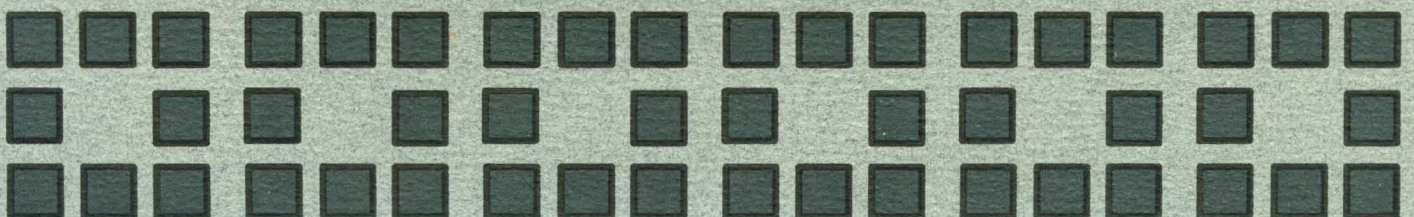
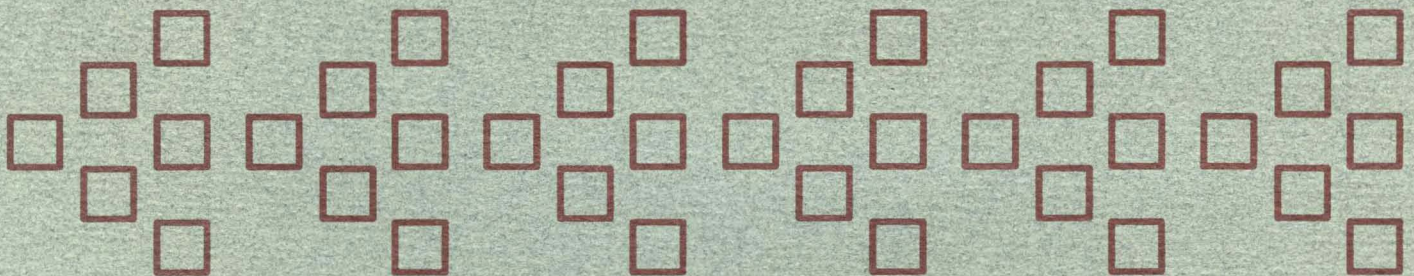
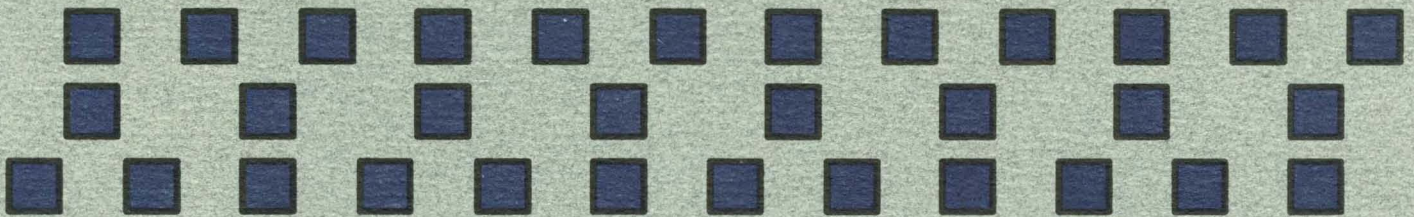




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INTRODUCTION

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USING THE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

The Table of Contents, located in the front of the publication, is the key to the entire publication. Each environment has its own chapter and each problem, or bug, is listed within its corresponding chapter number. The page numbers also correspond to the chapter number (i.e., Chapter 2, page 2-n, 2-n).

The information concerning a problem is still organized in a SYMPTOM, CAUSE, SOLUTION format. Any problems, or bugs, added to an environment or changed since the last publication, are identified by change bars.

DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE

The entire troubleshooting guide is being provided for Q1, 1990. The 1989 publication may be discarded. Only updated chapters will be published and distributed for the Q2, Q3, and Q4 editions.

The Request For Reader's Comments form is still included in the back of the publication. Please use this post-paid form if you have comments or suggestions regarding this publication.

iRMX[®] 286 OPERATING SYSTEM

Release 2.0

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX 286 Operating System, Release 2.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, are identified by change bars.

This product is no longer supported. This chapter will be removed from the next troubleshooting guide revision.

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2.1 SYSTEM BOOTING PROBLEMS

2.1.1 Installation System Does Not Boot

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs right after the sign-on message, or never comes up, while installing the system.
- CAUSE** This is a problem with the iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.3 (Part Number 146276-001 and 146276-002).
- SOLUTION** Use iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.4 (Part Number 146979-001 and 146979-002) or more current versions. Contact your local sales office for assistance.
- CAUSE** You do not have the right stepping of the iAPX 286 processor.
- SOLUTION** Use at least a B-2 stepping iAPX 286 processor. Contact your local sales office for assistance.

2.1.2 System Will Not Reboot With iSBC 215G Controller

- SYMPTOM** A system that worked previously now fails to initialize when an iSBC 215G controller was added to the system.
- CAUSE** The iSBC 215G controller uses a wakeup address in memory that corresponds to the wakeup port address jumpered on the iSBC 215G board. This address may be inadvertently written over by the system.
- SOLUTION** Be sure your wakeup address is not included in the memory specified for the system or for the free space manager by the memory screen in the ICU. For example, the default wakeup port address for the iSBC 215G board is 100H, the memory address used is 1000H through 1100H and must be excluded from the available memory in the ICU.

2.1.3 System With Multiple iSBC 215G Boards Hangs

- SYMPTOM** You have two or more iSBC™ 215G boards and when you attach a disk, the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The wakeup port addresses are not a minimum of 11H apart so the 272 bytes required for each board have not been reserved.
- SOLUTION** If the first board has wakeup port address of 100H the second one should have 111H and the third one should have 122H etc.

2.1.4 The System Fails To Boot When Using The 8251A Device Driver

- SYMPTOM** The system does not boot when the /config/terminals file assigns a Human Interface user to a terminal attached to an iSBX 351 module.
- CAUSE** To be determined.
- SOLUTION** Mount the iSBX 351 board or, if the iSBX 351 module is not mounted, remove the terminal attached to the iSBX 351 module from the /config/terminals file. This problem will be fixed in a future update.

2.1.5 Using The iSBC xxxCX iLBX™ RAM Boards

- SYMPTOM** If your system contains more than 896 Kbytes of physical memory and you are using an iSBC xxxCX RAM Board (e.g., iSBC™ 010CX, iSBC™ 012CX, etc.), the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The starting address of the Human Interface user partition lies near the 896 Kbyte boundary.
- SOLUTION** You must configure your system so that no user partition begins within 50 Kbytes of the 896 Kbyte boundary.

2.1.6 Baud Rate Scan Of Terminal Set To 9600 Fails

- SYMPTOM** A baud rate scan of a terminal set to 9600 baud causes the system to fail, if your system contains either an iSBC board with clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as the iSBC 286/10A board or the iSBC 286/12 board) or an iSBC board that utilizes 1 or 0 wait-state memory and uses an 8274 Terminal Driver.
- CAUSE** Timing problem in interfacing with the 8274 MPC.
- SOLUTION** Use two or more wait-states in memory or set the terminal baud rate to something other than 9600 baud when doing the baud rate scan or configure the 8274 Terminal Driver to use a fixed baud rate.

2.1.7 “no-go” From Winchester

- SYMPTOM** When an iRMX system box is powered up, the SCT shows a “no-go” for the Winchester disk, but subsequent boots while system is powered up show a “go” for the disk.
- CAUSE** If your system has “autolock” for the disk, the SCT will fail on power up for the disk because the delay is not long enough to allow for the auto-unlock. The term “autolock” means that when the power is turned off, the heads are automatically locked, versus manual lock where a switch had to be manually set to lock the heads.
- SOLUTION** A future release of the SCT will have a longer delay.

2.1.8 No Response To Keyboard - No Output To Console

- SYMPTOM** When you attempt to boot the system, it accesses the disk, but neither responds to keyboard input nor sends any output to the console.
- CAUSE** The third stage Bootstrap Loader is in the same memory that is reserved for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** If you configure a third stage Bootstrap Loader, do not locate it in the space allocated for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader. See table.
- | SCT Version Number | Starting RAM Location | Size of RAM Area (in bytes) |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| SCT 286/300x (all versions) | 24K bytes less than the largest RAM address (not to exceed 0C0000H) | 21K (5400H) |
- CAUSE** The initial task belonging to a first-level job has a missing or unexecuted END\$INIT\$TASK system call.
- SOLUTION** Check that the initial task of all first-level user jobs invokes an END\$INIT\$TASK system call.

- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:TERMINALS file has been corrupted, or has zero users allocated.
- SOLUTION** Create or correct the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files are incorrect. A common error is to use both a comma (,) and a carriage return as a parameter delimiter. If a comma is followed by a carriage return, a null parameter is assigned.
- SOLUTION** Correct the :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files to ensure that commas are not unintentionally followed by carriage returns.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory to complete the booting process.
- SOLUTION** Check that your system has enough memory to complete booting.
- CAUSE** Memory-mapped I/O addresses were not excluded from the SYS and FSM memory.
- SOLUTION** Exclude memory-mapped I/O addresses from iRMX 286 memory using the MEMORY FOR SYSTEM screen of the ICU.
- CAUSE** The system has been configured to use the System Debug Monitor (iSDM™), but the iSDM monitor has not been physically installed in the system or it has been placed at an invalid address.
- SOLUTION** Install the iSDM monitor. For information about how to install and/or use the iSDM monitor, refer to the *iSDM™ System Debug Monitor Installation and Configuration Guide*.
- CAUSE** The system device name in the Bootstrap Loader does not have a corresponding device name in a Device Unit Information entry within the system definition file.
- SOLUTION** Using the ICU, make sure that the device name of the booting device exists in a Device Unit Information entry. For example, "W0" for the Winchester disk.
- CAUSE** There is a conflict over an interrupt. For example, two or more interrupts are assigned to the same level.
- SOLUTION** Check the board jumpers and the configuration definition file for two interrupts assigned to the same level.
- CAUSE** The interrupt from a device is not getting to the 8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller.

NOTE

The Bootstrap Loader does not use interrupts.

- SOLUTION** Check that the interrupt is actually getting to the 8259A (PIC). Refer to the hardware reference manual for your Single Board Computer (iSBC).
- CAUSE** The disk has been formatted using the iRMX 86 Release 7 FORMAT and the second stage of the bootstrap loader for the iRMX 86 Release 7 system is not compatible with the iRMX 286 system.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using iRMX 286 FORMAT.

2.1.9 ROM System Does Not Come Up

SYMPTOM When a ROM based iRMX 286 operating system is powered up, it does not come up.

CAUSE The iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 board is not jumpered correctly.

SOLUTION To specify four 27512 EPROM devices, set up jumpers 62 through 91 as specified in the 27512 (64K x 8 EPROM) example in Appendix E of the *iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 Hardware Reference Manual*.

To specify a starting memory address and memory size for local memory, use primary decode option 3. The jumpers required are:

Default Configuration	Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3
E218 - E219 installed	E218 - E219 installed
E220 - E221 removed	E220 - E221 installed

To specify memory size/justification for local memory, use secondary option 3. The jumpers required are:

Default Configuration	Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3
E51 - E59 removed	E51 - E59 removed
E50 - E58 removed	E50 - E58 installed
E49 - E57 installed	E49 - E57 installed

2.1.10 EIOS Initialization Error 40h Encountered

SYMPTOM EIOS Initialization Error 40h is encountered when bootstrap loading an iRMX 286 operating system.

CAUSE The cause is under investigation.

SOLUTION Re-boot your iRMX 286 operating system. Will be fixed in a future release.

2.1.11 Error 118 Received From BLD286 Utility

SYMPTOM The BLD286 utility generates the following error message during system configuration.

*** ERRDR 118: Input Segments Exceed Target Memory Processing Aborted

CAUSE The amount of memory needed for the iRMX 286 operating system code and data segments has exceeded the amount of memory given to it during system configuration.

SOLUTION Use the ICU286 utility and increase the system memory.

2.1.12 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

SYMPTOM A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX 286 operating system.

CAUSE A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.

SOLUTION Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

2.2 HARDWARE EXCEPTION PROBLEMS

2.2.1 General Protection In A System Call

- SYMPTOM** You get a general protection error within a system call, even though the parameters passed to the call are correct.
- CAUSE** The application program is bound to the wrong interface library. For example, a LARGE program is bound to a COMPACT interface library.
- SOLUTION** Check your program size control statement and the bind command to make sure they are compatible.

2.2.2 General Protection In An Application Program

- SYMPTOM** When running an application program, you get a general protection error.
- CAUSE** You have an invalid data segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(ds)” will display the data segment characteristics. By examining the data segment you can identify the problem.

- CAUSE** You have an invalid extra segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(es)” will display the extra segment characteristics. By examining the extra segment you can identify the problem.

2.2.3 Stack Protection In An Application Program

- SYMPTOM** When running an application program you get a stack protection error.
- CAUSE** You have an invalid stack segment or the stack has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(ss)” will display the stack segment characteristics. By examining the stack segment you can identify the problem.

- CAUSE** The PL/M-286 compiler did not create a stack and the application loader did not create a stack big enough for the execution of the program.
- SOLUTION** Use debug control when compiling.

2.2.4 Stack Protection Error When Running BLD286

SYMPTOM When running BLD286 on a system that does not have enough disk space, a stack protection exception is encountered. The builder displays the following messages a number of times before it gets a protection error:

```
INTERFACE ERROR
0029 : E$SPACE
FILE : ROM.MP2
PROCESS ABORTED
```

CAUSE The disk does not have enough space to contain the output files from the build operation.

SOLUTION Make sure your disk has over 1 Mbyte free space before starting the ICU. This problem will be fixed in a future release of BLD286.

2.2.5 Third Stage Gets DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error

SYMPTOM The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.

CAUSE Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX 286 operating system.

SOLUTION Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system's front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.

CAUSE You have configured the IDT with too few slots.

SOLUTION Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.

CAUSE You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.

SOLUTION Reformat the disk using iRMX 286 FORMAT command with BOOTSTRAP option.

2.3 APPLICATION LOADER PROBLEMS

2.3.1 Wrong Message Returned To MSG\$MBOX In RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB

- SYMPTOM** When using the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB system call, the mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter receives the wrong message.
- CAUSE** The mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call is used internally by the loader to receive the loader result segment from RQ\$A\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB. This causes several problems:
1. The user cannot specify selector\$(NIL) for the MSG\$MBOX parameter as in RQ\$CREATE\$IO\$JOB.
 2. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has a separate task to receive exit messages from I/O jobs and this task does a RQ\$RECEIVE\$MESSAGE at the MSG\$MBOX before another task calls RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB, the user will receive the loader result segment and the system will crash.
 3. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has 2 RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB calls that specify the same MSG\$MBOX, the loader can receive the exit message from the first I/O job while expecting to get the loader result segment from the second load. This prevents delivery of the exit message and causes the second load to terminate without success.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, avoid the following:
1. Specify NIL for the MSG\$MBOX of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB
 2. Leave a task waiting for a message at a mailbox and then use the same mailbox in a RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call.

This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.3.2 General Protection Error When Running Program

- SYMPTOM** When trying to run a large program you encounter a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** An error in the Application Loader.
- SOLUTION** Reduce the number of fix-up records in the file to be loaded by reducing the amount of POINTER data types used in your program.

2.4 BOOTSTRAP LOADER PROBLEMS

2.4.1 Third Stage Does Not Issue The First Message

- SYMPTOM** While bootloading, the message, NOW IN PROTECTED MODE, is not issued and the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The load file you specified with a .286 extension or the default load file you used, /SYSTEM/RMX86.286 (if no name is specified) was not found on the volume.
- SOLUTION** Check the volume to make sure the file specified or the default file /SYSTEM/RMX86.286 exists.
- CAUSE** The pathname for the third stage has a period in it other than the period for the file name extension.

SOLUTION Rename the directory or the filename in the pathname of the third stage, so that the name does not contain a period, except the period for the extension of the third stage's file name. For example, if the third stage has a pathname /BOOT/MY.DIR/SYS286.3RD, change it to /BOOT/MYDIR/SYS286.3RD.

2.4.2 Third Stage Does Not Issue The Second Message

SYMPTOM While bootloading, the message, TARGET FILE LOADED, is not issued and the system hangs.

CAUSE The file containing the system was incorrect.

SOLUTION Check the file and regenerate the system if necessary.

CAUSE The third stage was loading the load file on top of it.

SOLUTION Use the memory screen of the ICU to correct your memory allocation. By default, the generic third stage is located at B8000H - C0000H, the device specific third stage is located at BC000H - C0000H. Your system memory should not include this location. However, the free space manager can include this memory.

2.4.3 Third Stage Gets A DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error

SYMPTOM The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.

CAUSE Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX 286 operating system.

SOLUTION Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system's front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.

CAUSE You have configured the IDT with too few slots.

SOLUTION Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.

CAUSE You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.

SOLUTION Reformat the disk using the iRMX 286 FORMAT command with the BOOTSTRAP option.

2.4.4 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

SYMPTOM A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX 286 operating system.

CAUSE A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.

SOLUTION Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

2.5 I/O SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND DRIVER PROBLEMS

2.5.1 System Time Not Current When CONTROL-C Out Of TIME Command

- SYMPTOM** If you abort the default r?logon program at signon time via a CONTROL-C, the default Date/Time of the system does not automatically revert to the last time the directory :SYSTEM: was accessed.
- CAUSE** The system gets its time from the :SYSTEM: directory if the operator does not enter time during signon time. To improve performance, iRMX 286 does not update a file's access parameter unless the file was modified. Because of this, the access time of :SYSTEM: directory reflects the last time it was modified.
- SOLUTION** Enter time each time you logon. Run "SHUTDOWN" before you turn power off or reset your system.

2.5.2 iSBC 188/48 Board Ignores Characters With Parity Errors

- SYMPTOM** The iSBC 188/48 driver does not pass thru characters with input parity errors.
- CAUSE** A feature of the iSBC 188/48 firmware.
- SOLUTION** Use a different device. For example, an iSBC 544A board may be used.

2.5.3 iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 Board Problem

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error is encountered in a system that uses the iSBC 188/48 or iSBC 188/56 board.
- CAUSE** A problem with the iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 boards (if IC U-69 is not labeled 451012).
- SOLUTION** Return the board to the repair center for upgrade.

2.5.4 Line Printer Hangs System

- SYMPTOM** The line printer hangs the system when the printer is OFFLINE and then turned back ONLINE.
- CAUSE** There is a problem with ZAP's ZAXAB2 and ZAXAB3.
- SOLUTION** Enter a CONTROL-C to stop the line printer from hanging the port. Do not apply the ZAPs or make sure your printer is ONLINE when you copy a file to it. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.5.5 Translation Of Escape Sequence #18 Does Not Work

- SYMPTOM** Translation of escape sequence 18 does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem in the Terminal Support Code.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.5.6 A TCC Channel Appears To Hang

SYMPTOM A terminal on a TCC(iSBC 188/48, iSBC 188/56, iSBC 546, iSBC 547, iSBC 548) port appears to hang.

CAUSE A problem with the TCC driver.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA015.

2.5.7 Terminal Port Hangs On Output

SYMPTOM Single character writes to a terminal hangs the terminal port.

CAUSE A problem in the Terminal Support Code.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA033.

2.5.8 Type Ahead Causes Terminal To Hang

SYMPTOM Type ahead in line edit mode hangs the terminal.

CAUSE A problem in the Terminal Support Code.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 0 by ZAP ZXA001

2.5.9 Terminal Device Appears To Hang

SYMPTOM When various CONTROL-O, CONTROL-W sequences are entered on a terminal while a file is being output to the terminal, the terminal port locks up.

CAUSE A problem in the Terminal Support Code.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 0 by ZAP ZXA002 and ZXA003.

2.5.10 iSBC 208 Device Driver Hangs The System

SYMPTOM When using a 5.25" floppy drive and a iSBC 208 controller the system appears to hang when the floppy is accessed.

CAUSE A problem with the iSBC 208 driver.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 2 by ZAPs ZXA089 and ZXA090.

2.5.11 Attaching A iSBC 534 Port Causes The iSBC 534 To Hang

SYMPTOM The iSBC 534 driver hangs when attaching a port on the iSBC 534 board while another iSBC 534 port on the same board is inputting data.

CAUSE An error in the iSBC 534 driver.

SOLUTION Fixed by Class B ZAP ZXB119. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.5.12 CONTROL-C Does Not Work On A Human Interface User Terminal

- SYMPTOM** Enter a CONTROL-C on a Human Interface user terminal and it does not abort your program.
- CAUSE** An error in the terminal support code.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAPs ZXA077 thru ZXA082 and ZXA084 through ZXA086.

2.5.13 Output From A TCC Port Appears Blocked

- SYMPTOM** Output from a TCC port appears to be blocked.
- CAUSE** An error in the TCC driver.
- SOLUTION** Fixed by Class B ZAP ZXB112. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.5.14 The TCC Driver Appears To Hang

- SYMPTOM** The TCC appears to hang if you are operating a port at 38.4 kbaud and output flow control occurs (x-off) or if a TCC input buffer fills up while the channel is doing output.
- CAUSE** An error in the TCC driver.
- SOLUTION** Fixed by Class B ZAPs ZXB114 through ZXB119. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.5.15 Non-Buffered Terminal Port Hangs

- SYMPTOM** A non-buffered terminal port (e.g., 8274) occasionally hangs.
- CAUSE** An error in the Terminal Support Code.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAPs ZXA077 through ZXA086.

2.5.16 System Hangs When TCC Port Is Heavily Used

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs if massive output is interspersed with input on two or more of the TCC channels.
- CAUSE** An error in the TCC driver.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAP ZXA087.

2.5.17 System Hangs During Tape Operations

- SYMPTOM** The system occasionally hangs when using the tape drive.
- CAUSE** An error in the iSBC 214/215G/iSBX 217C/218A Driver.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAP ZXA100.

2.5.18 E\$MEM Received From RQ\$GET\$DIRECTORY\$ENTRY System Call

- SYMPTOM** You get an E\$MEM exception from the RQ\$GET\$DIRECTORY\$ENTRY system call.
- CAUSE** A problem with the RQ\$GET\$DIRECTORY\$ENTRY system call, where it does not return 6 bytes to the available memory pool each time it is called.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.5.19 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.5.20 Establishing iRMX Signal Characters Causes E\$LIMIT Exception

- SYMPTOM** iRMX returned an E\$LIMIT exception when calling RQ\$A\$\$SPECIAL to establish a signal character. This happens even though the maximum allowable number of signal characters for this terminal has not been exceeded.
- CAUSE** During a previous attach to the terminal, signal characters were established and not removed before the terminal was detached.
- When the terminal is re-attached, the Terminal Support Code removes the previous signal character associations with semaphores, but fails to clear the internal semaphore storage area, resulting in a reduction of the storage space available to establish new signal characters.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that any signal characters established for a terminal are removed before the terminal is detached. This will be corrected in a future update or release.

2.6 NUCLEUS PROBLEMS

2.6.1 System Is In Infinite Loop

- SYMPTOM** If the SDB is not the exception handler in your system and the exception mode is "never", a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error in your application program will cause an infinite loop to be executed.
- CAUSE** The system default exception handler and the system alternative exception handler do not increment the IP register past the offending instruction.
- SOLUTION** Use the SDB as the exception handler during the development phase and write a user exception handler if DIVIDE-BY-ZERO can occur in the application.

2.6.2 Cannot Set Exception Handlers For Hardware Exceptions

SYMPTOM RQ\$SET\$EXCEPTION\$HANDLER will not install a user-written exception handler for a hardware exception.

CAUSE The iRMX 286 Release 2.0 system does not provide this capability.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future release.

2.6.3 RQ\$RESUME\$TASK Call Gets E\$STATE

SYMPTOM A task which makes a RQ\$DISABLE\$DELETION call to protect itself from deletion and then makes a RQ\$SUSPEND\$TASK call to suspend itself, cannot be resumed by a RQ\$RESUME\$TASK call. The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK returns a condition code of E\$STATE which indicates that the task was not suspended.

CAUSE Error in NUC.LIB.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update.

2.6.4 Exceptions Are Not Caught By The Exception Handler

SYMPTOM Environmental exceptions are not caught by the exception handler.

CAUSE The UDI exception handler acts only on programmer exceptions, and when binding your program you specified the UDI Interface Library before the iRMX 286 Interface Library.

SOLUTION In your BND86 statement specify the iRMX 286 Interface Library before the UDI Interface Library.

2.6.5 RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT Does Not Return An E\$TIME Exception

SYMPTOM If the Nucleus call, RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT, times out, you do not receive the E\$TIME exception code, instead, you receive E\$OK.

CAUSE An error in the Nucleus.

SOLUTION Fixed by Class B ZAPs ZXB101 and ZXB102. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.6.6 Pending Interrupt Count Corrupted

SYMPTOM Unpredictable system behavior may result when using the Nucleus call RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT.

CAUSE If the Nucleus system call RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT times out, the pending interrupt count gets decremented even though no interrupt occurred.

SOLUTION Fixed by Class B ZAPs ZXB101 and ZXB102. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.6.7 E\$PARAM Exception Is Not Returned From System Calls

- SYMPTOM** The E\$PARAM exception code is not returned from iRMX system calls when the call is passed bad parameters.
- CAUSE** An error in the Nucleus. The child task was not getting the parent job validation parameter.
- SOLUTION** Fixed by Class B ZAPs ZXB120, ZXB121, and ZXB122. For U.S. customers contact TIPS. For European customers contact your Local Sales Office.

2.6.8 E\$STATE Exception Never Returned By RQ\$RESUME\$TASK

- SYMPTOM** An E\$STATE exception is not returned if you resume a non-suspended task with the Nucleus call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK.
- CAUSE** An error in the Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** Will be fixed in a future release.

2.6.9 Problem With The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK() System Call

- SYMPTOM** If you resume a non-suspended sleeping task with the nucleus system call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK, the nucleus does not return an E\$STATE exception.
- CAUSE** Problem with the RQ\$RESUME\$TASK system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.6.10 RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS Returns An E\$BAD\$ADDRESS Exception

- SYMPTOM** The RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS nucleus system call returns a E\$BAD\$ADDRESS exception if the ACCESS\$PTR parameter of this call points to a structure that is located at the end of the data segment.
- CAUSE** Problem with the RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.7 UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENT INTERFACE (UDI) PROBLEMS

2.7.1 CONTROL-C Handler Gets Stack Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** A user-written CONTROL-C handler gets a Stack Protection error.
- CAUSE** The CONTROL-C handler was compiled using the COMPACT model of compilation.
- SOLUTION** Compile the CONTROL-C handler using the LARGE model of compilation.

2.7.2 Run Time Error 0001H Encountered In An I/O Job

- SYMPTOM** When making a FORTRAN written application an I/O job, you receive a run time exception of 0001H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the UDI.
- SOLUTION** Lookup "R?H\$C\$NAME" in the CLI's job and catalog it in the I/O job's directory under the same name. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.7.3 DQ\$CHANGE\$EXTENSION Does Not Return A E\$STRING\$BUFFER Exception

- SYMPTOM** The UDI call DQ\$CHANGE\$EXCEPTION does not return an E\$STRING\$BUFFER exception when the filename specified in the call is larger than 14 characters.
- CAUSE** A problem in the UDI.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA007.

2.8 INTERACTIVE CONFIGURATION UTILITY (ICU) PROBLEMS

2.8.1 BLD286 Issues “REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT” Error Message

- SYMPTOM** If a user module contains only large model reentrant procedures and this module is specified as a user module in the ICU, then BLD286 issues an error message “REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT”.
- CAUSE** Reentrant procedures use the stack for their data. As a result, the data segment remains empty. In the large model, this empty data segment does not get combined with the data segments of other modules.
- SOLUTION** Declare a “dummy” variable in the module at the module level, so that the data segment is not empty.

2.8.2 Changes To Definition File Were Not Saved

- SYMPTOM** After generating a system, changes made in the ICU session did not get changed in the definition file.
- CAUSE** The ICU tried to access files without having the correct access rights for those files.
- SOLUTION** Refer to chapter two of the *iRMX™ 286 Configuration Guide* for correct procedures on access rights of ICU files.

2.8.3 UDS Does Not Work

- SYMPTOM** UDS does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem with UDS.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 2 by ZAPs ZXA008 and ZXA009.

2.8.4 GDT/LDT Slots Not Available

- SYMPTOM** “GDT/LDT Slots Not Available” The exception code E\$SLOT is encountered when there should be plenty of GDT slots available.
- CAUSE** An error in the way ICU causes the GDT/LDT slots to be improperly reserved.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAP ZXA094.

2.9 MASS STORAGE PROBLEMS

2.9.1 Cannot Format iSBX 251 Multimodule

- SYMPTOM** The user cannot format an iSBX 251 Magnetic Bubble Memory Multimodule.
- CAUSE** Improper jumpering on iSBX 251 multimodule.
- SOLUTION** On the iSBX 251 multimodule, remove jumper W5 and install jumper W6. For more information on jumpering the iSBX 251 multimodule, refer to the *iSBX™ 251 Multimodule Technical Reference Manual*.

2.9.2 Data Loss On iSBX 251 Driver

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on an iSBX 251 driver.
- CAUSE** The CPU must service all interrupts from the iSBX 251 driver within 1.5 milliseconds. Failure to respond within this time frame could cause the iSBX 251 driver to lose data.
- SOLUTION** Solutions are as follows:
1. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a board with a clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as an iSBC 286/12).
 2. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a CPU board that uses less than two wait-states on the iLBX.
 3. Do not use a terminal that uses the terminal support code.

2.9.3 Data Loss On Mass Storage Device

- SYMPTOM** "Data Loss on Mass Storage Device" Data loss occurs on a mass storage device.
- CAUSE** System data buffers have not been written to the storage device prior to power loss or pressing the reset button.
- SOLUTION** Following disk access, wait for the update timeout (usually two seconds) before pressing the reset button or powering down the system.

NOTE

It is good practice to close all files and use the system call ASUPDATE while accessing disk files under program control. When rebooting or powering down your system, always run shutdown first.

2.9.4 Data Loss On A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on a diskette.
- CAUSE** Some diskette drives do not have a Ready Line to inform the operating system when diskettes are changed; this applies to 5.25" drives, slim-line 8" drives, and micro floppy drives.
- SOLUTION** Use the ATTACHDEVICE command after a new diskette has been inserted and use the DETACHDEVICE command before removing a diskette from the drive.

2.9.5 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.10 MULTIUSER PROBLEMS

2.10.1 Users Do Not Receive Console Output

- SYMPTOM** One or more users do not receive console output, and the system does not respond to keyboard input.
- CAUSE** The device driver for the user's terminal was configured with EIOS buffers.
- SOLUTION** Always set Max Buffers (MB) to zero on the Device-Unit Information screen when configuring a driver for a terminal.
- CAUSE** An error occurred when the system tried to bring up the users.
- SOLUTION** Run the INITSTATUS command from the resident user console to determine the initialization status of the users. Refer to the *iRMX™ 286 Operator's Guide To The Human Interface Reference Manual* for information on the INITSTATUS command.
- CAUSE** The user does not have the proper access rights to some critical directory or file.
- SOLUTION** Check the user's default directory (:\$), the :PROG: directory and the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file to ensure that each user has the proper access. Use the PERMIT command to change the access rights of the directory or file.
- CAUSE** Either the :CONFIG:TERMINALS or :CONFIG:USER/<user-id> files are incorrect.
- SOLUTION** Examine these two files for proper content and reboot. Refer to Chapter 20 in the *iRMX™ 286 Hardware And Software Installation Guide*.
- CAUSE** The resident user has been configured with a maximum memory size of 0FFFFH. Hence, the resident user takes all available memory.
- SOLUTION** Reset the resident user's memory requirements in the ICU. Ensure that sufficient memory is allocated to the non-resident users.

2.10.2 Memory-Related Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** A user receives a memory-related error message (for example, E\$MEM) when trying to run utilities or the SUPER command in a multiuser system.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory has been allocated for that user in the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- SOLUTION** Refer to the Non-Resident Configuration Files Chapter of the *iRMX™ 86 Installation and Configuration Guide* for the memory partition size requirements for languages and utilities.

2.10.3 Terminals Lose Characters

SYMPTOM In a multiuser environment, a terminal may lose characters on input.

CAUSE The baud rate is too high.

SOLUTION Lower the baud rate and/or reduce the number of users.

2.10.4 Stack Protection Error Occurs While Logging On

SYMPTOM A stack protection error occurs when one user is doing massive I/O operations and another user attempts to logon.

CAUSE An error in the Human Interface.

SOLUTION Fixed in Update 2 by ZAP ZXA094.

2.11 DEBUGGING PROBLEMS

2.11.1 Breakpoints Ignored

SYMPTOM Breakpoints set in ROM with the Debugger are ignored.

CAUSE When a breakpoint is set, a software interrupt instruction is actually placed at the address specified. This instruction causes a jump to the monitor. These instructions cannot be written into ROM.

SOLUTION Only in-circuit emulators allow stopping normal processing at a given ROM address. Either put the code in RAM for debugging purposes or use one of the in-circuit emulators.

2.11.2 VT Command Causes System To Hang

SYMPTOM A VT command on a region object may hang the system.

CAUSE A problem in the SDB.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA032.

2.11.3 VT Command Causes The System To Loop Infinitely

SYMPTOM A VT on a region object may cause the system to loop infinitely while outputting the first waiting task's token to the terminal.

CAUSE A problem in the SDB.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA032.

2.11.4 SDB Displays Bogus Objects In The Mailbox's Overflow Queue

SYMPTOM A VT command on a mailbox object may display invalid objects on the overflow queue.

CAUSE A problem in the SDB.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA046.

2.11.5 SDB Cannot Recognize Data Mailboxes

- SYMPTOM** A VT or VO command on a mailbox object cannot distinguish between a data mailbox and message mailbox.
- CAUSE** The SDB treats all mailboxes as message mailboxes.
- SOLUTION** VT is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA032. VO will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.11.6 Job Flags Field Is Incorrect When Viewing A Job Token

- SYMPTOM** When you view a job token with the SDB command VT, the Job Flags field is incorrect.
- CAUSE** An error in the SDB.
- SOLUTION** A value of 02 for Job Flags means that parameter validation is enabled and a value of 00 means that it is disabled. Will be fixed in a future release.

2.11.7 Problem With The SDB Command VT

- SYMPTOM** If you look at a job token with the SDB command VT, an incorrect value is returned for the JOB\$FLAGS field.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SDB.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA033.RMD.

2.12 PATHNAME PROBLEMS

2.12.1 DIR Does Not List All Files

- SYMPTOM** Some file names are not listed when using the Directory (DIR) command.
- CAUSE** Files with “R?” or “r?” in their filenames are considered invisible. This is a feature of the operating system.
- SOLUTION** Use the “Invisible” option of the DIR command to list these files, (that is, DIR :\$: I).

2.12.2 Logical Name Does Not Exist

- SYMPTOM** Some Human Interface commands do not function, usually generating the error “LOGICAL NAME DOES NOT EXIST”.
- CAUSE** Some commands assume the system disk device name is :SD:.
- SOLUTION** Always configure systems with :SD: as the logical name for the system device.

2.12.3 DIR / Does Not List :SD:/

- SYMPTOM** The “DIR /” command does not list the “:SD:/” directory.
- CAUSE** When you change the default directory (:\$:) to a different physical disk device with the ATTACHFILE command, the root directory (/) changes. The root directory (/) always refers to the root of the device being used as the default.
- SOLUTION** Make specific references to :SD: to access the system device root directory.

2.12.4 Error When Attempt To Access File Or Directory

- SYMPTOM** Attempting file or directory access causes errors.
- CAUSE** Access has not been granted to the user ID attempting to use a file or directory.
- SOLUTION** Determine the access rights with the EXTENDED option on the Directory (DIR) command. The file's owner can change the access rights by invoking the PERMIT command. Also, the access rights to directories, as well as files, should be verified.

2.12.5 Unauthorized Changes To Files Or Directories

- SYMPTOM** Files and directories are being changed without the user's knowledge and/or access rights to files do not seem to work.
- CAUSE** There are multiple users with the same user ID.
- SOLUTION** File security can be enhanced by assigning different user IDs and default directories.

2.12.6 Filenames With A “?”

- SYMPTOM** Problems arise when invoking the COPY, DELETE, or RENAME command on files with a “?” embedded in their filenames, (for example, R?LOGON).
- CAUSE** A “?” is seen as a wildcard, not a filename character.
- SOLUTION** Enclose this portion of the pathname in quotes, for example, COPY R“?”logon. This causes the enclosed characters to be taken literally.

2.13 HUMAN INTERFACE PROBLEMS

2.13.1 System Hangs When Attempting To Access Line Printer

- SYMPTOM** An attempt to access a line printer that is either physically disconnected or is not turned on, hangs the system.
- CAUSE** The driver waits forever for the interrupt from the printer.
- SOLUTION** Do not use the line printer when it is disconnected or powered off. The workaround is press CONTROL-C, make the printer ready and re-issue the command.

2.13.2 System Hangs When iSBX 351 Terminal Is Turned Off

- SYMPTOM** If a user using an iSBX 351 serial channel disconnects or turns off the terminal, the system will hang.
- CAUSE** The iSBX 351 board bombards the iRMX 286 system with interrupts when in this condition.
- SOLUTION** Do not turn off the terminal. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.13.3 Error Message “delete access required”

- SYMPTOM** Incorrect error message (delete access required) returned by RENAME and COPY command.
- CAUSE** The file’s directory does not have proper access.
- SOLUTION** Give the file’s directory delete and add permission (using the PERMIT command) for the user executing the RENAME or COPY command.

2.13.4 Cannot Boot Off A Floppy Diskette

- SYMPTOM** A bootable diskette has no errors from the DISKVERIFY command but the diskette will not boot.
- CAUSE** DISKVERIFY does not verify the bootstrap loader portion of the diskette.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using the BOOTSTRAP option.

2.13.5 Unpredictable System Behavior

- SYMPTOM** Unpredictable system operation.
- CAUSE** A Human Interface command is not terminated properly. Failure to correctly terminate a command causes unknown code to be executed and may cause serious loss of data.
- SOLUTION** Every HI command must end with either an EIOS call “RQ_EXIT_IO_JOB” or a UDI call “DQ_EXIT”. The purpose of these calls is to correctly transfer control back to the iRMX 286 Operating System.

2.13.6 RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE Or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE

- SYMPTOM** Application program does not wait for response to RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE.
- CAUSE** The Human Interface includes the string length of the response string in the response\$max parameter. But, if the response\$max is one, the Human Interface returns without a response\$string.
- SOLUTION** The value in response\$max must equal the length of the string plus one.

2.13.7 Console Commands Not Executed

- SYMPTOM** Commands invoked from the console appear not to execute, and either the Human Interface prompt or a memory-related error message is returned.
- CAUSE** The size of the memory pool for the command is insufficient.
- SOLUTION** Increase the size of the program’s memory pool in the BIND statement. Set Max to 0FFFFFFH so that it can borrow memory.
- CAUSE** The user has insufficient memory to satisfy the memory pool requirements of the command.
- SOLUTION** Enlarge the memory partition size in the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.

2.13.8 System Time Is Incorrect After A Reboot

- SYMPTOM** System time and date stamp are not updated.
- CAUSE** The BIOS does not update the access time of any file until it is modified. The Human Interface uses the last access time of the system directory (:SYSTEM:) as the default time and date.
- SOLUTION** Always set the time and date when you boot your system or run shutdown before resetting or powering down your system.

2.13.9 Terminal Acts Peculiar When Running RESTORE

- SYMPTOM** Terminal acts peculiar when running the RESTORE command.
- CAUSE** RESTORE sends a 012H (DC2) character to :CO: before printing out the message "Directory Restored".
- SOLUTION** Run RESTORE from a submit file. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.13.10 A General Protection Error Occurs When Using The ALIAS Command

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error occurs when the ALIAS command is used with an alias of more than 14 characters.
- CAUSE** A problem in the ALIAS command.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA006.

2.13.11 PASSWORD Does Not Work With Redirected Input

- SYMPTOM** Using the PASSWORD command with redirected input causes the terminal to hang. A CONTROL-C will abort the PASSWORD command.
- CAUSE** A problem in the PASSWORD command.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA014.

2.13.12 Tapes That Were Good, Fail

- SYMPTOM** A previously functioning tape cartridge fails using the RESTORE command.
- CAUSE** The tape needs to be retensioned.
- SOLUTION** A retension command is included in Update 1 by ZAP ZXA037.

2.13.13 ERROR.LIT File Problems

- SYMPTOM** The ERROR.LIT file is missing the E\$UDF\$IO literal and has the wrong literal name for value 65H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ERROR.LIT file.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 0 by ZAP ZXA005.

2.13.14 Output Redirection To A Line Printer

SYMPTOM Redirecting output to a line printer by using the Command Line Interpreter (CLI) I/O redirection arrow (>) does not work.

CAUSE A problem with the CLI.

SOLUTION This will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.13.15 CLI I/O Redirection In An Alias

SYMPTOM CLI I/O redirection cannot be incorporated in an alias.

CAUSE A design limitation of the ALIAS command.

SOLUTION Do not use CLI I/O redirection in an alias.

2.13.16 Tapes Generated On iRMX 286 R2.0 Operating System Cannot Be Read On iRMX 86 Operating System

SYMPTOM Tapes generated on an iRMX 286 R2.0 system can not be read on an iRMX 86 R7.0 system.

CAUSE The granularity of the tape drive for iRMX 286 R2.0 is 7e00H.

SOLUTION Create a tape DUIB on your iRMX 86 system with a granularity of 7e00H.

2.13.17 SHUTDOWN Command Does Not Work After Installing Update 1

SYMPTOM The SHUTDOWN command does not work after installing Update 1.

CAUSE Installation of Update 1 ZAPs ZXA038, ZXA039, ZXA040, ZXA041, ZXA042, and ZXA043 prevent you from using the SHUTDOWN command until the system is regenerated and rebooted.

SOLUTION Regenerate and reboot the system, with the update.

2.13.18 An E\$MEM Exception Occurs When Configuring A System In Background

SYMPTOM An E\$MEM exception occurs while configuring a system in the background mode.

CAUSE Not enough memory pool is assigned.

NOTE

The default pool max for BACKGROUND is only 300K.

SOLUTION Increase the pool max size for BACKGROUND to 384K.

2.13.19 Continuation Lines Do Not Work In CLI Commands

SYMPTOM A E\$CONTINUATION exception occurs when using continuation lines with a CLI command.

CAUSE CLI commands do not support continuation lines.

SOLUTION Do not use continuation lines with CLI commands.

2.13.20 DELETE Command Executed From A Submit File Acts Peculiar

- SYMPTOM** Executing a DELETE command from a submit file, with the DELETE command consisting of continuation lines and more than 256 characters, it appears that the first 256 characters after the DELETE command are lost.
- CAUSE** A problem with DELETE command.
- SOLUTION** Do not use the DELETE command with more than 256 characters as input. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

2.13.21 The File :SD:RMX286/HI/HCLUSR.P28 Is Missing

- SYMPTOM** The file :SD:RMX286/HI/HCLUSR.P28 is missing from the system disk.
- CAUSE** The file was not on the installation disk.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 2 by ZAP ZXA099.

2.13.22 Input To Terminal Port Fails To Work With 8-bit Data

- SYMPTOM** Data bit 7 is always cleared on input for a Human Interface user terminal which is running the Release 2 CLI.
- CAUSE** The Release 2 CLI sets up the serial channel associated with it to clear bit 7 on input.
- SOLUTION** Fixed in Update 2 by ZAPs ZXA096 and ZXA097.

2.13.23 General Protection Error Encountered While Attempting To Logon

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error occurs while attempting to logon to a Dynamic Logon Terminal.
- CAUSE** An error in the Human Interface.
- SOLUTION** Will be fixed in Release 3. This problem occurs after you have added several users to the system. As a workaround, you can reduce the number of Human Interface defined users.

2.13.24 SHUTDOWN Hangs The System

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs if you have a maximum priority of 0 for your user and you run the SHUTDOWN command.
- CAUSE** An error in the SHUTDOWN command.
- SOLUTION** Change in user priority.

2.13.25 Problem With The Human Interface RQ\$C\$GET\$PARAMETER System Call

- SYMPTOM** The value of the "more" parameter of the RQ\$C\$GET\$PARAMETER system call is always set to zero.
- CAUSE** The predict list parameter of this system call is not in CAPS.
- SOLUTION** The predict list should always be in CAPS.

2.13.26 General Protection Error When A Job Is Deleted

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error occurs when deleting a Human Interface job by a CONTROL-C or if in Softscope an Exit.
- CAUSE** The Human Interface Job's priority is higher than that of the BIOS Deletion Task.
- SOLUTION** Set the Connection Job Delete Priority parameter in the ICU BIOS screen to run at a higher priority than that of the Human Interface Job.

2.14 UTILITY PROBLEMS

2.14.1 LIB286 Truncates An Object File

- SYMPTOM** When creating a new library, LIB286 truncates an object file and issues an error message "INVALID OBJECT FILE".
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

2.14.2 LIB286 Truncates Updated File - Leaves Backup File Empty

- SYMPTOM** When you are updating a library, LIB286 truncates the updated file and leaves the backup file empty. LIB-286 issues an error message "INVALID OBJECT FILE".
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

2.14.3 Utility Generates "SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR"

- SYMPTOM** The BLD286, BND286, MAP286, or OVL286 utilities generate a "SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR". Control then transfers to the iSDM 286 Monitor, which in turn issues a stack protection error. In addition, all the other tasks running under the iRMX 286 multi-tasking system are halted.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke the utility.

2.14.4 PL/M-286 Or ASM286 Creates An Empty Object Module

- SYMPTOM** The PL/M-286 compiler or the ASM286 assembler appears to finish processing but creates an empty object module. No error messages appear at your terminal; however, the appropriate error messages do accumulate in the list or error print files.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke PL/M-286 or ASM286.

2.14.5 BND286 Truncates Input File To Length Zero

- SYMPTOM** The invocation sequence “:LANG:BND286 fname.lnk noload”, will cause the input file “fname.lnk” to be truncated to length zero.
- CAUSE** The default output file created by BND286 consists of the input filename without the extension plus the extension “.lnk”. So BND286 will create the output file “fname.lnk”. The output filename is the same as the input filename.
- SOLUTION** Specify an output filename which is different from the input filename by the OBJECT control of BND286.

2.14.6 User-Written Exception Handler Does Not Receive Control

- SYMPTOM** A user-written exception handler does not receive control when an error occurs.
- CAUSE** The exception handler was compiled using the COMPACT compiler control.
- SOLUTION** Compile all exception handlers using the LARGE compiler control.

NOTE

All exception handlers should be in LARGE (FAR procedures) because they are called directly from the operating system.

2.14.7 Error When Invoking SUPER From AEDIT

- SYMPTOM** When you invoke the SUPER command from the AEDIT V2.1 editor, the exception 034H:E\$CONN\$NOT\$OPEN is displayed.
- CAUSE** Error in the AEDIT V2.1 editor.
- SOLUTION** Be in SUPER before invoking the AEDIT V2.1 editor.

2.14.8 BND286 V3.1 Issues Error 140

- SYMPTOM** When using the NODEBUG control, BND286 V3.1 issues an error message “ERROR 140: TEXT LENGTH IS GREATER THAN SEGMENT LENGTH”. This condition occurs with successive invocation of BND286 on the same file with a mix of DEBUG and NODEBUG controls.
- CAUSE** Error in BND286 V3.1.
- SOLUTION** Use the same control, either DEBUG or NODEBUG, in all the successive BND286 invocations.

2.14.9 BND286 V3.1 Gets General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** BND286 V3.1 gets a General Protection error when binding an object module, whose assembly language source uses the ORG directive.
- CAUSE** To be determined.
- SOLUTION** Do not use ORG directives in modules assembled and bound under the iRMX 286 operating system.

2.14.10 Wrong Or Missing Version Numbers In iRMX 286-Based Languages/Tools

SYMPTOM When running the VERSION command on the iRMX 286-based languages and tools, a wrong version number or no version number is returned. The following list shows the values returned:

Name of Lang. or Tool	Value Displayed by VERSION
ASM286 V1.3	No version number found
BLD286 V3.1	X207
BND286 V3.1	X207
LIB286 V2.0	X207
MAP286 V2.1	X207
OVL286 V1.1	X207
ASM86 V2.0	No version number found
CREF86 V1.0	No version number found
LINK86 V2.7	No version number found
LOC86 V2.5	No version number found
OH86 V1.0	No version number found

CAUSE Error in each of the languages and tools.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in future releases of the languages and tools.

2.14.11 ASM86 Cannot Assemble Modules Containing Nested Macros

SYMPTOM When invoked under the iRMX 286 Operating System, ASM86 V2.0 will generate error messages on some source modules containing nested macros.

CAUSE Error in ASM86 V2.0.

SOLUTION This problem is fixed by MPL 286 in Update 0 (ZAP ZXA000).

2.14.12 EHx87.LIB Exception Handler Does Not Work Properly With iRMX

SYMPTOM The ESTATEx87 data structure gets corrupted after calling DECODE when using the NDP exception handler described in Section 5 of the *80x87 Support Library Reference Manual* within an iRMX exception handler.

CAUSE The NDP status work, obtained by executing a FNSTSW instruction or using the PM/M GET\$REAL\$ERROR built-in from within the exception handler does not reflect the status of the NDP when the numeric exception occurred. This is because iRMX clears the NDP error before passing control to the exception handler.

SOLUTION When iRMX passes control to an exception handler, it supplies four parameters; the exception code indicating which parameter, if any, was in error; a reserved word and a word containing the NDP status when the exception occurred. Use the NDP status word passed to the exception handler when calling DECODE.

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX II Operating System, Release 3.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

The structure of the chapter is as follows:

- 3.1 System Booting Problems
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- 3.12 Pathnames Problems
- 3.13 Human Interface Problems
- 3.14 Utility Problems

3.1 SYSTEM BOOTING PROBLEMS

3.1.1 Installation System Does Not Boot

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs right after the sign-on message, or never comes up, while installing the system on iAPX 286-based systems.
- CAUSE** This is a problem with the iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.3 (Part Number 146276-001 and 146276-002).
- SOLUTION** Use iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.4 (Part Number 146979-001 and 146979-002) or more current versions. Contact your local sales office for assistance.
- CAUSE** You do not have the right stepping of the iAPX 286 processor.
- SOLUTION** Use at least a B-2 stepping iAPX 286 processor. Contact your local sales office for assistance.

3.1.2 System Will Not Reboot With iSBC 215G Controller

- SYMPTOM** A system that worked previously now fails to initialize when an iSBC 215G controller was added to the system.
- CAUSE** The iSBC 215G controller uses a wakeup address in memory that corresponds to the wakeup port address jumpered on the iSBC 215G board. This address may be inadvertently written over by the system.
- SOLUTION** Be sure your wakeup address is not included in the memory specified for the system or for the free space manager by the memory screen in the ICU. For example, the default wakeup port address for the iSBC 215G board is 100H, the memory address used is 1000H through 1100H and must be excluded from the available memory in the ICU.

3.1.3 System With Multiple iSBC 215G Boards Hangs

- SYMPTOM** You have two or more iSBC™ 215G boards and when you attach a disk, the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The wakeup port addresses are not a minimum of 11H apart so the 272 bytes required for each board have not been reserved.
- SOLUTION** If the first board has wakeup port address of 100H the second one should have 111H and the third one should have 122H etc.

3.1.4 The System Fails To Boot When Using The 8251A Device Driver

- SYMPTOM** The system does not boot when the :config:terminals file assigns a Human Interface user to a terminal attached to an iSBX 351 module.
- CAUSE** To be determined.
- SOLUTION** Mount the iSBX 351 board or, if the iSBX 351 module is not mounted, remove the terminal attached to the iSBX 351 module from the :config:terminals file. This problem will be fixed in a future update.

3.1.5 Using The iSBC xxxCX iLBX™ RAM Boards

- SYMPTOM** If your system contains more than 896 Kbytes of physical memory and you are using an iSBC xxxCX RAM Board (e.g., iSBC™ 010CX, iSBC™ 012CX, etc.), the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The starting address of the Human Interface user partition lies near the 896 Kbyte boundary.
- SOLUTION** You must configure your system so that no user partition begins within 50 Kbytes of the 896 Kbyte boundary.

3.1.6 Baud Rate Scan Of Terminal Set To 9600 Fails

- SYMPTOM** A baud rate scan of a terminal set to 9600 baud causes the system to fail, if your system contains either an iSBC board with clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as the iSBC 286/10A board or the iSBC 286/12 board) or an iSBC board that utilizes 1 or 0 wait-state memory and uses an 8274 Terminal Driver.
- CAUSE** Timing problem in interfacing with the 8274 MPC.
- SOLUTION** Use two or more wait-states in memory or set the terminal baud rate to something other than 9600 baud when doing the baud rate scan or configure the 8274 Terminal Driver to use a fixed baud rate.

3.1.7 “no-go” From Winchester

- SYMPTOM** When an iRMX system box is powered up, the SCT shows a “no-go” for the Winchester disk, but subsequent boots while system is powered up show a “go” for the disk.
- CAUSE** If your system has “autolock” for the disk, the SCT will fail on power up for the disk because the delay is not long enough to allow for the auto-unlock. The term “autolock” means that when the power is turned off, the heads are automatically locked, versus manual lock where a switch had to be manually set to lock the heads.
- SOLUTION** A future release of the SCT will have a longer delay.

3.1.8 No Response To Keyboard - No Output To Console

- SYMPTOM** When you attempt to boot the system, it accesses the disk, but neither responds to keyboard input nor sends any output to the console.
- CAUSE** The third stage Bootstrap Loader is in the same memory that is reserved for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** If you configure a third stage Bootstrap Loader, do not locate it in the space allocated for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader. See table.

SCT Version Number	Starting RAM Location	Size of RAM Area (in bytes)
SCT 286/300x (all versions)	24K bytes less than the largest RAM address (not to exceed 0C0000H)	21K (5400H)

- CAUSE** The initial task belonging to a first-level job has a missing or unexecuted ENDSINIT\$TASK system call.
- SOLUTION** Check that the initial task of all first-level user jobs invokes an ENDSINIT\$TASK system call.
- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:TERMINALS file has been corrupted, or has zero users allocated.

- SOLUTION** Create or correct the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files are incorrect. A common error is to use both a comma (,) and a carriage return as a parameter delimiter. If a comma is followed by a carriage return, a null parameter is assigned.
- SOLUTION** Correct the :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files to ensure that commas are not unintentionally followed by carriage returns.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory to complete the booting process.
- SOLUTION** Check that your system has enough memory to complete booting.
- CAUSE** Memory-mapped I/O addresses were not excluded from the SYS and FSM memory.
- SOLUTION** Exclude memory-mapped I/O addresses from iRMX II memory using the MEMORY FOR SYSTEM screen of the ICU.
- CAUSE** The system has been configured to use the System Debug Monitor (iSDM™), but the iSDM monitor has not been physically installed in the system or it has been placed at an invalid address.
- SOLUTION** Install the iSDM monitor. For information about how to install and/or use the iSDM monitor, refer to the *iSDM™ System Debug Monitor Installation and Configuration Guide*.
- CAUSE** The system device name in the Bootstrap Loader does not have a corresponding device name in a Device Unit Information entry within the system definition file.
- SOLUTION** Using the ICU, make sure that the device name of the booting device exists in a Device Unit Information entry. For example, "W" for the Winchester disk.
- CAUSE** There is a conflict over an interrupt. For example, two or more interrupts are assigned to the same level.
- SOLUTION** Check the board jumpers and the configuration definition file for two interrupts assigned to the same level.
- CAUSE** The interrupt from a device is not getting to the 8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller.

NOTE

The Bootstrap Loader does not use interrupts.

- SOLUTION** Check that the interrupt is actually getting to the 8259A (PIC). Refer to the hardware reference manual for your Single Board Computer (iSBC).
- CAUSE** The disk has been formatted using the iRMX 86 Release 7 FORMAT and the second stage of the bootstrap loader for the iRMX 86 Release 7 system is not compatible with the iRMX II system.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using iRMX II FORMAT.

3.1.9 ROM System Does Not Come Up

- SYMPTOM** When a ROM based iRMX II operating system is powered up, it does not come up.
- CAUSE** The iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 board is not jumpered correctly.
- SOLUTION** To specify four 27512 EPROM devices, set up jumpers 62 through 91 as specified in the 27512 (64K x 8 EPROM) example in Appendix E of the *iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 Hardware Reference Manual*.

To specify a starting memory address and memory size for local memory, use primary decode option 3. The jumpers required are:

Default Configuration	Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3
E218 - E219 installed	E218 - E219 installed
E220 - E221 removed	E220 - E221 installed

To specify memory size/justification for local memory, use secondary option 3. The jumpers required are:

Default Configuration	Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3
E51 - E59 removed	E51 - E59 removed
E50 - E58 removed	E50 - E58 installed
E49 - E57 installed	E49 - E57 installed

3.1.10 EIOS Initialization Error 40h Encountered

- SYMPTOM** EIOS Initialization Error 40h is encountered when bootstrap loading an iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** The cause is under investigation.
- SOLUTION** Re-boot your iRMX II operating system. Will be fixed in a future release.

3.1.11 Error 118 Received From BLD286 Utility

- SYMPTOM** The BLD286 utility generates the following error message during system configuration.
- ```
*** ERROR 118: Input Segments Exceed Target Memory Processing Aborted
```
- CAUSE** The amount of memory needed for the iRMX 286 operating system code and data segments has exceeded the amount of memory given to it during system configuration.
- SOLUTION** Use the ICU286 utility and increase the system memory on the memory for system screen. Decrease the memory specified on the memory for free space manager screen by the same amount. Refer to the segment description portion of the BLD286 map file (<boot\_file>.mp2).

### 3.1.12 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.
- SOLUTION** Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

### 3.1.13 Problems With Installation Of Update 2

- SYMPTOM** Many error messages may be generated during the installation process of Update 2.
- CAUSE** The LIB86 utility is required for the installation of Update 2.
- SOLUTION** Make sure you have the LIB86 utility before installing Update 2.

### 3.1.14 Memory Warning Received During the Logon Process

- SYMPTOM** The operating system may display a WARNING message during the logon process, informing the user that it cannot assign it the minimum memory it has requested.
- CAUSE** The maximum memory partition-size value of the user attribute file was smaller than the minimum memory partition-size.
- SOLUTION** Contents of the user attribute file before and after the problem:  
Before: 2000,512,141,,:sd:user/super After : 512,2000,141,,:sd:user/super

### 3.1.15 An "INTERRUPT 3" May Be Encountered When Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** An "INTERRUPT 3" may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II Operating System from a single high density, 96 TPI boot diskette.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX II bootstrap loader. As a workaround you must use the generic third stage of the bootstrap loader for your specific board.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

## 3.2 HARDWARE EXCEPTION PROBLEMS

### 3.2.1 General Protection In A System Call

- SYMPTOM** You get a general protection error within a system call, even though the parameters passed to the call are correct.
- CAUSE** The application program is bound to the wrong interface library. For example, a LARGE program is bound to a COMPACT interface library.
- SOLUTION** Check your program size control statement and the bind command to make sure they are compatible.

### 3.2.2 General Protection In An Application Program

- SYMPTOM** When running an application program, you get a general protection error.
- CAUSE** You have an invalid data segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

#### NOTE

The iSDM command "ddt(ds)" will display the data segment characteristics. By examining the data segment you can identify the problem.

- CAUSE** You have an invalid extra segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

**NOTE**

The iSDM command “ddt(es)” will display the extra segment characteristics. By examining the extra segment you can identify the problem.

**3.2.3 Stack Protection In An Application Program**

**SYMPTOM** When running an application program you get a stack protection error.

**CAUSE** You have an invalid stack segment or the stack has overflowed.

**SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

**NOTE**

The iSDM command “ddt(ss)” will display the stack segment characteristics. By examining the stack segment you can identify the problem.

**CAUSE** The PL/M-286 compiler did not create a stack and the application loader did not create a stack big enough for the execution of the program.

**SOLUTION** Use debug control when compiling.

**3.2.4 Stack Protection Error When Running BLD286**

**SYMPTOM** “Stack Protection Error When Running BLD286” When running BLD286 on a system that does not have enough disk space, a stack protection exception is encountered. The builder displays the following messages a number of times before it gets a protection error:

```
INTERFACE ERROR
0029 : E$SPACE
FILE : ROM.MP2
PROCESS ABORTED
```

**CAUSE** The disk does not have enough space to contain the output files from the build operation.

**SOLUTION** Make sure your disk has over 1 Mbyte free space before starting the ICU. This problem will be fixed in a future release of BLD286.

**3.2.5 Third Stage Gets DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error**

**SYMPTOM** The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.

**CAUSE** Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX II operating system.

**SOLUTION** Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system’s front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.

**CAUSE** You have configured the IDT with too few slots.

**SOLUTION** Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.

**CAUSE** You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.

**SOLUTION** Reformat the disk using iRMX II FORMAT command with BOOTSTRAP option only the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader is written by this option; the other files on the disk are unaffected.

### 3.3 APPLICATION LOADER PROBLEMS

#### 3.3.1 Wrong Message Returned To MSG\$MBOX In RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB

- SYMPTOM** When using the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB system call, the mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter receives the wrong message.
- CAUSE** The mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call is used internally by the loader to receive the loader result segment from RQ\$A\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB. This causes several problems:
1. The user cannot specify selector\$(NIL) for the MSG\$MBOX parameter as in RQ\$CREATE\$IO\$JOB.
  2. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has a separate task to receive exit messages from I/O jobs and this task does a RQ\$RECEIVE\$MESSAGE at the MSG\$MBOX before another task calls RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB, the user will receive the loader result segment and the system will crash.
  3. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has 2 RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB calls that specify the same MSG\$MBOX, the loader can receive the exit message from the first I/O job while expecting to get the loader result segment from the second load. This prevents delivery of the exit message and causes the second load to terminate without success.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, avoid the following:
1. Specify NIL for the MSG\$MBOX of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB
  2. Leave a task waiting for a message at a mailbox and then use the same mailbox in a RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call.

This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

#### 3.3.2 General Protection Error When Running Program

- SYMPTOM** When trying to run a large program you encounter a general protection error.
- CAUSE** An error in the application loader regarding the processing of fix-up records.
- SOLUTION** Apply II.3, Class B ZAPS #078, 097, 100, 101. They provide a complete fix.

### 3.4 BOOTSTRAP LOADER PROBLEMS

#### 3.4.1 Third Stage Does Not Issue The First Message

- SYMPTOM** While bootloading, the message, NOW IN PROTECTED MODE, is not issued and the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The load file you specified with a .286 extension or the default load file you used, /SYSTEM/RMX86.286 (if no name is specified) was not found on the volume.
- SOLUTION** Check the volume to make sure the file specified or the default file /SYSTEM/RMX86.286 exists.
- CAUSE** The pathname for the third stage has a period in it other than the period for the file name extension.
- SOLUTION** Rename the directory or the filename in the pathname of the third stage, so that the

name does not contain a period, except the period for the extension of the third stage's file name.

For example, if the third stage has a pathname /BOOT/MY.DIR/SYS286.3RD, change it to /BOOT/MYDIR/SYS286.3RD.

### 3.4.2 Third Stage Does Not Issue The Second Message

- SYMPTOM** While bootloading, the message, TARGET FILE LOADED, is not issued and the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The file containing the system was incorrect.
- SOLUTION** Check the file and regenerate the system if necessary.
- CAUSE** The third stage was loading the load file on top of it.
- SOLUTION** Use the memory screen of the ICU to correct your memory allocation. By default, the second stage is located at B8000H, BBFFFH - C0000H, the device generic and specific third stages are located at BC000H - C0000H. Your system memory should not include these locations. However, the free space manager can include this memory.

### 3.4.3 Third Stage Gets A DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error

- SYMPTOM** The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.
- CAUSE** Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX 286 operating system.
- SOLUTION** Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system's front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.
- CAUSE** You have configured the IDT with too few slots.
- SOLUTION** Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.
- CAUSE** You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** Reformat the disk using the iRMX 286 FORMAT command with the BOOTSTRAP option.

### 3.4.4 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.
- SOLUTION** Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

### 3.4.5 You Cannot Bootload The iRMX Operating System From A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** You cannot bootload the iRMX II.3 Operating System from a diskette that has been formatted with more than 8 sectors per track.
- CAUSE** A problem with the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA049, ZXA0183, ZXA0184, ZXA0185, and ZXA0186.

### 3.4.6 An "INTERRUPT 3" May Be Encountered When Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** An "INTERRUPT 3" may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II operating system from a single high density, 96 TPI boot diskette.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX II bootstrap loader. As a workaround you must use the generic third stage of the bootstrap loader for your specific board.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

## 3.5 I/O SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND DRIVER PROBLEMS

### 3.5.1 System Time Not Current When CONTROL-C Out Of TIME Command

- SYMPTOM** If you abort the default r?logon program at signon time via a CONTROL-C, the default Date/Time of the system does not automatically revert to the last time the directory :SYSTEM: was accessed.
- CAUSE** The system gets its time from the :SYSTEM: directory if the operator does not enter time during signon time. To improve performance, iRMX II does not update a file's access parameter unless the file was modified. Because of this, the access time of :SYSTEM: directory reflects the last time it was modified.
- SOLUTION** Enter time each time you logon. Run "SHUTDOWN" before you turn power off or reset your system.

### 3.5.2 iSBC 188/48 Board Ignores Characters With Parity Errors

- SYMPTOM** The iSBC 188/48 driver does not pass thru characters with input parity errors.
- CAUSE** A feature of the iSBC 188/48 firmware.
- SOLUTION** Use a different device. For example, an iSBC 544A board may be used.

### 3.5.3 iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 Board Problem

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error is encountered in a system that uses the iSBC 188/48 or iSBC 188/56 board.
- CAUSE** A problem with the iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 boards (if IC U-69 is not labeled 451012).
- SOLUTION** Return the board to the repair center for upgrade.

### 3.5.4 Line Printer Hangs System

- SYMPTOM** The line printer hangs the system when the printer is OFFLINE and then turned back ONLINE.
- CAUSE** There is a problem with ZAP's ZAXAB2 and ZAXAB3.
- SOLUTION** Enter a CONTROL-C to stop the line printer from hanging the port. Do not apply the ZAPs or make sure your printer is ONLINE when you copy a file to it. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.5.5 Translation Of Escape Sequence #18 Does Not Work

- SYMPTOM** Translation of escape sequence 18 does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem in the Terminal Support Code.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.5.6 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.5.7 RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$FILE System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** Using the RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$FILE system call may result in a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The path pointer parameter for this system call was set to NIL. A problem with the RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$FILE system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA040. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.8 RQ\$\$\$RENAME\$FILE System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** Using the RQ\$\$\$RENAME\$FILE system call may result in a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The path pointer parameter for this parameter was set to NIL. A problem with the RQ\$\$\$RENAME\$FILE system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA041. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.9 RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$DIRECTORY System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** Using the RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$DIRECTORY system call may result in a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The path pointer parameter for this system call was set to NIL. A problem with the RQ\$\$\$CREATE\$DIRECTORY system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA039. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.10 RQ\$\$\$DELETE\$FILE System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** Using the RQ\$\$\$DELETE\$FILE system call may result in a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The path pointer parameter for this system call was set to NIL. A problem with the RQ\$\$\$DELETE\$FILE system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA038. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.11 RQ\$\$\$GET\$FILE\$STATUS System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** Using the RQ\$\$\$GET\$FILE\$STATUS system call may result in a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The path pointer parameter for this system call was set to NIL. A problem with the RQ\$\$\$GET\$FILE\$STATUS system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA037. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.12 Occasional Disk File Corruption

- SYMPTOM** Occasional disk file corruption occurs when the number of blocks in a file exceeds 64K.
- CAUSE** Problem with the named file driver of the Basic I/O System.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA029. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.5.13 Unresolved External Errors When Configuring Terminal Drivers

- SYMPTOM** User-configured terminal drivers cannot be added to the system because of unresolved external errors during system configuration.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.



### 3.5.14 The Terminal May Hang While Scrolling Through A File Using AEDIT

- SYMPTOM** The terminal may hang occasionally, while scrolling through a file using AEDIT.
- CAUSE** Error in the Terminal Communication Controller (TCC) driver.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA030.

### 3.5.15 The 8274 Terminal Driver Is Too Slow When Handling Interrupts

- SYMPTOM** The 8274 terminal driver consumed over 500 microseconds of CPU time for each interrupt.
- CAUSE** Problem with the 8274 terminal driver.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA043.

### 3.5.16 A General Protection Exception Is Encountered When Using RA\$A\$SPECIAL System Call

- SYMPTOM** A general protection exception is encountered when setting terminal attributes using the RQ\$A\$SPECIAL system call.
- CAUSE** Error in the the iRMX II.3 BIOS.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA044.

### 3.5.17 A General Protection Exception Is Encountered When Using RQ\$\$\$SPECIAL System Call

- SYMPTOM** A general protection exception is encountered when setting terminal attributes using the RQ\$\$\$SPECIAL system call.
- CAUSE** Problem with the iRMX II.3 BIOS.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA044.

### 3.5.18 The System May Hang When Bootloading From A SCSI Device

- SYMPTOM** The system may hang during the bootload process if a SCSI device is used.
- CAUSE** A problem with the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA0181 and ZXA0182.

### 3.5.19 You Cannot Bootload The iRMX Operating System From A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** You cannot bootload the iRMX II.3 Operating System from a diskette that has been fomatted with more than 8 sectors per track.
- CAUSE** A problem with the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA049, ZXA0183, ZXA0184, ZXA0185, and ZXA0186.

### 3.5.20 An E\$IO\_HARD Is Encountered While Formatting A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** An E\$IO\_HARD is encountered while formatting a floppy diskette.
- CAUSE** During system configuration, the NS (number of sectors/track) parameter was set to 9 or more. Problem with the Bootstrap loader.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA049, ZXA0183, ZXA0184, ZXA0185, and ZXA0186.

### 3.5.21 CONTROL-S Can Hang A Terminal

- SYMPTOM** While scrolling through a file using AEDIT, if you enter a CONTROL-S you may not be able to resume using a CONTROL-Q.
- CAUSE** Problem under investigation.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.5.22 A General Protection Exception Is Encountered When Deleting A Task

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection Exception may be encountered when trying to delete a task.
- CAUSE** Problem in the Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA054.

### 3.5.23 Your Response Time To HI Commands Seems Too Long

- SYMPTOM** You response time to HI commands seem too long.
- CAUSE** The default priority of the SUPER user is 141. Users, other than SUPER, are created with a priority of 142. If SUPER user is active in a multi-user system, other users may notice a degradation in response time.
- SOLUTION** Edit the :CONFIG:USER/SUPER file and change the priority to 142. Logout and then login again.

### 3.5.24 Problems Using The iSBC 221 Peripheral Disk Controller

- SYMPTOM** Various problems may be encountered when configuring and using the iSBC 221 Peripheral Disk Controller.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Mass Storage Controller (MSC) driver.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA049, ZXA0183, ZXA0184, ZXA0185, and ZXA0186. Refer to the iRMX II.3 Update READ.ME file for complete information about the iSBC 221 Peripheral Disk Controller.

### 3.5.25 General Protection Exception Encountered When Saving A File Using AEDIT

- SYMPTOM** "General Protection Exception encountered when saving a file using AEDIT" A General Protection exception may be encountered when saving a file on a floppy using AEDIT.
- CAUSE** The floppy was removed from the diskette drive, before the save command was issued. The problem is under investigation.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that a floppy diskette is in the drive and the floppy drive door is closed.

### 3.5.26 Line Printer Very Slow

- SYMPTOM** The line printer prints a single line every five seconds.
- CAUSE** A problem in the iRMX II.3 nucleus and device driver.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class B zaps ZAP080, ZAP082, and ZAP083. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

### 3.5.27 Problem With The iSBC 186/410 Device In Full Duplex Mode

- SYMPTOM** Input is extremely slow compared to output on the iSBC 186/410 device when used in full duplex mode.
- CAUSE** Problem with the iSBC 186/410 device driver.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.5.28 Cannot Use The iRMX Virtual Terminal

- SYMPTOM** If a user invokes VT and logs on to a remote iRMX II.3 system, does some work, logs out, and then terminates the VT session (via "~."), he is unable to VT to that system again.
- CAUSE** Problem with Update 2 of the iRMX II.3 Operating System.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, ensure that you terminate the Virtual Terminal session (via "~.") before you log off the system. This problem has been fixed by Class B zap ZAP076. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers may contact their local sales office.

### 3.5.29 An E\$IOMEM Exception May Be Encountered When Doing An "ATTACHDEVICE"

- SYMPTOM** An E\$IOMEM exception may be encountered when doing an "ATTACHDEVICE".
- CAUSE** The user has not received the requested amount of memory during the "LOGON" process and therefore has insufficient memory.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that the "minimum partition-size" parameter of the user attribute file (:config:user/<user-name>) is at least 512 and this value is less than the "maximum partition-size" parameter value.

### 3.5.30 Cannot Input More Than 255 Bytes At A Time When Using The Computer-To-Computer Feature

- SYMPTOM** One cannot input more than 255 bytes at a time when using the computer-to-computer feature of the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** This is a limitation of the iRMX II operating system.
- SOLUTION** Repeated input statements will allow the program to obtain the data being sent to it.

## 3.6 NUCLEUS PROBLEMS

### 3.6.1 System Is In Infinite Loop

- SYMPTOM** If the SDB is not the exception handler in your system and the exception mode is “never”, a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error in your application program will cause an infinite loop to be executed.
- CAUSE** The system default exception handler and the system alternative exception handler do not increment the IP register past the offending instruction.
- SOLUTION** Use the SDB as the exception handler during the development phase and write a user exception handler if DIVIDE-BY-ZERO can occur in the application.

### 3.6.2 Cannot Set Exception Handlers For Hardware Exceptions

- SYMPTOM** RQ\$SET\$EXCEPTION\$HANDLER will not install a user-written exception handler for a hardware exception.
- CAUSE** The iRMX II Release 3.0 system does not provide this capability.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future release.

### 3.6.3 RQ\$RESUME\$TASK Call Gets E\$STATE

- SYMPTOM** A task which makes a RQ\$DISABLE\$DELETION call to protect itself from deletion and then makes a RQ\$SUSPEND\$TASK call to suspend itself, cannot be resumed by a RQ\$RESUME\$TASK call. The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK returns a condition code of E\$STATE which indicates that the task was not suspended.
- CAUSE** Error in NUC.LIB.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update.

### 3.6.4 Exceptions Are Not Caught By The Exception Handler

- SYMPTOM** Environmental exceptions are not caught by the exception handler.
- CAUSE** The UDI exception handler acts only on programmer exceptions, and when binding your program you specified the UDI Interface Library before the iRMX 286 Interface Library.
- SOLUTION** In your BND286 statement specify the iRMX 286 Interface Library before the UDI Interface Library.

### 3.6.5 E\$STATE Exception Never Returned By RQ\$RESUME\$TASK

- SYMPTOM** An E\$STATE exception is not returned if you resume a non-suspended task with the Nucleus call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK.
- CAUSE** An error in the Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** Will be fixed in a future release.

### 3.6.6 Problem With The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK() System Call

- SYMPTOM** If you resume a non-suspended sleeping task with the nucleus system call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK, the nucleus does not return an E\$STATE exception.
- CAUSE** Problem with the RQ\$RESUMESTASK system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.6.7 RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS Returns An E\$BAD\$ADDRESS Exception

- SYMPTOM** The RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS nucleus system call returns a E\$BAD\$ADDRESS exception if the ACCESS\$PTR parameter of this call points to a structure that is located at the end of the data segment.
- CAUSE** Problem with the RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS system call.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.6.8 RQ\$GET\$INTERCONNECT System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** You encounter a General Protection error when using the RQ\$GET\$INTERCONNECT system call.
- CAUSE** An E\$NOT\$CONFIGURED exception should have been returned. A problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.6.9 RQ\$SET\$INTERCONNECT System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** You encounter a General Protection error when using the RQ\$SET\$INTERCONNECT system call.
- CAUSE** An E\$NOT\$CONFIGURED exception should have been returned. A problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.6.10 E\$CONTEXT Received From Buffer Pool System Calls

- SYMPTOM** An E\$CONTEXT is received when executing buffer pool system calls.
- CAUSE** The buffer pools and the buffers that are used with the buffer pool system calls were not created by the job they are used in.
- SOLUTION** Make sure that the buffer pools and the segments (buffers) that are used with the buffer pool system calls are created by the job they are used in.

### 3.6.11 The iRMX Operating System Does Not Support The 80287 Emulator

- SYMPTOM** The iRMX Operating System does not support the 80287 Emulator. Incorrect Floating Point values may be returned.
- CAUSE** The 80287 Emulator has non-reentrant routines. Therefore the state of the Emulator will not be saved during a task switch.
- SOLUTION** You must either obtain and configure an 80287 component or synchronize your tasks (i.e, using SEMAPHORES) in a way that only one task uses the Emulator at any time.

### 3.6.12 RQ\$DELETE\$BUFFER\$POOL System Call Always Returns An E\$OK

- SYMPTOM** A call to the RQ\$DELETE\$BUFFER\$POOL Nucleus system call to delete a buffer pool that is attached to a port always returns a condition code of E\$OK.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.6.13 Problem With The RQ\$SEND\$RSVP Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** Control does not return from the RQ\$SEND\$RSVP nucleus system call.
- CAUSE** Existing, but incorrect “port\$tkn” and “socket” parameters were used for this system call.
- SOLUTION** Use valid and correct “port\$tkn” and “socket” parameters.

### 3.6.14 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The RQ\$DELETE\$DESCRIPTOR Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection Exception may be encountered when the RQ\$DELETE\$DESCRIPTOR Nucleus system call is used.
- CAUSE** A Problem in the iRMX II Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.6.15 An E\$INTERRUPT\$OVERFLOW Message Encountered

- SYMPTOM** An E\$INTERRUPT\$OVERFLOW message may be encountered from the Nucleus RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT system call.
- CAUSE** Problem with the iRMX II.3 Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.6.16 NUCLEUS INITIALIZATION ERROR: 0002H Encountered

- SYMPTOM** A “NUCLEUS INITIALIZATION ERROR : 0002H” may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** All available memory was designated as system memory. Therefore, the operating system had insufficient memory for its initialization.
- SOLUTION** Use the interactive configuration utility, and change the system memory screen to allow sufficient memory for the system to come up and initialize.

### 3.6.17 A General Protection Exception May Be Encountered When Executing A RQ\$RECEIVE\$DATA Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** A general protection exception may be encountered when executing an RQ\$RECEIVE\$DATA nucleus system call.
- CAUSE** Problem in iRMX II nucleus. As a workaround you must ensure that the receive buffer size is at least 128 bytes in length.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

## 3.7 UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENT INTERFACE (UDI) PROBLEMS

### 3.7.1 CONTROL-C Handler Gets Stack Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** A user-written CONTROL-C handler gets a Stack Protection error.
- CAUSE** The CONTROL-C handler was compiled using the COMPACT model of compilation.
- SOLUTION** Compile the CONTROL-C handler using the LARGE model of compilation.

### 3.7.2 Run Time Error 0001H Encountered In An I/O Job

- SYMPTOM** When making a FORTRAN written application an I/O job, you receive a run time exception of 0001H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the UDI.
- SOLUTION** Lookup "R?H\$C\$NAME" in the CLI's job and catalog it in the I/O job's directory under the same name. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

## 3.8 INTERACTIVE CONFIGURATION UTILITY (ICU) PROBLEMS

### 3.8.1 BLD286 Issues "REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT" Error Message

- SYMPTOM** If a user module contains only large model reentrant procedures and this module is specified as a user module in the ICU, then BLD286 issues an error message "REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT".
- CAUSE** Reentrant procedures use the stack for their data. As a result, the data segment remains empty. In the large model, this empty data segment does not get combined with the data segments of other modules.
- SOLUTION** Declare a "dummy" variable in the module at the module level, so that the data segment is not empty.

### 3.8.2 Changes To Definition File Were Not Saved

- SYMPTOM** After generating a system, changes made in the ICU session did not get changed in the definition file.
- CAUSE** The ICU tried to access files without having the correct access rights for those files.
- SOLUTION** Refer to chapter two of the *Extended iRMX II.3 Configuration Guide* for correct procedures on access rights of ICU files.

### 3.8.3 Problem With The UDS Utility

- SYMPTOM** You encounter bad data in the .tpl input file when using the UDS utility.
- CAUSE** Problem with the UDS utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA035. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.8.4 Problem With The 86-based ICU286 Utility

- SYMPTOM** The 86-based ICU286 utility fails.
- CAUSE** Problem with the 86-based ICU286 utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA034. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.8.5 Unresolved External Errors When Configuring Terminal Drivers

- SYMPTOM** User-configured terminal drivers cannot be added to the system because of unresolved external errors during system configuration.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.8.6 RQ\$GET\$INTERCONNECT System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** You encounter a General Protection error when using the RQ\$GET\$INTERCONNECT system call.
- CAUSE** An E\$NOT\$CONFIGURED exception should have been returned. A problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.8.7 RQ\$SET\$INTERCONNECT System Call May Cause A General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** You encounter a General Protection error when using the RQ\$SET\$INTERCONNECT system call.
- CAUSE** An E\$NOT\$CONFIGURED exception should have been returned. A problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.



### 3.8.8 Assembly Error During System Configuration

- SYMPTOM** An assembly error is encountered during the configuration process if NO Intel devices are included in a system containing the BIOS.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Interactive Configuration Utility Template File.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAPs ZXA015, ZXA016, and ZXA017. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.8.9 Receiving NDP Exceptions When Running Programs Under Human Interface

- SYMPTOM** You may encounter NDP exceptions when you run a program from the Human interface.
- CAUSE** The NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen is set to NO.
- SOLUTION** The standard ICU definition files 286100A.DEF and 386100.DEF have the NPX parameter set to YES on the hardware screen, but set to NO on the HI JOBS screen. Therefore, if you have commands that will be using floating point instructions and will be run from the Human Interface you must use the ICU286 utility to set the NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen to YES.

### 3.8.10 Problems Encountered When Using The MKSYS Submit File

- SYMPTOM** The MKSYS submit fails during system generation using PL/M-286 V3.1 and/or ASM286 V1.3.
- CAUSE** Not enough memory available for PLM286 V3.1 when run from the MKSYS submit file.
- SOLUTION** Increase your minimum user memory partition size to 420K bytes.

### 3.8.11 Cannot Have More Than 100 Operating System Extensions

- SYMPTOM** The ICU286 utility will not allow you to enter more than 100 Operating System extensions.
- CAUSE** Problem with the ICU286 utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class B ZAP072. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers customers may contact their local sales office.

## 3.9 MASS STORAGE PROBLEMS

### 3.9.1 Cannot Format iSBX 251 Multimodule

- SYMPTOM** The user cannot format an iSBX 251 Magnetic Bubble Memory Multimodule.
- CAUSE** Improper jumpering on iSBX 251 multimodule.
- SOLUTION** On the iSBX 251 multimodule, remove jumper W5 and install jumper W6. For more information on jumpering the iSBX 251 multimodule, refer to the *iSBX™ 251 Multimodule Technical Reference Manual*.

### 3.9.2 Data Loss On iSBX 251 Driver

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on an iSBX 251 driver.
- CAUSE** The CPU must service all interrupts from the iSBX 251 driver within 1.5 milliseconds. Failure to respond within this time frame could cause the iSBX 251 driver to lose data.
- SOLUTION** Solutions are as follows:
1. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a board with a clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as an iSBC 286/12).
  2. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a CPU board that uses less than two wait-states on the iLBX.
  3. Do not use a terminal that uses the terminal support code.

### 3.9.3 Data Loss On Mass Storage Device

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on a mass storage device.
- CAUSE** System data buffers have not been written to the storage device prior to power loss or pressing the reset button.
- SOLUTION** Following disk access, wait for the update timeout (usually two seconds) before pressing the reset button or powering down the system.

#### NOTE

It is good practice to close all files and use the system call A\$UPDATE while accessing disk files under program control. When rebooting or powering down your system, always run shutdown first.

### 3.9.4 Data Loss On A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on a diskette.
- CAUSE** Some diskette drives do not have a Ready Line to inform the operating system when diskettes are changed; this applies to 5.25" drives, slim-line 8" drives, and micro floppy drives.
- SOLUTION** Use the ATTACHDEVICE command after a new diskette has been inserted and use the DETACHDEVICE command before removing a diskette from the drive.

### 3.9.5 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.9.6 Occasional Disk File Corruption

- SYMPTOM** Occasional disk file corruption occurs when the number of blocks in a file exceeds 64K.
- CAUSE** Problem with the named file driver of the Basic I/O System.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA029. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.9.7 A “VOLUME NOT MOUNTED” Message Encountered While Installing The iRMX II.3 Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A “VOLUME NOT MOUNTED” message may be encountered while installing the iRMX II.3 Operating System.
- CAUSE** This message is generated when you try to format your hard disk using the “form\_disk” submit file. The command fails when the “changesd” command is executed to switch the system device from the floppy to the hard disk. This problem was caused by an incorrect jumpering of the disk drive.
- SOLUTION** Make sure your disk drive is jumpered correctly. For disk drive jumper information, refer to the hardware reference manual for your particular brand of drive.

## 3.10 MULTIUSER PROBLEMS

### 3.10.1 Users Do Not Receive Console Output

- SYMPTOM** One or more users do not receive console output, and the system does not respond to keyboard input.
- CAUSE** The device driver for the user’s terminal was configured with EIOS buffers.
- SOLUTION** Always set Max Buffers (MB) to zero on the Device-Unit Information screen when configuring a driver for a terminal.
- CAUSE** An error occurred when the system tried to bring up the users.
- SOLUTION** Run the INITSTATUS command from the resident user console to determine the initialization status of the users. Refer to the *Extended iRMX II.3 Operator’s Guide To The Human Interface Reference Manual* for information on the INITSTATUS command.
- CAUSE** The user does not have the proper access rights to some critical directory or file.
- SOLUTION** Check the user’s default directory (:\$:), the :PROG: directory and the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file to ensure that each user has the proper access. Use the PERMIT command to change the access rights of the directory or file.
- CAUSE** Either the :CONFIG:TERMINALS or :CONFIG:USER/<user-id> files are incorrect.
- SOLUTION** Examine these two files for proper content and reboot. Refer to Chapter 20 in the *Extended iRMX II.3 Hardware And Software Installation Guide*.
- CAUSE** The resident user has been configured with a maximum memory size of 0FFFFH. Hence, the resident user takes all available memory.
- SOLUTION** Reset the resident user’s memory requirements in the ICU. Ensure that sufficient memory is allocated to the non-resident users.

### 3.10.2 Memory-Related Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** A user receives a memory-related error message (for example, E\$MEM) when trying to run utilities or the SUPER command in a multiuser system.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory has been allocated for that user in the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- SOLUTION** Refer to the Non-Resident Configuration Files Chapter of the *Extended iRMX II.3 Installation and Configuration Guide* for the memory partition size requirements for languages and utilities.

### 3.10.3 Terminals Lose Characters

- SYMPTOM** In a multiuser environment, a terminal may lose characters on input.
- CAUSE** The baud rate is too high.
- SOLUTION** Lower the baud rate and/or reduce the number of users.

## 3.11 DEBUGGING PROBLEMS

### 3.11.1 Breakpoints Ignored

- SYMPTOM** Breakpoints set in ROM with the System Debugger (SDB) are illegal (not supported).
- CAUSE** When a breakpoint is set, a software interrupt instruction is actually placed at the address specified. This instruction causes a jump to the monitor. These instructions cannot be written into ROM.
- SOLUTION** Only in-circuit emulators allow stopping normal processing at a given ROM address. Either put the code in RAM for debugging purposes or use one of the in-circuit emulators.

### 3.11.2 Job Flags Field Is Incorrect When Viewing A Job Token

- SYMPTOM** When you view a job token with the SDB command VT, the Job Flags field is incorrect.
- CAUSE** An error in the SDB.
- SOLUTION** A value of 02 for Job Flags means that parameter validation is enabled and a value of 00 means that it is disabled. Will be fixed in a future release.

### 3.11.3 Problem With The SDB Command VT

- SYMPTOM** If you look at a job token with the SDB command VT, an incorrect value is returned for the JOB\$FLAGS field.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SDB.
- SOLUTION** This problem is fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA033.RMD.

### 3.11.4 Problem With The System Debugger VT Command

**SYMPTOM** The System Debugger VT command does not display the object and cache queues for a mailbox.

**CAUSE** Problem with the System Debugger.

**SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA032. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.11.5 Problem With The System Debugger's VT Concerning Buffer Pools

**SYMPTOM** The System Debugger's VT command does not display any information about Data Chaining, when displaying information concerning buffer pools.

**CAUSE** Problem with the System Debugger.

**SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA023. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.11.6 You Cannot Use The "VMI" System Debugger Command

**SYMPTOM** You cannot display the contents of the MPC input message buffer using the System Debugger.

**CAUSE** This SDB feature was not available before Update 2 of iRMX II.3 Operating System.

**SOLUTION** This feature was added in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA061.

### 3.11.7 You Cannot Use The "VMO" System Debugger Command

**SYMPTOM** You cannot display the contents of the MPC output message buffer using the System Debugger.

**CAUSE** This SDB feature was not available before Update 2 of iRMX II.3 Operating System.

**SOLUTION** This feature was added in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA061.

### 3.11.8 You Cannot Use The "VMF" System Debugger Command

**SYMPTOM** You cannot toggle the MPC fail-safe timer using the System Debugger (SDB).

**CAUSE** This SDB feature was not available before Update 2 of iRMX II.3 Operating System.

**SOLUTION** This feature was added in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA061.

### 3.11.9 The SDB "VT" Command Displays Erroneous Information

**SYMPTOM** The System Debugger (SDB) VT command displays the device size of connection objects as a WORD instead of a DWORD.

**CAUSE** Error in the System Debugger (SDB).

**SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAP ZXA062.

### 3.11.10 Using The SDB As The Default Exception Handler in iRMX II Causes GP13

- SYMPTOM** When an exceptional condition occurs and execution transfers to the System Debugger, attempting to continue execution using the debugger's "GO" command causes a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The routine which calls the debugger fails to correctly handle the stack upon return.
- SOLUTION** If you need to use the System Debugger as the default exception handler, answer the DEH prompt on the Nucleus ICU screen with User, which specifies a user written exception handler. Answer the NEH prompt on the Nucleus ICU screen with the name of an object file produced by assembling the following code:

```

 NAME Exception Handler
CODE SEGMENT ER PUBLIC
 PUBLIC R0SYSEX
R0SYSEX PROC FAR
 INT 3 ;Invoke the SDB via the SDM
 RET 8 ;Pop parameters off the stack
RXSYSEX ENDP
CODE ENDS
 END

```

### 3.11.11 A Backslash Can Hang The System When In The Monitor

- SYMPTOM** A single backslash will hang the system when using the System Debug Monitor.
- CAUSE** Problem in the System Debug Monitor.
- SOLUTION** Reset the system. This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the System Debug Monitor.

## 3.12 PATHNAME PROBLEMS

### 3.12.1 DIR Does Not List All Files

- SYMPTOM** Some file names are not listed when using the Directory (DIR) command.
- CAUSE** Files with "R?" or "r?" in their filenames are considered invisible. This is a feature of the operating system.
- SOLUTION** Use the "Invisible" option of the DIR command to list these files, (that is, DIR :\$: I).

### 3.12.2 Logical Name Does Not Exist

- SYMPTOM** Some Human Interface commands do not function, usually generating the error "LOGICAL NAME DOES NOT EXIST".
- CAUSE** Some commands assume the system disk device name is :SD:.
- SOLUTION** Always configure systems with :SD: as the logical name for the system device.

### 3.12.3 DIR / Does Not List :SD:/

**SYMPTOM** The “DIR /” command does not list the “:SD:/” directory.

**CAUSE** When you change the default directory (:\$:) to a different physical disk device with the ATTACHFILE command, the root directory (/) changes. The root directory (/) always refers to the root of the device being used as the default.

**SOLUTION** Make specific references to :SD: to access the system device root directory.

### 3.12.4 Error When Attempt To Access File Or Directory

**SYMPTOM** Attempting file or directory access causes errors.

**CAUSE** Access has not been granted to the user ID attempting to use a file or directory.

**SOLUTION** Determine the access rights with the EXTENDED option on the Directory (DIR) command. The file’s owner can change the access rights by invoking the PERMIT command. Also, the access rights to directories, as well as files, should be verified.

### 3.12.5 Unauthorized Changes To Files Or Directories

**SYMPTOM** Files and directories are being changed without the user’s knowledge and/or access rights to files do not seem to work.

**CAUSE** There are multiple users with the same user ID.

**SOLUTION** File security can be enhanced by assigning different user IDs and default directories.

### 3.12.6 Filenames With A “?”

**SYMPTOM** Problems arise when invoking the COPY, DELETE, or RENAME command on files with a “?” embedded in their filenames, (for example, R?LOGON).

**CAUSE** A “?” is seen as a wildcard, not a filename character.

**SOLUTION** Enclose this portion of the pathname in quotes, for example, COPY R“?”logon. This causes the enclosed characters to be taken literally.

## 3.13 HUMAN INTERFACE PROBLEMS

### 3.13.1 System Hangs When Attempting To Access Line Printer

**SYMPTOM** An attempt to access a line printer that is either physically disconnected or is not turned on, hangs the system.

**CAUSE** The driver waits forever for the interrupt from the printer.

**SOLUTION** Do not use the line printer when it is disconnected or powered off. The workaround is press CONTROL-C, make the printer ready and re-issue the command.

### 3.13.2 System Hangs When iSBX 351 Terminal Is Turned Off

- SYMPTOM** If a user using an iSBX 351 serial channel disconnects or turns off the terminal, the system will hang.
- CAUSE** The iSBX 351 board bombards the iRMX 286 system with interrupts when in this condition.
- SOLUTION** Do not turn off the terminal. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.3 Error Message “delete access required”

- SYMPTOM** Incorrect error message (delete access required) returned by RENAME and COPY command.
- CAUSE** The file’s directory does not have proper access.
- SOLUTION** Give the file’s directory delete and add permission (using the PERMIT command) for the user executing the RENAME or COPY command.

### 3.13.4 Cannot Boot Off A Floppy Diskette

- SYMPTOM** A bootable diskette has no errors from the DISKVERIFY command but the diskette will not boot.
- CAUSE** DISKVERIFY does not verify the bootstrap loader portion of the diskette.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using the BOOTSTRAP option.

### 3.13.5 Unpredictable System Behavior

- SYMPTOM** Unpredictable system operation.
- CAUSE** A Human Interface command is not terminated properly. Failure to correctly terminate a command causes unknown code to be executed and may cause serious loss of data.
- SOLUTION** Every HI command must end with either an EIOS call “RQ\$EXIT\$IOSJOB” or a UDI call “DQ\_EXIT”. The purpose of these calls is to correctly transfer control back to the iRMX II Operating System.

### 3.13.6 RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE Or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE

- SYMPTOM** Application program does not wait for response to RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE.
- CAUSE** The Human Interface includes the string length of the response string in the response\$max parameter. But, if the response\$max is one, the Human Interface returns without a response\$string.
- SOLUTION** The value in response\$max must equal the length of the string plus one.



### 3.13.7 Console Commands Not Executed

- SYMPTOM** Commands invoked from the console appear not to execute, and either the Human Interface prompt or a memory-related error message is returned.
- CAUSE** The size of the memory pool for the command is insufficient.
- SOLUTION** Increase the size of the program's memory pool in the BND286 statement. Set Max to 0FFFFFFH so that it can borrow memory.
- CAUSE** The user has insufficient memory to satisfy the memory pool requirements of the command.
- SOLUTION** Enlarge the memory partition size in the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.

### 3.13.8 System Time Is Incorrect After A Reboot

- SYMPTOM** System time and date stamp are not updated.
- CAUSE** The BIOS does not update the access time of any file until it is modified. The Human Interface uses the last access time of the system directory (:SYSTEM:) as the default time and date.
- SOLUTION** Always set the time and date when you boot your system or run shutdown before resetting or powering down your system.

### 3.13.9 Terminal Acts Peculiar When Running RESTORE

- SYMPTOM** Terminal acts peculiar when running the RESTORE command.
- CAUSE** RESTORE sends a 012H (DC2) character to :CO: before printing out the message "Directory Restored".
- SOLUTION** Run RESTORE from a submit file. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.10 Output Redirection To A Line Printer

- SYMPTOM** Redirecting output to a line printer by using the Command Line Interpreter (CLI) I/O redirection arrow (>) does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem with the CLI.
- SOLUTION** This will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.11 CLI I/O Redirection In An Alias

- SYMPTOM** CLI I/O redirection cannot be incorporated in an alias.
- CAUSE** A design limitation of the ALIAS command.
- SOLUTION** Do not use CLI I/O redirection in an alias.

### 3.13.12 Tapes Generated On iRMX II R2.0 Operating System Cannot Be Read On iRMX 86 Operating System

- SYMPTOM** Tapes generated on an iRMX II R2.0 system can not be read on an iRMX 86 R7.0 system.
- CAUSE** The granularity of the tape drive for iRMX 286 R2.0 is 7e00H.
- SOLUTION** Create a tape DUIB on your iRMX 86 system with a granularity of 7e00H.

### 3.13.13 Continuation Lines Do Not Work In CLI Commands

- SYMPTOM** A E\$CONTINUATION exception occurs when using continuation lines with a CLI command.
- CAUSE** CLI commands do not support continuation lines.
- SOLUTION** Do not use continuation lines with CLI commands.

### 3.13.14 DELETE Command Executed From A Submit File Acts Peculiar

- SYMPTOM** Executing a DELETE command from a submit file, with the DELETE command consisting of continuation lines and more than 256 characters, it appears that the first 256 characters after the DELETE command are lost.
- CAUSE** A problem with DELETE command.
- SOLUTION** Do not use the DELETE command with more than 256 characters as input. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.15 SHUTDOWN Hangs The System

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs if you have a maximum priority of 0 for your user and you run the SHUTDOWN command.
- CAUSE** An error in the SHUTDOWN command.
- SOLUTION** Change in user priority.

### 3.13.16 Problem With The Human Interface RQ\$C\$GET\$PARAMETER System Call

- SYMPTOM** The value of the “more” parameter of the RQ\$C\$GET\$PARAMETER system call is always set to zero.
- CAUSE** The predict list parameter of this system call is not in CAPS.
- SOLUTION** The predict list should always be in CAPS.

### 3.13.17 Problem With The Human Interface FORMAT Command

- SYMPTOM** While formatting a disk, incorrect blocks are marked as bad blocks if an IO\$NO\$SPARES error code is returned from the format process.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA028. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.18 DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error Returned From The Human Interface FORMAT Command

- SYMPTOM** If you use the BOOTSTRAP option of the Human Interface FORMAT command on a write-protected media you will get a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error message.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA028. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.19 Cannot Use The GETBADTRACKS Option Of The FORMAT Command

- SYMPTOM** No GETBADTRACKS option available for the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA028. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.20 Cannot Use The SETBADTRACKS Option Of The FORMAT Command

- SYMPTOM** No SETBADTRACKS option available for the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA028. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.21 The COPY Command Does Not Return Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** The COPY command does not return an error message when run programatically.
- CAUSE** Problem with the COPY command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA024. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.22 The DELETE Command Does Not Return Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** The DELETE command does not return an error message when run programatically.
- CAUSE** Problem with the DELETE command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA025. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.23 The RENAME Command Does Not Return Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** The RENAME command does not return an error message when run programatically.
- CAUSE** Problem with the RENAME command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA026. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.24 The DIR Command Does Not Return Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** The DIR command does not return an error message when run programatically.
- CAUSE** Problem with the DIR command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA027. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.13.25 Problem With The Human Interface DIR Command

- SYMPTOM** If you enter "DIR \* SORT", when you are three or more levels deep in the file structure, the DIR command will fail to display any information.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface DIR command.
- SOLUTION** Enter a CONTROL-C to get to the Human Interface. This problem will be fixed in a future Update or Release.

### 3.13.26 Receiving NDP Exceptions When Running Programs Under Human Interface

- SYMPTOM** You may encounter NDP exceptions when you run a program from the Human interface.
- CAUSE** The NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen is set to NO.
- SOLUTION** The standard ICU definition files 286100A.DEF and 386100.DEF have the NPX parameter set to YES on the hardware screen, but set to NO on the HI JOBS screen. Therefore, if you have commands that will be using floating point instructions and will be run from the Human Interface you must use the ICU286 utility to set the NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen to YES.

### 3.13.27 Problems Encountered When Using The MKSYS Submit File

- SYMPTOM** The MKSYS submit fails during system generation.
- CAUSE** Not enough memory available for PLM286 V3.1 when run from the MKSYS submit file.
- SOLUTION** Increase your minimum user memory partition size to 420K bytes.

### 3.13.28 The "SET ALIASTABLE" CLI Command May Cause A General Protection Exception

- SYMPTOM** The "SET ALIASTABLE" CLI command may cause a General Protection exception when executed from the ALIAS.CSD file.
- CAUSE** The size of the ALIAS.CSD file is greater than the value specified during the "SET ALIASTABLE" command. As a workaround, you must increase the alias table size.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.29 The Configurable Sign-on Message Is Not Displayed

- SYMPTOM** The configurable sign-on message does not get displayed during the log-in process.
- CAUSE** Problem under investigation.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

### 3.13.30 You Cannot Use The Human Interface “CONNECT” Command

- SYMPTOM** The iRMX II Human Interface does not recognize the “CONNECT” command.
- CAUSE** This new Human Interface command was not available before Update 2.
- SOLUTION** This feature was added in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA012, ZXA045, ZXA046, and ZXA048.

### 3.13.31 You Cannot Use The Human Interface “DISCONNECT” Command

- SYMPTOM** The iRMX II Human Interface does not recognize the “DISCONNECT” command.
- CAUSE** This new Human Interface command was not available before Update 2.
- SOLUTION** This feature was added in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA012, ZXA045, ZXA046, and ZXA048.

### 3.13.32 The System May Hang If You Use The “JOBDELETE” Command

- SYMPTOM** The system may hang if you enter the Human Interface “JOBDELETE” command.
- CAUSE** The terminal being used (i.e, T0) was LOCKED and then the Command Line Interpreter job was deleted.
- SOLUTION** Do not lock the console.

### 3.13.33 Your Response Time To HI Commands Seems Too Long

- SYMPTOM** Your response time to HI commands seem too long.
- CAUSE** The default priority of the SUPER user is 141. Users, other than SUPER, are created with a priority of 142. If SUPER user is active in a multi-user system, other users may notice a degradation in response time.
- SOLUTION** Edit the :CONFIG:USER/SUPER file and change the priority to 142. Logout and then login again.

### 3.13.34 Problem With The HI RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE System Call

- SYMPTOM** A task cannot output to the console when the Human Interface RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE system call has been executed and the system is waiting for user input.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX II Human Interface.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.13.35 An E\$SHARE May Be Encountered When Using The “TIME” Command

- SYMPTOM** An E\$SHARE may be encountered if the Human Interface “TIME” command is executed with the “GLOBAL” option.
- CAUSE** The user attempted to access the global time-of-day clock while it was in use.
- SOLUTION** Retry the command.

### 3.13.36 Problem With The Human Interface “SET” Command

- SYMPTOM** AN E\$SLOT message may be encountered when you execute any Human Interface command.
- CAUSE** The “SET TERMINAL=VT100” command creates a segment, but does not delete it.
- SOLUTION** The system must be reset. This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.13.37 An E\$IOMEM Exception May Be Encountered When Doing An “ATTACHDEVICE”

- SYMPTOM** An E\$IOMEM exception may be encountered when doing an “ATTACHDEVICE”.
- CAUSE** The user has not received the requested amount of memory during the “LOGON” process and therefore has insufficient memory.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that the “minimum partition-size” parameter of the user attribute file (:config:user/<user-name>) is at least 512 and this value is less than the “maximum partition-size” parameter value.

### 3.13.38 “COPYDIR” May Hang The System

- SYMPTOM** The “COPYDIR” utility may hang the system when trying to copy :SD: to a second drive.
- CAUSE** Problem with the “COPYDIR” command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

### 3.13.39 Backup Too Slow

- SYMPTOM** The “BACKUP” command is extremely slow when a second tape is needed to finish the “BACKUP” process.
- CAUSE** Problem with the “BACKUP” command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

## 3.14 UTILITY PROBLEMS

### 3.14.1 LIB286 Truncates An Object File

- SYMPTOM** When creating a new library, LIB286 truncates an object file and issues an error message “INVALID OBJECT FILE”.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

### 3.14.2 LIB286 Truncates Updated File - Leaves Backup File Empty

- SYMPTOM** When you are updating a library, LIB286 truncates the updated file and leaves the backup file empty. LIB286 issues an error message “INVALID OBJECT FILE”.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

### 3.14.3 Utility Generates “SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR”

- SYMPTOM** The BLD286, BND286, MAP286, or OVL286 utilities generate a “SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR”. Control then transfers to the iSDM 286 Monitor, which in turn issues a stack protection error. In addition, all the other tasks running under the IRMX II multi-tasking system are halted.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke the utility.

### 3.14.4 PL/M-286 Or ASM286 Creates An Empty Object Module

- SYMPTOM** The PL/M-286 compiler or the ASM286 assembler appears to finish processing but creates an empty object module. No error messages appear at your terminal; however, the appropriate error messages do accumulate in the list or error print files.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke PL/M-286 or ASM286.

### 3.14.5 BND286 Truncates Input File To Length Zero

- SYMPTOM** The invocation sequence “:LANG:BND286 fname.lnk noload”, will cause the input file “fname.lnk” to be truncated to length zero.
- CAUSE** The default output file created by BND286 consists of the input filename without the extension plus the extension “.lnk”. So BND286 will create the output file “fname.lnk”. The output filename is the same as the input filename.
- SOLUTION** Specify an output filename which is different from the input filename by the OBJECT control of BND286.

### 3.14.6 User-Written Exception Handler Does Not Receive Control

- SYMPTOM** A user-written exception handler does not receive control when an error occurs.
- CAUSE** The exception handler was compiled using the COMPACT compiler control.
- SOLUTION** Compile all exception handlers using the LARGE compiler control.

#### NOTE

All exception handlers should be in LARGE (FAR procedures) because they are called directly from the operating system.

**3.14.7 Error When Invoking SUPER From AEDIT**

**SYMPTOM** When you invoke the SUPER command from the AEDIT V2.1 editor, the exception 034H:E\$CONN\$NOT\$OPEN is displayed.

**CAUSE** Error in the AEDIT V2.1 editor.

**SOLUTION** Be in SUPER before invoking the AEDIT V2.1 editor.

**3.14.8 BND286 V3.1 Issues Error 140**

**SYMPTOM** When using the NODEBUG control, BND286 V3.1 issues an error message "ERROR 140: TEXT LENGTH IS GREATER THAN SEGMENT LENGTH". This condition occurs with successive invocation of BND286 on the same file with a mix of DEBUG and NODEBUG controls.

**CAUSE** Error in BND286 V3.1.

**SOLUTION** Use the same control, either DEBUG or NODEBUG, in all the successive BND286 invocations.

**3.14.9 BND286 V3.1 Gets General Protection Error**

**SYMPTOM** BND286 V3.1 gets a General Protection error when binding an object module, whose assembly language source uses the ORG directive.

**CAUSE** To be determined.

**SOLUTION** Do not use ORG directives in modules assembled and bound under the iRMX 286 operating system.

**3.14.10 Wrong Or Missing Version Numbers In iRMX 286-Based Languages/Tools**

**SYMPTOM** When running the VERSION command on the iRMX 286-based languages and tools, a wrong version number or no version number is returned. The following list shows the values returned :

| <b>Name of Lang. or Tool</b> | <b>Value Displayed by VERSION</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ASM286 V1.3                  | No version number found           |
| BLD286 V3.1                  | X207                              |
| BND286 V3.1                  | X207                              |
| LIB286 V2.0                  | X207                              |
| MAP286 V2.1                  | X207                              |
| OVL286 V1.1                  | X207                              |
| ASM86 V2.0                   | No version number found           |
| CREF86 V1.0                  | No version number found           |
| LINK86 V2.7                  | No version number found           |
| LOC86 V2.5                   | No version number found           |
| OH86 V1.0                    | No version number found           |

**CAUSE** Error in each of the languages and tools.

**SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in future releases of the languages and tools.



### 3.14.11 Problem With The 86-based ICU286 Utility

- SYMPTOM** The 86-based ICU286 utility fails.
- CAUSE** Problem with the 86-based ICU286 utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA034. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

### 3.14.12 The UDS Utility May Abort Prematurely

- SYMPTOM** The User Device Utility (UDS) utility may abort prematurely.
- CAUSE** Problem in the UDS utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA050, ZXA051, and ZXA052.

### 3.14.13 Incorrect Unit Data In The .TPL File

- SYMPTOM** Incorrect unit information was placed in the .TPL file when using the User Device Support (UDS) utility.
- CAUSE** Problem in the UDS Utility supplied with Intel's System 120 product.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA050, ZXA051, and ZXA052.

### 3.14.14 Problem With SCS "FETCH" Command

- SYMPTOM** You cannot fetch an earlier version of an SCS file for editing purposes.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS "FETCH" command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product.

### 3.14.15 Error 75 Encountered When Using The SCS "FETCH" Command

- SYMPTOM** Error 75 is encountered when you try to "FETCH" and edit an earlier version of an SCS file.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS "FETCH" command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product.

### 3.14.16 Error 16 Encountered When Using The SCS Product

- SYMPTOM** Error 16 is encountered when using the SCS product.
- CAUSE** SCS has problems dealing with filenames of length 12 characters or more.
- SOLUTION** Make sure SCS files have 12 or less characters.

### 3.14.17 Error 21 Encountered When Using The SCS “GENERATE” Command

- SYMPTOM** Error 21 is encountered when using the SCS “GENERATE” command.
- CAUSE** A general dependency may have been specified twice in a General Dependency File.
- SOLUTION** Edit the General Dependency File and delete the general dependency that is specified twice.

### 3.14.18 Problem With The SCS “INFORM” Command

- SYMPTOM** The following SCS command will not return control to the user: INFORM file-name1 > file-name2
- CAUSE** The SCS product does not recognize the redirection character “>”.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, use the “TO” preposition instead of the redirection character “>”.

### 3.14.19 The SCS Key Macro “Q” Is Not Recognized

- SYMPTOM** The SCS “INFORM” command does not recognize the key macro “Q”.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS “INFORM” command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release of the SCS product.

### 3.14.20 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The SCS “GENERATE” Command

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception is encountered when using the SCS “GENERATE” command.
- CAUSE** The number of general dependencies in the General Dependency File exceeded 64.
- SOLUTION** This problem has been fixed. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers may contact their local sales office.

### 3.14.21 Arrays Of Length 64Kbytes And Soft-Scope 286

- SYMPTOM** Soft-Scope 286 cannot display the contents of an array whose size is 64Kbytes or larger.
- CAUSE** Problem with Soft-Scope 286.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future release/update of the Soft-Scope product.

### 3.14.22 Soft-Scope 286 And Local Variables In Recursive Functions

- SYMPTOM** Soft-Scope 286 does not recognize local variables in recursive functions.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Soft-Scope 286 product.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the Soft-Scope 286 product.

### 3.14.23 Cannot Use The iRMX Virtual Terminal

- SYMPTOM** If a user invokes VT and logs on to a remote iRMX II.3 system, does some work, logs out, and then terminates the VT session (via “~.”), he is unable to VT to that system again.
- CAUSE** Problem with Update 2 of the iRMX II.3 Operating System.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, ensure that you terminate the Virtual Terminal session (via “~.”) before you log off the system. This problem has been fixed by Class B zap ZAP076. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers may contact their local sales office.

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# 4

This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX II Operating System, Release 4.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

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## 4.1 SYSTEM BOOTING PROBLEMS

### 4.1.1 Installation System Does Not Boot

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs right after the sign-on message, or never comes up, while installing the system on iAPX 286-based systems.
- CAUSE** This is a problem with the iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.3 (Part Number 146276-001 and 146276-002).
- SOLUTION** Use iSBC™ 215G firmware Version 2.4 (Part Number 146979-001 and 146979-002) or more current versions. Contact your local sales office for assistance.
- CAUSE** You do not have the right stepping of the iAPX 286 processor.
- SOLUTION** Use at least a B-2 stepping iAPX 286 processor. Contact your local sales office for assistance.

### 4.1.2 System Will Not Reboot With iSBC 215G Controller

- SYMPTOM** A system that worked previously now fails to initialize when an iSBC 215G controller was added to the system.
- CAUSE** The iSBC 215G controller uses a wakeup address in memory that corresponds to the wakeup port address jumpered on the iSBC 215G board. This address may be inadvertently written over by the system.
- SOLUTION** Be sure your wakeup address is not included in the memory specified for the system or for the free space manager by the memory screen in the ICU. For example, the default wakeup port address for the iSBC 215G board is 100H, the memory address used is 1000H through 1100H and must be excluded from the available memory in the ICU.

### 4.1.3 System With Multiple iSBC 215G Boards Hangs

- SYMPTOM** You have two or more iSBC™ 215G boards and when you attach a disk, the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The wakeup port addresses are not a minimum of 11H apart so the 272 bytes required for each board have not been reserved.
- SOLUTION** If the first board has wakeup port address of 100H the second one should have 111H and the third one should have 122H etc.

### 4.1.4 The System Fails To Boot When Using The 8251A Device Driver

- SYMPTOM** The system does not boot when the :config:terminals file assigns a Human Interface user to a terminal attached to an iSBX 351 module.
- CAUSE** To be determined.
- SOLUTION** Mount the iSBX 351 board or, if the iSBX 351 module is not mounted, remove the terminal attached to the iSBX 351 module from the :config:terminals file. This problem will be fixed in a future update.

#### 4.1.5 Using The iSBC xxxCX iLBX™ RAM Boards

- SYMPTOM** If your system contains more than 896 Kbytes of physical memory and you are using an iSBC xxxCX RAM Board (e.g., iSBC™ 010CX, iSBC™ 012CX, etc.), the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The starting address of the Human Interface user partition lies near the 896 Kbyte boundary.
- SOLUTION** You must configure your system so that no user partition begins within 50 Kbytes of the 896 Kbyte boundary.

#### 4.1.6 Baud Rate Scan Of Terminal Set To 9600 Fails

- SYMPTOM** A baud rate scan of a terminal set to 9600 baud causes the system to fail, if your system contains either an iSBC board with clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as the iSBC 286/10A board or the iSBC 286/12 board) or an iSBC board that utilizes 1 or 0 wait-state memory and uses an 8274 Terminal Driver.
- CAUSE** Timing problem in interfacing with the 8274 MPC.
- SOLUTION** Use two or more wait-states in memory or set the terminal baud rate to something other than 9600 baud when doing the baud rate scan or configure the 8274 Terminal Driver to use a fixed baud rate.

#### 4.1.7 “no-go” From Winchester

- SYMPTOM** When an iRMX system box is powered up, the SCT shows a “no-go” for the Winchester disk, but subsequent boots while system is powered up show a “go” for the disk.
- CAUSE** If your system has “autolock” for the disk, the SCT will fail on power up for the disk because the delay is not long enough to allow for the auto-unlock. The term “autolock” means that when the power is turned off, the heads are automatically locked, versus manual lock where a switch had to be manually set to lock the heads.
- SOLUTION** A future release of the SCT will have a longer delay.

#### 4.1.8 No Response To Keyboard - No Output To Console

- SYMPTOM** When you attempt to boot the system, it accesses the disk, but neither responds to keyboard input nor sends any output to the console.
- CAUSE** The third stage Bootstrap Loader is in the same memory that is reserved for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader.
- SOLUTION** If you configure a third stage Bootstrap Loader, do not locate it in the space allocated for the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader. See table.
- | SCT Version Number          | Starting RAM Location                                               | Size of RAM Area (in bytes) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SCT 286/300x (all versions) | 24K bytes less than the largest RAM address (not to exceed 0C0000H) | 21K (5400H)                 |
- CAUSE** The initial task belonging to a first-level job has a missing or unexecuted END\$INIT\$TASK system call.
- SOLUTION** Check that the initial task of all first-level user jobs invokes an END\$INIT\$TASK system call.
- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:TERMINALS file has been corrupted, or has zero users allocated.

- SOLUTION** Create or correct the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- CAUSE** The :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files are incorrect. A common error is to use both a comma (,) and a carriage return as a parameter delimiter. If a comma is followed by a carriage return, a null parameter is assigned.
- SOLUTION** Correct the :CONFIG:USER/<user id> files to ensure that commas are not unintentionally followed by carriage returns.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory to complete the booting process.
- SOLUTION** Check that your system has enough memory to complete booting.
- CAUSE** Memory-mapped I/O addresses were not excluded from the S and FSM memory.
- SOLUTION** Exclude memory-mapped I/O addresses from iRMX II memory using the MEMORY FOR SYSTEM screen of the ICU.
- CAUSE** The system has been configured to use the System Debug Monitor (iSDM™), but the iSDM monitor has not been physically installed in the system or it has been placed at an invalid address.
- SOLUTION** Install the iSDM monitor. For information about how to install and/or use the iSDM monitor, refer to the *iSDM™ System Debug Monitor Installation and Configuration Guide*.
- CAUSE** The system device name in the Bootstrap Loader does not have a corresponding device name in a Device Unit Information entry within the system definition file.
- SOLUTION** Using the ICU, make sure that the device name of the booting device exists in a Device Unit Information entry. For example, "W" for the Winchester disk.
- CAUSE** There is a conflict over an interrupt. For example, two or more interrupts are assigned to the same level.
- SOLUTION** Check the board jumpers and the configuration definition file for two interrupts assigned to the same level.
- CAUSE** The interrupt from a device is not getting to the 8259A Programmable Interrupt Controller.

#### NOTE

The Bootstrap Loader does not use interrupts.

- SOLUTION** Check that the interrupt is actually getting to the 8259A (PIC). Refer to the hardware reference manual for your Single Board Computer (iSBC).
- CAUSE** The disk has been formatted using the iRMX 86 Release 7 FORMAT and the second stage of the bootstrap loader for the iRMX 86 Release 7 system is not compatible with the iRMX II system.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using iRMX II FORMAT.

#### 4.1.9 ROM System Does Not Come Up

- SYMPTOM** When a ROM based iRMX II operating system is powered up, it does not come up.
- CAUSE** The iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 board is not jumpered correctly.
- SOLUTION** To specify four 27512 EPROM devices, set up jumpers 62 through 91 as specified in the 27512 (64K x 8 EPROM) example in Appendix E of the *iSBC 286/10A or iSBC 286/10 Hardware Reference Manual*.

To specify a starting memory address and memory size for local memory, use primary decode option 3. The jumpers required are:

| Default Configuration | Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| E218 - E219 installed | E218 - E219 installed               |
| E220 - E221 removed   | E220 - E221 installed               |

To specify memory size/justification for local memory, use secondary option 3. The jumpers required are:

| Default Configuration | Jumpers for Primary Decode Option 3 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| E51 - E59 removed     | E51 - E59 removed                   |
| E50 - E58 removed     | E50 - E58 installed                 |
| E49 - E57 installed   | E49 - E57 installed                 |

#### 4.1.10 EIOS Initialization Error 40h Encountered

- SYMPTOM** EIOS Initialization Error 40h is encountered when bootstrap loading an iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** The cause is under investigation.
- SOLUTION** Re-boot your iRMX II operating system. Will be fixed in a future release.

#### 4.1.11 Error 118 Received From BLD286 Utility

- SYMPTOM** The BLD286 utility generates the following error message during system configuration.
- ```
*** ERROR 118: Input Segments Exceed Target Memory Processing Aborted
```
- CAUSE** The amount of memory needed for the iRMX 286 operating system code and data segments has exceeded the amount of memory given to it during system configuration.
- SOLUTION** Use the ICU286 utility and increase the system memory on the memory for system screen. Decrease the memory specified on the memory for free space manager screen by the same amount. Refer to the segment description portion of the BLD286 map file (<boot_file>.mp2).

4.1.12 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.
- SOLUTION** Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

4.1.13 Problems With Installation Of Update 2

- SYMPTOM** Many error messages may be generated during the installation process of Update 2.
- CAUSE** The LIB86 utility is required for the installation of Update 2.
- SOLUTION** Make sure you have the LIB86 utility before installing Update 2.

4.1.14 Memory Warning Received During the Logon Process

- SYMPTOM** The operating system may display a WARNING message during the logon process, informing the user that it cannot assign it the minimum memory it has requested.
- CAUSE** The maximum memory partition-size value of the user attribute file was smaller than the minimum memory partition-size.
- SOLUTION** Contents of the user attribute file before and after the problem:
Before: 2000,512,141,:sd:user/super After : 512,2000,141,:sd:user/super

4.1.15 An "INTERRUPT 3" May Be Encountered When Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** An "INTERRUPT 3" may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II Operating System from a single high density, 96 TPI boot diskette.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX II bootstrap loader. As a workaround you must use the generic third stage of the bootstrap loader for your specific board.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.1.16 EIOS Initialization Error Encountered When Auto Boot Is Used In MULTIBUS II

- SYMPTOM** An EIOS initialization error 40H may be encountered when bootloading automatically on a MULTIBUS II system.
- CAUSE** A problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zap ZAP041. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.2 HARDWARE EXCEPTION PROBLEMS

4.2.1 General Protection In A System Call

- SYMPTOM** You get a general protection error within a system call, even though the parameters passed to the call are correct.
- CAUSE** The application program is bound to the wrong interface library. For example, a LARGE program is bound to a COMPACT interface library.
- SOLUTION** Check your program size control statement and the bind command to make sure they are compatible.

4.2.2 General Protection In An Application Program

- SYMPTOM** When running an application program, you get a general protection error.
- CAUSE** You have an invalid data segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.
- SOLUTION** Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(ds)” will display the data segment characteristics. By examining the data segment you can identify the problem.

CAUSE You have an invalid extra segment or you have crossed the boundary of the segment.

SOLUTION Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(es)” will display the extra segment characteristics. By examining the extra segment you can identify the problem.

4.2.3 Stack Protection In An Application Program

SYMPTOM When running an application program you get a stack protection error.

CAUSE You have an invalid stack segment or the stack has overflowed.

SOLUTION Make the necessary correction to your program.

NOTE

The iSDM command “ddt(ss)” will display the stack segment characteristics. By examining the stack segment you can identify the problem.

CAUSE The PL/M-286 compiler did not create a stack and the application loader did not create a stack big enough for the execution of the program.

SOLUTION Use debug control when compiling.

4.2.4 Stack Protection Error When Running BLD286

SYMPTOM When running BLD286 on a system that does not have enough disk space, a stack protection exception is encountered. The builder displays the following messages a number of times before it gets a protection error:

```
INTERFACE ERROR
0029 : E$SPACE
FILE : ROM.MP2
PROCESS ABORTED
```

CAUSE The disk does not have enough space to contain the output files from the build operation.

SOLUTION Make sure your disk has over 1 Mbyte free space before starting the ICU. This problem will be fixed in a future release of BLD286.

4.2.5 Third Stage Gets DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error

SYMPTOM The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.

CAUSE Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX II operating system.

SOLUTION Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system’s front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.

CAUSE You have configured the IDT with too few slots.

SOLUTION Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.

CAUSE You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.

SOLUTION Reformat the disk using iRMX II FORMAT command with BOOTSTRAP option only the second stage of the Bootstrap Loader is written by this option; the other files on the disk are unaffected.

4.3 APPLICATION LOADER PROBLEMS

4.3.1 Wrong Message Returned To MSG\$MBOX In RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB

SYMPTOM When using the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB system call, the mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter receives the wrong message.

CAUSE The mailbox specified in the MSG\$MBOX parameter of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call is used internally by the loader to receive the loader result segment from RQ\$A\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB. This causes several problems:

1. The user cannot specify selector\$(NIL) for the MSG\$MBOX parameter as in RQ\$CREATE\$IO\$JOB.
2. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has a separate task to receive exit messages from I/O jobs and this task does a RQ\$RECEIVE\$MESSAGE at the MSG\$MBOX before another task calls RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB, the user will receive the loader result segment and the system will crash.
3. The user can receive the wrong message. If the user has 2 RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB calls that specify the same MSG\$MBOX, the loader can receive the exit message from the first I/O job while expecting to get the loader result segment from the second load. This prevents delivery of the exit message and causes the second load to terminate without success.

SOLUTION As a workaround, avoid the following:

1. Specify NIL for the MSG\$MBOX of the RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB
2. Leave a task waiting for a message at a mailbox and then use the same mailbox in a RQ\$\$\$LOAD\$IO\$JOB call. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.3.2 The Application Loader Reduces The Number Of Available GDT Slots

SYMPTOM When loading applications containing overlays the number of available GDT slots is decreased after the application had completed execution.

CAUSE A problem in the Application Loader.

SOLUTION This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP031. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.3.3 General Protection Exception Encountered In The Loader

SYMPTOM A General Protection exception may be encountered in the Application Loader code when trying to load an OVERLAYED application.

CAUSE A problem in the Application Loader.

SOLUTION This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP035, ZAP036, and ZAP037. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.3.4 “E\$MEM” Exception Encountered When Running A Program

- SYMPTOM** An “E\$MEM” exception may be encountered when running a program under the Human Interface.
- CAUSE** A problem in the Application Loader.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP035, ZAP036, and ZAP037. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.4 BOOTSTRAP LOADER PROBLEMS

4.4.1 Third Stage Does Not Issue The First Message

- SYMPTOM** While bootloading, the message, NOW IN PROTECTED MODE, is not issued and the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The load file you specified with a .286 extension or the default load file you used, STEM/RMX86.286 (if no name is specified) was not found on the volume.
- SOLUTION** Check the volume to make sure the file specified or the default file STEM/RMX86.286 exists.
- CAUSE** The pathname for the third stage has a period in it other than the period for the file name extension.
- SOLUTION** Rename the directory or the filename in the pathname of the third stage, so that the name does not contain a period, except the period for the extension of the third stage's file name.
- For example, if the third stage has a pathname /BOOT/MY.DIR.SYS286.3RD, change it to /BOOT/MYDIR/SYS286.3RD.

4.4.2 Third Stage Does Not Issue The Second Message

- SYMPTOM** While bootloading, the message, TARGET FILE LOADED, is not issued and the system hangs.
- CAUSE** The file containing the system was incorrect.
- SOLUTION** Check the file and regenerate the system if necessary.
- CAUSE** The third stage was loading the load file on top of it.
- SOLUTION** Use the memory screen of the ICU to correct your memory allocation. By default, the second stage is located at B8000H, BBFFFH - C0000H, the device generic and specific third stages are located at BC000H - C0000H. Your system memory should not include these locations. However, the free space manager can include this memory.

4.4.3 Third Stage Gets A DIVIDE-BY-ZERO Error

- SYMPTOM** The third stage of the Bootstrap Loader gets a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error.
- CAUSE** Your system was not reset before you booted your iRMX 286 operating system.
- SOLUTION** Reset the system by pressing the reset button on your system's front panel or by whatever means you have built into your hardware.
- CAUSE** You have configured the IDT with too few slots.

- SOLUTION** Check your definition file and correct the number of IDT entries in the Nucleus screen of the ICU.
- CAUSE** You are using an iRMX 86 operating system Bootstrap Loader second stage. In other words, you are booting from a disk which was formatted using the iRMX 86 FORMAT command.
- SOLUTION** Reformat the disk using the iRMX 286 FORMAT command with the BOOTSTRAP option.

4.4.4 Checksum Error Encountered While Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A checksum error is encountered when you bootload the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** A file was specified in the first stage of the bootstrap loader that was not the third stage of the bootstrap loader.
- SOLUTION** Always specify the third stage of the bootstrap loader when bootloading your system.

4.4.5 An "INTERRUPT 3" May Be Encountered When Bootloading The Operating System

- SYMPTOM** An "INTERRUPT 3" may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II operating system from a single high density, 96 TPI boot diskette.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX II bootstrap loader. As a workaround you must use the generic third stage of the bootstrap loader for your specific board.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.5 I/O SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND DRIVER PROBLEMS

4.5.1 System Time Not Current When CONTROL-C Out Of TIME Command

- SYMPTOM** If you abort the default r?logon program at signon time via a CONTROL-C, the default Date/Time of the system does not automatically revert to the last time the directory :SYSTEM: was accessed.
- CAUSE** The system gets its time from the :SYSTEM: directory if the operator does not enter time during signon time. To improve performance, iRMX II does not update a file's access parameter unless the file was modified. Because of this, the access time of :SYSTEM: directory reflects the last time it was modified.
- SOLUTION** Enter time each time you logon. Run "SHUTDOWN" before you turn power off or reset your system.

4.5.2 iSBC 188/48 Board Ignores Characters With Parity Errors

- SYMPTOM** The iSBC 188/48 driver does not pass thru characters with input parity errors.
- CAUSE** A feature of the iSBC 188/48 firmware.
- SOLUTION** Use a different device. For example, an iSBC 544A board may be used.

4.5.3 iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 Board Problem

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection error is encountered in a system that uses the iSBC 188/48 or iSBC 188/56 board.
- CAUSE** A problem with the iSBC 188/48 and iSBC 188/56 boards (if IC U-69 is not labeled 451012).
- SOLUTION** Return the board to the repair center for upgrade.

4.5.4 Translation Of Escape Sequence #18 Does Not Work

- SYMPTOM** Translation of escape sequence 18 does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem in the Terminal Support Code.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.5.5 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.5.6 CONTROL-S Can Hang A Terminal

- SYMPTOM** While scrolling through a file using AEDIT, if you enter a CONTROL-S you may not be able to resume using a CONTROL-Q.
- CAUSE** Problem under investigation.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.5.7 Your Response Time To HI Commands Seems Too Long

- SYMPTOM** You response time to HI commands seem too long.
- CAUSE** The default priority of the SUPER user is 141. Users, other than SUPER, are created with a priority of 142. If SUPER user is active in a multi-user system, other users may notice a degradation in response time.
- SOLUTION** Edit the :CONFIG:USER/SUPER file and change the priority to 142. Logout and then login again.

4.5.8 General Protection Exception Encountered When Saving A File Using AEDIT

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception may be encountered when saving a file on a floppy using AEDIT.
- CAUSE** The floppy was removed from the diskette drive, before the save command was issued. The problem is under investigation.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that a floppy diskette is in the drive and the floppy drive door is closed.

4.5.9 Problem With The iSBC 186/410 Device In Full Duplex Mode

SYMPTOM Input is extremely slow compared to output on the iSBC 186/410 device when used in full duplex mode.

CAUSE Problem with the iSBC 186/410 device driver.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.5.10 An E\$IOMEM Exception May Be Encountered When Doing An "ATTACHDEVICE"

SYMPTOM An E\$IOMEM exception may be encountered when doing an "ATTACHDEVICE".

CAUSE The user has not received the requested amount of memory during the "LOGON" process and therefore has insufficient memory.

SOLUTION Ensure that the "minimum partition-size" parameter of the user attribute file (:config:user/<user-name>) is at least 512 and this value is less than the "maximum partition-size" parameter value.

4.5.11 Cannot Input More Than 255 Bytes At A Time When Using The Computer-To-Computer Feature

SYMPTOM One cannot input more than 255 bytes at a time when using the computer-to-computer feature of the iRMX II operating system.

CAUSE This is a limitation of the iRMX II operating system.

SOLUTION Repeated input statements will allow the program to obtain the data being sent to it.

4.5.12 The Downloader System Job Cannot Support Multiple ISBC 186/410 Boards

SYMPTOM The Downloader System job cannot support more than one iSBC 186/410 board.

CAUSE A problem in the Downloader System job.

SOLUTION This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP076, ZAP077, ZAP079, ZAP089, and ZAP090. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.6 NUCLEUS PROBLEMS

4.6.1 System Is In Infinite Loop

SYMPTOM If the SDB is not the exception handler in your system and the exception mode is "never", a DIVIDE-BY-ZERO error in your application program will cause an infinite loop to be executed.

CAUSE The system default exception handler and the system alternative exception handler do not increment the IP register past the offending instruction.

SOLUTION Use the SDB as the exception handler during the development phase and write a user exception handler if DIVIDE-BY-ZERO can occur in the application.

4.6.2 Cannot Set Exception Handlers For Hardware Exceptions

SYMPTOM RQ\$SET\$EXCEPTION\$HANDLER will not install a user-written exception handler for a hardware exception.

CAUSE The iRMX II Release 4.0 system does not provide this capability.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future release.

4.6.3 RQ\$RESUME\$TASK Call Gets E\$STATE

SYMPTOM A task which makes a RQ\$DISABLE\$DELETION call to protect itself from deletion and then makes a RQ\$SUSPEND\$TASK call to suspend itself, cannot be resumed by a RQ\$RESUME\$TASK call. The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK returns a condition code of E\$STATE which indicates that the task was not suspended.

CAUSE Error in NUC.LIB.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update.

4.6.4 Exceptions Are Not Caught By The Exception Handler

SYMPTOM Environmental exceptions are not caught by the exception handler.

CAUSE The UDI exception handler acts only on programmer exceptions, and when binding your program you specified the UDI Interface Library before the iRMX 286 Interface Library.

SOLUTION In your BND286 statement specify the iRMX 286 Interface Library before the UDI Interface Library.

4.6.5 E\$STATE Exception Never Returned By RQ\$RESUME\$TASK

SYMPTOM An E\$STATE exception is not returned if you resume a non-suspended task with the Nucleus call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK.

CAUSE An error in the Nucleus.

SOLUTION Will be fixed in a future release.

4.6.6 Problem With The RQ\$RESUME\$TASK() System Call

SYMPTOM If you resume a non-suspended sleeping task with the nucleus system call RQ\$RESUME\$TASK, the nucleus does not return an E\$STATE exception.

CAUSE Problem with the RQ\$RESUME\$TASK system call.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.6.7 RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS Returns An E\$BAD\$ADDRESS Exception

SYMPTOM The RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS nucleus system call returns a E\$BAD\$ADDRESS exception if the ACCESS\$PTR parameter of this call points to a structure that is located at the end of the data segment.

CAUSE Problem with the RQ\$E\$OBJECT\$ACCESS system call.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.6.8 E\$CONTEXT Received From Buffer Pool System Calls

- SYMPTOM** An E\$CONTEXT is received when executing buffer pool system calls.
- CAUSE** The buffer pools and the buffers that are used with the buffer pool system calls were not created by the job they are used in.
- SOLUTION** Make sure that the buffer pools and the segments (buffers) that are used with the buffer pool system calls are created by the job they are used in.

4.6.9 The iRMX Operating System Does Not Support The 80287 Emulator

- SYMPTOM** The iRMX Operating System does not support the 80287 Emulator. Incorrect Floating Point values may be returned.
- CAUSE** The 80287 Emulator has non-reentrant routines. Therefore the state of the Emulator will not be saved during a task switch.
- SOLUTION** You must either obtain and configure an 80287 component or synchronize your tasks (i.e, using SEMAPHORES) in a way that only one task uses the Emulator at any time.

4.6.10 RQ\$DELETE\$BUFFER\$POOL System Call Always Returns An E\$OK

- SYMPTOM** A call to the RQ\$DELETE\$BUFFER\$POOL Nucleus system call to delete a buffer pool that is attached to a port always returns a condition code of E\$OK.
- CAUSE** Problem in the iRMX Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.6.11 Problem With The RQ\$SEND\$RSVP Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** Control does not return from the RQ\$SEND\$RSVP nucleus system call.
- CAUSE** Existing, but incorrect “port\$tkn” and “socket” parameters were used for this system call.
- SOLUTION** Use valid and correct “port\$tkn” and “socket” parameters.

4.6.12 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The RQ\$DELETE\$DESCRIPTOR Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection Exception may be encountered when the RQ\$DELETE\$DESCRIPTOR Nucleus system call is used.
- CAUSE** A Problem in the iRMX II Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.6.13 An E\$INTERRUPT\$OVERFLOW Message Encountered

- SYMPTOM** An E\$INTERRUPT\$OVERFLOW message may be encountered from the Nucleus RQ\$TIMED\$INTERRUPT system call.
- CAUSE** Problem with the iRMX II.3 Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.6.14 NUCLEUS INITIALIZATION ERROR: 0002H Encountered

- SYMPTOM** A "NUCLEUS INITIALIZATION ERROR : 0002H" may be encountered when bootloading the iRMX II operating system.
- CAUSE** All available memory was designated as system memory. Therefore, the operating system had insufficient memory for its initialization.
- SOLUTION** Use the interactive configuration utility, and change the system memory screen to allow sufficient memory for the system to come up and initialize.

4.6.15 A General Protection Exception May Be Encountered When Executing A RQ\$RECEIVE\$DATA Nucleus System Call

- SYMPTOM** A general protection exception may be encountered when executing an RQ\$RECEIVE\$DATA nucleus system call.
- CAUSE** Problem in iRMX II nucleus. As a workaround you must ensure that the receive buffer size is at least 128 bytes in length.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.6.16 The Nucleus System Call "RQ\$RECEIVE" Returns An Incorrect Flag

- SYMPTOM** The Nucleus system call "RQ\$RECEIVE" erroneously returns a flag indicating that a returned contiguous data message buffer is a data chain.
- CAUSE** A problem in the Nucleus.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zap ZAP030. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.7 UNIVERSAL DEVELOPMENT INTERFACE (UDI) PROBLEMS

4.7.1 CONTROL-C Handler Gets Stack Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** A user-written CONTROL-C handler gets a Stack Protection error.
- CAUSE** The CONTROL-C handler was compiled using the COMPACT model of compilation.
- SOLUTION** Compile the CONTROL-C handler using the LARGE model of compilation.

4.7.2 Run Time Error 0001H Encountered In An I/O Job

- SYMPTOM** When making a FORTRAN written application an I/O job, you receive a run time exception of 0001H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the UDI.
- SOLUTION** Lookup "R?H\$C\$NAME" in the CLI's job and catalog it in the I/O job's directory under the same name. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.8 INTERACTIVE CONFIGURATION UTILITY (ICU) PROBLEMS

4.8.1 BLD286 Issues “REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT” Error Message

- SYMPTOM** If a user module contains only large model reentrant procedures and this module is specified as a user module in the ICU, then BLD286 issues an error message “REFERENCE TO EMPTY SEGMENT”.
- CAUSE** Reentrant procedures use the stack for their data. As a result, the data segment remains empty. In the large model, this empty data segment does not get combined with the data segments of other modules.
- SOLUTION** Declare a “dummy” variable in the module at the module level, so that the data segment is not empty.

4.8.2 Changes To Definition File Were Not Saved

- SYMPTOM** After generating a system, changes made in the ICU session did not get changed in the definition file.
- CAUSE** The ICU tried to access files without having the correct access rights for those files.
- SOLUTION** Refer to chapter two of the *Extended iRMX II.3 Configuration Guide* for correct procedures on access rights of ICU files.

4.8.3 Receiving NDP Exceptions When Running Programs Under Human Interface

- SYMPTOM** You may encounter NDP exceptions when you run a program from the Human interface.
- CAUSE** The NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen is set to NO.
- SOLUTION** The standard ICU definition files 286100A.DEF and 386100.DEF have the NPX parameter set to YES on the hardware screen, but set to NO on the HI JOBS screen. Therefore, if you have commands that will be using floating point instructions and will be run from the Human Interface you must use the ICU286 utility to set the NPX parameter in the HI JOBS screen to YES.

4.8.4 Problems Encountered When Using The MS Submit

- SYMPTOM** The MS submit fails during system generation using PL/M-286 V3.1 and/or ASM286 V1.3.
- CAUSE** Not enough memory available for PLM286 V3.1 when run from the MS submit file.
- SOLUTION** Increase your minimum user memory partition size to 420K bytes.

4.8.5 Hardware Screen Not Found When Using The ICU Utility

- SYMPTOM** A warning may be encountered when you try to change the hardware parameters using the ICU utility.
- CAUSE** The default “Detail-Level” has been changed in the ICU to avoid the screens not used by most users.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, you must change the “Detail-Level” to “ALL” before trying to change the hardware screen parameters.

4.8.6 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The ICU Help Option

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception may be encountered when using the "HELP" option on the parameters of the iRMX-NET screen with the ICU utility.
- CAUSE** A problem in the ICU utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP071 and ZAP071. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.8.7 Terminal Support Code Is Added When Not Required

- SYMPTOM** The Terminal Support Code is included in a system that does not include any terminal drivers.
- CAUSE** A problem in the ICU utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP070 and ZAP071. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.8.8 AT-BUS ROM Support Screen Missing

- SYMPTOM** The AT-BUS ROM support screen may be missing.
- CAUSE** A problem in the ICU utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zaps ZAP070 and ZAP071. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.9 MASS STORAGE PROBLEMS

4.9.1 Cannot Format iSBX 251 Multimodule

- SYMPTOM** The user cannot format an iSBX 251 Magnetic Bubble Memory Multimodule.
- CAUSE** Improper jumpering on iSBX 251 multimodule.
- SOLUTION** On the iSBX 251 multimodule, remove jumper W5 and install jumper W6. For more information on jumpering the iSBX 251 multimodule, refer to the *iSBX™ 251 Multimodule Technical Reference Manual*.

4.9.2 Data Loss On iSBX 251 Driver

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on an iSBX 251 driver.
- CAUSE** The CPU must service all interrupts from the iSBX 251 driver within 1.5 milliseconds. Failure to respond within this time frame could cause the iSBX 251 driver to lose data.
- SOLUTION** Solutions are as follows:
1. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a board with a clockrate greater than 6MHz (such as an iSBC 286/12).
 2. Do not mount the iSBX 251 Multimodule on a CPU board that uses less than two wait-states on the iLBX.
 3. Do not use a terminal that uses the terminal support code.

4.9.3 Data Loss On Mass Storage Device

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on a mass storage device.
- CAUSE** System data buffers have not been written to the storage device prior to power loss or pressing the reset button.
- SOLUTION** Following disk access, wait for the update timeout (usually two seconds) before pressing the reset button or powering down the system.

NOTE

It is good practice to close all files and use the system call A\$UPDATE while accessing disk files under program control. When rebooting or powering down your system, always run shutdown first.

4.9.4 Data Loss On A Diskette

- SYMPTOM** Data loss occurs on a diskette.
- CAUSE** Some diskette drives do not have a Ready Line to inform the operating system when diskettes are changed; this applies to 5.25" drives, slim-line 8" drives, and micro floppy drives.
- SOLUTION** Use the ATTACHDEVICE command after a new diskette has been inserted and use the DETACHDEVICE command before removing a diskette from the drive.

4.9.5 Cannot Use iSBX 251 At Addresses Other Than 80H

- SYMPTOM** The iSBX 251 driver will not work if you move the iSBX 251 driver data port address, anywhere other than a data port address of 80H.
- CAUSE** A problem with the ICU where the IDEVC.A28 file does not reflect the change of data port address made when configuring the driver.
- SOLUTION** Edit the IDEVC.A28 file to reflect the correct data port address. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.9.6 A "VOLUME NOT MOUNTED" Message Encountered While Installing The iRMX II.4 Operating System

- SYMPTOM** A "VOLUME NOT MOUNTED" message may be encountered while installing the iRMX II.4 Operating System.
- CAUSE** This message is generated when you try to format your hard disk using the "form_disk" submit file. The command fails when the "changesd" command is executed to switch the system device from the floppy to the hard disk. This problem was caused by an incorrect jumpering of the disk drive.
- SOLUTION** Make sure your disk drive is jumpered correctly. For disk drive jumper information, refer to the hardware reference manual for your particular brand of drive.

4.10 MULTIUSER PROBLEMS

4.10.1 Users Do Not Receive Console Output

- SYMPTOM** One or more users do not receive console output, and the system does not respond to keyboard input.
- CAUSE** The device driver for the user's terminal was configured with EIOS buffers.
- SOLUTION** Always set Max Buffers (MB) to zero on the Device-Unit Information screen when configuring a driver for a terminal.
- CAUSE** An error occurred when the system tried to bring up the users.
- SOLUTION** Run the INITSTATUS command from the resident user console to determine the initialization status of the users. Refer to the *Extended iRMX II.3 Operator's Guide To The Human Interface Reference Manual* for information on the INITSTATUS command.
- CAUSE** The user does not have the proper access rights to some critical directory or file.
- SOLUTION** Check the user's default directory (:\$:), the :PROG: directory and the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file to ensure that each user has the proper access. Use the PERMIT command to change the access rights of the directory or file.
- CAUSE** Either the :CONFIG:TERMINALS or :CONFIG:USER/<user-id> files are incorrect.
- SOLUTION** Examine these two files for proper content and reboot. Refer to Chapter 20 in the *Extended iRMX II.3 Hardware And Software Installation Guide*.
- CAUSE** The resident user has been configured with a maximum memory size of 0FFFFH. Hence, the resident user takes all available memory.
- SOLUTION** Reset the resident user's memory requirements in the ICU. Ensure that sufficient memory is allocated to the non-resident users.

4.10.2 Memory-Related Error Messages

- SYMPTOM** A user receives a memory-related error message (for example, E\$MEM) when trying to run utilities or the SUPER command in a multiuser system.
- CAUSE** Insufficient memory has been allocated for that user in the :CONFIG:TERMINALS file.
- SOLUTION** Refer to the Non-Resident Configuration Files Chapter of the *Extended iRMX II.3 Installation and Configuration Guide* for the memory partition size requirements for languages and utilities.

4.10.3 Terminals Lose Characters

- SYMPTOM** In a multiuser environment, a terminal may lose characters on input.
- CAUSE** The baud rate is too high.
- SOLUTION** Lower the baud rate and/or reduce the number of users.

4.11 DEBUGGING PROBLEMS

4.11.1 Breakpoints Ignored

- SYMPTOM** Breakpoints set in ROM with the System Debugger (SDB) are illegal (not supported).
- CAUSE** When a breakpoint is set, a software interrupt instruction is actually placed at the address specified. This instruction causes a jump to the monitor. These instructions cannot be written into ROM.
- SOLUTION** Only in-circuit emulators allow stopping normal processing at a given ROM address. Either put the code in RAM for debugging purposes or use one of the in-circuit emulators.

4.11.2 Job Flags Field Is Incorrect When Viewing A Job Token

- SYMPTOM** When you view a job token with the SDB command VT, the Job Flags field is incorrect.
- CAUSE** An error in the SDB.
- SOLUTION** A value of 02 for Job Flags means that parameter validation is enabled and a value of 00 means that it is disabled. Will be fixed in a future release.

4.11.3 Using The SDB As The Default Exception Handler in iRMX II Causes GP13

- SYMPTOM** When an exceptional condition occurs and execution transfers to the System Debugger, attempting to continue execution using the debugger's "GO" command causes a General Protection error.
- CAUSE** The routine which calls the debugger fails to correctly handle the stack upon return.
- SOLUTION** If you need to use the System Debugger as the default exception handler, answer the DEH prompt on the Nucleus ICU screen with User, which specifies a user written exception handler. Answer the NEH prompt on the Nucleus ICU screen with the name of an object file produced by assembling the following code:

```

                NAME      Exception Handler
CODE          SEGMENT  ER PUBLIC
                PUBLIC   RQSYSEX
RQSYSEX       PROC     FAR
                INT      3          ;Invoke the SDB via the SDM
                RET      8          ;Pop parameters off the stack
RQSYSEX       ENDP
CODE          ENDS
                END
    
```

4.11.4 A Backslash Can Hang The System When In The Monitor

- SYMPTOM** A single backslash will hang the system when using the System Debug Monitor.
- CAUSE** Problem in the System Debug Monitor.
- SOLUTION** Reset the system. This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the System Debug Monitor.

4.12 PATHNAME PROBLEMS

4.12.1 DIR Does Not List All Files

- SYMPTOM** Some file names are not listed when using the Directory (DIR) command.
- CAUSE** Files with "R?" or "r?" in their filenames are considered invisible. This is a feature of the operating system.
- SOLUTION** Use the "Invisible" option of the DIR command to list these files, (that is, DIR :\$: I).

4.12.2 Logical Name Does Not Exist

- SYMPTOM** Some Human Interface commands do not function, usually generating the error "LOGICAL NAME DOES NOT EXIST".
- CAUSE** Some commands assume the system disk device name is :SD:.
- SOLUTION** Always configure systems with :SD: as the logical name for the system device.

4.12.3 DIR / Does Not List :SD:/

- SYMPTOM** The "DIR /" command does not list the ":SD:/" directory.
- CAUSE** When you change the default directory (:\$:) to a different physical disk device with the ATTACHFILE command, the root directory (/) changes. The root directory (/) always refers to the root of the device being used as the default.
- SOLUTION** Make specific references to :SD: to access the system device root directory.

4.12.4 Error When Attempt To Access File Or Directory

- SYMPTOM** Attempting file or directory access causes errors.
- CAUSE** Access has not been granted to the user ID attempting to use a file or directory.
- SOLUTION** Determine the access rights with the EXTENDED option on the Directory (DIR) command. The file's owner can change the access rights by invoking the PERMIT command. Also, the access rights to directories, as well as files, should be verified.

4.12.5 Unauthorized Changes To Files Or Directories

- SYMPTOM** Files and directories are being changed without the user's knowledge and/or access rights to files do not seem to work.
- CAUSE** There are multiple users with the same user ID.
- SOLUTION** File security can be enhanced by assigning different user IDs and default directories.

4.12.6 Filenames With A "?"

- SYMPTOM** Problems arise when invoking the COPY, DELETE, or RENAME command on files with a "?" embedded in their filenames, (for example, R?LOGON).
- CAUSE** A "?" is seen as a wildcard, not a filename character.
- SOLUTION** Enclose this portion of the pathname in quotes, for example, COPY R"?"logon. This causes the enclosed characters to be taken literally.

4.13 HUMAN INTERFACE PROBLEMS

4.13.1 System Hangs When Attempting To Access Line Printer

- SYMPTOM** An attempt to access a line printer that is either physically disconnected or is not turned on, hangs the system.
- CAUSE** The driver waits forever for the interrupt from the printer.
- SOLUTION** Do not use the line printer when it is disconnected or powered off. The workaround is press CONTROL-C, make the printer ready and re-issue the command.

4.13.2 System Hangs When iSBX 351 Terminal Is Turned Off

- SYMPTOM** If a user using an iSBX 351 serial channel disconnects or turns off the terminal, the system will hang.
- CAUSE** The iSBX 351 board bombards the iRMX 286 system with interrupts when in this condition.
- SOLUTION** Do not turn off the terminal. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.13.3 Error Message “delete access required”

- SYMPTOM** Incorrect error message (delete access required) returned by RENAME and COPY command.
- CAUSE** The file's directory does not have proper access.
- SOLUTION** Give the file's directory delete and add permission (using the PERMIT command) for the user executing the RENAME or COPY command.

4.13.4 Cannot Boot Off A Floppy Diskette

- SYMPTOM** A bootable diskette has no errors from the DISKVERIFY command but the diskette will not boot.
- CAUSE** DISKVERIFY does not verify the bootstrap loader portion of the diskette.
- SOLUTION** Format the disk using the BOOTSTRAP option.

4.13.5 Unpredictable System Behavior

- SYMPTOM** Unpredictable system operation.
- CAUSE** A Human Interface command is not terminated properly. Failure to correctly terminate a command causes unknown code to be executed and may cause serious loss of data.
- SOLUTION** Every HI command must end with either an EIOS call “RQ\$EXIT\$IO\$JOB” or a UDI call “DQ_EXIT”. The purpose of these calls is to correctly transfer control back to the iRMX II Operating System.

4.13.6 RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE Or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE

- SYMPTOM** Application program does not wait for response to RQ\$C\$SEND\$CO\$RESPONSE or RQ\$C\$SEND\$EO\$RESPONSE.
- CAUSE** The Human Interface includes the string length of the response string in the response\$max parameter. But, if the response\$max is one, the Human Interface returns without a response\$string.
- SOLUTION** The value in response\$max must equal the length of the string plus one.

4.13.7 System Time Is Incorrect After A Reboot

- SYMPTOM** System time and date stamp are not updated.
- CAUSE** The BIOS does not update the access time of any file until it is modified. The Human Interface uses the last access time of the system directory (:SYSTEM:) as the default time and date.
- SOLUTION** Always set the time and date when you boot your system or run shutdown before resetting or powering down your system.

4.13.8 Terminal Acts Peculiar When Running RESTORE

- SYMPTOM** Terminal acts peculiar when running the RESTORE command.
- CAUSE** RESTORE sends a 012H (DC2) character to :CO: before printing out the message "Directory Restored".
- SOLUTION** Run RESTORE from a submit file. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.13.9 Output Redirection To A Line Printer

- SYMPTOM** Redirecting output to a line printer by using the Command Line Interpreter (CLI) I/O redirection arrow (>) does not work.
- CAUSE** A problem with the CLI.
- SOLUTION** This will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.13.10 CLI I/O Redirection In An Alias

- SYMPTOM** CLI I/O redirection cannot be incorporated in an alias.
- CAUSE** A design limitation of the ALIAS command.
- SOLUTION** Do not use CLI I/O redirection in an alias.

4.13.11 Continuation Lines Do Not Work In CLI Commands

- SYMPTOM** A \$CONTINUATION exception occurs when using continuation lines with a CLI command.
- CAUSE** CLI commands do not support continuation lines.
- SOLUTION** Do not use continuation lines with CLI commands.

4.13.12 DELETE Command Executed From A Submit File Acts Peculiar

- SYMPTOM** Executing a DELETE command from a submit file, with the DELETE command consisting of continuation lines and more than 256 characters, it appears that the first 256 characters after the DELETE command are lost.
- CAUSE** A problem with DELETE command.
- SOLUTION** Do not use the DELETE command with more than 256 characters as input. This problem will be fixed in a future update or release.

4.13.13 SHUTDOWN Hangs The System

- SYMPTOM** The system hangs if you have a maximum priority of 0 for your user and you run the SHUTDOWN command.
- CAUSE** An error in the SHUTDOWN command.
- SOLUTION** Change the user priority.

4.13.14 Problem With The Human Interface RQSC\$GET\$PARAMETER System Call

- SYMPTOM** The value of the “more” parameter of the RQSC\$GET\$PARAMETER system call is always set to zero.
- CAUSE** The predict list parameter of this system call is not in CAPS.
- SOLUTION** The predict list should always be in CAPS.

4.13.15 Problem With The Human Interface DIR Command

- SYMPTOM** If you enter “DIR * SORT”, when you are three or more levels deep in the file structure, the DIR command will fail to display any information.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface DIR command.
- SOLUTION** Enter a CONTROL-C to get to the Human Interface. This problem will be fixed in a future Update or Release.

4.13.16 An E\$SHARE May Be Encountered When Using The “TIME” Command

- SYMPTOM** An E\$SHARE may be encountered if the Human Interface “TIME” command is executed with the “GLOBAL” option.
- CAUSE** The user attempted to access the global time-of-day clock while it was in use.
- SOLUTION** Retry the command.

4.13.17 Problem With The Human Interface “SET” Command

- SYMPTOM** AN E\$SLOT message may be encountered when you execute any Human Interface command.
- CAUSE** The “SET TERMINAL=VT100” command creates a segment, but does not delete it.
- SOLUTION** The system must be reset. This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.13.18 An E\$IOMEM Exception May Be Encountered When Doing An “ATTACHDEVICE”

- SYMPTOM** An E\$IOMEM exception may be encountered when doing an “ATTACHDEVICE”.
- CAUSE** The user has not received the requested amount of memory during the “LOGON” process and therefore has insufficient memory.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that the “minimum partition-size” parameter of the user attribute file (:config:user/<user-name>) is at least 512 and this value is less than the “maximum partition-size” parameter value.

4.13.19 “COPYDIR” May Hang The System

- SYMPTOM** The “COPYDIR” utility may hang the system when trying to copy :SD: to a second drive.
- CAUSE** Problem with the “COPYDIR” command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.13.20 Backup Too Slow

SYMPTOM The "BACKUP" command is extremely slow when a second tape is needed to finish the "BACKUP" process.

CAUSE Problem with the "BACKUP" command.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.13.21 "NOT A NAMED VOLUME" Message May Be Generated When Attaching SCS Diskettes

SYMPTOM When attaching an SCS floppy on the system 520, you will encounter the message "NOT A NAMED VOLUME".

CAUSE The 48TPI SCS diskette was not formatted with options of MS=0 and ES=41.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product. As a workaround, you can copy the contents of the floppy on another system (i.e., system 320), format the diskette with these options (e.g., `FORMAT :A: MS=0 ES=41`), and re-copy the SCS files back to the formatted diskette. This way you will create a readable floppy for the system 520.

4.13.22 General Protection Exception Encountered When Setting The Aliastable Size

SYMPTOM A General Protection exception may be encountered when setting the aliastable size from the "R?"LOGON" file.

CAUSE A problem in the Human Interface.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.13.23 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The ">" Command

SYMPTOM A General Protection exception may be encountered when redirecting output using the built-in redirection command ">".

CAUSE A problem in the Human Interface.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the iRMX II product.

4.13.24 EIOS Initialization Error Encountered When Auto Boot Is Used In MULTIBUS II

SYMPTOM An EIOS initialization error 40H may be encountered when bootloading automatically on a MULTIBUS II system.

CAUSE A problem with the Human Interface FORMAT command.

SOLUTION This problem was fixed by Class A zap ZAP041. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.13.25 “LOGOFF” Decreases User Available GDT Slots

- SYMPTOM** The “LOGOFF” command will decrease the user available GDT slots each time the user logs off.
- CAUSE** A problem with the Human Interface.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class B zaps ZAP102, ZAP103. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.13.26 Problem With Resetting An Agent From The Human Interface

- SYMPTOM** The alias “REBOOT” does not properly reset an agent from the Human Interface.
- CAUSE** The problem is under investigation.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, re-enter the “REBOOT” command. This problem will be fixed in a future update/release.

4.13.27 “SET” Command Reduces The Number Of Available GDT Slots

- SYMPTOM** The built-in CLI SET command reduces the number of available GDT slots.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Human Interface.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zap ZAP016. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

4.14 UTILITY PROBLEMS**4.14.1 LIB286 Truncates An Object File**

- SYMPTOM** When creating a new library, LIB286 truncates an object file and issues an error message “INVALID OBJECT FILE”.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

4.14.2 LIB286 Truncates Updated File - Leaves Backup File Empty

- SYMPTOM** When you are updating a library, LIB286 truncates the updated file and leaves the backup file empty. LIB286 issues an error message “INVALID OBJECT FILE”.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke LIB286.

4.14.3 Utility Generates “SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR”

- SYMPTOM** The BLD286, BND286, MAP286, or OVL286 utilities generate a “SYSTEM INTERFACE ERROR”. Control then transfers to the iSDM 286 Monitor, which in turn issues a stack protection error. In addition, all the other tasks running under the iRMX II multi-tasking system are halted.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke the utility.

4.14.4 PL/M-286 Or ASM286 Creates An Empty Object Module

- SYMPTOM** The PL/M-286 compiler or the ASM286 assembler appears to finish processing but creates an empty object module. No error messages appear at your terminal; however, the appropriate error messages do accumulate in the list or error print files.
- CAUSE** The disk has overflowed.
- SOLUTION** Make sure sufficient disk space is available before you invoke PL/M-286 or ASM286.

4.14.5 BND286 Truncates Input File To Length Zero

- SYMPTOM** The invocation sequence “:LANG:BND286 fname.lnk noload”, will cause the input file “fname.lnk” to be truncated to length zero.
- CAUSE** The default output file created by BND286 consists of the input filename without the extension plus the extension “.lnk”. So BND286 will create the output file “fname.lnk”. The output filename is the same as the input filename.
- SOLUTION** Specify an output filename which is different from the input filename by the OBJECT control of BND286.

4.14.6 User-Written Exception Handler Does Not Receive Control

- SYMPTOM** A user-written exception handler does not receive control when an error occurs.
- CAUSE** The exception handler was compiled using the COMPACT compiler control.
- SOLUTION** Compile all exception handlers using the LARGE compiler control.

NOTE

All exception handlers should be in LARGE (FAR procedures) because they are called directly from the operating system.

4.14.7 Error When Invoking SUPER From AEDIT

- SYMPTOM** When you invoke the SUPER command from the AEDIT V2.1 editor, the exception 034H:ESCONN\$NOT\$OPEN is displayed.
- CAUSE** Error in the AEDIT V2.1 editor.
- SOLUTION** Be in SUPER before invoking the AEDIT V2.1 editor.

4.14.8 BND286 V3.1 Issues Error 140

- SYMPTOM** When using the NODEBUG control, BND286 V3.1 issues an error message “ERROR 140: TEXT LENGTH IS GREATER THAN SEGMENT LENGTH”. This condition occurs with successive invocation of BND286 on the same file with a mix of DEBUG and NODEBUG controls.
- CAUSE** Error in BND286 V3.1.
- SOLUTION** Use the same control, either DEBUG or NODEBUG, in all the successive BND286 invocations.

4.14.9 BND286 V3.1 Gets General Protection Error

- SYMPTOM** BND286 V3.1 gets a General Protection error when binding an object module, whose assembly language source uses the ORG directive.
- CAUSE** To be determined.
- SOLUTION** Do not use ORG directives in modules assembled and bound under the iRMX 286 operating system.

4.14.10 Wrong Or Missing Version Numbers In iRMX 286-Based Languages/Tools

- SYMPTOM** When running the VERSION command on the iRMX 286-based languages and tools, a wrong version number or no version number is returned. The following list shows the values returned :

Name of Lang. or Tool	Value Displayed by VERSION
ASM286 V1.3	No version number found
BLD286 V3.1	X207
BND286 V3.1	X207
LIB286 V2.0	X207
MAP286 V2.1	X207
OVL286 V1.1	X207
ASM86 V2.0	No version number found
CREF86 V1.0	No version number found
LINK86 V2.7	No version number found
LOC86 V2.5	No version number found
OH86 V1.0	No version number found

- CAUSE** Error in each of the languages and tools.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in future releases of the languages and tools.

4.14.11 Problem With The 86-based ICU286 Utility

- SYMPTOM** The 86-based ICU286 utility fails.
- CAUSE** Problem with the 86-based ICU286 utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 1 by class A ZAP ZXA034. For U.S. customers, contact TIPS. For European customers, contact your local sales office.

4.14.12 The UDS Utility May Abort Prematurely

- SYMPTOM** The User Device Utility (UDS) utility may abort prematurely.
- CAUSE** Problem in the UDS utility.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA050, ZXA051, and ZXA052.

4.14.13 Incorrect Unit Data In The .TPL File

- SYMPTOM** Incorrect unit information was placed in the .TPL file when using the User Device Support (UDS) utility.
- CAUSE** Problem in the UDS Utility supplied with Intel's System 120 product.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed in Update 2 by class A ZAPs ZXA050, ZXA051, and ZXA052.

4.14.14 Problem With SCS "FETCH" Command

- SYMPTOM** You cannot fetch an earlier version of an SCS file for editing purposes.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS "FETCH" command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product.

4.14.15 Error 75 Encountered When Using The SCS "FETCH" Command

- SYMPTOM** Error 75 is encountered when you try to "FETCH" and edit an earlier version of an SCS file.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS "FETCH" command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product.

4.14.16 Error 16 Encountered When Using The SCS Product

- SYMPTOM** Error 16 is encountered when using the SCS product.
- CAUSE** SCS has problems dealing with filenames of length 12 characters or more.
- SOLUTION** Make sure SCS files have 12 or less characters.

4.14.17 Error 21 Encountered When Using The SCS "GENERATE" Command

- SYMPTOM** Error 21 is encountered when using the SCS "GENERATE" command.
- CAUSE** A general dependency may have been specified twice in a General Dependency File.
- SOLUTION** Edit the General Dependency File and delete the general dependency that is specified twice.

4.14.18 Problem With The SCS "INFORM" Command

- SYMPTOM** The following SCS command will not return control to the user: INFORM file-name1 > file-name2
- CAUSE** The SCS product does not recognize the redirection character ">".
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, use the "TO" preposition instead of the redirection character ">".

4.14.19 The SCS Key Macro “Q” Is Not Recognized

- SYMPTOM** The SCS “INFORM” command does not recognize the key macro “Q”.
- CAUSE** Problem with the SCS “INFORM” command.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update or release of the SCS product.

4.14.20 General Protection Exception Encountered When Using The SCS “GENERATE” Command

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception is encountered when using the SCS “GENERATE” command.
- CAUSE** The number of general dependencies in the General Dependency File exceeded 64.
- SOLUTION** This problem has been fixed. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers may contact their local sales office.

4.14.21 Arrays Of Length 64Kbytes And Soft-Scope 286

- SYMPTOM** Soft-Scope 286 cannot display the contents of an array whose size is 64Kbytes or larger.
- CAUSE** Problem with Soft-Scope 286.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future release/update of the Soft-Scope product.

4.14.22 Soft-Scope 286 And Local Variables In Recursive Functions

- SYMPTOM** Soft-Scope 286 does not recognize local variables in recursive functions.
- CAUSE** Problem with the Soft-Scope 286 product.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the Soft-Scope 286 product.

4.14.23 Cannot Use The iRMX Virtual Terminal

- SYMPTOM** If a user invokes VT and logs on to a remote iRMX II.3 system, does some work, logs out, and then terminates the VT session (via “~.”), he is unable to VT to that system again.
- CAUSE** Problem with Update 2 of the iRMX II.3 Operating System.
- SOLUTION** As a workaround, ensure that you terminate the Virtual Terminal session (via “~.”) before you log off the system. This problem has been fixed by Class B zap ZAP076. U.S. customers may contact TIPS. European customers may contact their local sales office.

4.14.24 "NOT A NAMED VOLUME" Message May Be Generated When Attaching SCS Diskettes

- SYMPTOM** When attaching an SCS floppy on the system 520, you will encounter the message "NOT A NAMED VOLUME".
- CAUSE** The 48TPI SCS diskette was not formatted with options of MS=0 and ES=41.
- SOLUTION** This problem will be fixed in a future update/release of the SCS product. As a workaround, you can copy the contents of the floppy on another system (i.e., system 320), format the diskette with these options (e.g., `FORMAT :A: MS=0 ES=41`), and re-copy the SCS files back to the formatted diskette. This way you will create a readable floppy for the system 520.

4.14.25 General Protection Exception Encountered When Running "RUN86"

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception may be encountered when using the "RUN86" utility with "LIB386".
- CAUSE** A problem in the UDI.
- SOLUTION** This problem was fixed by Class A zap ZAP040. U.S. customers must contact TIPS. European customers must contact their local sales office.

LANGUAGES - ASM286 V1.3

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This chapter lists known problems related to the ASM286 language, Version 1.3. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

5.1 ASM286 Assembler Gets Caught In Loop

- SYMPTOM** The ASM286 assembler gets caught in loop
- CAUSE** The assembler is restricted to 23 bytes per data declaration. It gives valid error messages for up to 5000 defined bytes. After 5000, the assembler hangs.
- SOLUTION** Break up data declarations so that each one defines 23 bytes or less.

5.2 ASM286 Assembler Incorrectly Assumes CS Override

- SYMPTOM** The ASM286 assembler incorrectly assumes a CS override.
- CAUSE** If a symbol is declared EXTRN in a module and is used later without the the appropriate segment override, ASM286 incorrectly assumes a CS override.
- SOLUTION** Correct the programming error. Use the appropriate segment override.

5.3 ASM286 Assembler Outputs Incorrect Segment Information

- SYMPTOM** The ASM286 assembler outputs incorrect information about a segment.
- CAUSE** If an EXTRN CONST symbol is placed within a segment declarations, ASM286 outputs incorrect information regarding that segment.
- SOLUTION** Place call EXTRN CONST symbol declarations outside any segment declaration.

5.4 ASM286 Assembler Hangs

- SYMPTOM** Occasionally, the ASM286 assembler hangs.
- CAUSE** When the macro-processor runs out of memory, it attempts to do 'garbage-collection'. Under certain conditions, it does so incorrectly, causing the assembler to 'hang up'.
- SOLUTION** To avoid the problem, explicitly specify 45 or larger percent of memory for the macro-processor as described in the *ASM286 Macro Assembler Operating Instructions Manual*, page 3-6.

5.5 BND286 Issues BAD OBJECT FILE Error

- SYMPTOM** Although your file assembles without any errors, BND286 issues a BAD OBJECT FILE Error.
- CAUSE** The assembler creates invalid TYPEDEF pointers for structures in the following situation without reporting the problem:
1. TYPE and DEBUG controls are set.
 2. There are more than 256 user-defined symbols, and at least one structure is after the 256th symbol as listed in the alphabetized symbol table listing.
- SOLUTION** Any of the following workarounds will correct the situation:
1. Leave off the TYPE or DEBUG control.
 2. Break up the module so it contains less than 256 user-defined symbols.
 3. Name structures so they are placed at the beginning of the symbol table list.

5.6 BND286 Issues BAD OBJECT FILE Message Or INTERNAL ERROR

- SYMPTOM** The binder issues a BAD OBJECT FILE message if there is only one input file and that file contains an empty segment. If a file with an empty segment and one or more other files are input into the binder, it issues an INTERNAL ERROR.
- CAUSE** ASM286 should not allow a label to be defined in a segment that contains no other code. The errors result during binding if that label is also declared PUBLIC.
- SOLUTION** Do not allow PUBLIC labels to exist in segments without any other code.

5.7 Errors Reported In Two Situations That Should Be Warnings

- SYMPTOM** ERRORS #71 and #88 should be WARNINGS instead of ERRORS.
- CAUSE** ERROR #71, Source Line Cannot Exceed 255 Characters, should appear as a warning instead of an error. The only effect it has is not listing the excess characters.
- ERROR # 88, Text
Found Beyond End Statement-Ignored, should be a warning.
- This error results in the extra text not being assembled.
- SOLUTION** In both cases, the code produced is valid. Treat the ERRORS as WARNINGS.

5.8 ASM286 Internal Error: FAILURE DURING OBJECT GENERATION, ERROR #5

- SYMPTOM** The ASM286 assembler reports an internal error while assembling a program which contains greater than 50 stack segments and greater than 75 data segments.
- CAUSE** Internal processing error.
- SOLUTION** Within each module limit the stack segments to 50 and the data segments to 75.

5.9 BND286 Reports Segment Mismatch Error

- SYMPTOM** In order to access a named FORTRAN common block from ASM, the programmer creates a segment with the name of the common block prefixed by an @ sign and a combine type of COMMON (see "ACCESSING A FORTRAN-86 COMMON BLOCK FROM OTHER LANGUAGES," November, 1986 ;COMMENTS.) The ASM segment should combine with the segment produced by the FORTRAN named common block. However, during binding, ERROR 121: MISMATCHED SEGMENT ATTRIBUTES is generated.
- CAUSE** When the COMMON attribute is specified in a segment declaration, ASM286 produces a segment with combine type BLANKCOMMON. Since the segment generated for the FORTRAN common block has combine type COMMON, the binder generates an error when it tries to combine the segments.
- SOLUTION** Change the FORTRAN named common block to an unnamed common block. Change the name of the ASM segment to "@". For an unnamed common block the FORTRAN compiler will produce a segment with combine type BLANKCOMMON and name "@". The two segments will then be compatible.

LANGUAGES - ASM86 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the ASM86 Language Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

6.1 Implied Blank Delimiters Do Not Always Work As Expected

SYMPTOM The value passed to a macro for a parameter includes blanks preceding the parameter as part of the parameter.

CAUSE The assembler passes all characters between the previous item of a macro call and the next literal delimiter as the parameter under these conditions:

1. The parameter in the macro definition is preceded by an implied delimiter; and
2. The parameter in the macro definition is followed by a literal delimiter.

For example, a macro call defined this way:

```
z*DEFINE(F00 A,B)
```

would, when called this way:

```
zF00      X,Y
```

supply this value:

```
"      X"
```

for the value of parameter *A* instead of the intended value, "X".

SOLUTION Rewrite your macro definitions to use literal delimiters.

6.2 LINK86 Reports An Illegal FIXUP Error

SYMPTOM When an object module is linked with the BIND option, LINK86 reports an ILLEGAL FIXUP error under these conditions:

- A group override is used on a symbol (variable or label).
- The symbol is not in the group specified.

CAUSE Under these conditions, ASM86 creates a fixup for the group override which may be linked *and* located, but may not be linked with the BIND control. The BIND control has extra restrictions on fixups and does not allow this construct.

SOLUTION Either change the group name to reflect the correct group, or change the symbol name to reflect the correct symbol.

6.3 ASM86 Generates Instructions With Too Many Bytes

SYMPTOM The assembler sometimes generates a four-byte instruction when only a three-byte instruction is necessary, placing a NOP (no operation) in the last byte.

CAUSE This problem occurs when a forward-referenced location, which can be addressed as an offset only, is used as an argument to the instruction. During pass one of the assembler, space is allocated for a four-byte instruction in anticipation of having to access a location in another segment.

Example:

```
        mov    bx, offset label
        .
        .
label   db     0ah
        .
```

SOLUTION Write a CODEMACRO which will create an instruction of the proper length if you are writing a time dependent procedure that cannot afford the extra three clock cycles caused by the extra NOP.

Example:

```

R53 RECORD RF1:5,RF2:3
codemacro mymacro dst:Rw,src:Db
    R53 <10111B,dst>
    dw src
endm
.
.
mymacro bx, offset label
.
.
label db    0ah
.

```

6.4 Documentation Errors

SYMPTOM There are two errors in the *ASM86 Language Reference Manual*, (-003).

CAUSE Two causes for this problem are:

1. On page 7-14 in the manual, under the heading “IF Function” the first example reads:

```
%IF (%GTS(0FFH,%VAR)) THEN (MOV AX, %VAR) FI
```

2. On page 7-15 in the manual, EXAMPLE 5 reads:

```

%SET (DEBUG, 1)
%IF (DEBUG) THEN (
MOV AX, DEBUG_FLAG
OUT AX, 2
)

```

SOLUTION Corrections are as follows:

1. The first example should be read as:

```
%IF (%GTS(0FFH,%VAR)) THEN (MOV AX, %VAR) FI
```

2. The second example should be read as:

```

%SET (DEBUG, 1)
%IF (%DEBUG) THEN (
MOV AX, DEBUG_FLAG
OUT 2, AX
) FI

```

6.5 Unexpected Results from FBSTP Instruction

SYMPTOM The FBSTP instruction does not round precisely as documented in the *ASM86 Language Reference Manual*, (-003).

The FBSTP instruction is used to convert the contents of the 8087 stack top to a packed decimal integer and store the result in memory. The documentation states that if the value at the top of the 8087 stack is not an integer, it is rounded by adding 0.5 to the value and chopping. The actual value added is close to 0.5, but not exactly 0.5. For example if the top of the 8087 stack is 11.5, FBSTP stores 11 and not 12 into memory.

CAUSE Documentation error.

SOLUTION Round the value explicitly before taking it off the top of the 8087 stack by using the FRNDINT instruction.

6.6 Duplicated Structures Are Unexpectedly Initialized

SYMPTOM When a structure is declared in ASM86 and that structure is duplicated with the DUP construct, the assembler generates an initialization record even if indeterminate initialization is specified. In the example below, an initialization record is generated for test_bb.

Example:

```
NAME TEST

aa_struct STRUC
    aa_name    DB    25 DUP(?)
    aa_hours   DB    ?
aa_struct ENDS

DATA SEGMENT
    test_bb aa_struct 5 DUP (<>)
DATA ENDS

END
```

CAUSE In chapter 3 of the assembly language reference manual where indeterminate initialization is explained, there are only five cases where no initialization record is generated. These cases are of the form:

```
<type> repeatval DUP (?)
```

where <type> is DB, DW, DD, DQ, or DT. In the example above, because test_bb is a structure and is DUPed, it is not in the required form to not generate an initialization record. So, an initialization record is created.

SOLUTION Instead of using the DUP construct to allocate an array of structures, repeat the structure definition. In the example below, test_bb is an array of 5 aa_structs. Since there is no DUP construct, and the initialization record from the structure definition is not changed, no initialization takes place. Access to the data elements declared this way is exactly the same as to data elements declared with the DUP construct.

Example:

```
NAME TEST

aa_struct STRUC
    aa_name    DB    25 DUP(?)
    aa_hours   DB    ?
aa_struct ENDS

DATA SEGMENT
    test_bb aa_struct <>
           aa_struct <>
           aa_struct <>
           aa_struct <>
           aa_struct <>
DATA ENDS

END
```

NOTE

If there are many array elements, an assembler macro may be created to ease the duplication and definition process. In the example below, a macro is used to generate the same construct.

Example:

```
DATA SEGMENT
%SET(COUNTER,4)
    test_bb aa_struct <>
%WHILE(%COUNTER GT 0)
(
    aa_struct <>
    %SET (COUNTER, %COUNTER - 1)
)

DATA ENDS
```

6.7 Documentation Error

SYMPTOM Macro processing language example does not work.

CAUSE The following example is found on page 7-15 of the *ASM86 Assembly Language Reference Manual*, Order number 122386-001.

```
%SET (DEBUG, 1)
%IF (DEBUG) THEN (
MOV AX, DEBUG_FLAG
OUT AX, 2
)
```

This example is incorrect.

SOLUTION Below is the corrected example:

```
%SET (DEBUG, 1)
%IF (%DEBUG) THEN (
MOV AX, DEBUG_FLAG
OUT 2, AX
) FI
```

The differences are:

1. A percent sign (%) has been placed in front of the identifier DEBUG in the second line. Otherwise, DEBUG will not be interpreted as having the value given to it in the preceding SET statement.
2. The operands for OUT in the fourth line have been reversed to conform to the syntax for OUT.
3. FI has been added to the end of the last line to correctly terminate the macro call.

6.8 Documentation Error

SYMPTOM The description of the operation of the XCHG instruction is incorrect.

CAUSE The *ASM86 Assembly Language Reference Manual*, Part No. 122386-001, page 6-105, contains a misprint in the description of the XCHG instruction. For opcode 86, the operation is shown as Mem8 <--> Mem8. For opcode 87, the operation is Mem16 <--> Mem16. This is incorrect.

SOLUTION The operation of the instruction should be Mem8 <--> Reg8 and Reg16 <--> Mem16 respectively. The XCHG instruction is not able to handle two memory operands.

6.9 Documentation Error

- SYMPTOM** The description page for DAA the has wrong title.
- CAUSE** Page 6-38 of the *ASM86 Assembly Language Reference Manual*, Part No. 122386-001, contains a misprint. The instruction that is being described is the DAA instruction, but the title at the top of the page is CWD.
- SOLUTION** The title of the page should be DAA.

6.10 NOP Generated for Forward Referencing MOV Instruction

- SYMPTOM** When the offset of a forward referenced label is moved into the BX register, the assembler generates a NOP at the end of the instruction. Below is some code that shows the problem.

```
NAME    FORWARDREF
ASSUME  CS:CODE
CODE    SEGMENT
        MOV BX, OFFSET LAB1
        LAB1:
CODE    ENDS
END
```

- SOLUTION** Move the label so that it is no longer forward referenced or use a register other than BX.

LANGUAGES - BLD286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the BLD286 product, V3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

7.1 ERROR 313 Issued During Incremental Build

- SYMPTOM** BLD286 issues ERROR 313: Internal Processing Error while doing Incremental Build.
- CAUSE** Illegal TYPE definitions output by BLD286 on the earlier Incremental Build.
- SOLUTION** Use the NOTYPE control.

7.2 Erroneous Value Of Limit If Item-ID Is Used

- SYMPTOM** BLD286 does not initialize the LIMIT field of the SEGMENT definition if the LIMITOF (GDT) construct is used.
- CAUSE** Internal processing error.
- SOLUTION** Explicitly specify the limit.

7.3 WARNING 247 And ERROR 158 Issued

- SYMPTOM** BLD286 issues WARNING 247 and ERROR 158, if an empty segment is input to the builder.
- CAUSE** BLD286 does not process empty segments.
- SOLUTION** Use the CREATESEG definition to define a segment.

7.4 ERROR 117 When Building With An Export File

- SYMPTOM** BLD286 issues ERROR 117 while building with an exported file from a previous build.
- CAUSE** Conflicting entries in tables.
- SOLUTION** Make sure that entries in tables of the two builds do not conflict.

7.5 ERROR 313 While Building With An Exported File

- SYMPTOM** ERROR 313 is issued while building with an exported file from an earlier build.
- CAUSE** The exported item is a public symbol that is also an entry point to a TSS.
- SOLUTION** While creating the export file, include the module name that contains the public symbol.

LANGUAGES - BND286 V3.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the BND286 product, Version 3.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

8.1 First Input File Is Overwritten

- SYMPTOM** The first input module in the BND286 invocation is overwritten and becomes of length zero.
- CAUSE** When using the NOLOAD control, BND286 does not check to determine if the first input module will be overwritten by the .LNK output module generated. If the first input module happens to be a .LNK file, the output file BND286 will attempt to create will destroy the input module before it is read.
- SOLUTION** Use the OBJECT control to force an output file of a different name than that of the input file. Be careful to use the correct syntax for the OBJECT control. If a syntax error occurs in the BND286 invocation, the output file (.LNK) may be destroyed before the syntax error is detected.

8.2 System Interface Error Is Issued

- SYMPTOM** A System Interface Error is issued while executing a BND286 command. Following the error, control will pass to the iSDM™ monitor.
- CAUSE** If any output file of the binder is directed to a storage device that is full, the error will be issued.
- SOLUTION** Reset the system then delete some old files to provide more space on the output device.

8.3 General Protection Error Issued

- SYMPTOM** A General Protection Error is issued by BND286
- CAUSE** Using BND286 to bind an object module (ASM) which has an ORG statement in it causes a General Protection Error.
- SOLUTION** Do not use ORG directives with iRMX® ASM286

8.4 Wrong Version Number Issued By VERSION Command

- SYMPTOM** A wrong version number is issued by the VERSION command.
- CAUSE** The iRMX system reads a full block (512 bytes) and the binder does not erase the unused extra bytes.
- SOLUTION** Ignore the VERSION command's version number.

8.5 E\$MEM Issued By The iRMX System While Binding

- SYMPTOM** E\$MEM is issued by the iRMX system while using BND286.
- CAUSE** Improper linking of the binder.
- SOLUTION** Contact TIPS for workaround.

8.6 False ERROR 125: Same Symbol Defined To Be In Different Segments

- SYMPTOM** A false ERROR 125 is issued by the binder if the object files are bound in a specific order.
- CAUSE** Symbol processing error.
- SOLUTION** Change the order of the files in the invocation line.

LANGUAGES - BND286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the BND286 language, Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

9.1 First Input File Is Overwritten

- SYMPTOM** The first input module in the BND286 invocation is overwritten and becomes length zero.
- CAUSE** When using the NOLOAD control, BND286 does not check to determine if the first input module will be overwritten by the .LNK output module generated. If the first input module happens to be a .LNK file, the output file BND286 will attempt to create will destroy the input module before it is read.
- SOLUTION** Use the OBJECT control to force an output file of a different name than that of the input file. Be careful to use the correct syntax for the OBJECT control. If a syntax error occurs in the BND286 invocation, the output file (.LNK) may be destroyed before the syntax error is detected.

9.2 Wrong Version Number By VERSION Command

- SYMPTOM** A wrong version number is issued by the VERSION command.
- CAUSE** iRMX reads a full block (512 bytes) and the binder does not erase the unused extra bytes.
- SOLUTION** Ignore the VERSION commands version number.

9.3 Interrupt 13: GENERAL PROTECTION ERROR

- SYMPTOM** BND286 issues Interrupt 13: GENERAL PROTECTION ERROR.
- CAUSE** Internal processing error.
- SOLUTION** Use the NODEBUG switch in the invocation line.

LANGUAGES - iC-286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the iC-286 language, Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

10.1 Compiler Generates Error: "lvalue required"

SYMPTOM The compiler is unable to compile code that attempts to access function-returned structure members. It issues the following message and aborts:

"lvalue required"

Example:

```
struct list { int f1; double f2; float f3; };
main()
{
struct list r1,r3, rfun();

r3.f3 = 1.5;
r1 = r3;
if (r3.f3 == rfun (r1).f3)
printf("Pass\n")
}
```

CAUSE Compiler restriction at this time.

SOLUTION Use an intermediate step to assign the pointer to the structure returned by the function. Then access the structure member through the structure type variable.

Example (with reference to above example):

```
{
struct list r1,r2,r3 rfun();

r3.f3 = 1.5;
r1 = r3;
r2 = rfun(r1);

if (r3.f3 == r2.f3)
printf("passed\n")
}
```

10.2 Fatal Error, No Match, OP=41

SYMPTOM The compiler generates the error message: "Fatal Error, No Match, OP=41" while compiling the following program.

Example:

```
struct {
char a:3;
char b:6;
} *x;

struct {
char e;
char f;
} *y;

proc() {
if ( y->e != x->a )
;
}
```

CAUSE Internal compiler error occurs while comparing a normal char variable with a char bit field.

SOLUTION Declare a char bit field with a field width equal to the size of the variable.

Example (with reference to above example):

```

struct {
    char    a:3;
    char    b:b;
} *x;

struct {
    char    e:8; /* declare bit field
                the width of the variable */
    char    f;
} *y;

proc() {
    if ( y->e != x->a )
        ;
}

```

10.3 In cc2b: Fatal error:missing blkend

SYMPTOM The compiler issues a fatal error while compiling a file which contains a function. The function's return value is a function call to a procedure previously defined in the file and also defined within the function.

For example:

```

int proc1(a)
int a:
{
    return (a+2);
}

int proc2(b)
int b:
{
    int x,proc1();
    return(b + proc1(x));
}

```

CAUSE Internal compiler error in the optimization phase of the compiler.

SOLUTION Remove the declaration from within the function or move the called function to after the calling function.

For example:

```

int proc2(b)
int b:
{
    int x,proc1();
    return(b + proc1(x));
}

int proc1(a)
int a:
{
    return (a+2);
}

```

10.4 Line Numbers In Debuggers Do Not Correspond With Source Listing

- SYMPTOM** While debugging iC286 object modules under the control of a symbolic debugger, line numbers in the source listing may not correspond with the line numbers in the debugger. The inconsistency occurs on modules compiled with DEBUG and OPTIMIZE(0) controls.
- CAUSE** The iC286 compiler changes the order of the instructions during the optimization process.
- SOLUTION** Use ASM286 control to obtain an assembly language listing for use in debugging your object modules.

10.5 String Size Overrides Array Limit

- SYMPTOM** The compiler allows an explicitly-dimensioned char array that is declared external to main to be initialized with a string larger than the array dimension. The size of the resulting array is the number of characters in the initializer string + 1 (for the null string terminator). For example, the compiler accepts the following declaration.

```
char foo[10]={"AbCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR"};

main()
{ }
```

The length of foo is 19, overriding the explicit dimension 10.

- CAUSE** Internal compiler error.
- SOLUTION** Initialize external char arrays carefully, ensuring that the initializing string and null string terminator do not exceed the size of the array.

10.6 iC286 Compiler Generates Bad Code

- SYMPTOM** The iC286 compiler generates incorrect opcodes while compiling the following program. The opcode following the call to plmfunc specifies SUB SP,SP rather than SUB AH,AH.

```
extern alien unsigned char plmfunc();

main()
{
    unsigned int a;

    while (plmfunc() != 0 )
        a= 0xa5a5;
}
```

- CAUSE** Internal compiler error while generating opcodes.
- SOLUTION** Remove the "unsigned" from the declaration of the function.

10.7 FATAL ERROR NO MATCH, OP=61

SYMPTOM The compiler issues a FATAL ERROR, NO MATCH, op=61 message while compiling the following program:

```
main()
{
    struct { char x; char y; } *i;
    struct { char x; char y; } *j;

    unsigned int a;

    a += i-j;
}
```

CAUSE Internal compiler error while performing pointer subtraction.

SOLUTION Remove the “unsigned” from the declaration of the variable a.

10.8 The 287 Chip Is Not Initialized On Program Startup

SYMPTOM The LQMAIN.AS2 file provided with the iRMX 286 iC286 compiler does not include a “CALL INIT87” instruction to initialize the 287 chip.

CAUSE The call was omitted from the file.

SOLUTION Edit the LQMAIN.AS2 file. Include a “CALL INIT87” in the file prior to the standard I/O initialization (`_fsetup()`). Assemble LQMAIN.AS2 and include the resulting LQMAIN.OBJ in your bind.

Example:

```

This is the file LQMAIN.AS2

    .
    .
    .
    mov word ptr argv[bx],0      ; end of the
    mov word ptr argv[bx+2],0    ; argv array.

    call init87                  ; insert call to init87 here

; _fsetup();
    sub    bp, bp                ; Clear BP so setjmp works.
    call  _fsetup                ; Set up standard I/O.
    .
    .
    .
```

10.9 Memory Is Corrupted

SYMPTOM Memory is corrupted after floating point store instructions are executed.

CAUSE The iC86 and iC286 compilers do not insert an FWAIT instruction prior to the epilog of a function which contains a floating point store instruction. The following scenario can occur:

The last instruction in a function is a floating point store, FSTPF, which can take 80 clocks to complete (on a 286/10 this instruction might take 20 microseconds). The next instruction is the stack cleanup, "MOV SP,BP". Without an intervening FWAIT instruction, this MOV instruction is permitted to execute. The SP now holds the value it had prior to the CALL to this function. When the floating point store instruction completes later (asynchronously), it might then store its result to an incorrect memory location that is now being used by another function.

SOLUTION This problem is under investigation. Customers should call the TIPS hotline for more information. European customers should contact their local sales office.

10.10 No Error Message Issued When Referencing an Undefined Structure Member

SYMPTOM The following example compiles without error. The example references a member of structure 'y' which is not defined. The error 'member "b" is not defined' should be reported by the compiler.

Example:

```
main()
{
  struct {int a; int b;} x;
  struct {int c; int d;} y;

  x.a=5;
  y.b=9;
}
```

CAUSE Internal error in the compiler.

SOLUTION Be sure to reference only structure members which have been defined.

10.11 CC286 Generates General Protection Error

SYMPTOM Getting a General Protection Error when compiling the following program.

Example:

```
char str[sizeof("1234")];

main()
{
  int i;
  i = 0;
}
```

CAUSE The use of the sizeof operator in the first statement of the program.

SOLUTION Define a dummy variable before the statement or replace sizeof with the actual number.

10.12 CC286 Generates General Protection Error With DEBUG Control

SYMPTOM General Protection error when compiled with DEBUG control.

```
union { char i[8192];
      int a[4096]; } *problem;

main()
{
}
```

CAUSE The General Protection error occurs when the union size is greater than or equal to 8192 and a pointer to that union is declared.

SOLUTION Compile with no debug or decrease union size. Other solutions: contact Intel.

10.13 Bad Object File Produced By CC-286 Compiler

SYMPTOM Bad object file is produced by the CC-286 compiler when a very complex storage definition is used.

CAUSE When compiling a program that has a very complex storage definition a internal limit is exceeded, producing the bad object file. This only occurs when the DEBUG option is specified.

SOLUTION Reduce the complexity of the complex storage definition or compile without the DEBUG option. Contact Intel Software Support for other possible solutions.

10.14 Compiler Crashes on Host Environment

SYMPTOM Compiler crashes on the host environment.

CAUSE Under investigation.

Example:

```
typedef union
{
  struct
  {
    unsigned dest_sse_id : 2;
  } link_adr_bits;

  unsigned char link_adr_byte;
}
link_adr_type;

static void lc_initialize_pl(lnk_adr)
link_adr_type *lnk_adr;
{

    lnk_adr->link_adr_bitsst_sse_id = 0; } .de
```

SOLUTION Under investigation. Contact Intel Software Support for possible solutions.

10.15 General Protection Error While Compiling

SYMPTOM General Protection error is issued while compiling.

CAUSE Using the "sizeof" operator as part of the first statement in the file.

Example:

```
static char str[sizeof("1234")];
main()
{
    int i;
    i=0;
}
```

SOLUTION Don't use the "sizeof" operator in the first statement in the file.

CAUSE When compiled with DEBUG and a typedef of a union is defined with an array of size 8192 or more.

Example:

```
typedef union {char i[8192];
              int a[4096];}u;
u *ptr;
```

SOLUTION Under investigation. Call Intel Software Support for possible solutions.

LANGUAGES - iC-286 V4.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the iC-286 language, Version 4.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

11.1 Structure Causing Type Mismatch

- SYMPTOM** BND286 reports a type mismatch error when a C program is linked with a file written in another language and both files reference the same structure.
- CAUSE** By default, the **ALIGN** control is turned on by the C compiler. This causes extra bytes to be added to C structures.
- SOLUTION** Use the **NOALIGN** compiler control.

11.2 Invalid Dictionary Access, Case 3

- SYMPTOM** An “invalid dictionary access, case 3” is reported by the compiler before the host system halts.
- CAUSE** This error occurred when a typedef was used to define a structure that contained, as one of its elements, another structure that has not been defined yet.
- SOLUTION** Do not forward reference structure definitions. Make sure structures are already defined before using them in later definitions.

11.3 Statement Has No Apparent Effect

- SYMPTOM** The diagnostic remark “statement has no apparent effect” is incorrectly reported.
- CAUSE** This occurs when using the `putc()` and `putchar()` functions while the compiler control `DIAGNOSTIC(0)` is being used.
- SOLUTION** Ignore the remark. Proper code is still generated.

11.4 Data Segment Size Of 0FFFFH Is Created

- SYMPTOM** No error is reported, yet an incorrect data area size of 0FFFFH is reported at the end of a list file.
- CAUSE** Storage is being reserved for an undefined structure. For example, the following code compiles without error even though `struct_type` is undefined:

```

struct struct_type s1;
main()
{
}

```

When the list file is examined, the following information is given:

```

DATA AREA SIZE          = FFFFH  65535D

```

- SOLUTION** Be sure to define a structure before reserving storage for it in the data segment.

11.5 User Program Executes Function Out Of Sequence

SYMPTOM A program compiles and binds without error but does not execute properly. A function may be called at the wrong time.

CAUSE If a local static function has been prototyped, make sure the function definition exists. The following file demonstrates this problem:

```
#include <stdio.h>

static int proto(int); /* prototype declared */
                        /* but function missing */
hello_func()
{
    printf("hello\n");
}

main()
{
    proto(1);          /* missing function called */
}
```

This file compiles without error but when it is executed, the `hello_func()` gets executed instead, since it is the first function to follow the prototype. The compiler should have reported that the `proto()` function was missing.

SOLUTION Make sure local functions are defined when corresponding prototypes are also used.

11.6 Cannot Initialize

SYMPTOM "Cannot initialize" is reported while trying to initialize one structure with the address of another structure.

CAUSE The following example generates this error:

```
struct { char buf1[10]; } S1;
struct { char *buf2; } S2 = { S1.buf1 };
```

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in the next release of the compiler.

11.7 System Hangs While Compiling

SYMPTOM The host system hangs while compiling.

CAUSE If a syntax error exists near the beginning of a source file, the compiler can hang the system. The following code is an example of this problem:

```
extern test()          /* missing ';' */
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    test();
}
```

SOLUTION Check for syntax errors near the beginning of the source file if the host system hangs while compiling.

11.8 S_IREAD and S_IWRITE Not In io.h

SYMPTOM The macros S_IREAD and S_IWRITE should be in the header file io.h. The chmod() library function uses these two macros when it is executed on an iRMX Operating System.

CAUSE These two macros are defined in another header file.

SOLUTION Look for these two macros in the sys/stat.h file.

11.9 Hex Numbers Not Printed Properly

SYMPTOM Hex numbers may not be printed properly by the printf() function.

CAUSE This problem only occurs when the uppermost bit of the hex number is a 1.

SOLUTION Typecast the hex number to a larger variable type inside the printf() statement.

11.10 Sscanf() Not Starting Correctly

SYMPTOM The sscanf() function waits before doing its conversion.

CAUSE A carriage return is needed from stdin before sscanf() will do its conversion.

SOLUTION This problem can be worked around by using freopen() to redirect stdin before the sscanf(). For example:

```
freopen(" :BB:", "r", stdin);
```

11.11 The ctime() Function Is Not Working Properly

SYMPTOM Parts of the hours:minutes:seconds portion of the string returned by ctime() may be missing.

CAUSE If the hours, minutes, or seconds happen to equal "00", the zeros are removed from the string. For example, if the time equals 12:00:34, then 12::34 is returned.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in the next version of the iC286 libraries.

11.12 GP Error Occurs While Doing String Comparisons

SYMPTOM A GP error can occur while executing iC286 code that compares two similar strings of unequal length.

CAUSE The following code can cause this error:

```
char *s1 = {"abc"};  
char *s2 = {"abcd"};  
  
strcmp(s1, s2);
```

SOLUTION This problem only occurs when the first string is shorter than the second string.

11.13 Out Of Memory Or Out Of Slots Error Occurs

- SYMPTOM** An out of memory or out of descriptor table slots error is reported at run time. On the iRMX II operating system, these errors would be reported as E\$MEM and E\$SLOT.
- CAUSE** The `sscanf()` and `sprintf()` functions create semaphores each time they are called. These semaphores never get deleted. If either of these two functions are called many times, the host system eventually runs out of memory or slots.
- SOLUTION** The next release of the iC286 libraries will delete these semaphores.

11.14 RQ\$CREATE\$IIO\$JOB Prototyped Wrong

- SYMPTOM** `RQ$CREATEIIOJOB` is prototyped wrong in `rmxc.h` header file.
- CAUSE** The `poolmin` and `poolmax` parameters should be prototyped as `WORD` variables not `DWORD`'s.
- SOLUTION** Change the prototype. This problem is fixed in V4.2.

11.15 Type Mismatches For iRMX System Calls

- SYMPTOM** `BND286` reports type mismatch errors for RMX system calls that are passed or return a selector.
- CAUSE** The `CRMX2` libraries use the integer data type rather than the selector data type.
- SOLUTION** These type mismatches can be ignored. The selector data type will be used in the next release of the `CRMX2` libraries.

11.16 Unable To Use `sizeof()` In `typedef`

- SYMPTOM** The compiler reports errors when using the `sizeof()` function to get the size of a variable type inside of a `typedef`.
- CAUSE** The following code is not allowed by the compiler:
- ```
typedef char array_type[sizeof(long)];
array_type array4;
```
- SOLUTION** Pass a variable rather than a variable type to the `sizeof()` function. The following code is accepted by the compiler:
- ```
long byte4;
typedef char array_type[sizeof(byte4)];
array_type array4;
```

11.17 `time()` And `clock()` Not Working Under iRMX

- SYMPTOM** The `time()` and `clock()` functions are called and no errors are reported when linked, but invalid results are returned.
- CAUSE** None of the functions listed in the header file `time.h` are supported under the iRMX Operating System, although some dummy routines can be found in the `CRMX` libraries by these names.
- SOLUTION** Do not use these functions under the iRMX Operating System. This problem is fixed in V4.2.

11.18 Error Including rmxerr.h And errno.h At The Same Time

- SYMPTOM** When the files rmxerr.h and errno.h are included at the same time, an “illegal macro definition” error is reported.
- CAUSE** Both header files define the macro EEXIST, but with different values.
- SOLUTION** Comment out the macro definition that is not needed by the application.

11.19 E\$MEM Error Reported When Compiler Is Invoked

- SYMPTOM** The release notes state that a minimum of only 374K bytes of memory are needed. Yet, the minimum has to be increased to over 700k in order to run the compiler.
- CAUSE** The application loader for RMX II Release 3 cannot properly load the overlays used by the iC286 compiler. This results in Release 3 needing a minimum of more than 700k in the user partition.
- SOLUTION** Zaps are available that fix the application loader for RMX II Release 3. These zaps can be obtained from the people who support RMX II. The application loader for Release 4 of RMX II does not have this problem.

11.20 GP Error Compiling A Program With Indirect Function Calls

- SYMPTOM** A GP error is reported while compiling a program that makes an indirect call to a function that returns a selector.

- CAUSE** The following code causes this problem:

```
#include <i86.h>

selector sel;
selector (*p_func)();
selector (**pp_func[])() = (&p_func);

main()
{
  sel = (**pp_func[0])();
}
```

- SOLUTION** Avoid making indirect calls to functions returning a selector. This limitation will be fixed in the next release of the compiler.

LANGUAGES - CREF86 V1.0

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the CREF86 product, Version 1.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

12.1 Title String In Output Contains Corrupted Data

SYMPTOM Corrupted or meaningless data is contained in the TITLE string of CREF86 output listing.

CAUSE If the title in the CREF86 output contains exactly the same number of characters as the page width, CREF86 sometimes dumps meaningless data in the output listing.

SOLUTION To avoid the problem, keep the length of the title less than the page width.

12.2 Lines In Output Listing Contain Corrupted Data

SYMPTOM Corrupted or meaningless data is contained in some lines of the CREF86 output listing.

CAUSE If a line in the CREF86 output contains exactly the same number of characters as the page width, CREF86 sometimes dumps corrupted data in the output listing.

SOLUTION To avoid the problem, keep the length of the line less than the page width.

12.3 CREF86 INTERNAL ERROR Message Issued

SYMPTOM The CREF86 INTERNAL ERROR message is issued when the total number of TYPDEFs in the input modules exceeds the 1024 limit.

CAUSE A CREF86 internal limitation exists which prevents more than 1024 TYPDEFs (structure definitions, etc.) from being handled simultaneously.

SOLUTION Submit fewer modules to a single CREF86 invocation to reduce the total number of TYPDEFs it must handle or reduce the total number of TYPDEFs in your procedure(s).

LANGUAGES - FORTRAN 286
V3.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the FORTRAN 286 product, Version 3.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

13.1 Fatal Error Message “LABEL ADDRESS AND CURRENT LOCATION COUNTER DISAGREE IN PHASE P”

SYMPTOM Fatal error message “LABEL ADDRESS AND CURRENT LOCATION COUNTER DISAGREE IN PHASE P” in a DO loop when using OPTIMIZE level 2 or 3; GENERAL PROTECTION exception when using OPTIMIZE level 2 or 3; Incorrect code generated when using OPTIMIZE level 2 or 3.

CAUSE A compiler error can occur while optimizing a DO loop under certain, as yet, unidentified conditions.

SOLUTION Under investigation. Place a statement label on the first statement inside the DO loop and end the loop using a labeled CONTINUE statement. If restructuring the DO loop does not eliminate the error(s), compile with OPTIMIZE(1) instead. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.2 Error Message “NEAR /..DATAn/, ERROR: NO MESSAGE FOR CONDITION C-06CH” During Compilation

SYMPTOM The error message “NEAR /..DATAn/, ERROR: NO MESSAGE FOR CONDITION C-06CH” during compilation of a program containing many large local arrays.

CAUSE A compiler error causes duplicate segment names to be generated when over 11 local data segments are needed for a single module

SOLUTION Place some of the local arrays in separate, named COMMON blocks, such that no more than 11 local DATA segments are allocated (not counting overflow segments resulting from arrays > 64K). Use the “Storage Requirements” list near the end of the .LST file as a guide. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.3 Fatal Error Message “OBJECT MODULE GENERATOR ERROR IN PHASE P”

SYMPTOM The fatal error message “OBJECT MODULE GENERATOR ERROR IN PHASE P” occurs for a module with a very large number of segments.

CAUSE The total number of segments generated in the object module exceeded the capacity of an internal buffer. Both the STORAGE and DEBUG controls can cause additional segments to be generated.

SOLUTION Reduce the total number of segments generated for the module by reducing the sizes of arrays or splitting up the module into multiple modules. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.4 Modules Linked With RTN286.LIB Or RTNULL.LIB Result In PROTECTION EXCEPTION Or Destroyed Data

SYMPTOM PROTECTION EXCEPTION results or data are destroyed when executing modules linked with RTN286.LIB or RTNULL.LIB .

CAUSE The run-time initialization procedure needlessly initializes its DATA segment, which is defined too small.

SOLUTION In the final link/build step, increase the segment size using the following control:

```
SEGSIZE(T@NULLDATAAREA(12H))
```

This problem will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.5 Object Program Hangs System or Aborts With PROTECTION EXCEPTION

- SYMPTOM** The object program hangs up the system or aborts with a PROTECTION EXCEPTION.
- CAUSE** The compiler always generates a far call for a recursive function call in a COMPACT procedure.
- SOLUTION** Place the function name in the EXPORTS list of the COMPACT subsystem definition and recompile. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.6 Microsoft C Calls Result in PROTECTION EXCEPTION Errors or Destroy Data

- SYMPTOM** Microsoft C calls result in PROTECTION EXCEPTION errors or destroy data when using the RAM (or CONST IN DATA) option.
- CAUSE** The compiler erroneously initializes the DS register as if constants were always in the CODE segment.
- SOLUTION** Use the ROM option for procedures making calls to Microsoft C procedures. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.7 Warning Message “F183 PARAMETER TYPE MISMATCH WITH EARLIER INVOCATION OF PROCEDURE” or “TYPE MISMATCH”

- SYMPTOM** Compilation warning message “F183 PARAMETER TYPE MISMATCH WITH EARLIER INVOCATION OF PROCEDURE” or link/build warning “TYPE MISMATCH”.
- CAUSE** The size of INTEGER and LOGICAL actual arguments is defined to be the size of the expression result or the default size (see STORAGE compiler control), whichever is larger. This rule sometimes results in the above warnings. The current compilers apply and enforce this restriction more consistently than did previous releases.
- SOLUTION** These warnings may be ignored if the size of each INTEGER or LOGICAL dummy argument of the called subprogram is declared to be smaller or the same as that of the corresponding actual argument in every reference to that subprogram. They can be eliminated by assigning the expression to a variable of the correct size for use as the actual argument.

13.8 Syntax Error During Assembly Of The ASM286 Code

- SYMPTOM** When developing code to share a named COMMON block between a Fortran286 module and an ASM286 module per the Fortran86/186/286 documentation, assembly of the ASM286 code results in syntax errors.

- CAUSE** The Fortran documentation is in error in regard to ASM286 segment declaration conventions - classnames do not exist.

Where “FTNCOMMON” represents a valid Fortran named COMMON block, this segment definition is illegal under ASM286:

```
@SHRDATA SEGMENT COMMON '@FTNCOMMON'
```

- SOLUTION** Data may be shared between Fortran286 and ASM286 only via an unnamed COMMON block, i.e. (in the ASM286 module):

```
@ SEGMENT RW COMMON
```

13.9 Fortran CLOSE Statement Aborts Execution, Produces Error Message "8002H E\$TYPE"

- SYMPTOM** At run-time, a Fortran CLOSE statement aborts execution and produces the RMX II error message "8002H E\$TYPE".
- CAUSE** A compiler error results in an attempt to read a selector containing invalid information for a temporary buffer.
- SOLUTION** There is no solution at this time. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286

13.10 Successive CLOSE/OPEN File Statements Abort Execution, Produce Error Message "000CH E\$SLOTS"

- SYMPTOM** At run-time, successive CLOSE/OPEN file statements abort execution and produce the RMX II error message "000CH E\$SLOTS".
- CAUSE** A compiler error results with successive CLOSE/OPEN statements, exhausting available GDT slots.
- SOLUTION** There is no solution at this time. Avoid unnecessary CLOSE/ OPEN statements; use REWIND where possible. Will be fixed in next release of Fortran86/286.

13.11 Problem When Using "optimize(1)" At Compile Within Subroutine

- SYMPTOM** This problem only occurs when using "optimize(1)" at compile, and only occurs within a subroutine: When integer array elements are initialized within an `if_else_endif` construct, and the value assigned is composed of the array element plus an integer value, erroneous code is generated. This consists of an extraneous "push es" in the code generated for the statement following the "else", and an extraneous "pop cx" generated for the "return" statement. The following code fragment reproduces the problem:

```
PROGRAM MAIN
INTEGER*4 FOO(2000)
CALL BOO(0.0,1.0,FOO)
END
SUBROUTINE BOO (DX,DY,FOO)
INTEGER*4 FOO(2000)
  I=1
  IF (DX .GT. DY) THEN
    FOO(I) = FOO(I) + 1
  ELSE
    FOO(I) = FOO(I) - 1
  ENDIF
RETURN
END
```

- CAUSE** Under investigation at this time.
- SOLUTION** Place a statement label preceding the "ELSE", ie:

```
10 ELSE
```

Placing a statement label at the "else" eliminates the erroneous code. Or compile using `optimize(0)`.

LANGUAGES - LIB286 V2.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the LIB286 product, Version 2.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

14.1 Input File Corrupted And Backup File Is Length Zero

SYMPTOM A library file being updated is corrupted and the backup file is of length zero.

CAUSE This problem occurs if the library file being updated is read from and sent to a full storage device.

14.2 Librarian Enters iSDM™ Monitor

SYMPTOM While using the librarian, control transfers to the iSDM monitor.

CAUSE This will occur if the module or publics listings are sent to a file on a full storage device.

14.3 Internal Processing Error Issued

SYMPTOM An internal processing error is issued.

CAUSE This error is issued if a user does not have read access rights on the file being input into the librarian.

SOLUTION Give the file read access rights.

LANGUAGES - LIB86 V2.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the LIB86 product, Version 2.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

15.1 INVALID CHECKSUM Error Issued

- SYMPTOM** An INVALID CHECKSUM error message is issued.
- CAUSE** When the internal representation of a number of PUBLIC symbols in the object file creates a boundary line condition (exactly 1K for symbols in one segment), the error is erroneously issued.
- SOLUTION** To avoid this problem, either add a public symbol or remove one by using PUBLICS EXCEPT (public_symbol) at link time.

LANGUAGES - LINK86 V2.7

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the LINK86 product, Version 2.7. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

16.1 BAD OBJECT FILE Created

SYMPTOM A BAD OBJECT FILE is created.

CAUSE If the FASTLOAD control is used at link time, and there are approximately 350 or more segments, the linker produces a bad object file.

SOLUTION Avoid using the FASTLOAD control.

16.2 No LINK86 Errors But Incorrect Results At Run Time

SYMPTOM The linker issues no errors, but your program does not give the expected results.

CAUSE If a variable is located outside its associated data segment, the LINK86 product may not catch the error.

SOLUTION Make sure all variables are in the correct data segment.

16.3 No LINK86 Errors - Problems At Run Time

SYMPTOM The linker does not issue any errors but you have problems at run time.

CAUSE If you reduce segment size (via the SEGSIZE control) so much that some initialized data resides beyond a segment limit, the linker may not catch the error.

SOLUTION Make sure the SEGSIZE control does not reduce a segment size.

16.4 LINK86 Issues Error 26 "NOT AN OBJECT FILE"

SYMPTOM The linker issues an Error 26 "NOT AN OBJECT FILE".

CAUSE If a nonexistent module is specified as being contained in a library in the linker's invocation, LINK86 issues an Error 26 for the next module in the input list stating that it is "NOT AN OBJECT FILE".

SOLUTION Avoid linking in a nonexistent module from a library.

16.5 FORTRAN DATA Statements Occasionally Do Not Work

SYMPTOM Successive FORTRAN array elements do not initialize properly with DATA statements when the values to which they are being initialized are the same.

CAUSE If the FASTLOAD control is used at link time, the data initialization for successive data elements initialized to the same values could be subsequently overwritten with zeroes. Occurrence is governed by the optimal method of initialization chosen by the FORTRAN compiler.

SOLUTION Avoid using the FASTLOAD control.

16.6 Error 23 Issued When Linking In Large Library Of FORTRAN Modules

SYMPTOM Error 23, BAD OBJECT MODULE is issued when linking in a large library of FORTRAN modules.

CAUSE When trying to link a library containing more than approximately 290 FORTRAN modules, the LINK86 product will generate Error 23 for the next module in the library and abort processing.

SOLUTION Split the library of FORTRAN modules into two or more libraries.

16.7 Error 15 Issued With Pascal-86 V3.1 Object Files

SYMPTOM Error 15 is issued with Pascal-86 V3.1 object files.

CAUSE Occasionally, if the number of characters which comprise all or part of the symbols of a public record meets or exceeds a boundary condition, Error 15 (Contact your Intel representative immediately) is issued. This problem can occur with large records that have more than 63 symbols of 10 characters each, or small records comprised of very long symbol names. Any other occurrence is difficult to predict because it only occurs when a buffer overflows exactly at the start of a new symbol name.

This is a known problem with the Pascal-86 V3.1 language. The compiler generates an incorrect TYPDEF code in the object module.

SOLUTION Use the NOTYPE control while compiling or linking.

16.8 Error 23 Issued With ASM86 Object Modules

SYMPTOM Error 23 is issued with ASM86 object modules.

CAUSE The linker occasionally issues an invalid Bad Object File message while processing an ASM86 object module that contains bad TYPE information.

SOLUTION Use the NOTYPE control while linking to cause the linker to ignore the bad TYPE information.

16.9 Warning 17 Issued For STACK Segment

SYMPTOM Warning 17 is issued for STACK segment.

CAUSE The linker will issue a Warning 17 (SEGMENT OVERFLOW) when attempting to link modules whose combined STACK requirements exceed 64K bytes.

The linker SEGSIZE control cannot be used as a workaround, since the SEGSIZE control is invalid without the simultaneous use of BIND. When used simultaneously with BIND, under these circumstances, to force a fixed stack segment size (as in SEGSIZE(STACK(48000))), Error 46 (ILLEGAL USE OF SEGSIZE CONTROL) is generated and processing is aborted. Trying to use the linker SEGSIZE control to reduce the size of the stack segment (as in SEGSIZE(STACK(-25000))) results in the appropriate Warning 42 (DECREASING SIZE OF SEGMENT), but at completion of the link process, the map file is incomplete and the object module is invalid.

SOLUTION Some Intel language products contain a feature whereby the STACK segment can be forced to wrap around the 64K-byte boundary, thereby requesting less STACK than actually necessary. This is true of the PL/M-86 language and is also true of Pascal-86 "MAIN" modules. It is not true of Pascal-86 procedures.

To take advantage of this feature,

1. The user must declare a dummy array within each of the modules that needs to have its STACK reduced.
2. The dummy array must be declared as REENTRANT so that it is placed on the stack.
3. The dummy array must be of a sufficient size such that when its size is added to the existing stack requirements of the module, the total STACK required by the module exceeds 64K bytes.

The compiler will wrap around and call for substantially less STACK than is actually required. The linker SEGSIZE control can then be used to adjust the STACK to the proper size.

16.10 Warning 9 NOT Issued With ASM86 Object Modules

- SYMPTOM** Warning 9 (TYPE MISMATCH) is NOT issued with ASM86 object modules.
- CAUSE** The linker will NOT issue a Warning 9 (TYPE MISMATCH) when processing an ASM86 object module that contains references to externally defined symbols. The assembler places a NULL-TYPE definition in the .OBJ file for an ASM86 symbol which has been declared as EXTERNAL in the ASM86 source module. NULL-TYPE will match any other type.
- SOLUTION** Manually check your code when linking with ASM86 object files to ensure that type mismatches will not create any problems.

16.11 Linker Produces Larger-Than-Expected Overlaid Executables For iRMX® 86 Operating Systems

- SYMPTOM** The linker produces larger-than-expected overlaid executables for iRMX 86 operating systems.
- An overlaid application developed for execution on an iRMX 86 operating system may consume more memory than expected.
- CAUSE** Two possible causes are:
1. You may have neglected to account for the additional overhead of the overlay software (approximately 10K bytes) in your expectations of memory consumption.
 2. You have specified a larger-than-necessary value for the MAXSIZE argument of the MEMPOOL control in the final LINK86 invocation which created the executable module. The iRMX 86 loader loads overlaid modules differently. It pays special attention to the MEMPOOL(,MAXSIZE) record in the executable module and immediately requests the MAXSIZE amount of memory from the FSM upon loading. An overlaid application which has been linked with V2.7 of the LINK86 product contains all the correct information in the executable object module.
- SOLUTION** When linking overlaid applications, remember to account for the software overhead of the overlay handling software and be cautious about specifying excessive amounts of memory in the MEMPOOL(,MAXSIZE) argument.

16.12 Missing Comma In Invocation Line Causes Omission Of Input Module

- SYMPTOM** A missing comma in the invocation line causes omission of the input module.
- CAUSE** In the following example:

```

RUN LINK86                &
:f1:LIBRARY(LIB_MOD_1)    &
:f1:MOD_1.OBJ,           &
:f1:MOD_2.OBJ,           &
:f1:LIBRARY(LIB_MOD_2)    &
to :f1:MOD_1.LNK
    
```

The file :f1:MOD_1.OBJ will be omitted from the file :f1:MOD_1.LNK without any warning from the linker. This problem occurs when the comma is missing following the library reference and another reference is made to the same library later in the invocation line. The LINK86 product does not catch and properly report the syntax error.

- SOLUTION** Correct the syntax of the LINK86 invocation.

LANGUAGES - LOC86 V2.5

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This chapter lists known problems related to the LOC86 product, Version 2.5. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

17.1 Invalid Warnings At LOC86-time

- SYMPTOM** You receive invalid warnings at LOC86-time.
- CAUSE** A constant segment of size 0FFFEH, plus a data segment of one byte in DGROUP cause erroneous warnings.
- SOLUTION** Avoid having constant and data segments with these sizes.

17.2 PURGE Control Does Not Remove All Information

- SYMPTOM** Although the PURGE control is used at LOC86-time, all type information is not removed. TYPDEFs are removed, but index values in symbol definitions remain unchanged.
- CAUSE** The problem only occurs if there are unresolved symbols in the LOC86 output.
- SOLUTION** Specify each control explicitly (NOLINES, NOSYMBOLS, NOCOMMENTS, NOPUBLICS).

17.3 No Warning Is Given When Segments, Within a Class, Wrap Around To Low Memory Addresses

- SYMPTOM** Segment base values, within a class, have both high and low memory addresses.
- CAUSE** When a class would extend beyond the 1MB address range (i.e., CLASS BASE + CLASS SIZE > 1MB), only those segments which fit completely below the 1MB limit are put into high memory. The remaining segments are assigned addresses starting from 200H (see example).

EXAMPLE

```

DOS 8086 LOCATER, V2.5

CONTROLS SPECIFIED IN INVOCATION COMMAND:
ADDRESSES(CLASSES(RAM(0F8000H))) NOINITCODE

SEGMENT MAP

START      STOP      LENGTH   ALIGN   NAME     CLASS
F8000H    FAB65H    2B66H    G      DATA   RAM
FAB70H    FF9BFH    4E20H    G      STACK   RAM
00200H    058CEH    56CFH    G      CODE    RAM
    
```

- SOLUTION** Examine the map file from LOC86 and, if desired, reassign the class at a lower memory address.

LANGUAGES - MAP286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the MAP286 product, Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

18.1 ERROR 114: INVALID OBJECT FILE

SYMPTOM MAP286 issues ERROR 114: Invalid object file.

CAUSE Incompatible Fortran Version 3.0 is used.

SOLUTION None.

18.2 MAP286 Runs For Several Hours

SYMPTOM MAP286 runs for several hours.

CAUSE Insufficient memory allocated by OS.

SOLUTION Increase memory in /CONFIG/TERMINALS file.

18.3 ERROR 302: UNKNOWN ERROR

SYMPTOM MAP286 issues ERROR 302: unknown error while processing a loadable file.

CAUSE Internal Processing Error.

SOLUTION None, call TIPS and send in the code. European customers should contact their local sales office.

LANGUAGES - OVL286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems specific to the OVL286 product, Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

19.1 ERROR 301: Internal Processing Error

SYMPTOM OVL286 issues ERROR 301: Internal Processing Error.

CAUSE FORTRAN common blocks confuses OVL286.

SOLUTION This problem will be fixed in the next release.

LANGUAGES - OH86 V1.0 **20**

This chapter lists known problems related to the OH86 product, Version 1.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

20.1 Output (HEX) File Sizes Differ Between iRMX® 286 and Series-III ISIS Systems

SYMPTOM Output (HEX) file sizes differ between iRMX 286 and Series-III ISIS systems.

CAUSE If there are conversion errors, the size of the HEX output file generated by iRMX 286-based OH86 may be, in some cases, shorter than the size of the file generated by the ISIS-based OH86.

SOLUTION Avoid conversion errors.

LANGUAGES - PASCAL 286 V3.2

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This chapter lists known problems related to the Pascal 286 language, Version 3.2. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

21.1 FATAL ERROR 9800 - Compiler Error In Code Generator

SYMPTOM A fatal error is issued from the code generator.

CAUSE Long and complicated statements exceed compiler limits. For example: a long statement (with more than one logical operator) can issue an error of this type.

```
b := (node[op2].fsym = nonterm) OR
      ((node[op1].fsym < node[op2].fsym) AND
       (node[op1].fsym <> nonterm));
```

SOLUTION Break the statement up by using temporary variables for intermediate results. For example:

```
xxx := (node[op2].fsym = nonterm);
yyy := (node[op1].fsym < node[op2].fsym);
zzz := (node[op1].fsym <> nonterm);
b := xxx OR ( yyy AND zzz );
```

21.2 Unexpected Results When Using Variant Records

SYMPTOM The fields of a variant record may have unexpected values if you are using OPTIMIZE(1) (the default) and depending on the different variants occupying the same memory space.

CAUSE When using OPTIMIZE(1), the code generator will not generate code to fetch a field of a record if that same field was previously accessed and is still residing in a register. Therefore, if you are hoping to alter bytes within words, etc. by using variant records and switching between the different variants, you may not get the results you expect. For example, if you assign a word to a variant record, use a different variant of the record to alter the upper byte of the word, then fetch the word from the record, you may get the original word with upper byte unchanged.

SOLUTION If OPTIMIZE(0) is used, you will get the results you want. If you must have OPTIMIZE(1), insert a dummy label or procedure call before any memory fetch that is getting "optimized out".

NOTE

Using variant records in this way is not legal in standard Pascal but the compiler cannot catch such usage without generating code to check hidden tag fields before accessing a variant record.

21.3 Problem Catching Stack Overflow in SMALL Model

SYMPTOM Your program may produce unexpected results when you are using the SMALL model and the stack overflows.

CAUSE The CHECK option does not detect stack overflow in the SMALL model of segmentation. The design of the SMALL model prevents reliable stack overflow detection.

SOLUTION Use the LARGE or COMPACT model of segmentation or do not depend on CHECK to catch stack overflow.

21.4 Function Declaration Problem

SYMPTOM A function that is declared with no parameters and no return type is treated as a procedure. No error is reported. Attempts to assign a return value to the function name will cause an error, as will attempts to use the function name in an expression.

CAUSE User program lacks a return type in function declaration.

SOLUTION This is a user error. Make sure that all function declarations include a return type.

21.5 Improper FILE Variable Initialization

SYMPTOM FILE variable does not get initialized properly.

CAUSE A FILE variable at the outer level of a program that is unknown to the main module will not get initialized properly. The compiler design does not permit such initialization.

SOLUTION This is a limitation caused by multi-module programs. Any global FILE variable must be made known to the main module via the FOR clause in the interface specification so that it can be initialized properly.

21.6 Floating-Point Problem

SYMPTOM An invalid RUN TIME INTEGER OVERFLOW ERROR is issued during run time.

CAUSE Some types of expressions that should be evaluated using floating-point arithmetic are not. For example:

```
REAL := INTEGER + MAXLONGINT + 0.5
```

The first two operands on the right-hand side are computed using LONGINT arithmetic, causing an overflow.

SOLUTION This is not a problem. If you want to do floating-point calculations, make all operands REAL or use parentheses to cause the conversion as follows:

```
REAL := INTEGER + (MAXLONGINT + 0.5)
```

21.7 TYPE Problem

SYMPTOM An error will not be generated if duplicate, identical TYPE declarations are made.

CAUSE User made a duplicate, identical type declaration in the same module and the compiler does not check for duplicate type definitions. For example:

```
T1 : INTEGER;
T2 : T1;
T2 : T1;
```

SOLUTION This is a user error. Do not make such declarations.

21.8 Case-Constant Problem Caused By Variant Record

- SYMPTOM** No extension message is issued or the non-existent case-constant may be used in an expression.
- CAUSE** Pascal does not detect an incomplete specification of tag case-constants in a variant record.
- SOLUTION** The compiler does not issue an error message when it should. The user can avoid this problem by checking to make sure case-constants in the variant record were specified completely.

21.9 CONST and TYPE Problem

- SYMPTOM** Multiple errors or no error may be generated when circular CONST or TYPE definitions are used.
- CAUSE** Circular CONST or TYPE definitions may cause multiple error messages (or no error message at all if defined in a module of the same name as the circular CONST or TYPE).
- SOLUTION** Do not make your CONST or TYPE definitions circular. For example:

```

-----
CONST x = y
      y = z
      z = x ** circular definition **
-----
CONST x = y
      y = z
      z = 3 ** This is ok! **
-----

```

This is a user error and compiler problem. The compiler should display one correct error message.

21.10 NEW/DISPOSE Problem

- SYMPTOM** The compiler issues an error message when a literal negative constant is used in a NEW or DISPOSE statement.
- CAUSE** As a case-constant argument to NEW and DISPOSE, a named constant that is negative is allowed; however, a literal negative constant is flagged as an error (any sign, plus or minus, causes the parameter to become a non-constant).
- SOLUTION** Name (assign a name) your literal negative constant and use that named constant instead of using a literal negative constant directly.

21.11 NEW/DISPOSE Problem

- SYMPTOM** A wrong error message may be issued when using NEW/DISPOSE on an array that exceeds 8,388,608 bytes.
- CAUSE** Doing a NEW or DISPOSE on an array of 8,388,608 or more bytes gives a misleading error message "Expression too complex".
- SOLUTION** Dynamic arrays of this size are not supported by the compiler. If you require arrays of that size (only possible on 80286), you must use multiple smaller arrays.

21.12 TRUNC and ROUND Problem

- SYMPTOM** No extension message is generated by the compiler for incorrect usage.
- CAUSE** No extension message is generated when INTEGER arguments are passed to TRUNC and ROUND.
- SOLUTION** This is a user error, even though the compiler has not issued an extension message. Go back and check to make sure the program does not try to TRUNC or ROUND an INTEGER.

21.13 OUTBYT/OUTWRD Problem

- SYMPTOM** An unexpected result may be generated by the compiler.
- CAUSE** You cannot use OUTBYT/OUTWRD (port_addr, X) where X is an expression of a set type whose base type is an enumerated or subrange type of more than 16 objects. For example:

```

var S : set of Q
-----
Q = (a1, a2, a3, .... a16);
      ** enumerated base type
P = a1 .. a3;
      ** subrange
** This is fine
-----
Q = (a1, a2, a3, ....a16, a17)
      ** more than 16
P = a1 .. a3;

** When Q is > 16, the compiler will let
   the Run-Time System do the set
   manipulations. The compiler does not
   correctly handle the set returned by
   the Run-Time System in this case.
-----

```

- SOLUTION** Make X a variable, not an expression. If you need an expression, assign it to a temporary variable and then use the temp as the parameter. For example:

```

OUTWRD (PORT, S)           ** This is fine
      S           is a set variable.
OUTWRD (PORT, S1 + S2)    ** This is not.
      S1 + S2    is an expression.

```

21.14 Large-Array Problem

- SYMPTOM** An incorrect result may be generated by the compiler.
- CAUSE** Using WRITE(Large_Array_Char) where Large_Array_Char is a packed array of characters that is greater than 64K, does not produce correct results. There should be an error message when this is attempted.
- SOLUTION** This exceeds the compiler's limits. Use a loop to write the characters one at a time.

21.15 LARGE ARRAY Problem

SYMPTOM LARGE ARRAYS may cause an unexpected result to be generated by the compiler.

CAUSE A record cannot contain both LARGE ARRAYS and FILES. Any time a file or an array is in a record, the entire record will be initialized with zeros at initialization time. This destroys any selector tables used by LARGE ARRAYS in that same record.

For example:

```
R : record
  F : file of integer;
  A : array [ 1..100000 ] of char;
end;

** F and A are in a record, which will get
   initialized to 0.
** If A was not a LARGE ARRAY i.e. less than
   64k-bytes, this would be fine.
** Because A is a LARGE ARRAY, a selector
   table will be placed in the record
   following the field F.
** The initialization will set all of the
   record to 0, which will destroy the
   selector table.
```

SOLUTION Do not put a LARGE ARRAY in a record with a file.

21.16 Pascal Run Time System Problem

SYMPTOM A Pascal run time system error message is not generated when it is expected.

CAUSE The Pascal run time system does not indicate an error when a text file is opened for random I/O.

SOLUTION This is a user error. Do not attempt to open a text file for random I/O.

21.17 Pascal Run Time System Problem

SYMPTOM The Pascal run time system gives a wrong error message.

CAUSE The Pascal run time system will never generate the exception code 9105H (INTEGER Overflow On Input) when it should. Instead, it displays the code 9106H (LONGINT Overflow On Output).

SOLUTION None at this time.

21.18 Run Time LIB (RTNULL.LIB) Problem

SYMPTOM TQGetPreconnection may hang.

CAUSE The preconnection list provided by TQDefaultPL in RTNULL.LIB is not set up correctly. This is used only when associating OUTPUT with :CO: and INPUT with :CI:.

SOLUTION None at this time.

21.19 Array Indexing Problem In SMALL On 80286

- SYMPTOM** Indexing into an array that has a non-zero lower bound may not work correctly on the 80286 in the SMALL model.
- CAUSE** The binder produces incorrect fixups if the number of bytes between the zeroth index and the lower bound is greater than the number of bytes between the beginning of the segment and the beginning of the array when it is loaded into memory. This is a binder (OMF) problem, not a compiler error. This problem only occurs in the SMALL model.
- SOLUTION** Do not use a non-zero lower bound.

21.20 ***FATAL ERROR 9803 IN (line number): COMPILER ERROR IN CODE GENERATOR

- SYMPTOM** The compiler issues the following error message:
- ```
***FATAL ERROR 9803 IN (line number): COMPILER
ERROR IN CODE GENERATOR***
```
- CAUSE** The compiler does not work with the functions PRED and SUCC of an unsigned 15-bit number.
- SOLUTION** Use either of the following solutions:
1. Use a temp variable; assign the value to a temp variable and then use the temp variable as the argument for the built in functions PRED and SUCC.

Example:

```
program bug;
type
 index = 1..525;
var
 x,y : index;
 i,j : integer;
begin
 i := x;
 y := pred(i);
 i := y;
 x := succ(i);
end.
```

2. Do not use a subrange type that has the following attributes:

Lower Bound     $1 \leq lb \leq 32767$   
 Upper Bound     $256 \leq ub \leq 32767$

Examples:

| LOWER BOUND | UPPER BOUND | RESULT |
|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 0           | 255         | OK     |
| 0           | 525         | OK     |
| 1           | 255         | OK     |
| 1           | 256         | ERROR  |
| 1           | 32767       | ERROR  |
| 256         | 32767       | ERROR  |

256

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This chapter lists known problems related to the PL/M-86 language, Version 3.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

## 22.1 Reference To A Wrong Memory Location

**SYMPTOM** Reference to wrong location in memory when referencing an absolute variable.

**CAUSE** The bad reference happens only when referencing external variables that are declared: PUBLIC in another module, at an absolute location in memory, and initialized with the DATA attribute.

Example:

```
File 1.
 $LARGE
 m1: do;
 DECLARE x WORD EXTERNAL;
 x = 5; /* Reference wrong location in memory */
 END;

File 2.
 $LARGE
 m2: do;
 DECLARE x WORD PUBLIC AT(200h) DATA(32);
 END;
```

**SOLUTION** Change any of these conditions. It is recommended to replace the DATA attribute in file 2 with the INITIAL attribute.

## 22.2 No Object File Produced

**SYMPTOM** No object file is produced even though no errors or warnings were reported.

### NOTE

On VAX, UDI-F-ABORT may be issued with no other warnings or errors.

**CAUSE** The compiler failed to report an error. The error that would normally be issued is:

```
ERRDR 199 LIMIT EXCEEDED: PROCEDURE COMPLEXITY FOR OPTIMIZE(2)
```

**SOLUTION** Reduce the complexity of the procedure or use an optimization level less than two (i.e., OPTIMIZE(1)). This will be fixed in the next release.

## 22.3 Compiler Generates Bad Code

**SYMPTOM** Compiler generates bad code when comparing pointers.

**CAUSE** The bad code is generated only if the following conditions are true:

1. Each pointer is either an element of a based array of pointers or a member of a structure which is itself an element of a based array of structures.
2. Optimization level is 3.

**SOLUTION** Use a lower optimization level or replace one of the subscripted pointers with a temporary non-subscript pointer.



## 22.4 Compiler Issues Error 118 "TYPE CONFLICT"

**SYMPTOM** Compiler issues error 118 "TYPE CONFLICT"

**CAUSE** This occurs when an index for an array is the result of an operation with two constants.

Example:

```
main: do;
DECLARE dx(3) BYTE, i BYTE;
 dx(i) = dx(2 XOR 3);
END;
```

**SOLUTION** Use a temporary variable as the array index. This will be fixed in the next release.

Example:

```
main: do;
DECLARE dx(3) BYTE, i BYTE, temp BYTE;
 temp = 2 XOR 3;
 dx(i) = dx(temp);
END;
```

## 22.5 Type Mismatch Issued

**SYMPTOM** Type mismatch is issued by Link-86.

**CAUSE** The type mismatch happens with the MEDIUM ROM model of segmentation only when variables are initialized with the DATA attribute.

Example:

File 1.

```
$medium rom
m1: do;
DECLARE a INTEGER, b INTEGER EXTERNAL DATA;
a=b;
END;
```

File 2.

```
$medium rom
m2: do;
DECLARE b INTEGER PUBLIC DATA(15);
END;
```

**SOLUTION** Ignore the type mismatch.

## 22.6 ERROR 3 MISSING CONTROL PARAMETER Error

- SYMPTOM** "ERROR 3 MISSING CONTROL PARAMETER" error when subsystem definition is used.
- CAUSE** This occurs when the submodel of a subsystem definition is continued on next line the error is issued.
- Example:
- ```
$compact(xyz
$-const in code- HAS main; EXPORTS test)
```
- SOLUTION** Place the submodel control on the same line as the subsystem name. This will be fixed in the next release.
- Example:
- ```
$compact(xyz -const in code-
$HAS main; exports test)
```

## 22.7 Literally Defined Symbols Not Recognized

- SYMPTOM** Literally defined symbols are not recognized by the compiler.
- CAUSE** Under investigation.
- SOLUTION** Reduce the size of the literal.

## 22.8 Integer Value Between 32,630 And 32,767 Evaluated Incorrectly

- SYMPTOM** An integer variable containing a value between 32,630 and 32,767 is not evaluated correctly.
- CAUSE** The compiler will evaluate an integer between these two ranges as being negative.
- SOLUTION** This bug will be fixed in the next release of the compiler.

## 22.9 Bad Code Generated For Constants In A Reentrant Procedure

- SYMPTOM** Bad code is generated for constants that are declared local to a reentrant procedure.
- CAUSE** Constants that are declared local to a reentrant procedure are addressed incorrectly.
- SOLUTION** Constants should never be declared local to a reentrant procedure. An error will be reported in the next version of the compiler if this condition exists.

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## **LANGUAGES - PL/M-286 V2.5**

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# **23**

This chapter lists known problems related to the PL/M-286 language, Version 2.5. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

## 23.1 Local Variable Located Incorrectly

**SYMPTOM** Local variable in a factored list is located incorrectly if it is mixed in a factored declaration list along with the parameters.

Example:

```
TEST1: DD;
DECLARE STATIC (3) BYTE INITIAL (0,1,2);

 PROC A: PROCEDURE (A,B,C);
 DECLARE X BYTE AT (@STATIC(0));
 DECLARE (A,M,B,N,C) BYTE;
 M = A + B;
 N = B + C;
 END;

 CALL PROC A(10,20,30);

END;
```

**CAUSE** If the factored list immediately follows a local variable declared with the AT attribute and the list starts off with a parameter, the following locals in the list will not be located properly.

**SOLUTION** Do not declare a local variable with a parameter in the factored list.

## 23.2 Incorrect Code For FINDB

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates incorrect code when using a FINDB built in function (with the same parameters and within the same block) the second time in the program.

Example:

```
TEST2: DD;

DECLARE BUF$OUT (100) BYTE INITIAL (' %%%%');
DECLARE (X, Y, Z) WORD;

BUF$OUT (5) = '%';
Y = FINDB (@BUF$OUT, '%', SIZE(BUF$OUT));

BUF$OUT (Y) = ' ';
Z = FINDB(@BUF$OUT, '%', SIZE(BUF$OUT));

END;
```

**CAUSE** The compiler optimizes out completely the second FINDB built in function and assigns the value of Y to Z. Since both FINDB calls have the exact same parameters, the compiler thinks they must return the same value.

**SOLUTION** A workaround is to put a label on the second call or use optimize(0).

Example (Referring to the above mentioned program):

```
BREAK: Z = FINDB(@BUF$OUT, '%', SIZE(BUF$OUT));
```

### 23.3 Incorrect Code For A DWORD Expression

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates incorrect code for DWORD expression.

Example:

```
TEST3: DD;
DECLARE (X, Y) DWORD;
 P: PROCEDURE (B, D) DWORD;
 DECLARE B BYTE, D DWORD;
 RETURN B + D;
 END P;
Y = 5;
X = P (1, Y * 3 + 1);
END;
```

**CAUSE** The compiler generates bad code in trying to re-use the constant 1, which was pushed onto the stack as a byte, but used again in the DWORD expression.

**SOLUTION** A workaround to this problem is to put a second parameter of the procedure at a temporary location and use this temporary variable as a parameter.

Example:

```
TEST3: DD;
DECLARE (X, Y, TEMP) DWORD;
 P: PROCEDURE (B, D) DWORD;
 DECLARE B BYTE, D DWORD;
 RETURN B + D;
 END P;
Y = 5;
TEMP = Y * 3 + 1;
X = P (1, TEMP);
END;
```

### 23.4 Incorrect Code For Variable DECLARED AT EXTERNAL

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates incorrect code when referencing a variable which is DECLARED AT an EXTERNAL in another data segment.

Example:

```
$LARGE
TEST4: DD;

DECLARE X (100) BYTE EXTERNAL;
DECLARE ATX BYTE AT (@X(20));
DECLARE P POINTER;
DECLARE PB BASED P BYTE;

X (20) = 0;
ATX = 1;

P = @ATX;
PB = 1;

END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error. The compiler assumes the variable is locally addressable, and does not generate indirect pointer references.

**SOLUTION** Make changes in the above mentioned example as follows:

Example:

```

$LARGE
TEST4: DD;

DECLARE X (100) BYTE EXTERNAL;
DECLARE PTR POINTER;
DECLARE ATX BASED PTR BYTE;
DECLARE P POINTER;
DECLARE PB BASED P BYTE;

X (20) = 0;

PTR = @X(20);
ATX = 1;

P = @ATX;
PB = 1;

END;

```

### 23.5 Variable DECLARED AT Another Variable (ROM) Problem

**SYMPTOM** If a variable A is declared AT variable B which is a constant in the CODE segment (compiled with ROM), then this ROM attribute is not propagated to A, the ATted Variable.

Example:

```

$ROM
TEST5: DD;
DECLARE DUMMY WORD;
DECLARE B BYTE DATA (2);
DECLARE A BYTE AT (@B);
A = 5;
END;

```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Avoid this kind of operation.

### 23.6 No Error Message

**SYMPTOM** For Invalid Initialization The compiler does not report an error when the address of a dynamically allocated variable (such as a parameter) is used to initialize another variable.

Example:

```

TEST6: DD;
PROC: PROCEDURE (PARAM);
 DECLARE PARAM BYTE;
 DECLARE PARAM_PTR POINTER DATA(@PARAM);

 PARAM = 0;
END;

```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Do not use the address of a dynamically allocated variable (such as a parameter) to initialize another variable.

### 23.7 No Error Message For Too Many Values Initialization

**SYMPTOM** The compiler does not generate any error message when too many values are used to initialize a structure or array of structures.

Example:

```
TEST7: DD;

DECLARE B STRUCTURE (B1 BYTE, B2 BYTE) INITIAL (1, 2, 3);
DECLARE C (2) STRUCTURE (B1 BYTE, B2 BYTE) INITIAL
 (1,2,3,4,5);

END;
```

**CAUSE** The compiler does not issue ERROR 148 "INITIALIZING MORE SPACE THAN DECLARED," but it does issue ERROR 200 "ILLEGAL INITIALIZING OF MORE SPACE THAN DECLARED" later, if object is requested.

**SOLUTION** Do not initialize more space than declared.

### 23.8 No Error Message When Restricted Expression Is Used

**SYMPTOM** The compiler does not generate any error message when a restricted expression containing a real expression is used to initialize a real variable. Also, the expression is evaluated incorrectly.

Example:

```
TEST8: DD;

DECLARE R1 REAL INITIAL (1.1 + 2.2);
DECLARE R2 REAL INITIAL (2.2 - 1.1);
DECLARE R3 REAL INITIAL (0.0);

R3 = R2 + R1;

END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Do not use real expressions in a restricted expression.

### 23.9 Initialized Character String Is Truncated

**SYMPTOM** The compiler does not generate any error message when using strings to initialize INTEGER, REAL, POINTER, and SELECTOR structure fields that follow BYTE, WORD, OR DWORD fields. Also, the string is silently truncated.

Example:

```
TEST9: DD;

DECLARE W STRUCTURE (B BYTE, I INTEGER) INITIAL ('ABC');
DECLARE X STRUCTURE (B WORD, R REAL) INITIAL ('ABCDEF');
DECLARE Y STRUCTURE (B DWORD, P POINTER) INITIAL ('ABCDEF');
DECLARE Z STRUCTURE (B BYTE, S SELECTOR) INITIAL ('ABC');

END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Avoid these kinds of declarations.

### 23.10 Error 3 MISSING CONTROL PARAMETER Generated

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates Error 3 “MISSING CONTROL PARAMETER”, when a subsystem control line consists only of a model and submodel.

Example:

```
$COMPACT(-CONSTANT IN CODE-)
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Use the following controls to get the same effect.

```
$COMPACT
$ROM
```

### 23.11 No Error Message For Incorrect Restricted Expression

**SYMPTOM** A restricted expression (INITIAL or AT expression) containing a variable reference as an array index is not detected as an error. The expression is evaluated incorrectly.

Example:

```
TEST11: DD;
 DECLARE A(21) WORD;
 DECLARE B WORD DATA(10);
 DECLARE C POINTER INITIAL(@A(B));
 .
 .
END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Avoid this kind of operation.

### 23.12 Compiler Calculates Stack Size Incorrectly

**SYMPTOM** If an exported procedure is called from a far procedure, the maximum stack size is calculated as if a near call is made instead of a far call, giving a stack value two less than it should be.

Example:

```
$COMPACT(OTHER EXPORTS CREATE)
$COMPACT(THIS ONE HAS TEST12; EXPORTS ROOT_P)

TEST12: DD;
CREATE: PROCEDURE(PARAM) EXTERNAL;
 DECLARE PARAM WORD;
END;
ROOT_P: PROCEDURE PUBLIC;
CALL CREATE(1);
END;
END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** A workaround to this problem is to increase the stack size during the link time using the SEGSIZE(STACK(..)) control.



**23.13 Error 175 COMPILER ERROR: INVALID OPERATION Generated**

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates "ERROR 175 COMPILER ERROR: INVALID OPERATION" when compiling the following code in any model except LARGE.

Example:

```
TEST13: DD;

DECLARE (I,X,F) BYTE;
DECLARE T(256) STRUCTURE (S(5) BYTE,A(5) BYTE) EXTERNAL;

T(I).S(F) = T(I).S(F) - T(X).S(F);

END;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** A workaround to this problem is to use a temporary variable as shown below:

Example:

```
TEST13: DD;

DECLARE (I,X,F) BYTE;
DECLARE T(256) STRUCTURE (S(5) BYTE,A(5) BYTE) EXTERNAL;
DECLARE TEMP BYTE;

TEMP = T(I).S(F);
T(I).S(F) = TEMP - T(X).S(F);

END;
```

**23.14 Compiler Generates Incorrect Code For Return Of Constant From DWORD Typed Procedure**

**SYMPTOM** The compiler generates incorrect code for the return of a constant from a DWORD typed procedure.

Example:

```
foo: do;
test: PROCEDURE (abc, def) DWORD PUBLIC REENTRANT;
 DECLARE abc selector,
 def pointer;
 RETURN (0);
end test;
end foo;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Assign a local DWORD variable to the value of the constant and return the variable instead.

Example:

```
foo: do;
test:PROCEDURE (abc,def) DWORD PUBLIC REENTRANT;
 DECLARE abc selector;
 DECLARE def pointer;

 DECLARE lmn dword;
 lmn = 0;
 RETURN (lmn);
```

```
end test;
end foo;
```

### 23.15 Zero Length DATA Segment Is Created

**SYMPTOM** A zero length DATA segment is created.

**CAUSE** If the \$LARGE and \$RAM controls are in effect, a data segment of exactly 65535 bytes is considered by the compiler to be of zero length. The following example will create a zero length data segment:

Example:

```
$LARGE RAM
BUG: DD;
 DECLARE ARRAY(65535) BYTE;
END;
```

**SOLUTION** Insure that less than 65535 (0FFFFH) bytes are consumed in the DATA segment.

### 23.16 Constants Are Not Referenced Properly When Using \$LARGE And \$ROM

**SYMPTOM** Constants are not referenced properly when using \$LARGE and \$ROM compiler controls simultaneously.

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

When using the \$LARGE and \$ROM compiler controls simultaneously, the compiler generates incorrect references to constants in the CODE segment which are more than 07FH away from the beginning of the constants.

The occurrence of the problem is calculable, but is governed by the number of constants and the number of implicit pointers which the compiler needs to generate to reference them.

This may appear to be an incorrectly generated MODRM byte.

**SOLUTION** Avoid this type of situation.

### 23.17 Compiler Reports ERROR 35 When Using \$INCLUDE

**SYMPTOM** The compiler reports ERROR 35 when using \$INCLUDE.

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

When compiling modules that contain nested \$INCLUDE controls, the compiler randomly generates ERROR 35 (LINE GREATER THAN 128 CHARACTERS). This problem has been reproduced when the \$INCLUDE controls are nested.

**SOLUTION** Try recompiling or restructuring your application to overcome this problem.

### 23.18 Compiler Reports ERROR 205

**SYMPTOM** Under some circumstances, the compiler will report ERROR 205, "BAD CODE GENERATED."

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error. The compiler attempted to optimize code and did so incorrectly.

**SOLUTION** Place a label at the statement that generated the error. Alternatively, use optimize level 0.

### 23.19 Debug Information Is Incompatible With I2ICE

**SYMPTOM** Debug information generated by the compiler is incompatible with I2ICE.

**CAUSE** The compiler does not place into the object module the correct debug symbol information that I2ICE expects under the following conditions:

1. A variable is based on a structure element, e.g.,

```
DECLARE A_S STRUCTURE (A_PTR POINTER);
DECLARE A1 BASED A_S.APTR BYTE;
```

2. Within a block, the declaration of a variable occurs AFTER a nested block.

**SOLUTION** PL/M-286 V2.6 (available on ISIS/iNDX and PC-DOS) corrects this problem.

### 23.20 Application Compiles But You Get TYPE MISMATCH Warnings When BiNDing

**SYMPTOM** Your application compiles fine, but you get TYPE MISMATCH warnings when BiNDing.

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error. When using \$LARGE and \$ROM compiler controls simultaneously, the compiler generates incompatible TYPEDEFS for constants which have been declared as PUBLIC in one module and EXTERNAL in another.

**SOLUTION** Avoid using both the \$LARGE and \$ROM controls together or alter your use of constants.

### 23.21 MOVb, MOVw, MOVrb and MOVrw Not Working

**SYMPTOM** MOVb, MOVw, MOVrb, and MOVrw may not work correctly in some cases when using OPTIMIZE(1), OPTIMIZE(2), or OPTIMIZE(3).

Example:

```
$LARGE

bug: DD;

DECLARE (aptr, bptr) POINTER EXTERNAL;
DECLARE a$descr(10) SELECTOR EXTERNAL;
DECLARE b$descr(10) SELECTOR EXTERNAL;
DECLARE (index, frame, desc$no) BYTE EXTERNAL;

DD index = 0 TO 3;
 desc$no = (frame - 1) * 4 + index;
 a$ptr = BUILD$PTR(a$descr(2),0);
 b$ptr = BUILD$PTR(b$descr(desc$no),0);

/**/ fix_the_bug: /**/
 CALL MOVw(aptr, bptr, 10H);

END;

END bug;
```

**CAUSE** Due to incorrect optimization, the DS register is not set up correctly for the procedure.

**SOLUTION** Remove the comments around the label in the example above.

## 23.22 IF-THEN Comparisons Sometimes Ignored

**SYMPTOM** In the following example, the compiler optimizes out the comparison between b and 0, so a is not set correctly.

Example:

```
test: DD;

DECLARE a BYTE, b BYTE, c BYTE;

a = 5;
b = 2;

/** add_label: */
IF b > 0
 THEN a = 1;

c = 2;
END;
```

The following conditions must be met to have the compare optimized out:

1. The comparison must be against 0 (zero).
2. The test must NOT be for equivalence.
3. The variable being tested must be set close to the test. This allows the compiler to “know” and substitute the value of the variable for the variable.

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Remove the comments around the label in the example above.

## 23.23 ERROR 118: TYPE CONFLICT Issued When Constants Used In Array Expression

**SYMPTOM** The compiler issues a type conflict message when a logical expression with constants is used as an array subscript.

Example:

```
test: DD;

DECLARE digit(10) BYTE;
DECLARE name(10) BYTE;

name(b) = digit(35H AND 0FH);

END test;
```

**CAUSE** This is a coding error. There is a type mismatch. According to the rules of PL/M, an array subscript may be an INTEGER, BYTE, or WORD variable. When a constant expression is used as a subscript of an array variable, it is evaluated as if it were an INTEGER expression. This means that the constants 35H and 0FH are treated in a signed context as INTEGERS. Boolean operators (i.e., NOT, AND, OR, and XOR) can only be used with BYTE, WORD, or DWORD values. The type conflict occurs because the constants, which are treated as INTEGERS, cannot be part of a boolean expression.

**SOLUTION** Force the compiler to treat the constants as byte values.

Examples:

```

/** Use a temporary BYTE, WORD, or DWORD
 variable to hold the boolean expression. */

DECLARE i BYTE;

i = 35H AND 0FH;
name(b) = digit(i);
.
.
.
/** Or, use one of the compiler built-in
 functions to explicitly state the data
 type of the array index. */

name(b) = digit(LOW(35H AND 0FH));

```

## 23.24 General Protection Error

**SYMPTOM** A general protection error is received when referencing byte variables at the end of a dynamically allocated segment.

**CAUSE** When the last byte in a segment is coerced into a word (for example, when it is pushed onto the stack or used in an OUTWORD function), the second byte is past the end of the segment. When the processor checks the segment limit, it gives a general protection error.

This only affects dynamically allocated segments since the binder and builder pad statically allocated segments to avoid this problem.

**SOLUTION** Allocate an extra byte at the end of a dynamically allocated segment when the last byte will be pushed onto the stack.

## 23.25 Bad Addresses Generated by Using Based Variables As Array Subscripts

**SYMPTOM** The compiler may incorrectly optimize statements that use far pointers. If a far pointer is assigned the address of an array element and the array subscript is a based variable, in a subsequent reference to the address of another element in the same array, the address is formed incorrectly. In the example below the address of the first parameter to the call is incorrect.

Example:

```
$LARGE
test:DD;

proc_a:PROCEDURE (out_ptr,size_ptr) PUBLIC;
 DECLARE out_ptr POINTER, size_ptr POINTER;
END proc_a;

DECLARE a_ptr POINTER;

proc_b:PROCEDURE (output_ptr, word_ptr) PUBLIC;

DECLARE output_ptr POINTER;
DECLARE word_ptr POINTER;
DECLARE out_array BASED output_ptr(1) BYTE;
DECLARE a_word BASED word_ptr WORD;

a_ptr = @out_array(a_word);
/** fixit: **/
CALL proc_a(@out_array(0),@a_word);

END proc_b;
END test;
```

**CAUSE** Incorrect optimization by the compiler at optimization levels 1, 2, and 3.

**SOLUTION** Place a label after the first reference to the address of the array. In the example above, remove the comments around the label. Alternatively, use optimize level 0. This problem will be fixed in a future release of the compiler.

## 23.26 Incorrect Optimization When STACKPTR Used in Arithmetic Expressions

**SYMPTOM** When the PL/M built-in variable STACKPTR is used in arithmetic expressions, and these arithmetic expressions are the same, the calculations in the second and subsequent expressions are not performed. This error occurs at all optimization levels except OT(0).

Example:

```
test:DD;
 STACKPTR = STACKPTR - 2;
 /** other statements **/

 /** label1: **/
 STACKPTR = STACKPTR - 2;
END test;
```

**CAUSE** Internal compiler error.

**SOLUTION** Use optimization level 0 or add a label at the second and subsequent statements. In the example above, remove the comments from the label.

## 23.27 Problem With Adding in PL/M Data Statements

**SYMPTOM** Unexpected results when adding constants together in a restricted expression in the PL/M-n86 compilers.

Example:

```
DECLARE a$var WORD DATA(240+21);
```

A\$var will be initialized to 5 ((240+21) MOD 256) and not 261.

**CAUSE** When a constant expression is evaluated, the type of variable is dictated by the type of the first constant. Anytime the sum of the added constants overflows the maximum value for the first data type, the sum of the expression will be the expected sum MOD one plus the maximum value for the data type. In the example above the actual value (5) is the expected sum (261) MOD one plus the maximum value for the data type (1+255).

**SOLUTION** When the data type of the sum of the values will exceed the limit of the data type of the first element, add and subtract a value which will cause the compiler to treat the value correctly.

Example:

```
DECLARE a$var WORD DATA (256-256 + 240 + 21);
```

## 23.28 ERROR 47: LIMIT EXCEEDED: PROCEDURES (253)

**SYMPTOM** The PL/M-286 compiler issues ERROR 47, "LIMIT EXCEEDED: PROCEDURES (253)" when the number of procedures apparently does not approach the limit.

**CAUSE** All procedure declarations count - even EXTERNAL procedures in INCLUDE files. The iRMX 286 Release 2 system INCLUDE file RMXPLM.EXT contains a large number of external declarations. If this file is used, the number of other user procedures which can be declared in a PL/M-286 module is about fifty. The table below shows the iRMX 286 Release 2 INCLUDE file names and the procedure count for each file.

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| BIDS.EXT   | 36  |
| EIOS.EXT   | 31  |
| HI.EXT     | 17  |
| LOADER.EXT | 6   |
| NUCLUS.EXT | 68  |
| RMXPLM.EXT | 192 |
| UDI.EXT    | 34  |

**SOLUTION** Since the RMXPLM.EXT file contains the external definitions of BIOS.EXT, EIOS.EXT, HI.EXT, LOADER.EXT, NUCLUS.EXT, and UDI.EXT, you can reduce the number of external declarations by using INCLUDE files for only the iRMX 286 layers needed. This limit will be raised in a future version of the PL/M-286 compiler.

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# TOOLS AND UTILITIES - **24**

## AEDIT 286 V2.1

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This chapter lists known problems specific to AEDIT-286, Version 2.1. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.



#### 24.1 Lines Greater Than 255 Characters Displayed Erroneously

**SYMPTOM** The display of lines which are greater than 255 characters is sometimes erroneous.

**CAUSE** A problem in the AEDIT286 editor.

**SOLUTION** The only solution is to keep all lines less than 255 characters in length.

#### 24.2 AEDIT286 “!SYSTEM” Command Causes System To Crash

**SYMPTOM** The AEDIT286 “!SYSTEM” command causes the system to crash.

**CAUSE** Using the AEDIT286 “!SYSTEM” command to activate the iRMX® 286 “attachfile” command may cause the system to crash.

**SOLUTION** Do not attempt to use the AEDIT286 “!SYSTEM” command to change directories.

#### 24.3 BLOCK Marker (‘@’,40H) Does Not Disappear After BLOCK Command Completes

**SYMPTOM** The BLOCK marker (‘@’,40H) does not disappear after the BLOCK command completes.

**CAUSE** In some cases, when the BLOCK command is used on lines greater than 80 characters, the BLOCK marker (‘@’,40H) does not disappear after the BLOCK command is completed.

**SOLUTION** You must refresh the screen explicitly using the V command.

#### 24.4 UNDO Function Does Not Work On iRMX 286 Systems

**SYMPTOM** The UNDO function, set to ^U (15H) by default, does not work on iRMX 286 systems.

**CAUSE** The ^U code is processed by the Human Interface layer and is not passed to the AEDIT286 editor.

**SOLUTION** You must set UNDO to another input code in your AEDIT.MAC file (e.g., set it to ^Y by defining AFXU=19) or use HI commands to allow ^U to be passed to the AEDIT286 editor.

#### 24.5 General Protection Exception When Saving A File Using AEDIT

**SYMPTOM** A General Protection exception may be encountered when saving a file on a floppy using AEDIT.

**CAUSE** The floppy was removed from the diskette drive. The problem is under investigation.

**SOLUTION** Ensure that a floppy diskette is in the drive and the floppy drive door is closed.

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# TOOLS AND UTILITIES - NUMERICS V3.0 **25**

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX 286 version of NUMERICS, Version 3.0. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

## 25.1 System Hangs When Performing Calculations

**SYMPTOM** The system hangs when performing calculations using complex numbers.

**CAUSE** When performing calculations using complex numbers, the error handler must not be allowed to handle exceptions. The 80287 chip itself must be allowed to handle any complex number exceptions, whether the way it handles the exception is ideal or not. If a complex number exception occurs and the exception is not masked, the system will “hang” and your only recourse will be to reset it.

**SOLUTION** Use the following PL/M commands to mask or unmask the exception (a masked exception is automatically handled by the 80287 chip):

```
call set$real$mode (03FFH); /* mask */
call set$real$mode (0300H); /* unmask */
```

The PL/M set\$real\$mode procedure is described in section 10.7 of the *PL/M-286 User's Guide*.

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**TOOLS AND UTILITIES - 8087  
NUMERICS SUPPORT**

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX 286 version of 8087 Numerics Support. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

## 26.1 Long Real and Temp Real Parameters Result in Erroneous Data

- SYMPTOM** When calling functions of the DCON87 and DC287 libraries with long real and temp real parameters, erroneous data results.
- CAUSE** In Chapter 3 of both the 8087 and 80287 Numerics Support documentation, the constant definitions for long real and temp real are incorrectly noted as 2 and 3, respectively.
- SOLUTION** The correct values for long real and temp real are 1 and 2, respectively.

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# TOOLS AND UTILITIES - 27

## 80287 NUMERICS SUPPORT

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX 286 version of 80287 Numerics Support. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.

## **27.1 Long Real and Temp Real Parameters Result in Erroneous Data**

**SYMPTOM** When calling functions of the DCON87 and DC287 libraries with long real and temp real parameters, erroneous data results.

**CAUSE** In Chapter 3 of both the 8087 and 80287 Numerics Support documentation, the constant definitions for long real and temp real are incorrectly noted as 2 and 3, respectively.

**SOLUTION** The correct values for long real and temp real are 1 and 2, respectively.

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# **TOOLS AND UTILITIES - Soft-Scope\* 286 DEBUGGER V2.55** **28**

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This chapter lists known problems related to the iRMX 286 version of Soft-Scope 286, Version 2.55. Each problem contains a brief description of the symptom, its cause, and solution.

New entries, or previously published problems whose status has changed, will be identified by change bars.



## 28.1 Soft-Scope 286 Debugger Hanging Due To No 80287 Chip

- SYMPTOM** The Soft-Scope 286 debugger either hangs or causes an “Interrupt 7” before signing on.
- CAUSE** The Soft-Scope 286 debugger tries to initialize the non-existent 80287 chip with an FNINIT instruction and a fault is caused.
- SOLUTION** Create a file called “SSCOPE.NPX” in the same directory as the Soft-Scope 286 debugger (it can be empty). This will cause the Soft-Scope 286 debugger to skip the initialization of the 80287 chip. In this case, no floating-point displays will be available. This problem is documented at the end of Chapter 2 in the *Soft-Scope 286 Source-Level Debugger User's Guide*.

## 28.2 Application With Overlays Will Not Load

- SYMPTOM** “Overlays not supported” message given.
- CAUSE** Current version does not support overlays.
- SOLUTION** The problem will be fixed in a future release of the Soft-Scope 286 debugger.

## 28.3 “STACK” Command Does Not Work Properly In User-Created Tasks

- SYMPTOM** The STACK command does not work properly in user-created tasks (not an initial task).
- CAUSE** The iRMX 286 operating system does not clear or initialize a newly created task's stack.
- SOLUTION** When creating a task, pass a stack segment in the create task system call. Before making the call create a segment via RQ\$CREATE\$SEGMENT and fill in the segment with “C7H”.

## 28.4 Incorrect Source Lines Displayed While Using STEP In PL/M Modules

- SYMPTOM** The Soft-Scope 286 debugger seems to be a few lines “off” in its display of current line.
- CAUSE** When using PL/M at optimization levels greater than 0, the line numbers in the code listing may not directly correspond to the actual object code. This is especially evident near the ends of nested blocks (for example, “DO WHILE” blocks.)
- SOLUTION** Put a label at the first executable line after the end of the nested blocks or use optimize level 0.

## 28.5 Soft-Scope 286 Debugger Seems “way off” In Report Of Current Line Number

- SYMPTOM** STEP or LINE reports a line far away from actual current line, reporting it “near” a line when, in fact, it is at a completely different one.
- CAUSE** External procedure declarations are declared after non-external declarations.
- SOLUTION** Re-order procedure declarations so all external declarations come first.

## 28.6 General Protection Error After Soft-Scope 286 Debugger Exit

- SYMPTOM** A general protection error is displayed after a Soft-Scope 286 debugger exit.
- CAUSE** The stack exception (INT 12) is caused by a user-created task while the Soft-Scope 286 debugger is currently debugging another task.
- SOLUTION** Run the application with no breakpoints to find the area with the stack problem.
- CAUSE** DQEXIT or RQEXITIOJOB called by a user-created task while the Soft-Scope 286 debugger is still with another task in the foreground.
- SOLUTION** Have the main task be responsible for all EXITs.

## 28.7 Multiple-Dimensioned Arrays Displayed Incorrectly In FORTRAN

- SYMPTOM** Reference such as “.XYZ(3,2,1)” displays contents of XYZ(3,2,1) in FORTRAN.
- CAUSE** FORTRAN stores arrays in row-minor order rather than row-major.
- SOLUTION** This is normal FORTRAN operation.

## 28.8 General Protection Exception When Exiting Soft-Scope 286 Debugger

- SYMPTOM** While one user is using the Soft-Scope 286 debugger at one terminal, a second user runs an application which causes a general protection fault (INT 13), or stack fault (INT 12), or double fault (INT 8). This causes the second user's system to hang, and the Soft-Scope 286 user will get a general protection fault after the Soft-Scope 286 debugger exits.
- CAUSE** The Soft-Scope 286 debugger is set up as the handler for these traps, but cannot report the trap if it occurs in another user's job.
- SOLUTION** Ensure that undebugged applications are executed under control of the Soft-Scope 286 debugger.

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# SOFTWARE PRODUCT CURRENT VERSION LISTS

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This section contains a list of the current versions for the software products supported by Intel's Technical Support Operation. These products are categorized by the environments covered by our Software Support Contracts (SSCs). For information about obtaining an SSC, refer to page 1 of the Preface.

Changes or additions to this current version list are noted by bar marks in the right-hand column.

**Current Version List — Q1/1990**

**SSC 100**  
**Applies to PDS/MDS 800/S-II 8-Bit Environment**

| Product  | Description                        | Version |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| FTRANS   | PDS-FTRANS                         | 1.0     |
| ICE 42   | ICE 42                             | 1.1     |
| ICE 44   | ICE 44                             | 1.0     |
| ICE 49A  | ICE 49A                            | 1.2     |
| ICE 51   | ICE 51                             | 2.0     |
| ICE 80   | ICE 80                             | 4.0     |
| ICE 85B  | ICE 85B                            | 2.5     |
| ICE 86A  | ICE 86A                            | 2.2     |
| ICE 88A  | ICE 88A                            | 2.2     |
| IPPS     | IPPS (8-bit)                       | 1.4     |
| ISIS     | ISIS II (MDX2100)                  | 4.3     |
|          | ASM 80/85                          | 4.1     |
| MCI51ASM | ASM51, RL51, LIB51, CONV51 (8-bit) | 2.2     |
|          | ASM51                              | 2.1     |
|          | RL51                               | 3.0     |
|          | LIB51                              | 1.0     |
|          | CONV51                             | 1.0     |
|          | UTIL                               | 1.1     |
| MDS 301  | FORTRAN 80                         | 2.1     |
| MDS 308  | ASM86                              | 2.1     |
|          | OH86                               | 1.2     |
|          | LIB86                              | 1.2     |
|          | UPM                                | 3.0     |
|          | LINKER                             | 1.3     |
|          | LOCATOR                            | 1.3     |
|          | CONV86                             | 2.0     |
| MDS 311  | PL/M-86 (Includes ASM 86 V2.1)     | 2.1     |
|          | OH86                               | 1.2     |
|          | LIB86                              | 1.2     |
|          | UPM                                | 3.0     |
|          | XREF                               | 1.2     |
|          | LINKER                             | 1.3     |
|          | LOCATOR                            | 1.3     |
|          | CONV86                             | 2.0     |
|          | COMPILER                           | 2.1     |
|          | 87 EMULATOR                        | 1.1     |
|          | 87 NUM. LIB                        | 1.1     |
| MDS 312  | ASM89                              | 2.0     |
|          | LINKER                             | 1.3     |
|          | LOCATOR                            | 1.3     |
|          | OH86                               | 1.2     |
|          | UPM                                | 3.0     |
|          | ASSEMBLER                          | 2.0     |
| MDS 318  | FUND. SUPPORT PACKAGE              | 1.0     |
| MDS 320  | BASIC 80                           | 1.1     |
| MDS 360  | CREDIT                             | 2.0     |
| MDS 380  | COBOL                              | 1.0     |
| MDS 381  | PASCAL 80                          | 2.1     |

| Product    | Description                  | Version |
|------------|------------------------------|---------|
| MDS 384    | MAINFRAME LINK               | 1.1     |
| MDS 387    | ASM 86/87/88                 | 3.0     |
|            | ASSEMBLER                    | 2.1     |
|            | LIB/EMULATOR                 | 1.2     |
| MDS D48    | ASM48                        | 4.2     |
| MDS PLM    | PL/M-80                      | 4.0     |
|            | COMPILER                     | 4.0     |
|            | LIB/EMULATOR                 | 1.2     |
| MDX 335    | AEDIT 80                     | 2.0     |
| MDX 352    | PL/M-51, RL51, LIB51 (8-bit) | 1.1     |
|            | PL/M-51                      | 1.1     |
|            | RL51                         | 3.0     |
|            | LIB51                        | 1.0     |
|            | UTIL51                       | 1.1     |
| MDX 2001   | ISIS III N (8-bit)           | 2.2     |
| MDX 2009   | ISIS IIW (MDX750)            | 4.3W    |
| PDS 100    | ISIS-PDS                     | 1.1     |
| PDS EMV51  | EMV 51                       | 1.0     |
| PDS EMV51A | EMV 51A                      | 1.1     |
| PDS EMV88  | EMV 88                       | 1.0     |

**SSC 200**  
**Applies to S-III/S-IV 16-Bit Environment**

| Product       | Description                 | Version |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| ICE 42        | ICE 42                      | 1.1     |
| ICE 44        | ICE 44                      | 1.0     |
| ICE 49A       | ICE 49A                     | 1.2     |
| ICE 51        | ICE 51                      | 2.0     |
| ICE 80        | ICE 80 (Series III only)    | 4.0     |
| ICE 85B       | ICE 85B                     | 2.5     |
| ICE 86A       | ICE 86A                     | 2.2     |
| ICE 88A       | ICE 88A                     | 2.2     |
| III 902B/903C | 086/088 PROBE SOFTWARE      | 1.9     |
| III 912B/913C | 186/188 PROBE SOFTWARE      | 1.9     |
| III 923B/923C | 286 PROBE SOFTWARE          | 1.9     |
| III 953B/953C | HOST SOFTWARE               | 1.9     |
| III 981       | ILTA SOFTWARE               | 1.8     |
| IPPS          | IPPS - S III                | 1.4     |
| IPPS          | IPPS - S IV                 | 2.2     |
| ISIS          | ISIS II (MDX2100)           | 4.3     |
|               | ASM80/85                    | 4.1     |
| I86ASM51      | ASM51 SINGLEUSER (16-bit)   | 2.4     |
|               | ASM51                       | 2.3     |
|               | LIB51                       | 1.1     |
|               | RL51                        | 3.1     |
|               | OH                          | 1.1     |
| I86C86        | iC-86 SINGLEUSER (MWC)      | 3.0     |
| I86C286       | iC-286 SINGLEUSER (MWC)     | 3.0     |
| I86PLM51      | PL/M-51 SINGLEUSER (16-bit) | 1.3     |
|               | LIB51                       | 1.1     |
|               | PL/M-51                     | 1.3     |
|               | RL51                        | 3.1     |
|               | OH                          | 1.1     |
| I86PLM86      | PL/M-86 SINGLEUSER (MDS313) | 3.1     |
| I86PAS86      | PASCAL 86 (MDS314)          | 3.1     |
| I86FOR86      | FORTRAN 86 (MDS315)         | 3.0     |
| MDS 319       | 87 LIB                      | 3.0     |
| MDS 320       | BASIC 80 (8-bit)            | 1.1     |
| MDS D48       | ASM48 (8-bit)               | 4.2     |
| I86ASM86      | iAPX86 S/W DEV PKG (MDX316) | 4.1     |
|               | ASM86                       | 2.1     |
|               | LINK86                      | 2.7     |
|               | LOC86                       | 2.5     |
|               | LIB86                       | 2.1     |
|               | OH86                        | 1.0     |
|               | CREF86                      | 1.0     |
| I86ASM286     | ASM286 S/W DEV PKG (MDX321) | 3.2     |
|               | ASM286                      | 1.3     |
|               | BND286                      | 3.2     |
|               | BLD286                      | 3.2     |
|               | LIB286                      | 3.2     |
|               | MAP286                      | 3.2     |

| Product   | Description              | Version |
|-----------|--------------------------|---------|
| MDX 322   | OVL286                   | 3.2     |
|           | APX286 EVAL PKG 1.0      |         |
|           | ASSEMBLER                | 1.0     |
|           | BUILDER                  | 1.0     |
|           | SIMULATOR                | 1.0     |
|           | RUN-TIME SUPPORT         | 1.0     |
|           | DATA Def.                | 1.0     |
| I86PLM286 | PL/M-286 (MDX323)        | 3.1     |
| I86PAS286 | PASCAL 286 (MDX324)      | 3.1     |
| MDX 329   | 287LIB 3.0               |         |
| MDX 332   | PMT                      | 2.1     |
| I86PSC86  | PSCOPE (MDX333)          | 1.1     |
| I86EDI86  | AEDIT 86 (MDX334)        | 2.0     |
| MDX 337   | E-MAIL                   | 1.0     |
| I86ASM96  | ASM96 (MDX355)           | 1.2     |
|           | ASM96                    | 1.2     |
|           | RL96                     | 2.2     |
|           | LIB96                    | 1.2     |
|           | FPAL96.LIB               | 2.2     |
|           | OH                       | 1.1     |
| I86PLM96  | PL/M-96 (MDX356)         | 1.2     |
|           | PL/M-96                  | 1.2     |
|           | RL96                     | 2.2     |
|           | LIB96                    | 1.2     |
|           | FPAL96.LIB               | 2.2     |
| MDX 394   | ACL/VMS                  | 2.0     |
| MDX 395   | ACL/UNIX                 | 2.0     |
| MDX 2002  | SERIES IV (MDX430)       | 3.2     |
| MDX 2005  | NDS II (MDX450) (16-bit) | 3.2     |
| SBE 96    | SBE 96                   | 2.0     |
| SIII      | SERIES III (MDX2101)     | 4.3     |
|           | ASM 86/88                | 2.0     |
| TSCOPE186 | TSCOPE 186               | 1.1     |
| VLSiCE-96 | VLSiCE-96                | 3.0     |
| iPAT86ISS | iPAT86ISS                | 1.2     |
| iPAT86NDX | iPAT86NDX                | 1.2     |
| MDX555    | INDX OPENNET SOFTWARE    | 3.2     |
| MDX465    | OpenNET NRM SOFTWARE     | 3.2     |
| MDX485    | COMPILE ENGINE           | 3.2     |
| SA252     | ICE 5100/252             | 3.0     |
| SA452     | ICE 5100/452             | 3.0     |
| SA044     | ICE 5100/044             | 3.0     |

## SSC 300

## Applies to Intel's VAX/VMS Resident Cross Software

| Product    | Description                 | Version |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| VVSASM86   | ASM86VX (MDX341VX)          | 4.1     |
|            | ASM86                       | 3.2     |
|            | CREF86                      | 1.3     |
|            | LINK86                      | 2.9     |
|            | LOC86                       | 2.8     |
|            | LIB86                       | 2.4     |
|            | OH86                        | 1.3     |
| VVSPLM86   | PL/M-86 (MDX343VX)          | 3.3     |
| VVSPAS86   | PASCAL 86-VX (MDX344VX)     | 3.3     |
| VVSASM286  | ASM286-VX (MDX371VX)        | 3.2     |
|            | ASM286                      | 1.3     |
|            | BND286                      | 3.2     |
|            | BLD286                      | 3.2     |
|            | MAP286                      | 3.2     |
|            | LIB286                      | 3.2     |
|            | OVL286                      | 3.2     |
| VVSPLM286  | PL/M-286-VX (MDX373VX)      | 3.3     |
| VVSPLM386  | PL/M-386-VX                 | 3.3     |
| VVSASM386  | ASM386VX                    | 4.0     |
| MDX 392    | NDS VAX LINK                | 3.0     |
| MDX393F    | NDS VAX LINK (RX-50)        | 2.1     |
| MDX393T    | NDS VAX LINK (TK-50)        | 2.1     |
| MDX 394    | ACL-VMS                     | 2.0     |
| MDX 395    | ACL-UNIX                    | 2.0     |
| VVS C86    | iC-86-VX (MDX347VX) (MWC)   | 3.0     |
| VVS C286   | iC-286-VX (MDX377VX) (MWC)  | 3.0     |
| VVS C386   | iC-386-VX                   | 1.2     |
| VVSRL386   | 386 R & L TOOLSET           | 1.3     |
|            | BLD386                      | 1.5     |
|            | BND386                      | 1.4     |
|            | LIB386                      | 1.2     |
|            | MAP386                      | 1.2     |
| VVSFORT86  | FORTRAN 86                  | 3.0     |
| VVSFORT386 | FORTRAN 386                 | 4.0     |
| C960V      | iC960 Compiler              | 1.2     |
| ASM960V    | 80960 Assembler & Utilities | 1.2     |
|            | ASM960                      | 1.2     |
|            | ARC960                      | 1.2     |
|            | DIS960                      | 1.2     |
|            | DMP960                      | 1.2     |
|            | LNK960                      | 1.2     |
|            | MPP960                      | 1.2     |
|            | NAM960                      | 1.2     |
|            | ROM960                      | 1.2     |
|            | SIZ960                      | 1.2     |
|            | STR960                      | 1.2     |
| MVVSASM86  | ASM 86 MICRO VAX            | 3.2     |
| MVVSASM386 | ASM386VX MICRO VAX          | 4.0     |

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| Product     | Description                                               | Version |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| MVVSPLM86   | PL/M-86 MICRO VAX                                         | 3.3     |
| MVVSC86     | iC-86 MICRO VAX                                           | 3.0     |
| MVVSFORT86  | FORTRAN 86 MICRO VAX                                      | 3.0     |
| MVVSFORT386 | FORTRAN 386                                               | 4.0     |
| MVVSASM286  | ASM286 MICRO VAX                                          | 1.3     |
| MVVSC286    | C286 MICRO VAX                                            | 3.0     |
| MVVSC386    | C386 MICRO VAX                                            | 1.2     |
| MVVSRL386   | RLL386 MICRO VAX                                          | 1.3     |
| MVVSPLM286  | PL/M-286 MICRO VAX                                        | 3.3     |
| MVVSPLM386  | PL/M-386 MICRO VAX                                        | 3.3     |
| VVSKIM      | NVL Modification<br>— to install VAXLINK on VMS 4.7 & 5.0 | 1.0     |

**Note:** Where a MVVS (MICRO VAX) product is listed, it differs only in media type (TK50 Cartridge Tape) from its VVS counterpart, which is distributed on reel tape. The software contained on both media is otherwise identical.

|          |                                               |     |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| C960M    | TK-50 Distribution Of C960V For Micro Vax     | 1.2 |
| ASM960M  | TK-50 Distribution Of ASM960V For Micro Vax   | 1.2 |
| EVA960KB | 80960 Execution Vehicle & SDM (PC-DOS-hosted) | 1.2 |

**SSC 400**  
**Applies to the iRMX I Operating System**

| Product    | Description                   | Version |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| DCX 51     | DISTRIBUTED CONTROL EXECUTIVE | 2.0     |
| PCS86RMX   | PSCOPE 86                     | 2.0     |
| R86C86     | iC-86 SINGLE-USER (RMX866)    | 4.1     |
| R86ASM86   | ASM86 (RMX860)                | 4.1     |
|            | ASM86                         | 2.1     |
|            | CREF86                        | 1.0     |
|            | LINK86                        | 2.7     |
|            | LOC86                         | 2.5     |
|            | LIB86                         | 2.1     |
|            | OH86                          | 1.0     |
| R86PLM86   | PL/M-86 SINGLE-USER (RMX863)  | 3.1     |
| RMX I      | iRMX I OPERATING SYSTEM       | 8.0 UP1 |
| RMX 86 HAN | iRMX I HANDYMAN KIT           | 1.0     |
|            | R86EDI86                      | 2.0     |
| R86PAS86   | PASCAL 86 (RMX861)            | 3.4     |
| R86FOR86   | FORTRAN 86 (RMX862)           | 3.0     |
| R86EDI86   | AEDIT 86 (RMX864)             | 2.0     |
| SDM        | iSDM SYSTEM DEBUG MONITOR     | 3.2     |
| SYR 86     | iRMX SYSTEM LANGUAGE KIT      | 7.0     |
|            | R86ASM86                      | 4.1     |
|            | R86EDI86                      | 2.0     |
|            | R86PLM86                      | 3.1     |
| VDI 720    | GRAPHICS INTERPRETER          | 1.8     |
| DCS100     | BITBUS TOOLBOX                | 2.0     |
| DCS110     | BITWARE                       | 2.0     |
| DCS120     | PROGRAMMER SUPPORT PACKAGE    | 2.0     |
| R86ASM51   | ASM51 SINGLE-USER (16-bit)    | 2.4     |
|            | ASM51                         | 2.3     |
|            | LIB51                         | 1.1     |
|            | RL51                          | 3.1     |
|            | OH                            | 1.1     |
| R86PLM51   | PL/M-51 SINGLEUSER (16-bit)   | 1.3     |
|            | LIB51                         | 1.1     |
|            | PL/M-51                       | 1.3     |
|            | RL51                          | 3.1     |
|            | OH                            | 1.1     |
| PLM96      | PL/M-96                       | 1.2     |

**SSC 420**  
**Applies to the iRMX II Operating System**

| Product     | Description                        | Version |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| RMX II      | iRMX II OPERATING SYSTEM           | 4.0 UP1 |
| R286ASM286  | ASM 286 - ASSEMBLER                | 3.2     |
|             | ASM286                             | 1.3     |
|             | BND286                             | 3.2     |
|             | BLD286                             | 3.2     |
|             | LIB286                             | 3.2     |
|             | MAP286                             | 3.2     |
|             | OVL286                             | 3.2     |
| R286EDI286  | AEDIT286                           | 2.2     |
| R286FOR286  | FORTRAN 286                        | 3.1     |
| R286PAS286  | PASCAL 286                         | 3.2     |
| R286PLM86   | PL/M-86                            | 3.1     |
| R286PLM286  | PL/M-286                           | 3.3     |
| R286C286    | iC-286                             | 4.1     |
| R286ASM86   | ASM86 - ASSEMBLER                  | 4.1     |
|             | ASM86                              | 3.2     |
|             | LINK86                             | 2.7     |
|             | LOC86                              | 2.5     |
|             | LIB86                              | 2.1     |
|             | CREF86                             | 1.0     |
|             | OH86                               | 1.0     |
| SDM         | iSDM SYSTEM DEBUG MONITOR          | 3.2     |
| SYRII       | iRMX II SYSTEM LANGUAGE KIT        | 2.0     |
|             | R286ASM86                          | 4.1     |
|             | R286ASM286                         | 3.2     |
|             | R286PLM286                         | 3.1     |
|             | R286EDI286                         | 2.1     |
| RMXIISFTSCP | Soft-Scope II DEBUGGER(R286SSC286) | 2.8     |
| DCS100      | BITBUS TOOLBOX                     | 2.0     |
| DCS110      | BITWARE                            | 2.0     |
| DCS120      | PROGRAMMER SUPPORT PACKAGE         | 2.0     |
| VDI720      | GRAPHICS INTERPRETER               | 1.8     |
| RMXSCS      | iRMX SOURCE CONTROL SYSTEM         | 1.0     |
| RMX286TLB   | iRMX TOOLBOX                       | 2.1     |
| R86ASM51    | ASM51 Single-User (16-bit)         | 2.4     |
|             | ASM51                              | 2.3     |
|             | LIB51                              | 1.1     |
|             | RL51                               | 3.1     |
|             | OH                                 | 1.1     |
| R86PLM51    | PL/M-51 Single-User (16-bit)       | 1.3     |
|             | LIB51                              | 1.1     |
|             | PL/M-51                            | 1.3     |
|             | RL51                               | 3.1     |
|             | OH                                 | 1.1     |

**SSC 430**

**Applies to the iRMK Real-Time Kernel**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>                                   | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| RMK            | iRMK Kernel                                          | 3.0            |
| RMKDEVP        | iRMK Kernel<br>PL/M-386<br>ASM386<br>80386 Utilities | 2.0            |
| RMKDEVC        | iRMK Kernel<br>iC-386<br>ASM386<br>80386 Utilities   | 2.0            |

**SSC 500**  
**Applies to the XENIX Operating System**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| XNX286         | INTEL XENIX 286      | 3.5 UP2        |
| XNX            | INTEL XENIX 386      | 3.5 UP2        |
| XNX2865K       | MS BASIC Interpreter | 5.4            |
| XNX2867K       | MF COBOL             | 2.5            |
| X286ASM286     | ASM286               | 3.2            |
|                | ASM286               | 1.2            |
|                | BND286               | 3.2            |
|                | BLD286               | 3.2            |
|                | LIB286               | 3.2            |
|                | MAP286               | 3.2            |
|                | OVL286               | 3.2            |
| X286C386       | iC-386               | 1.0            |
| X286FOR286     | FORTRAN 286          | 3.1            |
| X286PLM286     | PL/M-286             | 3.1            |
| X286ASM386     | ASM386               | 2.1            |
| X286PLM386     | PL/M-386             | 3.1            |
| X286RLL386     | 386 R & L TOOLSET    | 1.1            |
|                | BLD386               | 1.2            |
|                | BND386               | 1.1            |
|                | LIB386               | 1.1            |
|                | MAP386               | 1.1            |
| S386X          | ICE 386              | 1.1            |
| ISVMFCBLAN     | COBOL ANIMATOR       | 1.0            |
| ISVMFCBLCP     | COBOL COMPILER       | 1.0            |
| ISVMFCBLFM     | COBOL FORMS UTILITY  | 1.0            |
| ISVMFCBLRT     | COBOL RUNTIME        | 1.0            |
| MON386         | MON386               | 1.0            |

## SSC 510

Applies to the iDIS Family of Office Automation Software Products  
(Includes XENIX 286 Operating System)

| Product    | Description          | Version |
|------------|----------------------|---------|
| XNX286     | INTEL XENIX 286      | 3.5 UP2 |
| XNX        | INTEL XENIX 386      | 3.5 UP2 |
| XNXIBASE   | iDIS BASE            | 2.0 UP1 |
| XNXIDB     | iDB                  | 2.0     |
| XNXIMENU   | iMENU                | 2.0     |
| XNXIWORD   | iWORD                | 2.0     |
| XNXIPLAN   | iPLAN                | 2.0     |
| XNXIBPC    | DOSNETVTSKR2.1       | 2.1     |
| XNXIDESK   | iDESK                | 2.0     |
| XNX2865K   | MS BASIC Interpreter | 5.4     |
| XNX2867K   | MF COBOL             | 2.5     |
| X286ASM286 | ASM286               | 3.2     |
|            | ASM286               | 1.2     |
|            | BND286               | 3.2     |
|            | BLD286               | 3.2     |
|            | LIB286               | 3.2     |
|            | MAP286               | 3.2     |
|            | OVL286               | 3.2     |
| X286C386   | iC-386               | 1.0     |
| X286FOR286 | FORTRAN 286          | 3.1     |
| X286PLM286 | PL/M-286             | 3.1     |
| X286ASM386 | ASM386               | 2.1     |
| X286PLM386 | PL/M-386             | 3.1     |
| X286RLL386 | 386 R & L TOOLSET    | 1.1     |
|            | BLD386               | 1.2     |
|            | BND386               | 1.1     |
|            | LIB386               | 1.1     |
|            | MAP386               | 1.1     |
| S386       | ICE 386              | 1.1     |
| ISVMFCBLAN | COBOL ANIMATOR       | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLCP | COBOL COMPILER       | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLFM | COBOL FORMS UTILITY  | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLRT | COBOL RUNTIME        | 1.0     |
| MON386     | MON386               | 1.0     |

## SSC 520

Applies to the iDIS Family of Host Communications Software Products  
(Includes XENIX 286 Operating System and Basic iDIS Office Automation Software)

| Product    | Description                 | Version |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| XNX286     | XENIX 286                   | 3.5 UP2 |
| XNX        | XENIX 386                   | 3.5 UP2 |
| XNXIBASE   | iDIS BASE                   | 2.0 UP1 |
| XNXIDB     | iDB                         | 2.0     |
| XNXIDESK   | iDESK                       | 2.0     |
| XNXIMENU   | iMENU                       | 2.0     |
| XNXIWORD   | iWORD                       | 2.0     |
| XNXIPLAN   | iPLAN                       | 2.0     |
| XNXIBPC    | iPC                         | 2.0     |
| HASP188    | iHASP                       | 2.0     |
| RBTE188    | iRBTE                       | 2.0     |
| 3270BSC188 | i3270BSC                    | 2.0     |
| VPM188     | iVPM                        | 2.1     |
| XNX2865K   | MS BASIC Interpreter        | r 5.4   |
| XNX2867K   | MF COBOL                    | 2.5     |
| X286ASM286 | ASM 286                     | 3.2     |
|            | ASM286                      | 1.2     |
|            | BND286                      | 3.2     |
|            | BLD286                      | 3.2     |
|            | LIB286                      | 3.2     |
|            | MAP286                      | 3.2     |
|            | OVL286                      | 3.2     |
| X286C386   | iC-386                      | 1.0     |
| X286FOR286 | FORTRAN 286                 | 3.1     |
| X286PLM286 | PL/M-286                    | 3.1     |
| X286ASM386 | ASM386                      | 2.1     |
| X286PLM386 | PL/M-386                    | 3.1     |
| X286RLL386 | 386 R & L TOOLSET           | 1.1     |
|            | BLD386                      | 1.2     |
|            | BND386                      | 1.1     |
|            | LIB386                      | 1.1     |
|            | MAP386                      | 1.1     |
| S386       | ICE 386                     | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLAN | COBOL ANIMATOR              | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLCP | COBOL COMPILER              | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLFM | COBOL FORMS UTILITY         | 1.0     |
| ISVMFCBLRT | COBOL RUNTIME               | 1.0     |
| MON386     | MON386                      | 1.0     |
| 3274SNA88  | 13274SNA (386 Systems Only) | 2.0     |
| SNA/3270   | 188/56 SNA                  | 1.0     |

**SSC 600 and 6XX**  
**Applies to Network**

| Product    | Description                                                 | Version  |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| iNA 960    | ISO TRANSPORT LAYER SOFTWARE                                | 3.0      |
| iNA 961    | PRECONFIGURED iNA 960 R2.0                                  | 2.0      |
| iNA 961    | PRECONFIGURED iNA 960 R1.3                                  | 1.3      |
| MAPNET     | MAP V2.1 SOFTWARE                                           | 1.1      |
| MS NET     | MS-DOS NETWORK SOFTWARE                                     | 1.1      |
| RMX NET    | RMX NETWORK SOFTWARE                                        | 3.0      |
| XNX NET    | XENIX NETWORK SOFTWARE<br>(including iNA 961 R1.3 and R2.0) | 2.1      |
| PCLNK      | PC-LINK SOFTWARE(V1.0 only)                                 | 1.0      |
| MDX465     | OpenNET NRM SOFTWARE                                        | 3.3      |
| VMSSVR     | VAX VMS NETWORKING SOFTWARE                                 | 2.0      |
| MVMSSVR    | MICROVAX NETWORKING SOFTWARE                                | 2.0      |
| DOSNETVTS  | DOSNET VIRTUAL TERMINAL (iPC)                               | 2.1      |
| XNXNETVTS  | XNXNET VIRTUAL TERMINAL                                     | 2.1      |
| RMXNETVTS  | RMXNET VIRTUAL TERMINAL                                     | 3.0      |
| SIVMSNET   | SIVMSNET For VAX                                            | 2.0      |
| SIMVMSNET  | SIVMSNET For MICROVAX                                       | 2.0      |
| HRX25SU    | X.25                                                        | 1.0      |
| 3274SNA88  | i3274SNA                                                    | 2.0      |
| SNA/3270   | 188/56 SNA (386 Systems Only)                               | 1.0      |
| HASP188    | iHASP                                                       | 2.0      |
| VPM188     | iVPM                                                        | 2.1      |
| RBTE188    | iRBTE                                                       | 2.0      |
| 3270BSC188 | i3270BSC                                                    | 2.0      |
| PCLINK2    | PCLINK2 Rel. 3 (w/iNA961 R3.0)                              | 3.0      |
| iPC        | iPC (DOSNET VT)                                             | 2.1 UP 1 |
| SVNET      | System V-OpenNET Release 3.2PP                              | 3.2      |



**SSC D700 and G700**  
**Applies to DOS Environment — All Architectures**

| Product   | Description                        | Version |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| D86ASM51  | ASM51 SINGLE-USER (16-bit)         | 2.4     |
|           | ASM51                              | 2.3     |
|           | LIB51                              | 1.1     |
|           | RL51                               | 3.1     |
|           | OH                                 | 1.1     |
| D86ASM86  | iAPX-86 (ASM, R&L) 4.1NL           |         |
|           | ASM86                              | 3.2     |
|           | CREF86                             | 1.0     |
|           | LIB86                              | 2.1     |
|           | LINK86                             | 3.0     |
|           | LOC86                              | 2.5     |
|           | OH86                               | 1.0     |
| D86ASM96  | ASM96                              | 1.2NL   |
|           | ASM96                              | 1.2     |
|           | LIB96                              | 1.2     |
|           | RL96                               | 2.3     |
|           | FPAL96.LIB                         | 1.2     |
|           | OH                                 | 1.1     |
| D86ASM286 | iAPX 286 (ASM, R&L)                | 3.2NL   |
|           | ASM286                             | 1.3     |
|           | BLD286                             | 3.2     |
|           | BND286                             | 3.2     |
|           | LIB286                             | 3.2     |
|           | MAP286                             | 3.2     |
|           | OVL286                             | 3.2     |
| D86ASM386 | ASM386                             | 4.0     |
| D86C86    | iC-86                              | 4.1     |
| D86C286   | iC-286 SINGLE-USER                 | 4.1     |
| D86EDI86  | AEDIT                              | 2.2NL   |
| D86FOR86  | FORTRAN 86                         | 3.1NL   |
| D86PAS86  | PASCAL 86                          | 3.4     |
| D86PAS286 | PASCAL 286                         | 3.1NL   |
| D86PLM86  | PL/M-86                            | 3.3     |
| D86PLM96  | PL/M-96                            | 1.2NL   |
|           | FPAL96.LIB                         | 1.2     |
|           | LIB96                              | 1.2     |
|           | PL/M-96                            | 1.2     |
|           | RL96                               | 2.3     |
|           | OH                                 | 1.1     |
| D86PLM51  | PL/M-51 SINGLE-USER (16-bit) 1.3NL |         |
|           | LIB51                              | 1.1     |
|           | PL/M-51                            | 1.3     |
|           | RL51                               | 3.1     |
|           | OH                                 | 1.1     |
| D86PLM286 | PL/M-286                           | 3.3     |
| D86C386   | iC-386                             | 1.2     |
| D86C96    | iC-96 SINGLE-USER                  | 1.1     |
| D86PLM386 | PL/M-386 SINGLE-USER               | 3.3     |

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| Product    | Description                   | Version |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| iEDIT      | iEDIT                         | 1.0     |
| iPAT286DOS | iPAT286 DOS                   | 1.2     |
| iPATSADOS  | iPAT Standalone DOS           | 2.0     |
| iPAT86DOS  | iPAT86 DOS                    | 1.2     |
| III 904D   | 8086/8088 PROBE SW            | 1.9     |
| III 914D   | 80186/80188 PROBE SW          | 1.9     |
| III 924D   | 80286 PROBE SW                | 1.9     |
| III 954D   | HOST SOFTWARE                 | 2.0     |
| D86PSC86   | PSCOPE                        | 1.1NL   |
| SBE 96     | SBE-96                        | 3.1     |
| VLSICE-96  | VLSiCE-96                     | 3.0     |
| SA252      | ICE 5100/252                  | 3.0     |
| SA452      | ICE 5100/452                  | 3.0     |
| SA044      | ICE 5100/044                  | 3.0     |
| D86RLL386  | 386 R & L TOOLSET             | 1.3     |
|            | BLD386                        | 1.5     |
|            | BND386                        | 1.4     |
|            | LIB386                        | 1.2     |
|            | MAP386                        | 1.2     |
|            | OH386                         | 1.0     |
|            | Ease Of Use Kit               | 1.1     |
| S386D      | ICE 386 - 16 Mhz              | 1.2     |
| S38620D    | ICE 386 - 20 Mhz              | 1.2     |
| SWICE186   | ICE-186                       | 3.0     |
| SWICE286   | ICE-286                       | 2.1     |
| D86FOR286  | FORTRAN 28                    | 6 3.1NL |
| 86FOR386   | FORTRAN 386                   | 4.0     |
| PPS        | iPPS for iUP200A/201A         | 2.3     |
| PPS        | iPPS for PCPP                 | 2.3     |
| PCPPSW     | PCPP/iPPC                     | 2.0     |
| MON386     | MON386                        | 1.0     |
| IPLSII     | LOGIC PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE    | E 2.0   |
| C960D      | iC960 C Compiler              | 1.2     |
| C960E      | eC960 C Compiler              | 1.2     |
| ASM960D    | 80960 Assembler & Utilities   | 1.2     |
|            | ASM960                        | 1.2     |
|            | ARC960                        | 1.2     |
|            | DIS960                        | 1.2     |
|            | DMP960                        | 1.2     |
|            | LNK960                        | 1.2     |
|            | MPP960                        | 1.2     |
|            | NAM960                        | 1.2     |
|            | ROM960                        | 1.2     |
|            | SIZ960                        | 1.2     |
|            | STR960                        | 1.2     |
| EVA960KB   | 80960 Execution Vehicle & SDM | 1.1     |
| K386SX     | 386SX Probe                   | 1.0     |
| K376SX     | 376SX Probe                   | 1.0     |
| K386/25    | 386/25 Probe                  | 1.0     |

**SSC D51 and G51**  
**Applies to DOS 51 Architecture**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>          |     | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----|----------------|
| D86ASM51       | ASM51 SINGLEUSER (16-bit)   |     | 2.4            |
|                | ASM51                       | 2.3 |                |
|                | LIB51                       | 1.1 |                |
|                | RL51                        | 3.1 |                |
|                | OH                          | 1.1 |                |
| D86EDI86       | AEDIT                       |     | 2.2NL          |
| D86PLM51       | PL/M-51 SINGLEUSER (16-bit) |     | 1.3NL          |
|                | LIB51                       | 1.1 |                |
|                | PL/M-51                     | 1.3 |                |
|                | RL51                        | 3.1 |                |
|                | OH                          | 1.1 |                |
| SA252          | ICE 5100/252                |     | 3.0            |
| SA452          | ICE 5100/452                |     | 3.0            |
| SA044          | ICE 5100/044                |     | 3.0            |

**SSC D96 and G96  
Applies to DOS 96 Architecture**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b> | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| D86ASM96       | ASM96              | 1.2            |
|                | ASM96              | 1.2            |
|                | LIB96              | 1.2            |
|                | RL96               | 2.3            |
|                | FPAL96             | 2.2            |
|                | OH                 | 1.1            |
| D86EDI86       | AEDIT              | 2.2NL          |
| D86PLM96       | PL/M-96            | 1.2            |
|                | FPAL96.LIB         | 1.2            |
|                | LIB96              | 1.2            |
|                | PL/M-96            | 1.2            |
|                | RL96               | 2.3            |
|                | OH                 | 1.1            |
| D86C96         | iC-96 SINGLEUSER   | 1.1            |
| SBE 96         | SBE-96             | 3.1            |
| VLSICE-96      | VLSiCE-96          | 3.0            |
| SA196          | ICE-196 PC         | 2.0            |
| ICE196HX       | ICE196HX           | 1.0            |

**SSC D86 and G86**  
**Applies to DOS 86/186 Architecture**

| Product   | Description          |     | Version |  |
|-----------|----------------------|-----|---------|--|
| D86ASM86  | iAPX-86 (ASM, R&L)   |     | 4.1NL   |  |
|           | ASM86                | 3.2 |         |  |
|           | CREF86               | 1.0 |         |  |
|           | LIB86                | 2.1 |         |  |
|           | LINK86               | 3.0 |         |  |
|           | LOC86                | 2.5 |         |  |
|           | OH86                 | 1.0 |         |  |
|           | DB86                 | 1.0 |         |  |
| D86C86    | iC-86 (Intel C)      |     | 4.1     |  |
| D86EDI86  | AEDIT                |     | 2.2NL   |  |
| D86FOR86  | FORTRAN 86           |     | 3.1     |  |
| D86PAS86  | PASCAL 86            |     | 3.4     |  |
| D86PLM86  | PL/M-86              |     | 3.3     |  |
| iPATSADOS | iPAT Standalone DOS  |     | 2.0     |  |
| SWICE186  | ICE-186              |     | 3.0     |  |
| D86PSC86  | PSCOPE               |     | 1.1NL   |  |
| III 904D  | 8086/8088 PROBE SW   |     | 1.9     |  |
| III 914D  | 80186/80188 PROBE SW |     | 1.9     |  |
| iPAT86DOS | iPAT86 DOS           |     | 1.2     |  |
| iEDIT     | iEDIT                |     | 1.0     |  |

**SSC D286 and G286**  
**Applies to DOS 286 Architecture**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| D86ASM286      | iAPX 286 (ASM, R&L) | 3.2NL          |
|                | ASM286              | 1.3            |
|                | BLD286              | 3.2            |
|                | BND286              | 3.2            |
|                | LIB286              | 3.2            |
|                | MAP286              | 3.2            |
|                | OVL286              | 3.2            |
| D86C286        | iC-286 SINGLEUSER   | 4.1            |
| D86EDI86       | AEDIT               | 2.2NL          |
| D86PAS286      | PASCAL 286          | 3.1NL          |
| D86PLM286      | PL/M-286            | 3.3            |
| iEDIT          | iEDIT               | 1.0            |
| iPATSADOS      | iPAT Standalone DOS | 2.0            |
| UPICE286       | ICE-286             | 2.1            |
| III 924D       | 80286 PROBE SW      | 1.9            |
| III 954D       | HOST SOFTWARE       | 2.0            |
| D86FOR286      | FORTRAN 286         | 3.1NL          |
| iPAT286DOS     | iPAT286 DOS         | 1.2            |

**SSC D386 and G386**  
**Applies to DOS 386 Architecture**

| Product   | Description         | Version |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| D86ASM386 | ASM386              | 4.0     |
| D86EDI86  | AEDIT               | 2.2NL   |
| D86C386   | iC-386              | 1.2     |
| D86PLM386 | PL/M-386 SINGLEUSER | 3.3     |
| D86RLL386 | 386 R & L TOOLSET   | 1.1NL   |
|           | BLD386              | 1.5     |
|           | BND386              | 1.4     |
|           | LIB386              | 1.2     |
|           | MAP386              | 1.2     |
|           | OH386               | 1.0     |
|           | Ease Of Use Kit 1.1 |         |
| S386D     | ICE 386             | 1.2     |
| MON386    | MON386              | 1.0     |
| D86FOR386 | FORTRAN 386         | 4.0     |

**SSC 800**  
**Applies to Ada386 Environment**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| VVSADA386R1.1  | 386 ADA On Microvax | R1.1           |
| MVVSADA386R1.1 | 386 ADA On VAX      | R1.1           |
| VVSADARMKR1.1  | RMK ADA On Microvax | R1.1           |
| MVVSADARMKR1.1 | RMK ADA On VAX      | R1.1           |
| U386ADA386R1.0 | 386 ADA On UNIX     | R1.0           |



**SSC D960 and G960**  
**Applies to DOS 960 Architecture**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>            | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| D86EDI86       | AEDIT Text Editor             | 2.2NL          |
| C960D          | iC960 C Compiler              | 1.2            |
| C960E          | eC960 C Compiler              | 1.2            |
| ASM960D        | 80960 Assembler & Utilities   | 1.2            |
|                | ASM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | ARC960                        | 1.2            |
|                | COF960                        | 1.2            |
|                | DIS960                        | 1.2            |
|                | DMP960                        | 1.2            |
|                | LNK960                        | 1.2            |
|                | MPP960                        | 1.2            |
|                | NAM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | ROM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | SIZ960                        | 1.2            |
|                | STR960                        | 1.2            |
| EVA960KB       | 80960 Execution Vehicle & SDM | 1.1            |
| ICE960KB       | Incircuit Emulator            | 1.1            |

**SSC U960**

**Applies to Intel's SUN3 Sun O.S. V3.2/V3.5 Resident Cross-Software**

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Description</b>            | <b>Version</b> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| C960U          | iC960 C Compiler              | 1.2            |
| ASM960U        | 80960 Assembler & Utilities   | 1.2            |
|                | ASM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | ARC960                        | 1.2            |
|                | COF960                        | 1.2            |
|                | DIS960                        | 1.2            |
|                | DMP960                        | 1.2            |
|                | LNK960                        | 1.2            |
|                | MPP960                        | 1.2            |
|                | NAM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | ROM960                        | 1.2            |
|                | SIZ960                        | 1.2            |
|                | STR960                        | 1.2            |
| EVA960KB       | 80960 Execution Vehicle & SDM | 1.1            |

**SSC 1000**  
**Applies to Logic Programming**

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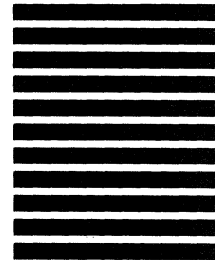


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