times into account in determining the total time to process an order. The transportation time in minutes are as follows:

|                |          | <i>To Machine</i> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                |          | <i>1</i>          | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> |
| <i>1</i>       |          | 0                 | 15       | 23       | 7        | 16       | 5        | 19       |
| <i>2</i>       |          | 12                | 0        | 16       | 9        | 12       | 17       | 5        |
| <i>From</i>    | <i>3</i> | 25                | 14       | 0        | 12       | 17       | 12       | 18       |
| <i>Machine</i> | <i>4</i> | 8                 | 12       | 13       | 0        | 9        | 8        | 14       |
|                | <i>5</i> | 19                | 14       | 15       | 11       | 0        | 12       | 10       |
|                | <i>6</i> | 7                 | 15       | 10       | 10       | 15       | 0        | 9        |
|                | <i>7</i> | 17                | 8        | 14       | 18       | 12       | 13       | 0        |



Write a program to store the transportation time as a table in the “TRTM” file and modify your program in Problem 2 to include transportation time. Use the same order data as in Problem 2.

4. Change the sort program in this chapter (page 206) so that it will sort in ascending order. Use the net pay data to test the program.

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## 9 / Using Direct Access Files

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Create direct access files
- Read and print direct access files
- Change field values in a direct access record
- Update master records in a direct access file
- Query records in a direct access file

So far, sequential files have been used exclusively for all problems, exercises, and examples. There is one major drawback in using sequential files—every time you want to read any record in a file you must start with the first record and read each record until the desired record is reached. If a file has 2,000 records, and you want to print the 1,995th record, 1,995 records would have to be read to reach the record to be printed. A great deal of time would be wasted reading and testing every record until the one to be printed is reached. The time to reach a record in a sequential file is proportional to the position of the record (first, middle, last) in the file.

You may still wonder why a few seconds may be important. A sequential file of 2,000 records with the same fields as “EMPLOY” was created to test the time required to find and print a record. It took less than a second to read and print the first record. It took almost two minutes to read and print the 1,995th record!

In the early days of computers, only sequential files were available. But to reduce the time required to find a record, direct access files were developed. All direct access files share one characteristic—the time to find any record in a file is constant. With direct access files, there is a method to find a record without reading from the beginning of a file.

There is one way to create and use direct access files in TRS-80 BASIC. It follows the techniques of Chapter 8 where lists and tables were discussed. We shall create a direct access file in almost the same manner as a table is created. An inventory example will be used throughout this chapter to illustrate the use of direct access files.

The data for the inventory master file are found in Table 9–1. Note that the part number and the record number are the same! In an actual business, the part number would be a multi-digit number within which the record number would exist or be added to the existing part number after a dash. For example, part number 27364–001 could indicate that part 27364 is record number one. There are other more sophisticated ways of obtaining record numbers from part numbers; but they are beyond the introductory level of this book.

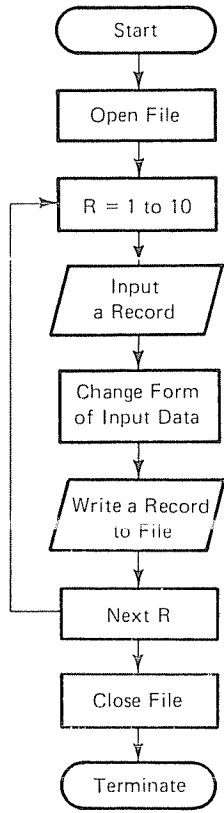


Figure 9-1

Flowchart to Create a Direct Access File

Inventory Master File—"INVMST"

Table 9-1

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Stock<br/>on Hand</i> | <i>Unit<br/>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                      | 590                      | 1.50                 |
| 2                      | 750                      | 2.75                 |
| 3                      | 231                      | 1.39                 |
| 4                      | 395                      | 5.96                 |
| 5                      | 674                      | 7.23                 |
| 6                      | 279                      | 6.79                 |
| 7                      | 942                      | 4.26                 |
| 8                      | 27                       | 5.49                 |
| 9                      | 152                      | 1.26                 |
| 10                     | 420                      | 3.74                 |

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#### Problem Summary

*Input*

Inventory master file.

*Processing*

Input the data at execution time.

*Output*

Instructions for input and a direct access file, "INVMST".

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The program consists of the following steps:

1. Link to the direct access file.
2. Input the data.
3. Change the form of the input data.
4. Write the record to the diskette.
5. Stop when ten records have been processed.

See the flowchart (Fig. 9-1). A program to perform all of these steps is below:

```

100 REM          THIS PROGRAM CREATES A DIRECT ACCESS FILE
110 REM          AND INPUTS THE DATA
120 REM
130 REM
140 REM          OPEN THE FILE
150 REM
160 OPEN "R",1,"INVMST"
165 FIELD #1, 8 AS A1$, 8 AS A2$, 8 AS A3$
170 REM

```

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310 REM
320 REM          INPUT THE RECORDS ONE AT A TIME
330 REM
→340 FOR R=1 TO 10
→350 PRINT "TYPE PART NUMBER,STOCK ON HAND, UNIT COST"
→360 INPUT A1,A2,A3
361 REM
362 REM
363 REM          CHANGE THE FORM OF THE INPUT FIELDS
364 REM
→365 RSET A1$=MKD$(A1)
→366 RSET A2$=MKD$(A2)
→367 RSET A3$=MKD$(A3)
368 REM
369 REM          PUT THE RECORD IN THE FILE
370 REM
→375 PUT 1,R
376 REM
377 REM
→380 NEXT R
390 REM
400 REM          FINISH
410 REM
→420 CLOSE #1
430 STOP
32767 END

```

Before discussing the program, there is a very important concept that must be understood. The creation of a direct access file results in a file on the diskette that is similar to a table. The rows of the table correspond to records in the file. The record is identified by its row number which is the same as the record number since each row consists of one record.

Direct access files are opened in the same way as sequential files. The only difference is the "R" in the OPEN instruction to designate a direct access file. The next statement

```
165 FIELD #1, 8 AS A1$, 8 AS A2$, 8 AS A3$
```

is called a FIELD instruction, and it is necessary when a direct access file is opened. All data is stored for direct access records in alphanumeric (both alphabetic and numeric) form. The three fields in the record are A1\$, A2\$, and A3\$—they each must have a \$. The length of each field must be defined. The number 8 is used to indicate that eight characters will be the maximum number of characters in each field. The file number (#1) in the FIELD instruction refers to the file number assigned in the OPEN statement. So we have defined, at this point in the program, a direct access file ("INVMST") that has three fields (A1\$, A2\$, A3\$) where each field will have a maximum of eight characters.

In the FOR-NEXT loop, lines 340-380, we first input the numeric data

from the keyboard as fields A1, A2, and A3 as usual. Next, the numeric data has to be changed to alphanumeric data. This is done in lines 365-367.

```
365 RSET A1$ = MKD$(A1)
```

All three lines are identical except for the field names. Line 365 takes the numeric data in field A1 and changes it into the appropriate alphanumeric form to be stored in a direct access record. This is done by using the function MKD\$ and the instruction RSET.

The last step in the loop is the writing of the record to the diskette. The form of this instruction is PUT I,R where the I refers to the file number and the R is the record number. A list of fields is not used since they have been specified in the FIELD statement.

The loop is repeated for ten records and the file is closed.

Upon completion of the data input, you have set up and stored the direct access file "INVMST" as if it were a table. The file looks like Figure 9-2.

The program to read and print out the inventory master file is given below.

READING AND  
PRINTING A  
DIRECT ACCESS  
FILE

|     | Field |     |      |
|-----|-------|-----|------|
| Row | 1     | 2   | 3    |
| 1   | 1     | 590 | 1.50 |
| 2   | 2     | 750 | 2.75 |
| 3   | 3     | 231 | 1.39 |
| 4   | 4     | 395 | 5.96 |
| 5   | 5     | 674 | 7.23 |
| 6   | 6     | 279 | 6.79 |
| 7   | 7     | 942 | 4.26 |
| 8   | 8     | 27  | 5.49 |
| 9   | 9     | 152 | 1.26 |
| 10  | 10    | 420 | 3.74 |

The Direct Access File—"INVMST"

Figure 9-2

```
100 REM
110 REM          THIS PROGRAM READS AND PRINTS THE "INVMST"
111 REM          FILE
120 REM
130 REM
140 REM          PRINT HEADINGS FOR PRINTOUT
150 REM
160 PRINT "PART      STOCK      UNIT"
170 PRINT "NUMBER    ON HAND    COST"
180 REM
230 REM          OPEN THE FILE
```



```

240 REM
250 OPEN "R",1,"INVMST"
260 REM
265 FIELD #1, 9 AS A1$, 9 AS A2$, 9 AS A3$
269 REM
270 REM          PRINT THE FILE
280 REM          L INDEX IS THE RECORD NUMBER
290 REM
300 FOR L=1 TO 10
302 REM
303 REM          GET THE RECORD FROM THE FILE
304 REM
305 GET 1,L
307 REM
308 REM          CHANGE THE FORM OF THE FILE DATA
309 REM
310 A1=CVD(A1$)
311 A2=CVD(A2$)
312 A3=CVD(A3$)
313 REM
314 REM
315 PRINT USING "###          ###          ##.##";A1,A2,A3
320 NEXT L
330 REM
340 REM          FINISH
350 REM
360 CLOSE #1
32767 END

```

In lines 160 and 170 the headings for the output are printed. Next, the file is opened and the FIELD statement used. Within the loop, line 305 GET 1,L reads the Lth record of file number 1 ("INVMST"). The data in the record is in alphanumeric form and must be converted back to numeric form in order to be printed out. The function CVD does the conversion. Lines 310-312 perform this function. All three lines are identical once again, except for the field names.

```
310 A1=CVD(A1$)
```

The last step in the loop is the printing of the record. The loop is repeated for the ten records and the file is closed.

#### CHANGING VALUES IN A DIRECT ACCESS FILE

It is necessary to change values in an inventory master record due to price changes and adjustments. The stock on hand has to be adjusted because a manual count of stock on hand just took place. The following records have to be adjusted for stock on hand or cost.

## Changes to the Inventory Master File

Table 9-2

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Stock<br/>on Hand</i> | <i>Unit<br/>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                      | 600                      | 2.00                 |
| 9                      | 152                      | 1.40                 |
| 6                      | 230                      | 7.00                 |
| 3                      | 231                      | 1.50                 |
| 10                     | 500                      | 4.00                 |
| 5                      | 674                      | 7.25                 |

Since "INVMST" is a direct access file, you do not have to order the changes by record (part) number.

---

 Problem Summary
*Input*

Inventory master file, "INVMST"

*Processing*

Find the record to be changed. Input the new values.

*Output*

The inventory master file, "INVMST", with the appropriate records changed.

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See the flowchart (Fig 9-3). A program follows:

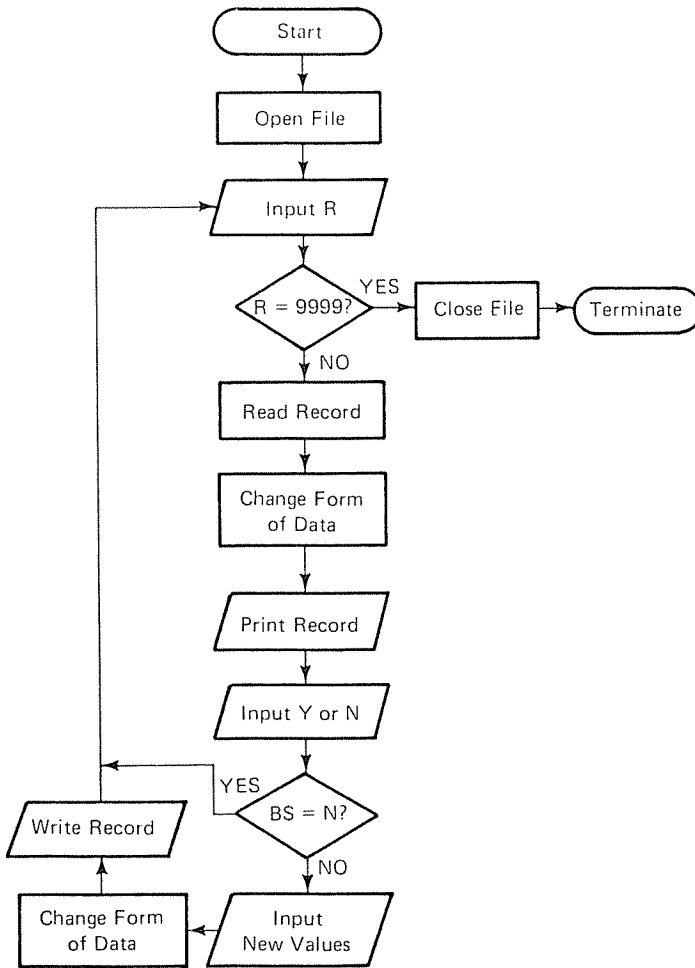
```

100 REM
110 REM           THIS PROGRAM CHANGES RECORDS IN THE FILE
120 REM
230 REM           OPEN THE FILE
240 REM
250 OPEN "R",1,"INVMST"
260 REM
265 FIELD #1, 8 AS A1$, 8 AS A2$, 8 AS A3$
269 REM
270 REM           INPUT RECORD NUMBER (PART NUMBER)
280 REM
b290 PRINT "WHAT IS THE RECORD NUMBER? TYPE 9999 TO END"
*300 INPUT R
310 REM
320 REM           TEST FOR END OF INPUT
330 REM
r340 IF R=9999 GOTO 740
350 REM
360 REM           PRINT OUT RECORD
r365 GET 1,R
370 REM
380 REM           CHANGE THE FORM OF THE DISK DATA
390 REM
r400 A1=CVD(A1$)

```

```
410 A2=CVD(A2$)
420 A3=CVD(A3$)
430 REM
435 PRINT "IS THIS THE RECORD TO BE CHANGED?"
440 PRINT USING "###      ###      ##.##";A1,A2,A3
450 REM
460 REM          IS THIS THE RIGHT RECORD?
470 REM
480 PRINT "TYPE Y IF YES, N IF NO"
490 INPUT B$
500 REM
510 REM          IF NOT CORRECT RECORD GO BACK TO INPUT
520 REM
530 IF B$="N" GOTO 290
540 REM
550 REM          CORRECT RECORD      INPUT NEW VALUES
560 REM
570 PRINT "TYPE THE NEW VALUES: STOCK ON HAND, UNIT COST"
580 INPUT A2,A3
590 REM
600 REM          CHANGE THE FORM OF THE INPUT DATA
610 REM
620 RSET A1$=MKD$(R)
630 RSET A2$=MKD$(A2)
640 RSET A3$=MKD$(A3)
650 REM
660 REM          PUT THE RECORD ON THE DISK
670 PUT 1,R
680 REM          GO BACK FOR MORE INPUT DATA
690 REM
700 GOTO 290
710 REM
720 REM          FINISH
730 REM
740 CLOSE #1
750 STOP
32767 END
```

The program opens "INVMST" as a direct access file in line 250. The FIELD statement is in line 265. Next, record (part) number is input in line 300. A test for the end of data input is on line 340. It is important to check that the record to be changed is the one found. The record is retrieved in line 365, the form is changed in lines 400-420, and it is printed out in line 440. Then a Y or an N is input to verify that the record printed out is the record to be changed. The Y or N is tested in line 530. If the input is Y, then the values for stock on hand and price are input in line 580. The form of the input data is changed in lines 620-640 and the record is written to the diskette in line 670. Next, the record number is requested. The end of the program is signalled by input of 9999 for record number. The file is closed and the program ends.



Flowchart for Changing a Record

Figure 9-3

In all programs that read and write direct access files, it is necessary to perform the following steps:

1. OPEN the file.
2. Define the FIELDS of the records in the file.
3. Read the record (GET).
4. Change the form of the fields.

5. Perform manipulations of the data.
6. Change back the form of the fields.
7. Write the record (PUT).
8. CLOSE the file.

You should notice that the time required to print out a record after the record (part) number is given, is the same for all records. There is no need to read from the beginning of the file to reach any record. After you have input the changes given in Table 9-2, run the program that prints out "INVMST". The file should look like Table 9-3 after the changes:

Table 9-3

Inventory Master File After Changes

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Stock<br/>on Hand</i> | <i>Unit<br/>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                      | 600                      | 2.00                 |
| 2                      | 750                      | 2.75                 |
| 3                      | 231                      | 1.50                 |
| 4                      | 395                      | 5.96                 |
| 5                      | 674                      | 7.25                 |
| 6                      | 230                      | 7.00                 |
| 7                      | 942                      | 4.26                 |
| 8                      | 27                       | 5.49                 |
| 9                      | 152                      | 1.40                 |
| 10                     | 500                      | 4.00                 |

#### UPDATING MASTER RECORDS IN A DIRECT ACCESS FILE

The next logical step, after you have mastered changing records in a relative record file, is to update the file. The update described below produces an instantaneously updated master file. There is no transaction file. Each transaction record updates its appropriate master record as soon as it is entered. In order to add a touch of realism to the update of the inventory master file "INVMST", assume that there are two computer terminals in the area where inventory is kept. The first terminal is located at the unloading area where shipments are received from suppliers. The second terminal is located by the loading area where items are shipped (issued) to the company's customers.

The first terminal is used to enter any receipts to inventory as soon as they are placed in inventory. The second terminal is used to enter any shipments (issues) from inventory.

The update program to handle direct access files is much simpler than the inventory update program in Chapter 7. A transaction code will be used

to indicate a receipt to inventory (code = 1) and a shipment from inventory (code = 2). A transaction consists of three fields: the code, part number, and amount. If a shipment transaction (code = 2) has an amount greater than the stock on hand, the order cannot be filled. The program should cancel the shipment and keep the old value of the stock on hand. The transaction data can be found in Table 9-4.

Transaction Data to Update "INVMST"

Table 9-4

| <i>Transaction Code</i> | <i>Part (Record) Number</i> | <i>Quantity</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1                       | 9                           | 50              |
| 2                       | 2                           | 500             |
| 1                       | 10                          | 200             |
| 1                       | 5                           | 75              |
| 2                       | 9                           | 50              |
| 1                       | 1                           | 40              |
| 1                       | 2                           | 100             |
| 2                       | 8                           | 50              |

---

#### Problem Summary

*Input*

Inventory master file, "INVMST" (Table 9-3)  
Transactions

*Processing*

Determine the transaction code and update the appropriate master record.

*Output*

An updated master file.

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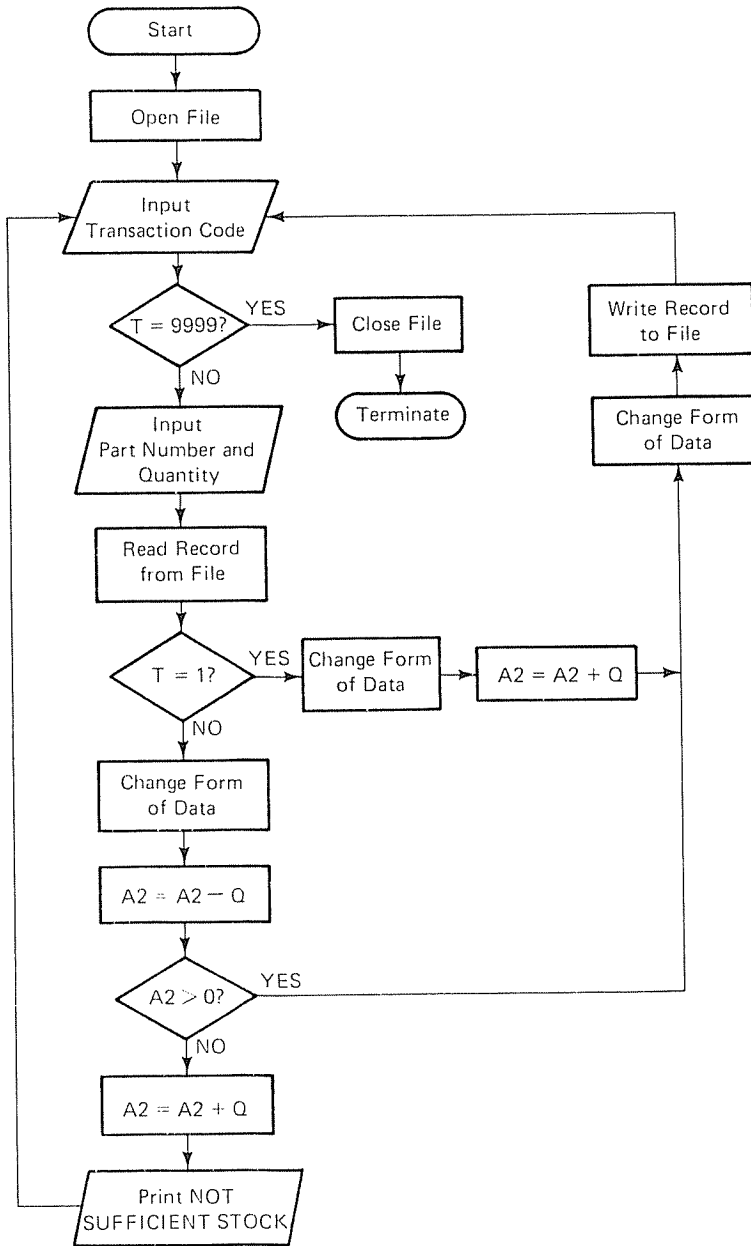
See the flowchart (Fig 9-4). A program appears below:

```

100 REM UPDATE OF "INVMST" IN REAL TIME
110 REM
120 REM
170 REM      OPEN THE FILE
180 REM
190 OPEN "R",1,"INVMST"
195 FIELD #1, 8 AS A1$, 8 AS A2$, 8 AS A3$
200 REM
210 REM      INPUT TRANSACTION CODE
220 REM
230 PRINT "TYPE THE TRANSACTION CODE:"
240 PRINT "  1 IS A RECEIPT TO INVENTORY"
250 PRINT "  2 IS A SHIPMENT FROM INVENTORY"
260 PRINT "TYPE 9999 TO END"

```

```
270 INPUT T
280 REM
290 REM          TEST TO END DATA INPUT
300 REM
310 IF T=9999 THEN 690
320 PRINT "TYPE THE PART NUMBER,QUANTITY"
330 REM
340 REM          INPUT TRANSACTION DATA
350 REM
360 INPUT M,Q
361 REM
362 REM          GET THE RECORD FROM THE FILE
363 REM
364 GET 1,M
370 REM
380 REM          TEST FOR A RECEIPT TO INVENTORY
390 REM
400 IF T=1 THEN 610
410 REM
420 REM          SHIPMENT FROM INVENTORY
430 REM
435 A2=CVD(A2$)
440 A2=A2-Q
441 IF A2<0 THEN 540
445 RSET A2$=MKD$(A2)
449 PUT 1,M
450 REM
460 GOTO 230
470 REM
490 REM
500 REM          NOT ENOUGH STOCK ON HAND TO SHIP,
510 REM          CANCELL ORDER AND REPLACE OLD STOCK
520 REM          ON HAND VALUE
530 REM
540 A2=A2+Q
550 PRINT "*** NOT SUFFICIENT STOCK, ONLY";A2;"UNITS ON HAND"
560 PRINT "***** SHIPMENT CANCELLED --- NOTIFY CUSTOMER *****"
570 GOTO 230
580 REM
590 REM          RECEIPT TRANSACTION: ADD QUANTITY TO STOCK ON HAND
600 REM
610 A2=CVD(A2$)
611 A2=A2+Q
613 RSET A2$=MKD$(A2)
615 PUT 1,M
620 REM
630 REM          GO BACK FOR MORE DATA
640 REM
650 GOTO 230
660 REM
670 REM          FINISH
680 REM
690 CLOSE #1
700 STOP
32767 END
```



Flowchart of Direct Access Update

Figure 9-4



In the program, "INVMST" is opened. In line 270 the transaction code is input, followed by the test to end data input. The transaction part (record) number and quantity are input next in line 360. After reading the record from "INVMST", the test for the transaction code is at line 400. If the transaction is a shipment from inventory (code=2), then lines 410 through 570 are executed. If there is enough stock on hand, A2, to make the required shipment, then the stock on hand is adjusted for the shipment in line 440:  $A2 = A2 - Q$ . If Q is greater than the stock on hand, A2, then the newly assigned value of A2 in line 440 will be negative. For example, the stock on hand is 20 and you wish to ship 30 units; there would be -10 units in stock on hand. Line 441 tests for this condition. If the condition (stock on hand is less than zero) exists, then the old value of stock on hand is replaced in line 540,  $A2 = A2 + Q$ , and the shipment is cancelled (lines 550 and 560).

If the transaction is a receipt to inventory (code = 1), then in line 611 the quantity received is added to the stock on hand,  $A2 = A2 + Q$ , and that record is written on "INVMST". Then another transaction code is entered.

The writing of the updated master record occurs at lines 449 and 615 where A2 is assigned a value contingent upon the transaction code and other tests. The update program uses the same concept as the program to change a record. As soon as a transaction is entered, the master record is updated. The last transaction will result in a shipment being cancelled.

After the update program is run with the transactions given in Table 9-4, run the program that prints the "INVMST" file. The file should look like Table 9-5.

A direct access master file is organized by ascending record number. The transaction may be entered in any order. The time required to update a master record is the same, regardless of its location in the file.

Table 9-5

The "INVMST" File After Updating

| <i>Part<br/>Number</i> | <i>Stock<br/>on Hand</i> | <i>Unit<br/>Cost</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                      | 640                      | 2.00                 |
| 2                      | 350                      | 2.75                 |
| 3                      | 231                      | 1.50                 |
| 4                      | 395                      | 5.96                 |
| 5                      | <del>745</del>           | <del>7.25</del>      |
| 6                      | 230                      | 7.00                 |
| 7                      | 942                      | 4.26                 |
| 8                      | 27                       | 5.49                 |
| 9                      | 152                      | 1.40                 |
| 10                     | 700                      | 4.00                 |

If transactions are entered from the two terminals in the inventory area as stock is received and shipped, then the master file is updated in real-time. Real-time updating means the master files contain the latest up-to-the-second information. This is especially important when dealing with inventory. In order to have real-time updating, direct access files must be used. Real-time updating may be contrasted with batch updating, which has a time cycle (a day, a week, or a month) for the running of the update program. The update programs in Chapter 7 were examples of batch updating. The transactions were accumulated in a file during the time cycle. Then they were sorted and the update program was run at the end of the cycle.

If the update is in real-time, then any time you retrieve and print a record of the master file, it contains the latest stock on hand. This is very useful when you consider that a company has a sales department. Salesmen need to know the latest inventory levels in order to give customers reasonable delivery dates. Assume, in our inventory example, that there is a third terminal in the sales department. When a salesman writes an order for a customer, he phones the sales department to determine whether sufficient stock is on hand to fill the order. The program that retrieves and prints master records is called a query program. "Query" is a short form for "inquire". The program is the same as the first part of the program for changing a record.

QUERYING  
RECORDS IN  
A DIRECT  
ACCESS FILE

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#### Problem Summary

##### *Input*

Part (record) number  
Inventory master file, "INVMST"

##### *Processing*

Retrieve a master record.

##### *Output*

Print the appropriate master record.

---

```

100 REM
110 REM QUERY PROGRAM
120 REM
130 REM
180 REM          OPEN THE FILE
190 REM
200 OPEN "R",1,"INVMST"
205 FIELD 1, 8 AS A1$, 8 AS A2$, 8 AS A3$
210 PRINT "WHAT IS THE PART NUMBER? TYPE 9999 TO END"
220 REM
230 REM          INPUT PART NUMBER (RECORD NUMBER)
240 REM
250 INPUT R
260 REM

```

```
270 REM          TEST FOR END OF DATA INPUT
280 REM
290 IF R=9999 GOTO 430
300 REM
310 REM          PRINT OUT RECORD
320 REM
330 PRINT "PART      STOCK      UNIT"
340 PRINT "NUMBER  ON HAND    COST"
341 REM
342 REM          GET THE RECORD
343 GET 1,R
344 REM
345 A1= CVD(A1$)
346 A2=CVD(A2$)
347 A3=CVD(A3$)
350 PRINT USING "###      ###      ##.##";A1,A2,A3
360 REM
370 REM          GO BACK FOR MORE INPUT
380 REM
390 GOTO 210
400 REM
410 REM          FINISH
420 REM
430 CLOSE #1
440 STOP
32767 END
```

The sales department would run this program to see if a customer's order could be filled. In a sophisticated company, the salesman would have portable terminals that use a telephone to reach the computer. Also the programs would be more complex in order to allow a salesman to reserve stock and to ship partial orders.

#### SUMMARY

In this chapter a type of direct access file is introduced. The programs necessary to handle a direct access file were given. In essence, a direct access file can be treated as a table where the rows represent records and the columns represent fields. The example throughout this chapter was inventory, not payroll. Inventory was selected because it represents a good example of the requirement for real-time updating. The real-time example was illustrated by an update where, as soon as a transaction was generated, the master file was updated. The final section dealt with an inquiry program that reads and prints records from a direct access file.

## BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Instruction</i>                                  | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|---|---|
| OPEN "R",1,"filename"                               | Opens a direct access file as file number 1.  |
| FIELD #1, n1 AS fieldname1\$,<br>n2 AS fieldname2\$ | Defines the fields for records of file number 1; n1, n2 are the maximum characters in fields 1 and 2; fieldname1\$, fieldname2\$ are the fieldnames used in the diskette file and are alphanumeric. |
| RSET fieldname\$ = MKD\$(fieldname)                 | Changes the numeric form of data in a field to alphanumeric.  |
| fieldname = CVD(fieldname\$)                        | Changes the alphanumeric form of data in a field to numeric.  |
| GET 1,L   | Reads record L of file number one from diskette.  |
| PUT 1,L   | Writes record L to diskette on file number one.   |

## PROBLEMS

1. Modify the first program in this chapter so that you can stop an input session and continue entering the data at any point in the file without having to re-enter all the earlier records. To test your program, create a file "I11".
2. Create a direct access file, "CUMST", with eight records as follows:

| <i>Customer Number</i> | <i>Current Balance</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1                      | \$257.26               |
| 2                      | 194.40                 |
| 3                      | 276.00                 |
| 4                      | 0.00                   |
| 5                      | 51.27                  |
| 6                      | 29.32                  |
| 7                      | 426.25                 |
| 8                      | 972.36                 |

3. Write a program that will print the "CUMST" file as described in Problem 2.
4. Write a program that will update the "CUMST" file. There are three types of transactions: payments, purchases, and returns. Payments should be subtracted from the current balance (Transaction code = 1). Purchases should be added to the current balance (TR CODE = 2). Returns should be subtracted from the current balance (TR CODE = 3). If customers have a current balance less than zero, a message should be printed to issue a refund check to the customer. Use the following transactions to test your program:

| <i>Transaction Code</i> | <i>Customer Number</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1                       | 5                      | 51.27         |
| 1                       | 1                      | 200.00        |
| 2                       | 4                      | 57.26         |
| 1                       | 3                      | 250.00        |
| 2                       | 8                      | 320.21        |
| 3                       | 5                      | 23.27         |
| 1                       | 2                      | 194.40        |
| 2                       | 1                      | 72.73         |
| 3                       | 7                      | 157.29        |

5. Write an inquiry program for the "CUMST" file, so that customers may call and be given their latest balance.

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## 10 / Use and Design of Complex Programs

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Use “canned” programs
- Recognize the role of structured programming

Performance  
Objectives

Programming is the expensive aspect of computer systems. It is also the most time-consuming. Without programs the computer cannot solve problems. However, once a program has been written and debugged (i.e., the errors have been removed), then using these programs to help solve recurring problems is simple.

In progressing through this book, you have built a program library. If a problem should develop that is similar to those you’ve already solved, you don’t have to write a brand new program. Merely modify the appropriate program to meet the new requirements and it can aid in arriving at a solution. In effect, your program library is a toolbox. Simple changes to your tools allow you to solve most data processing problems.

You may have access to programs other than those you’ve written. Any number of sources may have contributed skills and energies to fill your toolbox: the vendor of your computer system, an independent consultant, other people in your organization, or other organizations in your industry.

At times it is difficult to transfer programs from one system to another. The procedures and problems of one organization may not match the procedures and problems of another organization. In other cases the transfer of programs is easy. Statistical, scientific, and engineering programs transfer easily from one organization to another. No matter what organization uses them, the rules for performing statistical computations remain the same. The programming of natural laws is not affected by the organization involved. And mathematical calculations are not a matter of opinion or preference ( $2 + 2 = 4$  no matter who is involved, where the calculation is performed, or what we wish the result to be). Therefore once a statistical, scientific, or engineering program has been written, it can be copied and used by many organizations.

This chapter discusses how to use programs that have been written elsewhere. A statistical program serves as an example of a “canned” program. The chapter also discusses some elements of style that make a program easier to read and modify.

Programs developed by one organization that are transferred as a whole to another organization are called “canned” or “packaged” programs. No modification of the program logic is involved, although some statements may have to be changed to fit your system.

Once the program has been changed so that it will run on another system, it can be used by anybody with access to that system. A person provides the problem context and the data, runs the appropriate program, and interprets the output. Problem specification, data collection, selection of an

USING  
CANNED  
PROGRAMS



appropriate program for solution, and interpretation of output are the key elements for the successful use of canned programs. But these elements are beyond the scope of this book. Here we shall focus on how to enter the data and run a canned program.

Linear regression is a statistical technique for determining the relationship between two variables. (Regression analysis is covered in statistical textbooks.) LINREG is a program that performs linear regression. A copy of this program is shown below:

```

1   GOTO 630
200 DATA 7E22, 5E22
205 READ Q1
210 DIM D(250,2)
215 PRINT
220 LET I = 0
225 LET I = I + 1
230 READ D(I,1), D(I,2)
235 IF D(I,1) <> 7E22 THEN 225
240 LET Q2 = I-1
245 LET S9 = 0
250 IF Q1 = 1 THEN 270
255 IF Q1 = 2 THEN 325
260 IF Q1 = 3 THEN 395
265 GOTO 220
270 LET S9 = 1
275 GOSUB 490
280 PRINT "LINEAR:   Y=A+B*X   WITH  A=";Q8;" AND B=";Q9
285 GOSUB 565
290 FOR J = 1 TO Q2
295 LET W7 = Q8 + Q9*D(J,1)
300 LET Z7 = W7 - D(J,2)
305 LET Q4 = 100*Z7/D(J,2)
310 PRINT D(J,1), D(J,2), W7, Z7, Q4
315 NEXT J
320 GOTO 999
325 FOR J = 1 TO Q2
330 LET D(J,2) = LOG(D(J,2))
335 NEXT J
340 GOSUB 490
345 PRINT "EXPONENTIAL:   Y = A*EXP(B*X)   WITH A=";EXP(Q8);" AN
D B=";Q9
350 GOSUB 565
355 FOR J=1 TO Q2
360 LET W7 = EXP(Q8+Q9*D(J,1))
365 LET W8 = EXP(D(J,2))
370 LET Z7 = W7-W8
375 LET Q4 = 100*Z7/W8
380 PRINT D(J,1), W8, W7, Z7, Q4
385 NEXT J
390 GOTO 999
395 FOR J = 1 TO Q2

```

```

400 LET D(J,1) = LOG(D(J,1))
405 LET D(J,2) = LOG(D(J,2))
410 NEXT J
415 GOSUB 490
420 PRINT "POWER:   Y=A(X[B)   WITH A=";EXP(Q8);" AND B="Q9
425 GOSUB 565
430 FOR J = 1 TO Q2
435 LET W7 = EXP(D(J,1))
440 LET W8 = EXP(D(J,2))
445 LET W9 = EXP(Q8)*W7/Q9
450 LET Q4 = W9/W8-1
451 LET Z7 = W9-W8
455 IF Q4 < 0 THEN 470
460 LET Q4 = INT(1000*Q4+0.5)/10
465 GOTO 475
470 LET Q4 = INT(1000*Q4-0.5)/10
475 PRINT W7, W8, W9, Z7, Q4
480 NEXT J
485 GOTO 999
490 LET Q3 = 0
495 LET Q4 = 0
500 LET Q5 = 0
505 LET Q6 = 0
510 LET Q7 = 0
515 FOR J = 1 TO Q2
520 LET Q3 = Q3+D(J,1)
525 LET Q4 = Q4+D(J,2)
530 LET Q5 = Q5+D(J,1)*D(J,2)
535 LET Q6 = Q6+(D(J,1))^2
540 LET Q7 = Q7+(D(J,2))^2
545 NEXT J
550 LET Q9 = (Q2*Q5-Q3*Q4)/(Q2*Q6-Q3^2)
555 LET Q8 = (Q4-Q3*Q9)/Q2
560 RETURN
565 LET Q0 = (Q2*Q5-Q3*Q4)/SQR((Q2*Q6-Q3^2)*(Q2*Q7-Q4^2))
570 PRINT
575 IF S9 = 0 THEN 590
580 PRINT "COEFFICIENTS; ";
585 GOTO 595
590 PRINT "INDICES: ";
595 PRINT "CORREL = ";Q0;"   DETERM = ";Q0^2
600 PRINT
605 PRINT "COMPARISON OF ACTUAL TO ESTIMATED FROM EQUATION: "
610 PRINT
615 PRINT "X-ACTUAL","Y-ACTUAL","Y-ESTIM","DIFFER","PCT-DIFF"
620 PRINT
625 RETURN
630 PRINT
635 PRINT "THIS IS A LINEAR REGRESSION PROGRAM FOR DATA IN TWO"
640 PRINT "VARIABLES, X AND Y.  FROM INPUT POINTS, DESCRIBED BY"
645 PRINT "THEIR X AND Y COORDINATES, AN EQUATION IS PRODUCED TH
AT"
650 PRINT "BEST FITS THESE POINTS IN THE LEAST-SQUARES SENSE.  T

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0"
655 PRINT "USE THE PROGRAM, TYPE THE FOLLOWING:"
660 PRINT
665 PRINT "      0 DATA K"
670 PRINT "          (WHERE K = 1 FOR LINEAR, 2 FOR EXPONENTI
AL,"
675 PRINT "          AND 3 FOR POWER FUNCTION TO BE FITTED.)"
680 PRINT "      1 DATA X(1),Y(1),X(2),Y(2),.....,X(N),Y(N)"
685 PRINT "          (WHERE X(1),Y(1) IS THE FIRST POINT, X(2
),"
690 PRINT "          Y(2) IS THE SECOND, AND SO ON UNTIL ALL"
695 PRINT "          POINTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED.  ADDITIONAL DA
TA"
700 PRINT "          STATEMENTS 3-199 MAY BE USED AS NEEDED.)
"
/05 PRINT
710 PRINT "THEN TYPE 'RUN'."
999 STOP
32767 END

```

You can use LINREG by calling it up (LOAD "LINREG"), entering your data, and typing RUN. But data entry for LINREG, as well as many similar programs, is different from how it was handled in earlier parts of this book. Data is entered with DATA statements that are part of the program. LINREG provides instructions for entering data:

THIS IS A LINEAR REGRESSION PROGRAM FOR DATA IN TWO VARIABLES, X AND Y. FROM INPUT POINTS, DESCRIBED BY THEIR X AND Y COORDINATES, AN EQUATION IS PRODUCED THAT BEST FITS THESE POINTS IN THE LEAST-SQUARES SENSE. TO USE THE PROGRAM, TYPE THE FOLLOWING:

```

1 DATA K
      (WHERE K = 1 FOR LINEAR, 2 FOR EXPONENTIAL,
      AND 3 FOR POWER FUNCTION TO BE FITTED.)
2 DATA X(1),Y(1),X(2),Y(2),.....,X(N),Y(N)
      (WHERE X(1),Y(1) IS THE FIRST POINT, X(2),
      Y(2) IS THE SECOND, AND SO ON UNTIL ALL
      POINTS HAVE BEEN ENTERED.  ADDITIONAL DATA
      STATEMENTS 3-199 MAY BE USED AS NEEDED.)

THEN TYPE 'RUN'.

```

This RUN shows what has to be entered in DATA statements. A DATA statement is a non-executable BASIC instruction that holds data for a program. It starts with a line number, the word DATA, and then the individual data values separated by commas. For example:

```
1 DATA 3.7,4.2,3.9,2.5,6
```

The DATA statement holds five values. They may be the values for five

fields of a record, or they may be five values for one field. Either way, DATA statements hold a stream of values that are used one after another.

Data values in DATA statements are assigned to fields by READ statements. Look at LINREG, line 205 and line 230. Both contain the BASIC instruction READ. Line 205, READ Q1, being the first READ, assigns the first value found in any DATA statements to Q1. Line 230, READ D(I,1),D(I,2), assigns the next data value to D(I,1) and the following value to D(I,2).

Once an item of data has been assigned, the next READ uses the item of data that follows. Every READ "uses up" data values. Although data can be distributed over many DATA statements, they must follow the *order* of the READ statements. The READ statements follow the stream of data, using up data values in sequence.

Now we can run LINREG. First, call up the program. Then enter the data as specified by the instructions:

```
1 DATA 1
2 DATA 719,3756
3 DATA 1384,5100
4 DATA 995,4950
5 DATA 231,894
6 DATA 462,480
7 DATA 486,1908
8 DATA 1299,5388
9 DATA 233,240
10 DATA 189,468
11 DATA 759,1662
12 DATA 112,96
13 DATA 1252,5334
14 DATA 677,786
15 DATA 295,648
```

Then type the word "RUN", and it generates the output.

LINEAR:  $Y=A+B*X$  WITH  $A=-662.491$  AND  $B= 4.5073$

COEFFICIENTS; CORREL = .927248 DETERM = .859788

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL  $Y$  S ESTIMATED FROM EQUATION:

| X-ACTUAL | Y-ACTUAL | Y-ESTIM | DIFFER   | PCT-DIFF |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| 719      | 3756     | 2578.26 | -1177.74 | -31.3563 |
| 1384     | 5100     | 5575.61 | 475.612  | 9.32572  |
| 995      | 4950     | 3822.27 | -1127.73 | -22.7824 |
| 231      | 894      | 378.695 | -515.305 | -57.6404 |
| 462      | 480      | 1419.88 | 939.881  | 195.809  |
| 486      | 1908     | 1528.06 | -379.943 | -19.9132 |

|      |      |          |          |         |
|------|------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1299 | 5388 | 5192.49  | -195.509 | -3.6286 |
| 233  | 240  | 387.71   | 147.71   | 61.545  |
| 189  | 468  | 189.388  | -278.612 | -59.532 |
| 759  | 1662 | 2758.55  | 1096.55  | 65.977  |
| 112  | 96   | -157.674 | -253.674 | -264.24 |
| 1252 | 5334 | 4980.65  | -353.352 | -6.6245 |
| 677  | 786  | 2388.95  | 1602.95  | 203.93  |
| 295  | 648  | 667.162  | 19.1621  | 2.9571  |

The interpretation of this output and its use in decision making will determine the value of LINREG. But that aspect is peripheral to our focus. Notice how easy it is to use the program: Enter the data, type run, and the program can generate reams upon reams of output.

Other statistical programs are just as easy to use. Just enter the data and the program does the rest. It is not necessary to know anything about statistics or about computer programming to use these programs for analysis. Therein lies the power, as well as the danger, of using computers. Anybody, whether knowledgeable in the technique used or not, has the technique available if he can enter data and type RUN. But knowledge of the problem context, of the validity of the data, and of the technique of analysis is required to derive the proper conclusions from such use of canned programs.

Another example of a canned program is the file sort in Appendix B. Again, the detailed instructions of the program are unimportant. What is important is knowing how to use it properly to do the desired job.

Similar to canned programs, but at a much lower level, are functions. Functions perform one specific task in a program. For example, the INT function used in Chapter 6, gives the integer portion of a number. Functions are usually indicated by a three-letter keyword. Table 10-1 lists the mathematical functions available in BASIC.

## STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

Structured programming is a systematic way of designing a program. It is a philosophy of design to make a program readable and easy to change.

Structured programming breaks a program into a number of pieces, called modules. Each module performs one task. Since the modules are smaller than the whole program, each piece is easier to understand, easier to code, and easier to change. But breaking a program into modules requires planning. Structured programming emphasizes planning of what a program does and how its modules are related. All modules should be clearly specified before coding. All variables should be clearly defined and their roles in the various modules identified. Obviously this planning is not cheap and requires careful coordination between programmers.

Structured programming recognizes three types of sequences of instructions—simple sequence, selection, and looping. Any program can be composed using one or a combination of these elementary types. For example:

## Mathematical Functions

Table 10--1

| <i>Function*</i> | <i>Explanation</i>   |
|------------------|--|
| Y = ABS(X)       | Assigns to Y the absolute value of X.                                    |
| Y = ATN(X)       | Assigns to Y the arc tangent of X; X is expressed in radians.            |
| Y = COS(X)       | Assigns to Y the cosine of X; X is in radians.                           |
| Y = EXP(X)       | Assigns to Y the value of e raised to the X power; where e is 2.71828.   |
| Y = INT(X)       | Assigns to Y the greatest integer in X which is less than or equal to X. |
| Y = LOG(X)       | Assigns to Y the natural logarithm of X.                                 |
| Y = RND(X)       | Assigns to Y a random number uniformly distributed between 0 and 1.      |
| Y = SGN(X)       | Assigns to Y the value 1 preceded by the sign of X.                      |
| Y = SIN(X)       | Assigns to Y the sine of X; X is in radians.                             |
| Y = SQR(X)       | Assigns to Y the square root of X.                                       |
| Y = TAN(X)       | Assigns to Y the tangent of X; X is in radians.                          |

\* Y stands for the name of any field; and X can be a field or a formula, but must be enclosed in parentheses.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Simple sequence          | 100 LET R = 3.00<br>110 LET H = 40<br>120 LET P = R*H<br>130 PRINT P |
| Selection                | 100 IF T = 2 THEN 300  |
| Alternative 1<br>(false) | 200 Q2 = Q2 + Q1<br>210 GO TO 400                                    |
| Alternative 2<br>(true)  | 300 Q2 = Q2 - Q1<br>400 . . . .                                      |
| Loop                     | 100 FOR R1 = 1 TO 8<br>:<br>200 NEXT R1                              |

A simple sequence has no GOTO. Each statement follows the preceding statement until the sequence is finished.

A selection consists of an IF-THEN and its two possible groups of instructions. One of these two possible groups is selected when the IF-THEN is true. The other is selected when the IF-THEN is false.

A loop repeats a group of instructions until a specified condition has been met.

Of course the alternatives of a selection or the group of instructions in a loop may contain subsidiary selections or loops. Ideally each type of module should have one entry and one exit with no backtracking. The flow of a program should be top to bottom (except for loops.) GOTO's that jump back to previously executed code should be eliminated.

To clarify the relationship between the elements of a program, structured programming uses indentations and additional comments (REM statements) to highlight the structure of a program. Indentation shows which elements fit together. Comments aid in understanding both the logic (what the program does) and the structure (how the program is organized.)

Let's look at some examples to clarify these ideas. First, look at the SORT program in Chapter 8. It performs three major tasks that can be diagrammed as follows in Figure 10-1.

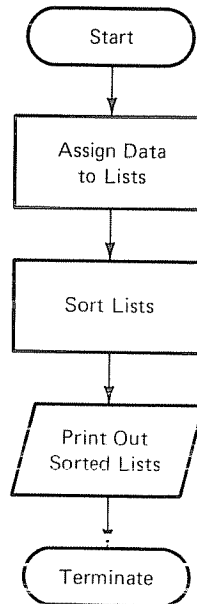


Figure 10-1

SORT Program

This program can be rewritten to make the structure stand out. A rewritten version follows:

```

100 REM *****
110 REM * PROGRAM NAME: LIST SORT *
120 REM * * *
130 REM * THIS PROGRAM -- *
140 REM * 1. GETS DATA FROM A TERMINAL AND STORES THEM IN *
150 REM * LISTS *
160 REM * 2. SORTS THE LISTS IN DESCENDING ORDER OF NET PAY *
170 REM * 3. PRINTS THE SORTED LISTS *
180 REM * *
190 REM * PROGRAMMER NAME: A. N. LYST *
200 REM * DATE: 1 APRIL 1979 *
210 REM * *
220 REM * FIELD NAMES: *
230 REM * F.....EXCHANGE FLAG -- SET TO 1 WHEN AN *
240 REM * EXCHANGE HAS OCCURRED; 0 OTHERWISE *
250 REM * K.....INDEX OF FOR-NEXT LOOP *
260 REM * L.....POINTER TO A LOCATION IN A LIST DURING *
270 REM * DATA ENTRY; THE NUMBER OF ITEMS IN A LIST* *
280 REM * AFTER DATA ENTRY *
290 REM * M$.....EMPLOYEE NAME ENTERED FROM TERMINAL *
300 REM * N()....LIST TO HOLD EMPLOYEE NUMBER *
310 REM * N1.....EMPLOYEE NUMBER ENTERED FROM TERMINAL *
320 REM * N$(())...LIST TO HOLD EMPLOYEE NAME *
330 REM * P()....LIST TO HOLD EMPLOYEE NET PAY *
340 REM * P1.....EMPLOYEE NET PAY ENTERED FROM TERMINAL *
350 REM * T.....TEMPORARY STORAGE OF A NUMERIC VALUE *
360 REM * DURING AN EXCHANGE *
370 REM * T$.....TEMPORARY STORAGE OF EMPLOYEE NAME *
380 REM * DURING AN EXCHANGE *
390 REM *****
400 REM
410 DIM N(100), N$(100), P(100)
420 REM
430 GET DATA FROM TERMINAL AND PUT THEM INTO THE LISTS
440 REM
450 L = 0
460 REM *** BEGIN DATA ENTRY LOOP
470 PRINT "TYPE EMPLOYEE NUMBER, EMPLOYEE NAME,"
480 PRINT "AND NET PAY -- SEPARATED BY COMMAS."
490 PRINT "WHEN FINISHED -- TYPE 99,AA,99"
500 INPUT N1,M$,P1

```



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510 REM -----> EXIT FROM LOOP WHEN DATA ENTRY FINISHED
520 IF N1 = 99 THEN 640
530 REM ASSIGN DATA TO ARRAYS
540     L = L + 1
550     N(L) = N1
560     N$(L) = M$
570 P(L) = P1
580 REM *** END IF 520
590                                     GOTO 470
600 REM *** END DATA ENTRY LOOP
610 REM
620 REM SORT THE LISTS INTO DECENDING NET PAY ORDER
630 REM
640 U = L - 1
650 REM *** BEGIN SORT LOOP
660 F = 0
670     FOR K = 1 TO U
680 REM
690 REM COMPARE TWO ADJACENT VALUES OF NET PAY
700 REM IF THEY ARE NOT IN ORDER, EXCHANGE THEM
710 REM
720         IF P(K) >= P(K+1)                               THEN 900
730 REM
740 REM NET PAY VALUES OUT OF SEQUENCE, HENCE EXCHANGE
750 REM
760         T = P(K)
770         P(K) = P(K+1)
780         P(K+1) = T
790         T = N(K)
800         N(K) = N(K+1)
810         N(K+1) = T
820         T$ = N$(K)
830         N$(K) = N$(K+1)
840         N$(K+1) = T$
850 REM
860 REM SET EXCHANGE FLAG (F) TO 1
870 REM
880         F = 1
890 REM *** ENDIF 720
900     NEXT K
910 REM -----> EXIT FROM SORT LOOP WHEN F = 0
920     IF F = 1                                           THEN 660
930 REM *** END SORT LOOP
940 REM
950 REM PRINT HEADINGS AND SORTED LISTS
960 REM
970     PRINT "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYEE", "WEEKLY"
980     PRINT " NUMBER ", " NAME ", " PAY "
990     PRINT "-----", "-----", "-----"
1000 REM *** BEGIN PRINT LOOP
1010     FOR K = 1 TO L
1020         PRINT N(K), N$(K), P(K)

```

```

1030     NEXT K
1040 REM *** END PRINT LOOP
1050 END

```

As another example, compare the inventory update in Chapter 7 with the structured version of the same program shown below.

```

100     REM *****
110     REM * PROGRAM NAME: INVENTORY UPDATE *
120     REM * *
130     REM * THIS PROGRAM -- *
140     REM * 1. UPDATES THE OLD INVENTORY MASTERFILE: *
150     REM *     READS INVENTORY TRANSACTION RECORDS *
160     REM *     READS OLD INVENTORY MASTER RECORDS *
170     REM *     UPDATES MASTER RECORDS WITH TRANSACTIONS *
180     REM *     WRITES NEW (UPDATED) MASTER RECORDS *
190     REM * 2. PRINTS THE NEW (UPDATED) MASTERFILE *
200     REM * 3. PRINTS AN INVENTORY VALUATION REPORT *
210     REM * *
220     REM * PROGRAMMER NAME: P. GRAMMER *
230     REM * DATE: 1 APRIL 1980 *
240     REM * *
250     REM * FIELD NAMES: *
260     REM * C....UNIT COST OF PART INPUT FROM UPDATED MASTER *
270     REM * C2...UNIT COST OF PART INPUT FROM OLD MASTERFILE *
280     REM * D....DOLLAR VALUE OF PART *
290     REM * P....PART NUMBER INPUT FROM UPDATED MASTERFILE *
300     REM * P1...PART NUMBER INPUT FROM TRANSACTION FILE *
310     REM * P2...PART NUMBER INPUT FROM OLD MASTERFILE *
320     REM * Q....QUANTITY ON HAND INPUT FROM UPDATED MASTER *
330     REM * Q1...QUANTITY OF TRANSACTION INPUT FROM *
340     REM *     TRANSACTION FILE *
350     REM * Q2...QUANTITY ON HAND INPUT FROM OLD MASTERFILE *
360     REM * T....TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE OF INVENTORY *
370     REM * T1...TRANSACTION CODE INPUT FROM TRANSACTION FILE *
380     REM *     CODE VALUES: 1 = RECEIPT *
390     REM *     2 = ISSUE *
400     REM *****
450     REM
460     REM LINK TO FILES
470     REM
480     OPEN "I",1,"INVTR"
490     OPEN "I",2,"INVMR"
500     OPEN "O",3,"INVSN"
510     REM
520     REM READ A TRANSACTION RECORD

```

```
530     REM
540     INPUT #1, P1, T1, Q1
550     REM
560     REM READ A MASTER RECORD
570     REM
580     INPUT #2, P2, Q2, C2
590     REM *** BEGIN UPDATE LOOP
600     REM
610     REM IF TRANSACTION EQUALS MASTER
620     REM
630     IF P1 = P2                                THEN 670
640                                           GOTO 820
650     REM     THEN UPDATE MASTER
660     REM     IF TRANSACTION IS A RECEIPT
670     REM     IF T1 = 1                                THEN 700
680                                           GOTO 730
690     REM     THEN ADD TRANSACTION QUANTITY TO QUANT ON HAND
700     REM     Q2 = Q2 + Q1
710                                           GOTO 775
720     REM     ELSE SUBTRACT QUANTITY FROM QUANTITY ON HAND
730     REM     Q2 = Q2 - Q1
740     REM     *** END IF 670
750     REM
760     REM READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
770     REM
775     IF EOF(1) THEN 1110
780     INPUT #1, P1, T1, Q1
790     REM ----->EXIT WHEN OUT OF TRANSACTION RECORDS
800                                           GOTO 630
810     REM     ELSE IF TRANSACTION GREATER THAN MASTER
820     REM     IF P1 > P2                                THEN 850
830                                           GOTO 960
840     REM     THEN WRITE UPDATED MASTER
850     REM     PRINT #3, P2;Q2;C2
860     REM
870     REM READ A MASTER RECORD
880     REM
890     INPUT #2, P2, Q2, C2
900     REM -----> EXIT WHEN OUT OF MASTER RECORDS
910                                           GOTO 630
920     REM     ELSE TRANSACTION LESS THAN MASTER
930     REM
940     REM WRITE ERROR MESSAGE -- NO MASTER IN FILE
950     REM
960     REM PRINT "***TRANSACTION WITHOUT MASTER***";P1;T1;Q1
970     REM
980     REM READ A TRANSACTION RECORD
990     REM
1000    INPUT #1, P1, T1, Q1
1010    REM     *** END IF 820
1020    REM -----> EXIT WHEN OUT OF TRANSACTION RECORDS
```

```

1030                                     GOTO 630
1040 REM *** END UPDATE LOOP
1050 REM
1060 REM TRANSFER REMAINING RECORDS FROM OLD TO NEW MASTER
1070 REM
1080 REM *** BEGIN TRANSFER LOOP
1090 IF EOF(2) THEN 1170
1100 INPUT #2, P2,Q2,C2
1110 PRINT #3, P2,Q2,C2
1111 GOTO 1090
1115 REM -----> EXIT WHEN OUT OF MASTER RECORDS
1120                                     GOTO 1090
1130 REM *** END TRANSFER LOOP
1140 REM
1150 REM PRINT THE UPDATED MASTERFILE
1160 REM
1170 CLOSE #1, #2, #3
1180 OPEN "I", 1, "INVSN"
1190 REM
1200 REM HEADINGS FOR UPDATED FILE
1210 REM
1220 PRINT
1230 PRINT " NEW INVENTORY MASTER FILE"
1240 PRINT " -----"
1250 PRINT
1260 PRINT "PART      UNITS      COST"
1270 PRINT "NUMBER    ON HAND"
1280 PRINT "-----"
1290 REM *** BEGIN PRINT LOOP
1295 IF EOF(1) THEN 1380
1300 INPUT #1, P, Q, C
1310 PRINT USING"###      ###      #.##";P,Q,C
1320 REM -----> EXIT WHEN OUT OF NEW MASTER RECORDS
1330                                     GOTO 1295
1340 REM *** END PRINT LOOP
1350 REM
1360 REM PRINT INVENTORY VALUATION REPORT
1370 REM
1380 CLOSE #1
1390 OPEN "I",1,"INVSN"
1400 REM
1410 REM HEADINGS FOR VALUATION REPORT
1420 REM
1430 PRINT
1440 PRINT
1450 PRINT " INVENTORY VALUATION REPORT"
1460 PRINT " -----"
1470 PRINT
1480 PRINT " PART ", "DOLLAR"
1490 PRINT "NUMBER", "AMOUNT"
1500 PRINT "-----", "-----"

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1510    REM
1520    T = 0
1530    REM *** BEGIN INVENTORY VALUATION LOOP
1535    IF EOF(1) THEN 1640
1540    INPUT #1, P, Q, C
1550    D = Q * C
1560    T = T + D
1570    PRINT USING "###          #,###.##"; P,D
1580    REM---> EXIT WHEN OUT OF DATA
1590
1600    REM *** END INVENTORY VALUATION LOOP
1610    REM
1620    REM PRINT TOTAL VALUATION
1630    REM
1640    PRINT "-----"
1650    PRINT USING "%    %          ##,###.##"; "TOTAL",T
1660    CLOSE #1
1800    STOP
32767  END

```

Now make your evaluations. Which of the two versions of a program did you find easier to understand? In your opinion, which was easier to write? Since REM statements make a program larger and take time to write and enter (they only exist for the benefit of the reader—the computer ignores them), consider the following: Is the cost in time, effort, and added storage requirements less than, equal to, or greater than the benefit of readability? Only you can make that decision for yourself and your organization.

#### SUMMARY BASIC Instructions Introduced:

| <i>Instruction</i> | <i>Explanation</i>  |
|--------------------|---|
| READ X,Y,Z         | Assigns values to fields from DATA statements (X,Y,Z are arbitrary field names) |
| DATA 5,2,7         | Used to hold data for fields in READ statements                                 |

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## 11 / Conclusion

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At the end of this chapter you should be able to:

- Recognize the differences between batch, on-line, and real-time
- Understand the problems of a first-time user
- Understand trends in software and hardware for small business computer systems

Performance  
Objectives

In this concluding chapter, the payroll program that has been the main example throughout the book will be discussed and put in perspective with regard to other programs that are commonly found in business. The concepts of batch versus real-time programs will be discussed, as well as first-time user organizations. As a conclusion, we present an article that focuses, from the management perspective, on the first-time user and his dilemmas regarding computers.

One of the vehicles for teaching programming in each chapter has been the payroll program. It has grown from a very elementary program to a program that has most of the elements found in an actual payroll program that a business might use. In its present form it is still missing some major elements. For example, it will not write paychecks, nor keep track of some data needed for quarterly tax payments by the employer. The intent of the authors in using payroll as the major example throughout was simple—to pick an application that everyone either is, or can become, familiar with.

The Payroll  
Programs

All of the programs that appear in this book, with the exception of Chapter 9, are for batch processing. In its simplest terms, batch processing means that transactions are allowed to accumulate before they are used to update master records. Batch processing implies a time cycle—how often the master file is updated. Transactions will accumulate until the update. Batch processing also implies the use of sequential files.

BATCH,  
ON-LINE  
AND  
REAL-TIME  
PROCESSING

On-line processing is something you have been doing throughout this book. When you type a program at a terminal, you are on-line. The computer accepts or makes comments each time you enter a command or a line of a program. This interaction between a computer and user is referred to as on-line. Other examples of on-line processing are all of the programs that require data entry. The data is entered by you or a data entry operator in an on-line mode.

Files may be considered on-line or off-line. When a file is not being used, it can be stored outside the computer system. When files in computer readable form are removed from the system, they are off-line. They are brought on-line when they need to be used.

The final type of processing is real-time. In real-time, as soon as any transaction occurs, it is entered into the computer system, and the transaction updates the appropriate master record. In Chapter 9, the inventory example illustrated real-time processing. It is necessary to have real-time



processing when there is a limited supply or a need for up-to-the-second information. Airline reservation systems were among the first and largest real-time applications.

#### ROUTINE BUSINESS APPLICATIONS

Payroll was one of the first manual systems to be computerized. After payroll, most accounting systems were computerized. These include invoicing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, and financial statements. After the accounting area was computerized, the other functional areas of business proceeded with applications. Marketing, production, inventory, distribution, and finance are areas that have large numbers of computer applications. The accounting area was computerized first because it was the easiest. The rules by which bookkeeping is performed are explicit and relatively simple. These characteristics lend themselves to relatively easy computerization.

In simple terms, you have performed two distinct functions in producing the programs in this book. The two functions are: systems analysis and programming.

Systems analysis deals with defining a problem (application). Most of the systems analysis was done for you in defining the program requirements. However, you had to perform some of this function in designing and writing your programs. It is the systems analysis component that is the most difficult in converting from manual to computer systems.

As indicated above, the systems analysis function for accounting applications is simple compared to other areas in a business. As a result, the accounting area was the first highly affected by computers. This is why most of the programs in this book are accounting oriented. In contrast, the systems analysis function for a production/control system is very difficult.

#### FIRST-TIME USERS

With the price of computers decreasing dramatically, more and more organizations are using computers. Organizations that have never used computers are called first-time users. There are thousands of horror stories about computers and first-time users. This is not to say that organizations experienced with computers do not also have horror stories; but, first-time users are a special case.

Most first-time users rely on different computer manufacturers' salesmen to provide them with the information they need to choose a computer. Usually, no one in the organization has had any experience with computers. A situation that can be considered analogous to this is as follows: Assume that a cardiologist has recommended that a pacemaker be implanted in a patient. The patient then calls the various manufacturers' representatives for presentations. The patient then selects a model.

It is obvious in the previous analogy that the patient cannot make a rational choice. The same is true of a first-time user selecting a computer based

on the sales presentations of manufacturers' representatives. The newspapers are full of reports of trials where users are suing manufacturers, or vice versa, because of basic misunderstandings regarding the computer hardware, software, or both. The best route for a first-time user is to hire someone with computer expertise—either as an employee or consultant. By not choosing either of these alternatives, the use of the computer in an organization might result in greater trauma than necessary.

The price of computers has dropped dramatically. No longer are large sums required to get the benefits of computer power. Mini computer systems can be bought for as little as \$25,000 or \$10,000. Alternatively, you can rent a mini computer system for less than \$1,000 per month. A TRS-80 Model III microcomputer complete with two disk drives and a letter quality printer can be purchased for under \$5,000. The small price tag lets small organizations, with three to 99 employees, obtain their first computer. And it lets large organizations distribute their data processing capabilities throughout the organization. Therefore, the number of computers in use by business firms is expected to increase considerably.

Computer  
Price Trends  
and  
First-Time User  
Organizations

But both cases (first-time use in small business and distributed processing in large organizations) represent the introduction of computers to people who before had little or no contact with computers. Therein lies a danger. Unless managers prepare themselves and their people now, they may not be ready to meet the challenge when it comes.

Technical Background: Computers have been around for over 30 years. They've been commercially used since the mid-fifties. However, their cost, at that time, limited them to large-scale operations. This is no longer the case. With the advent of minicomputers in the '60s and microcomputers in the '70s, the cost of computers has fallen. Now even small organizations can afford computers.

Furthermore, the trend of smaller, cheaper, more powerful computers is expected to continue. New equipment is continually being developed and introduced to the market. The technological cauldron continues to bubble. New devices will continue to be developed. The cost of computers will drop even further.

But the cost of computers is *not* the cost of computer systems. Similarly, the cost of computation is *not* the cost of problem solving. The computer is a small essential part of a computer system. And computation is a small part of problem solving.

Computer systems are needed to help in solving problems. Computer systems consist of people, of hardware, and of software. Equipment is required for the input, storage, manipulation, and output of data and instructions. Software is required to specify how the equipment should do its work.

The hardware is the tool, the software is the logic for using the tool. Both aspects, hardware and software, are discussed in the following two sections.

**Hardware:** Managers are faced with a wide variety of choices when they consider hardware. The market is flooded with alternatives. For example, the March 1981 *Datapro Report* listed 91 suppliers and 355 different small business systems. Extensive and comprehensive listings are available in *Auerbach Reports* and *Datapro Reports*.

The equipment itself presents a wide spectrum of alternatives. From the \$600 TRS-80 from Radio Shack to the \$105,000 HP 3000, a whole range of price/performance options are available. Which options to choose depends on the needs of an organization.

The low end of the cost spectrum, such as the \$600 computer from Radio Shack, offers systems which are too small for most businesses. They have a CRT (cathode ray tube, a TV screen), a keyboard for entering commands, and a cassette tape recorder to store data and instructions. But these facilities are not enough. Business systems need more main storage, more auxiliary storage, and most important, hardcopy output.

Main storage for microcomputers ranges from 16KB-64KB (KB = kilobyte, roughly one thousand characters—used as a measure of storage capacity for a computer system). Larger main storage capacity is expected to be available in the near future. But useable operating systems facilities require from 20-25KB of main storage. And the application programs will need additional space for efficient operations. Therefore, 32KB of main storage should be considered a minimum for a business system.

Floppy disks provide economic auxiliary storage. Each regular floppy disk holds about 250,000 characters. But at least two (and possibly four) floppy disk drives will be needed to hold the data and instructions. Multiple disk drives are also necessary to provide back up for files and programs.

A printing device is needed for the output of invoices, reports, etc. Although 15 cps (characters per second) printers are available, that equipment is too slow for most business applications. Typical requirements are better served by a line printer capable of printing at least 50 lines per minute. Otherwise the output from the system will be inordinately delayed. But even at 50 lines per minute, the printer can be exasperatingly slow.

Considering these additions and their associated programs, a minicomputer useable by a small business will cost between \$15,000 and \$25,000. If a company is very small—300 customers, 75 vendors, and generates less than 300 statements per month—then TRS-80 Model III for under \$5,000 with a business software package for \$700 will probably suffice.

The described configuration (32-64KB main storage, 500KB-1000KB floppy disk auxiliary storage, keyboard-CRT, and 50 lpm printer) is toward

the low end of the spectrum for small computer systems. Depending on the needs of an organization, larger systems may be necessary.

**Software:** Software is the set of programs that makes a computer work. Without software a computer system is merely a knick-knack that eats electricity. A computer system needs two types of software—systems software and applications software. Systems software is the programs that operate the computer. Applications software uses systems software in the solution of business problems.

Every computer vendor provides systems software to operate their machine. The software includes operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, and various utilities, such as sort/merge. In general, the systems software provided with a machine is adequate, although software support continues to be a problem area.

However, application software is another story. Application software, unlike systems software, does not deal directly with the computer. It uses the computer (and its systems software) for business data processing and for generating management reports. Application software requires an understanding of business problems, not of computers. Hence, computer vendors have been able to provide systems software that does the required job; but there is a dearth of applications software.

To be sure, most of the standard accounting applications are generally available. Such applications include programs for general ledger, payroll, accounts receivable (both open item and balance forward), accounts payable, and fixed asset accounting. But other application areas are less well developed. Order entry, sales analysis, sales forecasting, inventories, materials requirements planning, and master production scheduling are currently available only for some computer systems. But independent program development is filling the void. Within the next two to three years, adequate application software should become widely available.

In the meantime, an organization will have to satisfy its needs for application software in other ways. The organization can develop its own specialized applications or contract for them. In either case, higher level programming languages speed the development of business applications. Currently, two languages, BASIC and FORTRAN, are generally available on small business computers.

BASIC is the most widely supported higher level programming language. BASIC (Beginners All-Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) has the advantage of being easy to learn and use. It is interactive: This means that instructions can be entered and changed instantly. The immediate response of interactive systems eases the program development process. BASIC is interpretive: Each instruction is immediately changed into machine code. Interpreters typically require less main storage than compilers; therefore, less hardware is needed.

The other major, higher-level language that is extensively supported is FORTRAN. FORTRAN (FORmula TRANslator) requires a compiler and hence more main storage than a BASIC interpreter. It is excellent for analytic applications (engineering, scientific and management science problems).

COBOL (COmmon Business Oriented Language) and RPG (Report Program Generator) compilers are available on some systems. Support of other languages, such as PASCAL, APL, ALGOL, etc., is sporadic. Therefore, only BASIC and FORTRAN can be considered for generalized application development.

Success of a small computer system is not determined by the choice of hardware and software alone. Success takes a plan and people to unlock the power inherent in small computer systems.

### Plan for Computers

The low price of computer systems tempts many managers. They have heard about the speed and accuracy of computers. They have heard about the prodigious storage capacity of computers. And they have heard about the almost miraculous way of providing information.

At the same time, managers have heard about bad experiences with computers. These horror stories deal with the inflexibility of computerized systems. They tell of problems in understanding computer professionals. And they tell of wasted effort, money, and manpower.

But the truth in either case, the glowing success story and the abysmal horror story, does not lie with the equipment. The computer is merely a tool. It can support either success or failure. Which will result depends on how it is used and what it is used for.

Management control of computer use determines whether or not a computer system supports organizational objectives. Hence, managers must know what the organizational objectives are before they can set the objectives for computer use. Then actual usage can be compared to the stated objectives to see if the system is effective.

Setting objectives for the use of computers is an important step. It should be done before an organization gets a system. But that requires identifying not only where the organization wants to go, but also where the organization is at present. Analysis of current operations identifies the areas where computers can be used to greatest benefit.

In the analysis, two types of questions need to be asked:

1. What are the data processing needs of the organization?
2. What are the information needs of management?

While the computer system can be designed to perform data processing efficiently and while it can answer management's cry for information, the ability of the computer system to respond to either need is only as good as the clarity and precision of the questions that it is asked. An ambiguous ques-

tion will result in an amorphous design that leaves everybody dissatisfied. And such dissatisfaction perpetuates the horror stories.

Therefore, the organization must determine its data processing needs. Ask where computers can make a contribution to organizational operations. Are there problems in responding to customer questions? On-line inquiry systems should be able to speed up the answers. Are there problems with the accuracy of inventory records? Computers are noted for their accuracy. (Once a program has been debugged, all calculations will be consistent.) Have you inadvertently missed discount periods on vendor invoices? Set up a computerized tickling file so the system won't let you *accidentally* overlook a payment due date. Do you have too many stockouts? Delayed billings? Reports two to three weeks after the end of a period? Administrative people snowed by a blizzard of paper? Clerical people devoted solely to compiling reports for regulatory agencies? All of these problems, when carefully addressed, can be solved with the use of computer systems.

But these questions need to be addressed in detail. For each problem area detailed questions have to be asked, to provide the needed precision for computerized processing. What reports and documents have to be generated? How often? And how many? What are the input data? What is their volume and frequency? How much data has to be stored? How many files, what size, frequency of access, etc. These questions focus on the details of analysis. But these details are needed to explore a prospective problem area. A thorough description of the problem ensures that your organization adds to the number of success stories, not to the horror stories.

The use of computers is a business decision. The low price of computer systems makes computer power available to small organizations and to individual departments in large organizations. To obtain the full benefits of computerized speed, accuracy and memory, an organization needs to plan. The plan should consider where and how the computer can be put to use. And in order to plan, an organization must know what its needs are. Therefore, a foundation for the use of a computer system has to exist before the computer system can be used successfully.

The introduction of a computer system into an organizational unit is a dramatic change. The computer system changes the nature of the work performed by people. It changes the flow of work through an organizational unit. And therefore the relationships between people are changed.

Even small changes in procedures can be traumatic for some people. But first-time computerization has more impact than a small change in procedures. Therefore, people have to be prepared through orientation and training sessions for the new system. Don't limit the sessions to clerical people. Management also needs to know what it can and cannot expect from a new computer system.

Once the requirements have been defined, once a plan for computer use

Prepare your  
People

has been established, once a commitment for hardware and software acquisition has been made, once a specific system has been chosen and purchased, then intensive preparation for the upcoming change can start. (Note that we are recommending training and orientation sessions prior to the actual delivery of the computer system.) At this time the organization knows the details of the system to be delivered and how it will be used. Therefore, it can focus its training where it will do the most good.

Small business computers are generally easy to operate and use. Hence, in most cases it will not be necessary to hire computer professionals. In larger organizations an adequate staff exists already to support the needs of management. In small organizations, managers will have to do some of the work themselves and contract outside the organization for the more technical aspects. But in either case, the training and orientation sessions should prepare the people for interaction with computer systems professionals. Hence, some understanding of the terminology and capabilities of computers in general has to be provided by these sessions.

The low cost of small computer systems has led to predictions of almost exponential growth in the number of organizations using them. Rather than being a matter of *whether*, it becomes a matter of *when*. When will your workplace have a computer system? Given this inevitability, then preparation now will pay off in the future. Getting your people prepared now makes the path of transition to a new system smoother.

Of course, with the passage of time, more and more people will already be familiar with computers. Business schools require introductory courses in data processing or information systems for their graduates. They learn the terminology of computers. They learn about the capabilities and limitations of hardware. And they learn how to program computers in BASIC. Since BASIC is so widely supported on small business computer systems, the students will be ready to make a contribution to any organization that is contemplating the use of a small business computer.

## CONCLUSION

Low cost computer systems are a reality. But a manager should not be hypnotized by the cost of hardware. To make a computer system successful takes more than computing equipment. Success takes software, tailored to the needs of a business. It takes people who are trained to operate the hardware and people who are trained to use it. But most of all, it takes management—managers who are committed to planning for computerization, managers who set objectives and control computer usage, and managers who are willing to devote themselves to the successful introduction of change.

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# Appendices

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## SUMMARY OF BASIC COMMANDS AND INSTRUCTIONS

## APPENDIX A

## Summary of BASIC Commands:

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| CMD "D:O"(Model III)   | Lists the names of programs and data files in the directory.                                     |
| SYSTEM "DIR"(Model II) |  |
| KILL                   | Eliminates a program or file from the diskette.  |
| LIST                   | Gives a printout (listing) of the program.   |
| LOAD                   | Asks for a copy of a program from the diskette.  |
| NEW                    | Tells the system that the operator is about to type in a new program.                            |
| RUN                    | Executes a program, i.e., commands a computer to do what the program instructions tell it to do. |
| SAVE                   | Puts a copy of the program onto the diskette under the current program name.                     |

## Summary of BASIC Instructions:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| CLEAR n         | Allows a large (n) number of alphabetic fields to be stored in memory.   |
| CLOSE #n        | Closes file n and stores it on the diskette.   |
| DATA 5,2,7      | Used to hold data for fields in READ statements.   |
| DIM Y(X),Z(Q,R) | Sets the lists Y (represented by a letter) to X positions; defines that Z (represented by a letter) has Q rows and R columns; individual elements of lists and tables are identified by their location: position number in a list; row number <i>and</i> column number in a table. |
| END             | Indicates the physical end of a program.   |

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| FOR Y = N TO M<br>:<br>NEXT Y | Sets up a loop; the FOR statement begins the loop; it sets Y to N (beginning value); the loop will continue until Y has a value greater than M (the upper bound); the NEXT statement loses the loop. |
| GOTO nnn                      | Tells the system to go to line number nnn for the next instruction.  |
| IF x THEN nnn                 | If x is true then go to line nnn for the next instruction, otherwise (if x is false) go to the next line in sequence.  |
| INPUT #n, fieldnames          | Reads a record from file number n; the file is identified by its file number. Records are separated by their fieldnames.   |
| INPUT X,Y                     | Takes numeric values for fields X and Y from the keyboard.   |
| INPUT X\$, Y\$                | Gets alphabetic values for fields X\$ and Y\$ from the keyboard.   |
| INT(X)                        | Makes the value X into an integer (whole number).  |
| LET X = Y                     | Places the value of Y into the memory location X.  |
| OPEN                          | Opens the file identified by the filename and gives it an identification number.   |
| PRINT #n fieldname            | Writes a record on file n.   |
| PRINT X,Y                     | Displays the values of X and Y.  |
| PRINT "XYZ"                   | Displays the alphabetic information XYZ.   |
| READ X,Y,Z                    | Assigns values to fields from DATA Statements (X,Y,Z are arbitrary field names).   |
| REM                           | Prints remarks for programmer; ignored by the computer.  |
| STOP                          | Tells the system to stop.  |

## Summary of Direct Access Diskette Instructions

|   |   |
|---|---|
| OPEN "R",1,"filename"                               | Opens a direct access file as file number 1.  |
| FIELD #1, n1 AS fieldname1\$,<br>n2 AS fieldname2\$ | Defines the fields for records of file number 1; n1, n2 are the maximum characters in fields 1 and 2; fieldname1\$, fieldname2\$ are the fieldnames used in the diskette file and are alphanumeric. |
| RSET<br>fieldname\$ = MKD\$(fieldname)              | Changes the numeric form of data in a field to alphanumeric.  |
| fieldname = CVD(fieldname\$)                        | Changes the alphanumeric form of data in a field to numeric.  |
| GET 1,L   | Reads record L of file number one from diskette.  |
| PUT 1,L   | Writes record L to diskette on file number one.   |

*Arithmetic operations:*

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| $X + Y$             | Add X to Y             |
| $X - Y$             | Subtract Y from X      |
| $X * Y$             | Multiply X by Y        |
| $X / Y$             | Divide X by Y          |
| $X [ Y$ (Model III) | Raise X to the Y power |
| $X ^ Y$ (Model II)  |                        |

*Comparison operators:*

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| $X = Y$   | Equal (if X equals Y, this comparison is true).  |
| $X < Y$   | Less than (if X is strictly less than Y, this comparison is true).                       |
| $X < = Y$ | Less than or equal to (if X is less than <i>or</i> equal to Y, this comparison is true). |
| $X > Y$   | Greater than (if X is strictly greater than Y, this comparison is true).                 |
| $X > = Y$ | Greater than or equal to (if X is  |

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
|           | greater than <i>or</i> equal to Y, this comparison is true).                                       |
| $X < > Y$ | Not equal to (if X is greater than or less than—that is, not equal to—Y, this expression is true). |

## APPENDIX B

## SORTING

Records may be sorted either alphabetically or numerically for many applications. In order to use the sort program given in this appendix, it is important to understand something about the program:

1. The file to be sorted is unchanged at the end of the sort.
2. The sorted file, at the conclusion of the program, is called "SORTED/FIL".
3. You must rename the "SORTED/FIL" with the RENAME command as soon as the sort is finished. It will automatically be saved.

In the chapter on totals and subtotals, it is necessary to sort the "EMPLOY" file by department number; then it becomes the "EMPLDP" file.

A listing of the sorting program and an example running the program follow:

```

10 '          THIS IS A ROUTINE TO SORT THE EMPLOY FILE ON ANY
20 '          FIELD OF YOUR CHOOSING.
30 '          SUBMITTED BY THUNDERBIRD, ENT. OF MIAMI, FLA.
40 '          PROGRAMMER - - SKIP BANKS
50 '
60 CLEAR 2000
70 '
80 '          READ INFORMATION FROM DISK FILE
90 '
100 CLS
110 INPUT "FILENAME...";FI$
120 '
130 '          OPEN FILES
140 '
150 OPEN "I",1,FI$
160 OPEN "O",2,"SORTED/FIL"
170 '
180 R=100 : K=6
190 DIM L$(R,K),N(R),D(R),N$(R),H(R),R(R),V(R),NR(R)
200 JS=10
210 '
220 R=1
230   IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE #1 : GOTO 440
240   INPUT #1, N(R),D(R),N$(R),H(R),R(R),V(R)
250 '
260 '          CONVERT NUMBERS AND STRINGS TO 2 ELEMENT ARRAY

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270 '
280 L$(R,1)=STR$(N(R)) : L$(R,2)=STR$(D(R)) : L$(R,3)=N$(R)
290 L$(R,4)=STR$(H(R)) : L$(R,5)=STR$(R(R)) : L$(R,6)=STR$(V(R))
300 NR(R)=R
310 '
320 '          PRINT OUT THE INCOMING FILE TO THE SCREEN
330 '
340 FOR I=1 TO 6
350   PRINT TAB(((I-1)*JS+4))L$(R,I);
360 NEXT I : PRINT
370 '
380 '          GET THE NEXT RECORD
390 '
400 R=R+1 : GOTO 230
410 '
420 '          DONE LOADING - - READY TO SORT
430 '
440 INPUT "SORT BY FIELD #...";J
450 '
460 IF J=0 THEN GOTO 440
470 II=R
480 '          SORT ROUTINE STARTS HERE
490 '
500 NR(II+1) = NR(2)
510 FOR I8=1 TO II-1
520   I2=I8
530   IF L$(NR(I8+2),J) >= L$(NR(I2),J) GOTO 590
540   NR(I2+1) = NR(I2)
550   I2 = I2-1
560   IF I2 > 0 THEN GOTO 530
570   NR(1) = NR(I8+2)
580   GOTO 600
590   NR(I2+1) = NR(I8+2)
600 NEXT I8
610 '
620 '          DONE SORTING - - NOW PRINT SORTED FILE
630 '
640 J=1
650 J1=10
660 CLS
670 '
680 '          PRINT THE SORTED FILE ON THE SCREEN AND TO THE
690 '          NEW FILE
700 '
710 FOR I2 = 1 TO 6
720   PRINT TAB(((I2-1)*J1+4))L$(NR(J),I2);
730   PRINT #2,L$(NR(J),I2);", ";
740 NEXT I2
750 '
760 J=J+1
770 PRINT
780 IF J<=II THEN GOTO 710
790 CLOSE #2
32767 END

```

```

FILENAME...? EMPLOY
  101      1      ADAMS      5      40      0
  103      12     BAKER      5.6    40      4
  104      17     BRAVE      4      40      2
  108      16     COHEN     6.25   38      0
  172      2      JOHNSON   3.75   40      0
  198      1      TANNER    4.25   36      0
  202      16     WILSON    4      40      0
  206      7      LESTER    5.25   40      0
  255      12     SCHMIDT   5.6    40      4
  281      12     MILLER    6      40      0
  313      7      SMITH     4.25   40      4
  347      12     GRAY      6      38      0
  368      1      WEAVER    3.5    40      2
  422      1      WILLIAMS  4      40      0
SORT BY FIELD #...? 2

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  101      1      ADAMS      5      40      0
  198      1      TANNER    4.25   36      0
  368      1      WEAVER    3.5    40      2
  422      1      WILLIAMS  4      40      0
  172      2      JOHNSON   3.75   40      0
  206      7      LESTER    5.25   40      0
  313      7      SMITH     4.25   40      4
  255      12     SCHMIDT   5.6    40      4
  281      12     MILLER    6      40      0
  347      12     GRAY      6      38      0
  103      12     BAKER      5.6    40      4
  108      16     COHEN     6.25   38      0
  202      16     WILSON    4      40      0
  104      17     BRAVE      4      40      2

```

The file must now be renamed.

*For the Model III type:*

CMD“I”, “RENAME SORTED/FIL TO EMPLDP”

Then type BASIC and perform the usual sign-on.

*For the Model II type:*

NAME “SORTED/FIL” AS “EMPLDP”

The program will also sort alphabetically; below is the output for an alphabetic sort.

```

FILENAME...? EMPLOY
  101      1      ADAMS      5      40      0
  103      12     BAKER      5.6    40      4
  104      17     BRAVE      4      40      2

```

|     |    |          |      |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|------|----|---|
| 108 | 16 | COHEN    | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON  | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER   | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON   | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER   | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT  | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER   | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH    | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4    | 40 | 0 |

SORT BY FIELD #...? 3

|     |    |          |      |    |   |
|-----|----|----------|------|----|---|
| 101 | 1  | ADAMS    | 5    | 40 | 0 |
| 103 | 12 | BAKER    | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 104 | 17 | BRAVE    | 4    | 40 | 2 |
| 108 | 16 | COHEN    | 6.25 | 38 | 0 |
| 347 | 12 | GRAY     | 6    | 38 | 0 |
| 172 | 2  | JOHNSON  | 3.75 | 40 | 0 |
| 206 | 7  | LESTER   | 5.25 | 40 | 0 |
| 281 | 12 | MILLER   | 6    | 40 | 0 |
| 255 | 12 | SCHMIDT  | 5.6  | 40 | 4 |
| 313 | 7  | SMITH    | 4.25 | 40 | 4 |
| 198 | 1  | TANNER   | 4.25 | 36 | 0 |
| 368 | 1  | WEAVER   | 3.5  | 40 | 2 |
| 422 | 1  | WILLIAMS | 4    | 40 | 0 |
| 202 | 16 | WILSON   | 4    | 40 | 0 |

## SELECTED ERROR MESSAGES

## APPENDIX C

The following is an abbreviated list of error numbers and an interpretation of their meaning:

| <i>CODE</i> | <i>ABBREVIATION</i> | <i>EXPLANATION</i>  |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 1           | NF                  | NEXT without FOR. A FOR-NEXT loop is missing either a FOR or a NEXT.                              |
| 2           | SN                  | Syntax. You misspelled a basic instruction or left out a parenthesis or arithmetic character.     |
| 6           | OV                  | Overflow. The number in your program is too big or too small to be correct. Check the arithmetic! |



|    |    |   |
|----|----|---|
| 7  | OM | Out of memory. The DIM statement is too big or you have too many in your program.   |
| 8  | UL | Undefined line. A GOTO or THEN refers to a line number that does not appear in the program.   |
| 9  | BS | Bad subscript. A reference is made to an element of a list or of a table that is beyond the size of the table specified in the DIM. |
| 11 | /0 | Division by zero. The program attempted to divide by zero. Check the arithmetic.  |
| 13 | TM | Type mismatch. You have defined a number as an alphabetic or alphanumeric field or vice versa.                                      |
| 14 | OS | Out of string space. You have more than 100 alphabetic characters in memory at one time. Use the CLEAR instructions.                |
| 15 | LS | Long string. You have defined an alphabetic or alphanumeric field that has more than 255 characters in it.                          |

## APPENDIX D

| <i>Problem</i>   | <i>HOW TO . . .</i> | <i>Solution</i>  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Stop a printout on the keyboard or printer                   |                     | Depress the BREAK key  |
| Stop execution of a program if nothing seems to be happening |                     | Depress the BREAK key  |
| Delete programs from the directory                           |                     | KILL "PROGRAMNAME"   |
| Delete data files from the directory                         |                     | KILL "FILENAME"  |
| Delete lines from a program                                  |                     | DELETE 180-270: This will cause lines 180-270 of the program in your work space to be deleted<br>DELETE 120: Line 120 will be deleted. |
| List a data file   |                     | Write a program that lists and prints it.  |

## INITIALIZATION OF DISKETTES

## APPENDIX E

Any new diskette must be initialized before you can enter, run, or save programs on it. In order to initialize a diskette, you must perform the following steps:

1. Locate the MASTER diskette that is supplied with your TRS-80. Place it in disk drive 0 (zero). Place your new diskette in disk drive 1, and sign-on (see Chapter 1).
2. When the message TRSDOS Ready appears, type BACKUP and press "ENTER".
3. The TRS-80 responds with:  
SOURCE Drive Number ?  
Type 0 (zero) and press "ENTER".
4. The TRS-80 responds with:  
DESTINATION Drive Number ?  
Type 1 and press "ENTER".
5. The TRS-80 responds with:  
SOURCE Disk Master Password?  
Type PASSWORD and press "ENTER".
6. The TRS-80 responds with:  
Source Drive 0 Destination Drive 1  
Do you wish to RE-FORMAT the diskette?  
Type YES and press "ENTER".
7. A series of messages appears and you have completed a successful initialization when the messages  
\*\*Backup Complete\*\*  
TRSDOS Ready  
appear.
8. Remove both diskettes.

**Note:** If at any point you want to start over, press the orange key (Model III) or the "BREAK" key (Model II).



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