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### **COBOL (on Tape) Specifications IBM 1401**

This publication is intended for programmers who have a basic knowledge of COBOL programming. It includes the additional specifications necessary to write a COBOL program for the IBM 1401 Data Processing System.

Specific examples show how many COBOL statements are coded. A general explanation of these statements is also given.

A sample problem shows complete entries for the IDENTIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT and DATA DIVISIONS.

## Preface

This publication partially describes the specifications for writing a 1401 COBOL program to be processed by an IBM 1401 with at least 4,000 positions of core storage. It supplements the IBM COBOL General Information Manual, Form F28-8053, which describes the COBOL language as it applies to IBM computers. The manual includes many details about the COBOL language that are not included in this publication.

The 1401 COBOL programmer should also be familiar with the material contained in the following Systems Reference Library publications:

*IBM 1401 System Operation Reference Manual*, Form A24-3067

*Autocoder (on Tape) Language Specifications and Operating Procedures IBM 1401 and 1460*, Form C24-3319

*Input/Output Control System Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460*, Form C24-1462

Operating information for this version of 1401 COBOL is in *COBOL (on Tape) Operating Procedures IBM 1401*, Form C24-3146.

Since the IBM 1401 Data Processing System was announced, the IBM 1401 Symbolic Programming System

has been widely used. This system is essentially a one-for-one coding system in which the programmer writes one symbolic instruction for each actual machine-language instruction needed to solve a given problem. This system relieves the programmer from the burden of remembering machine-language operation codes and machine addresses.

The 1401 Autocoder was subsequently developed to permit the programmer to use macro instructions that incorporate common routines automatically. The 1401 Input/Output Control System (IOCS) has been included in Autocoder to provide standard routines for getting data into and out of the machine.

The COBOL language permits programming in terms that describe the problem, rather than in terms that describe the machine used to solve it. The general language specifications (with a few minor exceptions) remain the same for all computers.

To write a complete COBOL program for the 1401, the reader must be familiar with the information presented in the COBOL General Information Manual as well as the material in this publication.

This publication, C24-1492-2, is a major revision of C24-1492-1 and obsoletes it and prior editions. In addition to incorporating information released in Technical Newsletters N24-0259 and N21-0033, significant changes have been made. A section on Programming Considerations has been added.

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The programmer's responsibility in preparing a COBOL program is to:

1. Identify the program.
2. Specify the features and devices of the IBM 1401 Data Processing System that will be used to compile and execute the resultant machine-language object program.
3. Describe the data to be processed.
4. State the procedure to process the data.

The programmer uses the characters, words, and expressions that make up the COBOL language. He writes them according to a standard reference format that is outlined on the COBOL program sheet (Form X28-1464). This standard coding sheet is used with all IBM COBOL systems to record the source program.

The COBOL source program card deck is punched from these coding sheets. These cards make up the COBOL source program card input to the 1401 COBOL processor.

## The Cobol Processor

The COBOL processor is itself a program. It compiles an object program in 1401 Autocoder language from the COBOL source statements. The Autocoder processor assembles the machine-language object program from the object program in Autocoder as shown in Figure 1.

## Machine Requirements

The 1401 COBOL processor can compile an object program for any IBM 1401 system that has at least 4,000 positions of core storage. However, to process the COBOL source program, the 1401 must have at least:

- 4,000 positions of core storage
- Four IBM magnetic-tape units
- IBM 1403 Printer, Model 2
- IBM 1402 Card Read-Punch
- Advanced Programming Feature
- High-Low-Equal Compare Feature
- Sense Switches

The 1401 on which the object program is to be executed must have:

1. Sufficient core storage to contain the program produced by the COBOL processor. If the object program requires more than the available core-storage capacity, either the program must be executed in sections (overlays) or the job must be divided into multiple runs.

NOTE: This requirement is a significant consideration when planning to implement COBOL on a system with 4000 positions of core storage.

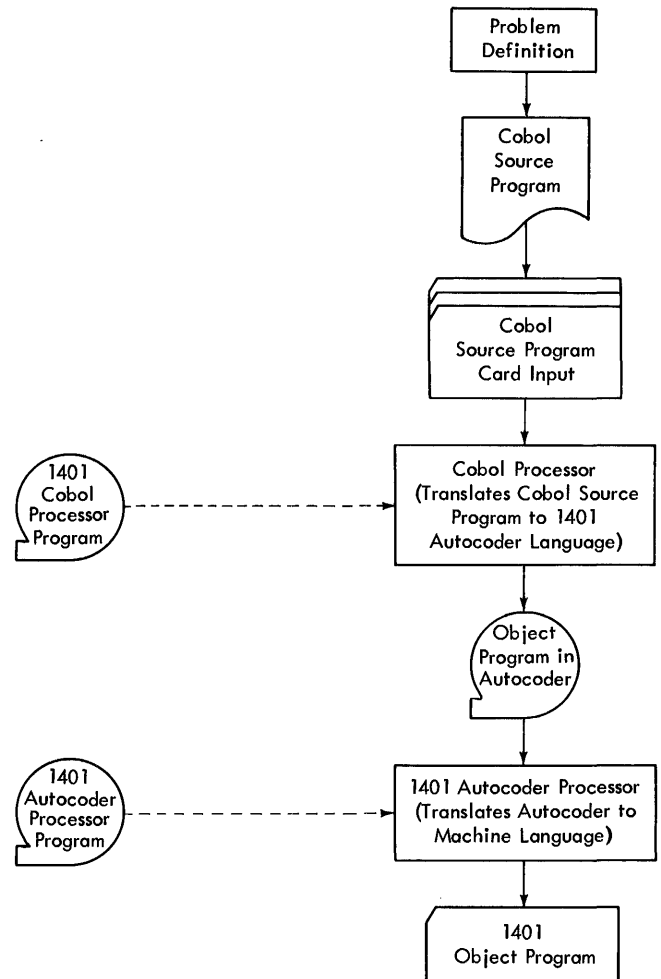


Figure 1. COBOL Compiling and Assembly Process

2. The object machine must have the input and output units defined in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph.
3. Advanced Programming Feature.
4. High-Low-Equal Compare Feature.
5. Sense Switches when they are referred to in the SPECIAL-NAMES section.
6. Multiply-Divide Feature if any of these entries appears in the PROCEDURE DIVISION of the COBOL source program:
  - a. MULTIPLY verb.
  - b. DIVIDE verb.
  - c. COMPUTE verb when either /, \*, or \*\* is used as the operator.

## IBM 1401 COBOL Programming

The 1401 COBOL source program has four major divisions. Each division has its own set of statements which are written according to the rules established for the COBOL language, as described in the *IBM COBOL General Information Manual*, Form F28-8053. These division statement sets must be arranged for presentation to the 1401 COBOL processor in this order:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.

DATA DIVISION.

PROCEDURE DIVISION.

Write the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION entries as described in the *IBM COBOL General Information Manual*.

### Environment Division

In this part of the COBOL source program, the programmer specifies the physical characteristics of the particular IBM 1401 system(s) to be used to compile and to execute the object program.

The ENVIRONMENT DIVISION has two major sections, each of which has a fixed section name: CONFIGURATION and INPUT-OUTPUT.

The 1401 COBOL presentation format for this is:

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.

CONFIGURATION SECTION.

SOURCE-COMPUTER.

OBJECT-COMPUTER.

SPECIAL-NAMES.

INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.

FILE-CONTROL.

### Configuration Section

The CONFIGURATION SECTION has three paragraphs: The SOURCE-COMPUTER paragraph names and describes the 1401 that will compile the object program from the COBOL source statements.

The OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph names and describes the 1401 that will execute the object program.

The SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph equates mnemonic

names to standard names for actual machine devices, equates condition names to standard names for the status of actual machine switches, and equates Autocoder names to COBOL names.

### Source-Computer Paragraph

#### Reference Format

SOURCE-COMPUTER.

IBM-1401

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} \text{MEMORY SIZE} & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4000 \\ 8000 \\ 12000 \\ 16000 \end{array} \right\} \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \text{NO-RELEASE} \right] \left[ \text{NO-PRINT-STORAGE} \right] .$$

*General Description:* This paragraph names the computer that will compile and assemble the object program. It is the computer in which the IBM 1401 COBOL processor program compiles a machine-oriented symbolic program (1401 Autocoder) from the problem-oriented COBOL source program and assembles the actual machine-language program.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc} \text{MEMORY SIZE} & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4000 \\ 8000 \\ 12000 \\ 16000 \end{array} \right\} \text{CHARACTERS} \end{array} \right]$$

*General Description:* This statement tells the COBOL processor how much core storage (memory) is available for use during the compiling and assembling operation. If this statement is omitted, the actual machine core-storage size will be used. If the clause is included, the specified machine size will be used unless it is greater than the actual machine core-storage size.

$$\left[ \text{NO-RELEASE} \right] \left[ \text{NO-PRINT-STORAGE} \right] .$$

The appropriate clause(s) must be included if the source computer does not have the read-punch release or print-storage features.

### Reference Format

[ ASSIGN OBJECT-PROGRAM TO TAPE ]

MEMORY SIZE

{

4000  
8000  
12000  
16000

CHARACTERS

ADDRESS integer I THRU

NO-OVERLAP

}

4000  
8000  
12000  
16000

[ NO-PRINT-STORAGE ] .

## ASSIGN OBJECT-PROGRAM TO TAPE

<u>MEMORY SIZE</u>	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4000 \\ 8000 \\ 12000 \\ 16000 \end{array} \right\}$	<u>CHARACTERS</u>
		<u>ADDRESS <i>integer-1</i> THRU</u>
		$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4000 \\ 8000 \\ 12000 \\ 16000 \end{array} \right\}$

**NO-OVERLAP**

[ NO-PRINT-STORAGE ] .

*Example:* Figure 2 shows a sample OBJECT-COMPUTER paragraph.

8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52
OBJECT-COMPUTER- IBM-1401											
ASSIGN OBJECT-PROGRAM TO TAPE											
MEMORY SIZE ADDRESS 438 THRU 12000											
NO OVERLAP											

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## Special-Names Paragraph

### Reference Format

#### SPECIAL-NAMES .

```

[ device-name-1 IS mnemonic-name-1 [ device-name-2 IS
  I
  mnemonic-name-2 . . . ] ] .
[ switch-name-1 [ ON STATUS IS condition-name-1 ]
[ OFF STATUS IS condition-name-2 ]
[ switch-name-2 . . . ] ] .
[ AUTOCODER-name IS COBOL-name [ AUTOCODER . . . ] ] .

```

**General Description:** This paragraph equates mnemonic-names to the standard names for actual machine devices, equates Autocoder-names to COBOL-names, and equates condition-names to the status of actual machine switches.

#### Device-Names

**General Description:** The standard device-names for the 1401 signal the COBOL processor which devices are available in the object computer. They are written with mnemonic-names the programmer has used to refer to them in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. The 1401 device-names are:

Device-Name	Actual IBM 1401 Device
1402-R, n	1402 Card Reader
1402-P, n	1402 Card Punch
1403-P	1403 Printer
1403-CT, n	1403 Printer Carriage

For the 1402-R and 1402-P device-names, *n* is a digit specifying the stacker into which a card is to fall. For the card reader it must be a 0 (normal read), 1 (read select), or 2 (common). For the card punch it must be 0 (normal punch), 4 (punch select), or 8 (common). If one of the digits is invalid or is not included with a 1402 device-name, the processor assumes that the stacker desired is 1 for a read operation and 4 for a punch operation. If *n* is coded, there must be a space between it and the device-name as in 1402-R, 1.

Punched-card input and output devices should not be used with both the DISPLAY and WRITE verbs in the same program. The same restriction applies to using these devices with both the ACCEPT and READ verbs.

For the 1403-CT device name, *n* specifies which channel in the carriage tape terminates a particular carriage skip. It can be any number from 1 to 12. This name is used with the ADVANCING option of the WRITE verb (see *Procedure Division*). If *n* is not coded, the processor assumes that the skip is to channel 1. If *n* is coded, there must be a space between it and the device name as in 1403-CT, 3.

```

[ AUTOCODER-name IS COBOL-name ]

```

**General Description:** This statement enables the programmer to write Autocoder statements that refer to COBOL data-names and procedure-names (see *Enter*).

If an Autocoder name is used to refer to an area that has been defined by a COBOL statement, the COBOL name must be equated to the Autocoder name.

**Example:** If TOTALS is a COBOL name used to define a COBOL area and the symbol TOTLS is used in an Autocoder statement to refer to the same area, the statement shown in Figure 3 must appear in the SPECIAL-NAMES section of the COBOL program.

A	B	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52
TOTLS	IS	TOTALS									

Figure 3. Equating and Autocoder-Name to a COBOL-Name

A symbol used as an Autocoder name must meet these requirements:

1. It must be five characters long.
2. It must begin with an alphabetic character.
3. It cannot contain a special character.
4. A blank cannot appear within the symbol.

The COBOL name must be a non-qualified procedure-name or data-name. It cannot be a condition-name.

#### Switch-Names and Conditions

**General Description:** A switch-name is written followed by the condition-names used to identify ON status and OFF status.

The standard 1401 switch-names are:

Switch-Name	Indicates
1403-P-CB	Printer Carriage Busy
1403-P-C9	Sense Carriage Tape Channel 9
1403-P-CV	Sense Carriage Tape Channel 12 (Overflow)
1401-SS x	Sense Switch

The *x* in 1401-SS *x* is the actual letter that represents a specific 1401 sense switch. This must be a letter within the range A-G. There must be at least one space between 1401-SS and the letter used for *x*.





and the printer. Their device-names are written as described in *Special-Names Paragraph*.

`[ RESERVE { 1 } ALTERNATE AREA[S] ] .`

*General Description:* This statement reserves one or no alternate area for a magnetic-tape file. One alternate area may be specified only if the object machine has the overlap feature.

*Example (Figure 7):*

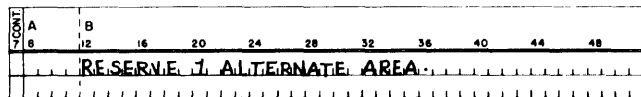


Figure 7. RESERVE

Figure 8 shows a sample FILE-CONTROL paragraph.

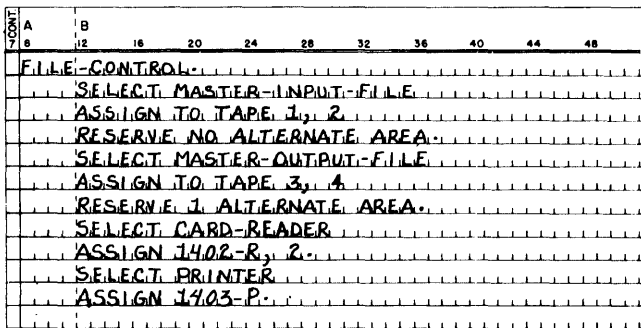


Figure 8. FILE-CONTROL Paragraph

**Added Elective Elements—Environment Division**

The MEMORY SIZE option of the SOURCE-COMPUTER paragraph is not contained in the COBOL General Information Manual, but is provided in the 1401 COBOL processor as it has been described in this publication.

**Deferred Elements—Environment Division**

Several elements are described in the COBOL General Information Manual that are not contained in this version of 1401 COBOL processor. These should not be coded in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION entries for a 1401 COBOL program. They are stated here for reference:

1. The entire I-O-CONTROL paragraph (elective COBOL element).
2. The OPTIONAL option of the FILE-CONTROL paragraph.
3. The MULTIPLE REEL option in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph and all other features that provide for automatic assignments of tape units for a file.
4. The entire COPY option. (The library tape for the 1401 COBOL processor does not presently support the COPY feature.)
5. The RENAMING clause in the FILE-CONTROL paragraph.

### IBM 1401 COBOL Tape Labels

The 1401 COBOL processor provides for IBM 1401 COBOL tape labels. These labels identify the file and specify the number of records in the file, the date it was created, and the length of time it must be kept. Two labels, a header and a trailer, are required for each labeled file.

#### IBM Header Labels

A header label is the first record of each reel of a file. It identifies the tape. The header label format is shown in Figure 9.

FIELD NO.	POSITION	CONTENTS	FIELD NAME	EXAMPLE
1	1-4 5	1HDR Blank	Header Label Identifier	1HDRb
2	6-10	5 Digits	Tape Serial Number	12345
3	11-15	5 Digits	File Serial Number	54321
4	16 17-19 20	- 3 Digits Blank	Reel Sequence Number	-002b
5	21-30	10 Characters	File Identification Name	PAYRLMASTR
6	31-35	5 Digits	Creation Date (00-99)(001-366) Year Day	63203
7	36 37-39 40	- 3 Digits Blank	Retention Cycle (000-365)	-007b
8	41-80	Not used		

Figure 9. COBOL Header Label Format

#### Header Label Identifier

These four characters indicate that the information contained in the record is the header label of a tape reel.

#### Tape Serial Number

These five digits identify the reel of tape within an installation. Each reel of tape should be given a tape serial number as soon as it is received at the installation. IOCS routines do not affect the tape serial number in a tape label.

#### File Serial Number

These five digits indicate a particular application or job number within an installation.

#### Reel Sequence Number

These three digits identify the reels in cases where multiple reels are needed for a specific job or application. The first reel is numbered 001 unless the user specifies another number.

#### File Identification Name

These ten characters identify the file. For example, PAYRLMASTR identifies the tape as the payroll master file.

#### Creation Date

These five digits contain the date on which the file was written originally. The two high-order digits indicate the year (00-99), and the remaining three digits indicate the nth day of that year (001-366).

#### Retention Cycle

These three digits indicate the number of days the file is to be kept after the date the file was originated. Files should be preserved until all output data produced from them has been used successfully as new input. This ensures that any file that requires this file as input can be reconstructed if necessary.

Header labels provide for a 365-day maximum retention cycle. If the file must be kept indefinitely, the programmer can specify this by putting the digits 99 in the two high-order positions of the creation-date field.

### IBM 1401 COBOL Trailer Labels

The last information record in a tape reel is a trailer label. It indicates that the reel currently being processed is the last reel of a file or that more reels must be processed. Trailer labels are written after the last record in the reel has been processed.

The IBM COBOL trailer label format is shown in Figure 10.

Field No.	Positions	Contents	Field Name	Example
1	1-4	"IEOF" or IEOR"	Trailer Label Identifier	IEOF
2	5 6-10 11-80	Blank 5 Digits Not used	Block Count	13430

Figure 10. IBM 1401 COBOL Trailer Label Format

#### Trailer Label Identifier

These four characters indicate that the information contained in the record is the trailer label of a tape reel.

### Block Count

This field contains the number of blocks contained in the reel. A count is developed during processing and is entered in the trailer label record.

### Record Formats for Tape Files

Detailed information about record formats is presented in the publication *Input/Output Control System: Specifications and Operating Procedures for IBM 1401 and 1460*, Form C24-1462. General information is presented in the following sections. Records for tape files may be as large as 999 characters.

#### Form-1 Records

Form-1 tape records are fixed-length, unblocked, with or without record marks. *Fixed-length* implies that all records in the file have the same number of characters. *Unblocked* means that one data record is contained in one tape record. A record mark (=) is a special character written at the end of a data record to indicate that the preceding character is the last record character. If input records are form 1 but are to be written as output in form 2, or 4, they should have record marks. Otherwise the use of record marks is optional. Tape records are physically separated by a section of blank tape called an Inter-Record Gap (IRG). Figure 11 shows an example of form-1 records with record marks.

Figure 12 shows a form-1 record without record marks.

#### Form-2 Records

Form-2 records are fixed-length, blocked, with record marks, and with padding of short-length blocks. *Blocked* means that more than one data record is contained in one tape record (two or more data records occupy the space between two interrecord gaps). Record marks must be used to separate the data records.

*Padding* means that spaces (blanks) are used to fill the last block for a file if there are not sufficient data records to fill it. Thus, a fixed-length block will always contain the same number of characters, but a blank

record will be substituted if there are not enough data records to fill the last block.

Figure 13 shows a fixed-length, block tape record with record marks and padding. Each block contains four records.

#### Form-3 Records

Form-3 records (variable unblocked) are not permitted with 1401 COBOL.

#### Form-4 Records

Form-4 tape records are variable-length, blocked, with record marks and a Record Character Count (RCC) field in each record, and a Block Character Count (BCC) field in each block. *Variable-length* implies that all the records in a file do not contain the same number of characters.

#### Block Character-Count Field

A four-character field at the beginning of each block contains a count of the total number of characters in the block (including the block character-count field itself). The BCC field has AB zone bits (IBM card code 12-punch) over the units position. This count is used to check wrong-length record conditions.

#### Record Character-Count Field

A record character-count field of three characters in each record contains a count of the number of characters in that record, including the RCC field itself and the record mark. This field must be in the same relative position in each record (the character size of each C1 in Figure 14 is the same). Figure 14 shows the record format for a form-4 record.

NOTE: When programming for form-4 or form-2 tape records, the record entry must allow a position for the record mark. For output records, the record mark must be moved into the record area before the record is written.

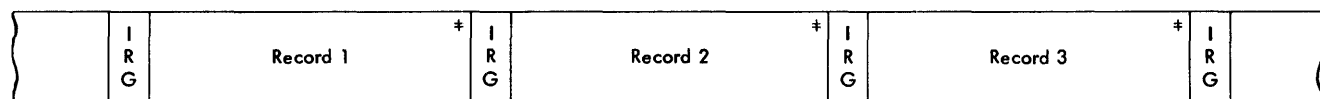


Figure 11. Form-1 Record with Record Marks



Figure 12. Form-1 Record without Record Marks

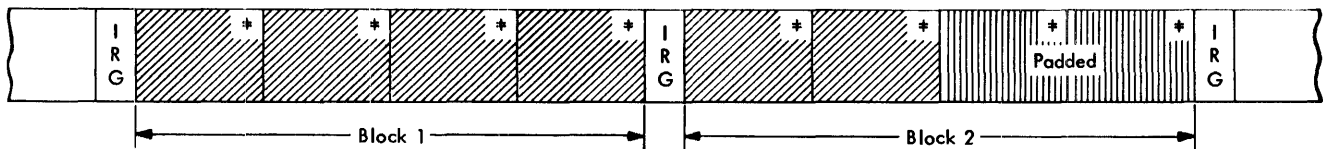


Figure 13. Form-2 Record with Record Marks

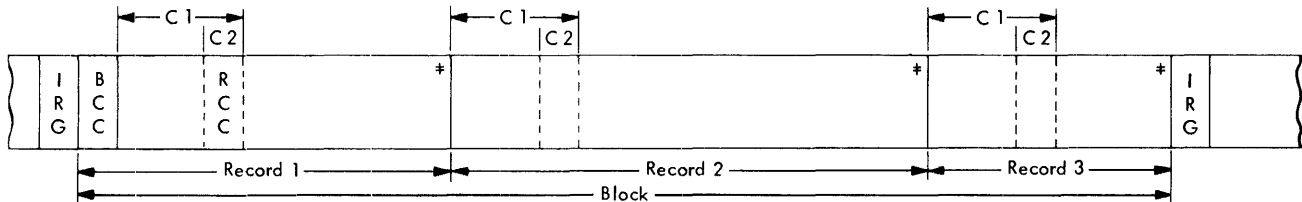


Figure 14. Form-4 Record

## Record Formats for Punched-Card Files

### Card Read-Punch Records

Records of files assigned to the 1402-R and the 1402-P must be eighty characters long, unblocked, and may or may not have record marks in the 80th character position (card column 80). This is equivalent to the form-1 record described previously for tape files.

### Printer Records

Records of files assigned to the 1403-P must also have form-1 record format. For the 1403 printer the fixed record size must be equal to the number of print positions on the printer (100 or 132).

## Data Division Language Specifications

The DATA DIVISION of a COBOL source program is divided into three major sections:

FILE SECTION.

WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

CONSTANT SECTION.

The FILE SECTION describes the input and output files with respect to content and organizational format. It has two major subdivisions: the file-description entry that specifies the physical characteristics and organization of the input and/or output data, and the record-description entry that describes the individual items contained in the file records.

The WORKING-STORAGE SECTION describes the areas of 1401 core storage where intermediate results and other items are stored temporarily at object-program execution time.

The CONSTANT SECTION describes fixed items of data that remain unchanged during the running of the object program. A date, for example, might be a fixed item, or constant.

The 1401 COBOL presentation format for the DATA DIVISION is:

DATA DIVISION.

FILE SECTION.

File-Description Entries and

Record-Description Entries

WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

Record-Description Entries

CONSTANT SECTION.

Record-Description Entries

### File-Description Entry

*General Description:* A file-description entry must be written for each file to be processed by the object program. It includes specifications for the mode in which the file is recorded, the record and block size, label record information, and the names of the data records that make up the file. A VALUE clause is required when label records are standard.

### Reference Format

FD file-name [ RECORDING MODE IS mode ]

[ BLOCK CONTAINS integer-1 { RECORD[S] CHARACTER[S] } ]

[ RECORD CONTAINS [integer-2 TO

integer-3 CHARACTER[S] ]

LABEL RECORD[S] { ARE IS } { STANDARD OMITTED }

[ VALUE OF data-name-1 IS literal [data-name-2 IS . . ] ]

DATA RECORD[S] { ARE IS } data-name-3 [data-name-4 ] .

*Example* (Figure 15):

CONT										
A	B									
8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
FD	PAYROLLMASTER									

Figure 15. FD File-Name

[ RECORDING MODE IS 1 ]

If the `RECORDING MODE` clause is not included in the source program, the processor assumes recording mode 1.

BLOCK CONTAINS *integer-1*  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RECORD[S]} \\ \text{CHARACTER[S]} \end{array} \right\}$

The size must be stated in terms of CHARACTER(s) for form-4 records where *integer-l* is equal to or greater than the number of characters in the longest block of the file. This number includes the four-character block count field (BCC). See also *Form-4 Records*.

*Example:* The largest block in the PAYRLMASTR file contains 500 characters plus the BCC field (Figure 16).

A	B
C	D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
BLOCK CONTAINS 504 CHARACTERS	

Figure 16. BLOCK CONTAINS

[RECORD CONTAINS [*integer-2* TO  
*integer-3* CHARACTER[S]

Fixed-length records must be specified using *integer-3* only. Variable-length records are specified by using *both integer-2 and integer-3*.

*Example:* The records for a certain file are variable length. The smallest record size is 75 characters; the largest is 86 characters (Figure 17).

A	B
8	12    16    20    24    28    32    36    40    44    48
	RECORD CONTAINS 75 TO 86 CHARACTERS

Figure 17. RECORD CONTAINS

LABEL RECORD[S]    { IS }    { STANDARD }

                                  { ARE }    { OMITTED }

*Example:* Figure 18 shows a LABEL RECORD entry for a punched-card input file.

A	B
8	12    16    20    24    28    32    36    40    44    48
	LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED

Figure 18. LABEL RECORDS

### Today's Date

If standard label records are specified for output files, today's date must be in core storage at object-program execution time. To enter the current date in the object program, insert a date card just ahead of the `EX` card produced by the Autocoder processor. The `EX` card is the last card in the object program. The format for the date card is:

<i>Card Columns</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	YR DAY
1-5	XXXXXX
40-46	L005199
47-53	N000000
54-60	N000000
61-67	N000000
68-71	1040

$$\left[ \underline{\text{VALUE OF}} \text{ } \underline{\text{data-name-1}} \text{ IS } \underline{\text{literal-1}} \left[ \underline{\text{data-name-2}} \text{ IS } \dots \right] \right]$$

*General Description:* The COBOL programmer may specify the items of information that appear in the label records of tape files. These items must be supplied by using a VALUE OF clause if standard header labels are used.

*Data-name-1* and *data-name-2* are the names of the fields contained in the header label record. *Literal-1* and *literal-2* refer to the contents of the respective fields. Figure 19 is a chart showing the various data names and the lengths of their associated literals (AN represents alphanumeric values and N represents numeric values). It also shows the relationship between use of the entries and the type of label checking that will be applied to an input or output file. All entries in the chart, except those noted by one or two asterisks, are required.

*Example:* Figure 20 shows how IDENTIFICATION and a retention cycle of 286 days are supplied for an output file.

$$\underline{\text{DATA RECORD[S]}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ARE}} \\ \underline{\text{IS}} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{data-name-3}} \left[ \underline{\text{data-name-4}} \dots \right].$$

*General Description:* *Data-name-3*, *data-name-4*, etc., must each be the subject of a record-description entry that has a level-number of 01.

If the file contains more than one type of record, a different data name must appear for each type. Data-name order is not important.

If one record is read from a given file and another is read from the same file, the second record replaces the first in the read-in area. Thus, if two records are needed for processing at the same time, the first record must be saved by moving it to another area of storage (such as a work area) before the second record is read.

*Example:* Figure 21 shows a sample DATA RECORD clause. In this example, RECORDA and RECORDB are both in the same file and are described in a record-description entry as level 01 records.

### Record-Description Entry

*General Description:* The record-description entries in the COBOL source program provide detailed information about each item of data that will be needed during the running of the object program. Each such item must have its own entry consisting of a level-number, a data-name, and a series of independent clauses.

### Reference Format

$$\text{level-number} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{FILLER}} \\ \underline{\text{data-name-1}} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \underline{\text{REDEFINES}} \underline{\text{data-name-2}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{SIZE}} \text{ IS } \underline{\text{integer-1}} \left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{CHARACTER[S]}} \\ \underline{\text{DIGIT[S]}} \end{array} \right\} \right] \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{OCCURS}} \underline{\text{integer-2}} \underline{\text{TIME[S]}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{POINT LOCATION}} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{LEFT}} \\ \underline{\text{RIGHT}} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{integer-3}} \underline{\text{PLACE[S]}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{CLASS}} \text{ IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ALPHABETIC}} \\ \underline{\text{NUMERIC}} \\ \underline{\text{ALPHANUMERIC}} \\ \underline{\text{AN}} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{PICTURE}} \text{ IS } \text{Any allowable combination of characters and symbols as described in Chapter 6 (COBOL GI)} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{JUSTIFIED}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{LEFT}} \\ \underline{\text{RIGHT}} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{ZERO SUPPRESS}} \\ \underline{\text{CHECK PROTECT}} \\ \underline{\text{FLOAT DOLLAR SIGN}} \end{array} \right\} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{LEAVING}} \underline{\text{integer-4}} \underline{\text{PLACE[S]}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \underline{\text{BLANK WHEN ZERO}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{VALUE IS}} \\ \underline{\text{VALUES ARE}} \end{array} \right\} \underline{\text{literal-1}} \left[ \underline{\text{THRU}} \underline{\text{literal-2}} \right] \left[ \underline{\text{literal-3}} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left[ \underline{\text{THRU}} \underline{\text{literal-4}} \right] \dots \right].$$

*General Description:* The level-number shows the relationship between items in a record.

The highest level is 01 and the lowest level is 49. Level 77 applies to non-contiguous items of data that are elementary in themselves. Level 88 denotes a condition name and must appear immediately after the entry that describes the data name with which a condition name is associated.

Each level number must be associated with a data-name or the key word FILLER. FILLER must describe items that appear in records but are not referred to within procedure statements.

DATA-NAME	Complete Checking		Partial Checking	
	INPUT	OUTPUT	INPUT	OUTPUT
ID or IDENTIFICATION	10 AN	10 AN	10 AN	10 AN
CREATION DATE	5 N			
RETENTION-CYCLE	3 N	3 N		3 N
FILE-SERIAL-NUMBER	* 5 N	* 5 N		
REEL-SEQUENCE-NUMBER	** 3 N	** 3 N		

\* The use of a FILE-SERIAL-NUMBER entry implies full label checking.

\*\* If not specified, 001 will be assumed.

Figure 19. Data-Names and Lengths of Their Associated Literals

Items must be written in the record-description entry in the same order in which they appear in the record.

$$\left[ \text{SIZE IS } [integer-1 \text{ TO } integer-2] \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTER[S]} \\ \text{DIGIT[S]} \end{array} \right] \right]$$

[DEPENDING ON data-name]

**General Description:** This clause tells the processor how many characters (or digits) the data item contains.

This size is interpreted by the 1401 COBOL processor in terms of characters if either the optional word CHARACTER[S] or DIGIT[S] is used or if neither of the optional words is used.

To specify the sizes of variable-length records, (form 4) *integer-1* and *integer-2* and DEPENDING ON *data-name* must be used. *Integer-1* specifies the number of characters in the smallest record and *integer-2* specifies the number of characters in the largest record. DEPENDING ON *data-name* identifies the elementary items whose value is the record character count (refer to *Record Character-Count Field*). *Integer-1* and DEPENDING ON *data-name* may be used only with form-4 records.

**Example:** Figure 22 shows a SIZE entry for a form-4 record which can contain from 50 to 150 characters. RECCOUNT is the data-name the programmer has used to identify the RCC field.

The size of fixed-length records is specified by using the form:

$$\left[ \text{SIZE IS } integer-2 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARACTER[S]} \\ \text{DIGIT[S]} \end{array} \right] \right]$$

where *integer-2* is the exact number of characters contained in the record or item of data.

**Example:** Figure 23 shows a SIZE entry for a fixed-length record whose size is eighty characters.

$$\left[ \text{OCCURS } integer-2 \text{ TIME[S]} \right]$$

**General Description:** The OCCURS clause describes a sequence of data items of the same format. For example, if a rate table contains ten rates, each made up of five characters, fifty storage positions can be reserved for the rate table by using one OCCURS clause. An individual rate from this rate table can be referred to in the PROCEDURE DIVISION by subscripting the data-name assigned to the rates. The maximum number of positions that can be reserved by an OCCURS clause is 999.

**Example:** Figure 24 shows how an OCCURS clause for a rate table may be coded.

In the PROCEDURE DIVISION a statement using RATE (2) as a subscripted data-name can refer to the second rate in the rate table (Figure 25).

The OCCURS clause may not be used with an item whose level number is 01, 77, or 88. *Integer-2* must be a positive numerical literal having an integral value greater than zero.

$$\left[ \text{POINT LOCATION IS } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LEFT} \\ \text{RIGHT} \end{array} \right\} integer-3 \text{ PLACE[S]} \right]$$

**General Description:** This clause describes the decimal point location for a number so that the processor can provide for the correct alignment of assumed decimal points during computation. It can be used only with an elementary item. *Integer-3* must be a numerical literal with an integral value.

**Example:** The POINT clause (Figure 26) causes an assumed decimal point to be located two positions to the left of the units position of the item whose data-name is GROSSPAY (999V99).

Note that the assumed decimal point is not included in the size of the item because it will not actually exist in 1401 core storage at program-execution time.







SYNCONT	A										B													
	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48		
	04 3C-ONE PICTURE IS 999V99.																							

## Special Editing Functions

1. High-order CR or minus signs and high-order DB or plus signs.
2. Floating plus and minus signs, and floating dollar signs.
3. Check protection (asterisk fill).
4. Decimal suppression for blank or zero fields.

When the editing options for floating plus, minus, and dollar sign are used, more than two floating characters must be specified in the `PICTURE` or `EDITING` clause. For example, if `$$$99` is specified, the `$` will not float, but zero suppression will take place. However, if `$$$$9` is specified, the dollar sign will float and zero suppression will take place.

## Editing Clauses

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ZERO SUPPRESS} \\ \text{CHECK PROTECT} \\ \text{FLOAT DOLLAR SIGN} \end{array} \right\} \\ \left[ \text{LEAVING } \textit{integer-4} \text{ PLACE[S]} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

CONT.	A	B																
	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	
	03 DEDUCT PICTURE IS 9(8) JUSTIFIED LEFT-																	

*Example:* Figure 30 shows an EDITING clause that specifies that high-order zeros are to be replaced with blanks. Assume that a field called FICA is to be edited during processing in preparation for printing. If the value of the field moved to FICA appears as 00508 before editing, it will appear as 508 after editing.

BLANK WHEN ZERO

*Example:* Figure 31 shows a BLANK WHEN ZERO clause used with a FLOAT DOLLAR SIGN clause. Without the BLANK WHEN ZERO clause, a ZERO PAY field would ap-



The PROCEDURE DIVISION is the operational part of the COBOL source program. Once the data has been described, the programmer tells the COBOL processor what steps the machine must take to read the input data, process it, and write it as output on punched cards, magnetic tape, or a printed form.

The COBOL verbs are the main elements in the PROCEDURE DIVISION. They are described in detail in the COBOL General Information Manual. However, some verbs have special meaning when used in a 1401 COBOL source program. This additional information is presented in the following section.

## The DISPLAY Verb

*General Description:* The IBM 1403 Printer (1403-P) is the standard output unit for the DISPLAY verb. However, information may also be displayed via the IBM 1402 Card Read-Punch (1402-P). As many printer lines or punched cards will be used as are necessary to display the information contained in the area of core storage whose data name is specified in the DISPLAY statement.

The object program initiates a skip to channel 1 in the carriage tape if a form overflow occurs in the 1403 printer. If the DISPLAY verb is used in the PROCEDURE DIVISION to address the printer, the processor assumes that the printer will have a carriage tape with punches in channel 1 and 12 (overflow) at object-program execution time.

*Examples:* The statement shown in Figure 34 will cause the contents of the area whose data name is GRAND-TOTAL to be displayed on the 1403 printer.

[illegible]

Figure 34. PRINTER DISPLAY

The statement shown in Figure 35 will cause the contents of GRAND-TOTAL to be punched into cards, if the mnemonic-name CARD PUNCH has been assigned to 1402-P in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph of the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.

A		B																	
8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52								
DISPLAY GRAND-TOTAL UPON CARD-PUNCH																			

Figure 35. PUNCH DISPLAY

## The ACCEPT Verb

*General Description:* The IBM 1402 Card Read-Punch (1402-R) is the standard input unit for the ACCEPT verb.

*Example:* Figure 36 shows an ACCEPT statement that will cause data to be read from the card reader and moved to an area whose data-name is CANCELLATIONS. If more than eighty storage positions are defined by CANCELLATIONS, multiple cards will be read from the 1402 until the area is filled.

[illegible]

Figure 36. ACCEPT

## The WRITE Verb

### Reference Format

**WRITE** *record-name* [**FROM** *area-name*]

$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{AFTER} \\ \text{BEFORE} \end{array} \right\}$	ADVANCING	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{integer LINES} \\ \text{mnemonic-name} \end{array} \right\}$
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*General Description:* This statement causes a logical record to be released for an output file.

*Record-name* is the name given to the record defined at the 01 level in the FILE SECTION of the DATA DIVISION. *Area-name* is the name given by the programmer to the core-storage area from which the record is to be written.

The `ADVANCING` option is used for spacing lines on output documents on the 1403 printer (1403-P).

AFTER and BEFORE in the ADVANCING option control printer carriage spacing before or after the WRITE verb is executed. *Integer* LINES specifies how many lines should be spaced. *Mnemonic-name* is the name assigned in the SPECIAL-NAMES paragraph to a channel in the carriage tape and is used when carriage skipping is desired instead of line spacing. The skip occurs to the line that corresponds to the specified punch in the carriage tape.

*Examples:* Figures 37, 38, 39, and 40 show sample WRITE statements.

[illegible]

Figure 37. WRITE

CONT.																
A	B															
8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
WRITE MASTER-OUT FROM WORK-AREA AFTER ADVANCING 3 LINES																

Figure 38. WRITE AND SPACE BEFORE PRINTING

CONT.	A	B															
	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
	WRITE INVOICE BEFORE ADVANCING TO CHAN-SEVEN																

Figure 39. WRITE AND SKIP AFTER PRINTING

A	B
8	12      16      20      24      28      32      36      40      44      48      52      56      60      64      68      72
	IF END-OF-PAGE THEN WRITE INVOICE-LINE FROM INVOICE-HEADER-LI
	NE AFTER ADVANCING TO CHAN-ONE ELSE WRITE INVOICE-LINE FROM I
	NV.OICE-DETAIL-LINE-

Figure 40. CONDITIONAL WRITE

## The EXAMINE Verb

### Reference Format

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{TALLYING} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ALL} \\ \text{LEADING} \\ \text{UNTIL FIRST} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{*literal-1* [REPLACING BY *literal-2*]} \\ \text{EXAMINE *data-name*} \\ \text{REPLACING} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{ALL} \\ \text{LEADING} \\ \text{[UNTIL] FIRST} \end{array} \right\} \\ \text{*literal-3* BY *literal-4*} \end{array} \right\}$$

**General Description:** The EXAMINE verb is used to replace a given character and/or to count the number of times it appears in a data item.

Any literal used in an EXAMINE statement must be a member of the character set associated with the CLASS specified for *data-name*. Thus, if the description of *data-name* in the DATA DIVISION specifies a CLASS that uses less than the full character set (NUMERIC or ALPHABETIC), then each literal used in an EXAMINE statement must be one of the characters in the restricted set. Thus, if the class of *data-name* is NUMERIC, each literal used in the statement must be a numeric character.

All literals in EXAMINE statements are considered alphanumeric, are one character in length, and are enclosed by quotation marks. When an EXAMINE statement is executed, the examination begins with the leftmost character of the data item and proceeds to the right. Each character in the item represented by the *data-name* is examined in turn. If the data item being examined is numeric, any operational sign associated with the item will be ignored.

The effect of an `EXAMINE` statement depends on the options employed by the programmer as follows:

- If `TALLYING` is specified:

A count of the number of certain characters in *data-name* is made when the TALLYING option is used. This count replaces the value of a special register called TALLY, which is accessible to the programmer. The count depends on which of three options of TALLYING is used:

1. If ALL is specified, all occurrences of *literal-1* in the data item are counted.
2. If LEADING is specified, the count represents the number of times *literal-1* occurs before a character other than *literal-1* is encountered.
3. If UNTIL FIRST is specified, the count represents the number of characters that are encountered before *literal-1* first occurs.

If REPLACING is specified:

The replacement of characters depends on which of the four options of `REPLACING` is used when the

REPLACING option is used either with or without the TALLYING option:

1. If ALL is specified, *literal-2* or *literal-4* is substituted each time *literal-1* or *literal-3* occurs. *Literal-2* is substituted for *literal-1*, and *literal-4* is substituted for *literal-3*.
2. If LEADING is specified, the substitution ends when a character other than the literal (*literal-1* or *literal-3*) is encountered or when the rightmost character of the data item is reached.
3. If UNTIL FIRST is specified, the count represents the number of characters that are encountered before *literal-1* first occurs.
4. If FIRST is specified, *literal-3* is replaced by *literal-4* only the first time *literal-3* occurs.

Example: Figure 41 shows a use of the EXAMINE verb.

### The ENTER Verb

**General Description:** The ENTER verb permits the programmer to use Autocoder statements in a COBOL source program.

The language name used with 1401 COBOL is AUTO-CODER. The Autocoder statements must be presented to the COBOL processor immediately following the ENTER AUTOCODER statement, and they must be followed by an ENTER COBOL entry that indicates the point at which the COBOL source language is resumed.

Each ENTER AUTOCODER statement must constitute a separate paragraph in the source program. The ENTER COBOL statement used for returning to COBOL from Autocoder must either constitute a separate paragraph or be the first entry of a paragraph. The name of the paragraph must be on the same line as the ENTER COBOL statement.

These specifications must be maintained when using Autocoder entries in a COBOL program:

1. Autocoder statements must be coded in Autocoder format (label starting in column 6, operation in column 16, and operand in column 21).
2. The symbols used in Autocoder statements must be five characters long.

PAGE 3		PROGRAM EXAMINE SAMPLE										SYSTEM		SHEET 73 OF 80	
PROGRAMMER		DATE										IDENT			
SERIAL	CONT	A	B												
4	6	7	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56
001		IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.													
002		PROGRAM-ID. THE-EXAMINE-VERB.													
003		ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.													
004		CONFIGURATION SECTION.													
005		SOURCE-COMPUTER. IBM-1401 MEMORY SIZE 4000 CHARACTERS.													
006		OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM-1401 MEMORY SIZE 4000 CHARACTERS.													
007		DATA DIVISION.													
008		WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.													
009		01. ANSWER PICTURE IS XXXXXX.													
010		CONSTANT SECTION.													
011		77. CONST1 PICTURE IS XXXXXX VALUE IS '191010'.													
012		77. CONST2 PICTURE IS X(6) VALUE IS '111333'.													
013		77. CONST3 PICTURE IS X(6) VALUE IS '225522'.													
014		PROCEDURE DIVISION.													
015		START. MOVE CONST1 TO ANSWER.													
016		EXAMINE ANSWER TALLYING ALL '1' REPLACING BY 'A'.													
017		DISPLAY ANSWER.													
018		EXAMINE ANSWER REPLACING ALL '0' BY 'X'.													
019		DISPLAY ANSWER.													
020		MOVE CONST2 TO ANSWER.													
021		EXAMINE ANSWER REPLACING LEADING '1' BY '1'. DISPLAY ANSWER.													
022		MOVE CONST3 TO ANSWER.													
023		EXAMINE ANSWER TALLYING UNTIL FIRST '3'. DISPLAY TALLY.													
024		STOP 'END OF JOB'.													

Figure 41. EXAMINE Verb

3. Autocoder statements can be written to refer to COBOL names if they are related by entries in the SPECIAL-NAMES section of the COBOL program. However, COBOL statements cannot be written to refer to Autocoder names.

4. The word-mark status of a constant or area defined by a COBOL statement must be the same after the Autocoder statements are executed in the object program as it was before they were executed. Thus, if it is necessary to write an Autocoder statement that sets or clears a word mark in such an area, the word-mark position of that area must be tested first so that the word mark can be reset or cleared before returning to the COBOL program.

5. No 1401 SPS statements can be included.

*Example:* Figure 42 is an example that includes a section of Autocoder statements.

6. Macro instructions may be given which refer to macros in the Autocoder library.

## The STOP Verb

### Reference Format

STOP { RUN }  
          { literal }

*General Description:* This statement produces a 1401 HALT instruction which stops the execution of the object program. The RUN option of the STOP verb causes an unconditional halt, and the program cannot be restarted.

If the stop literal is numeric and within the range 0-99, the literal 000-099 is displayed in the B-register if the halt occurs during the running of the object program.

PAGE 3		PROGRAM ENTER SAMPLE										SYSTEM 1		SHEET 1 OF 3					
001 PROGRAMMER												DATE		IDENT. 73 80					
SERIAL	CON	A	B																
4	6	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	
010		IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.																	
020		PROGRAM-ID. THE-ENTER-VERB.																	
030		ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.																	
040		CONFIGURATION SECTION.																	
050		SOURCE-COMPUTER. IBM 1401 MEMORY SIZE IS 4000 CHARACTERS.																	
060		OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM 1401 MEMORY SIZE IS 4000 CHARACTERS.																	
070		SPECIAL NAMES.																	
080		AREA1 IS ANSWER.																	
090		MCAND IS CONST1.																	
100		MPLYR IS CONST2.																	
110		START IS START.																	
120		ANSBK IS ANSWER-BUCKET.																	
130		DATA DIVISION.																	
140		WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.																	
150		01 ANSWER CLASS IS NUMERIC SIZE IS 30.																	
160		01 PERCENTAGE CLASS IS NUMERIC SIZE IS 10.																	
170		01 ANSWER-BUCKET NUMERIC SIZE IS 8.																	
180		CONSTANT SECTION.																	
190		77 CONST1 PICTURE IS 99999 VALUE IS +42800.																	
200		77 CONST2 PICTURE IS 99 VALUE IS +18.																	
210		PROCEDURE DIVISION.																	
220		BEGIN. ENTER AUTOCODER.																	

Figure 42. ENTER Verb, Part 1 of 3





*Example:* Figure 43 shows the STOP statement.

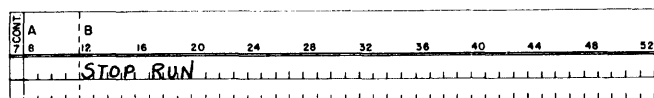


Figure 43. stop Verb

## The OPEN and CLOSE Verbs

The COBOL language, as specified in the COBOL General Information Manual, provides the ability to open an output file, process it, close it, and subsequently open it as an input file. It also provides for opening an input file, processing it, closing it, and subsequently opening it as an output file. These procedures are not handled by this version of the 1401 COBOL processor, and are therefore classified as deferred elements.

IBM 1401 COBOL provides for integer or non-integer powers to be used in writing exponents. The sign of the power can be either plus or minus. Negative bases cannot be raised to other than an integer power.

## Conditional Statements

**Option 1**

**IF conditional expression statement-1.**

### Option 2

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{IF } \textit{conditional expression} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{statement-2} \\ \underline{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}} \end{array} \right\} \\ & \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{OTHERWISE}} \\ \text{ELSE} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textit{statement-3} \\ \underline{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}} \end{array} \right\} \end{array}$$

### Option 3

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{statement-4 AT } \underline{\text{END}} \\ \text{statement-5 ON } \underline{\text{SIZE ERROR}} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{statement-6} \\ \underline{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{OTHERWISE}} \\ \underline{\text{ELSE}} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{statement-7} \\ \underline{\text{NEXT SENTENCE}} \end{array} \right]$$

any imperative *statement-8* followed by any conditional *statement-9*

*Statement-2* and/or *statement-3* under Option 2 and *statement-7* under Option 3 can be either imperative or conditional. If conditional, these statements can contain conditional statements in arbitrary depth. When conditional, the conditions within the conditional statements are nested.

An ELSE or OTHERWISE must be explicitly written for every conditional statement within a sentence. However, the phrase ELSE (OTHERWISE) NEXT SENTENCE may be eliminated only if the phrase immediately precedes the period ending a sentence.

## Nested Conditional IF Statements

The COBOL programmer can combine several simple conditional statements into one by using a technique called *nesting*. The processor analyzes a nested statement by working from the inside to the outside of the statement. Thus, if all conditions are satisfied, the first imperative is executed; if all but the last condition are satisfied, the second imperative is executed, etc.

Figure 44 shows outlines for four simple conditional statements. Figure 45 shows an outline for one nested conditional `if` statement that produces the same results as the four simple conditional statements shown in Figure 44.

Figure 46 shows an excerpt from a COBOL program in which four simple relational conditional expressions are substituted for the conditions shown in Figures 44 and 45.

The block diagram in Figure 47 shows the logic flow of the nested IF statement in Figure 46.

### Added Elective Elements of the Procedure Division

The ADVANCING option of the WRITE verb is not contained in the COBOL General Information Manual, but is contained in the 1401 COBOL processor. Conditional statements within conditional statements are permitted.

IF (condition 1) AND (condition 2) AND (condition 3) AND (condition 4) GO TO LAB4 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE

IF (condition 1) AND (condition 2) AND (condition 3) GO TO LAB3 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE

IF (condition 1) AND (condition 2) GO TO LAB2 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE

IF (condition 1) GO TO LAB1 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE

Figure 44. Four Conditional `IF` Statements

IF (condition 1) IF (condition 2) IF (condition 3) IF (condition 4) GO TO  
LAB4 ELSE GO TO LAB3 ELSE GO TO LAB2 ELSE GO TO LAB1 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE

Figure 45. Nested Conditional `IF` Statements

PAGE		PROGRAM		SYSTEM		SHEET OF													
1 3		PROGRAMMER		DATE		IDENT. 73 80													
SERIAL	CONT.	A	B																
4	6	7	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
START. IF A=B IF C=D IF E=F IF G=H GO TO LABEL-4 ELSE GO TO LABEL-3 ELSE GO TO LABEL-2 ELSE GO TO LABEL-1 ELSE NEXT SENTENCE. LB. MOVE 4 TO ANSWER. GO TO START. LABEL-1. MOVE 2 TO ANSWER. GO TO START. LABEL-2. MOVE 4 TO ANSWER. GO TO START. LABEL-3. ADD 2 TO ANSWER. GO TO START. LABEL-4. SUBTRACT 2 FROM 4 GIVING ANSWER. GO TO START.																			

Figure 46. Nested Program Sample for Conditional `IF` Statements

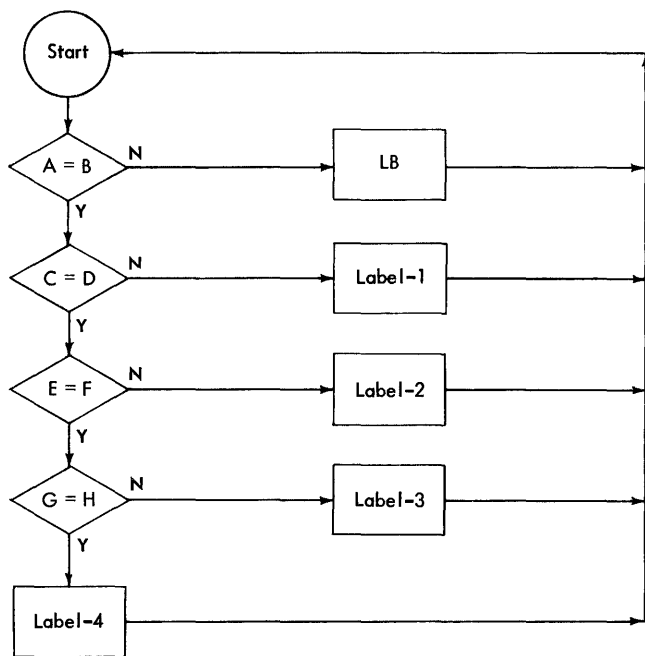


Figure 47. Conditional Logic

#### Deferred Elements of the Procedure Division

These elements are described in the COBOL General Information Manual but are not implemented by this version of the 1401 COBOL processor:

1. The REEL option of the CLOSE verb.
2. The CORRESPONDING option of the MOVE verb (elective).
3. The ability to process a given file as both an input file and an output file in the same program.
4. The ability to use a group mark as an alphameric literal.
5. The ability to use quote signs ( @ ) within a NOTE statement.

Character Sets

IBM Character Set H must be used for source programs. This character set consists of the numerals 0 through 9, the 26 letters of the alphabet, and 12 special characters. The IBM 1401 character set may be used only for alphanumeric literals. The following are COBOL (Set H) special characters with their equivalents in the IBM 1401 character set:

Card Code	COBOL (SET H)	1401	Meaning
blank			space
11	—	—	{ minus sign } hyphen
12	+	&	plus sign
0-1	/	/	division sign
11-4-8	*	*	{ multiplication sign } check protection symbol
12-4-8	)	□	right parenthesis
0-4-8	(	%	left parenthesis
0-3-8	,	,	comma
11-3-8	\$	\$	dollar sign
12-3-8	.	.	{ period } decimal point
3-8	=	#	equal sign
4-8	'	@	quotation mark

Figurative Constants

LOW-VALUE(S)

The value of this figurative constant is the space, or blank. The blank character is the lowest in the IBM collating sequence.

HIGH-VALUE(S)

This figurative constant is defined as the integer 9. The character 9 is the highest in the IBM collating sequence.

QUOTE(S)

This figurative constant is defined as the COBOL character (Set H) for the quotation mark.

Additional COBOL Words

The following words constitute an extension of the list of COBOL words contained in the IBM General Information Manual describing COBOL. ID may be used in place of IDENTIFICATION. The meaning and use of the other words have been described in this publication.

ADVANCING  
BEFORE  
LINES  
VALUES  
ID  
RETENTION-CYCLE  
TAPE  
TAPES  
NO-RELEASE  
NO-OVERLAP  
NO-PRINT-STORAGE  
1402-R  
1402-P  
1403-P  
1403-CT  
1403-P-CB  
1403-P-C9  
1403-P-CV  
1401-SS  
CREATION-DATE  
FILE-SERIAL-NUMBER  
REEL-SEQUENCE-NUMBER

Class Conditions

The general information manual specifies that the *class* of a data item is either numeric, alphabetic, or alphanumeric. It further specifies that the *class condition* tests an alphanumeric item at object time to determine whether it is wholly numeric or wholly alphanumeric in content.

The source statement beginning:

IF FIELD-A IS NUMERIC . . .

results in a character-by-character check of the value of FIELD-A at object time. If an operational sign is present in the units position, the associated character will be interpreted as being numeric. Thus, -9 is interpreted as *minus* 9, not as the letter R.

IF FIELD-B IS ALPHABETIC . . .

results in a character-by-character check of the value of FIELD-B at object time. If each character in FIELD-B is alphabetic, the item is considered alphabetic.

*Example:* The following table shows how the class of an item is interpreted by the processor, depending upon which of the *class* tests is specified. The table

shows the result (YES or NO) for each test and for each of the specified ranges of X. The X-character is used in the PICTURE clause. It represents any character in the 1401 character set.

<i>x-Character</i>	<i>If Numeric</i>	<i>If Alphabetic</i>
0-9	Yes	No
SPECIAL	No	No
CHARACTERS		
SPACE	No	Yes
A-R	Yes (if units position)	Yes
S-Z	No	Yes

### Continuation of Alpha Literals

Alphanumeric literals must be preceded and followed by quotation marks. If an alphanumeric literal must be continued, a continuation symbol (–) must appear in column 7, and a quotation mark must appear in column 12. If the last character of an alphanumeric literal appears in column 72, column 7 must contain a continuation mark, and columns 12 and 13 *must both* contain quotation marks.

### Sample Problem

Here is a sample problem that is representative of file maintenance applications. It is not a source program for a unique problem.

The IDENTIFICATION, ENVIRONMENT, and DATA DIVISIONS are complete in themselves. The PROCEDURE DIVI-

SION contains only one statement that relates to device- and switch-name entries in the ENVIRONMENT DIVISION, and illustrates the ADVANCING option of the WRITE verb.

Figures 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52 describe the 1401 configuration and input and output record formats for the problem. Figure 48 shows the configuration for the object-1401 system. Figure 49 shows the master input and output card record formats. Figure 50 is the master-record block format for the input and output tapes. Figure 51 is the new master-card record format. Figure 52 is the form layout for the invoice. Figure 53 is the sample COBOL program.

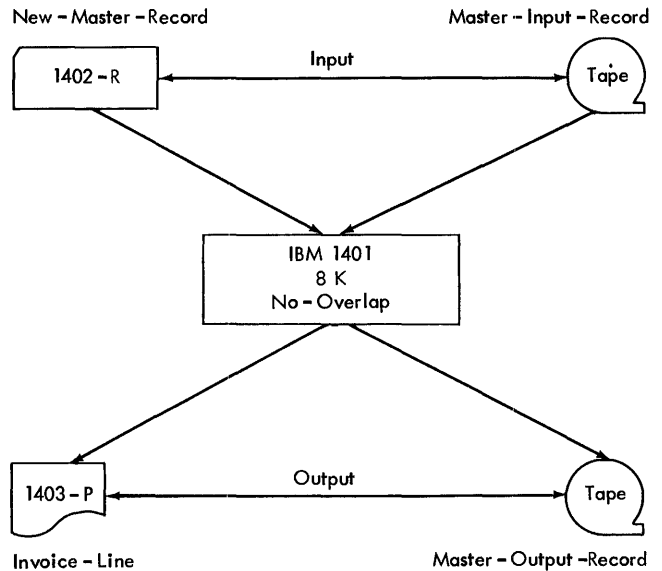


Figure 48. IBM 1401 Object Machine Configuration

# MASTER-INPUT OUTPUT RECORD FORMAT

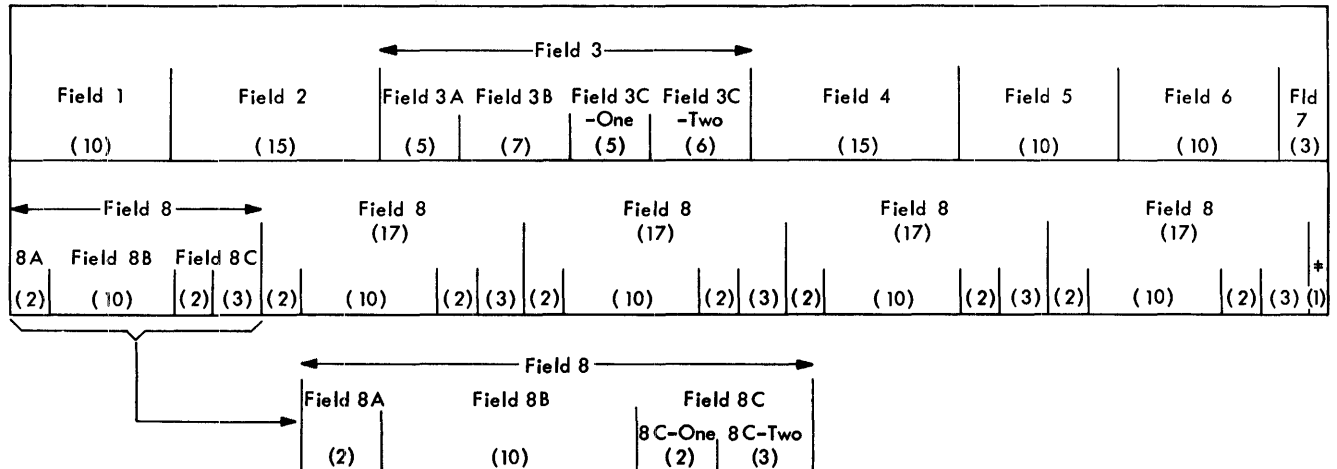


Figure 49. Master Input and Output Record Format

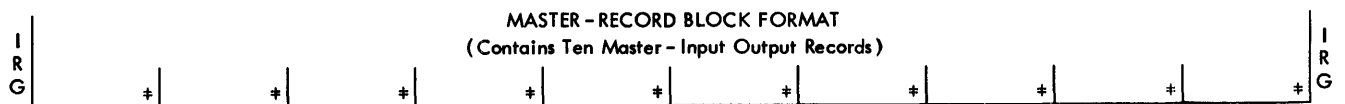


Figure 50. Master Record Block Format

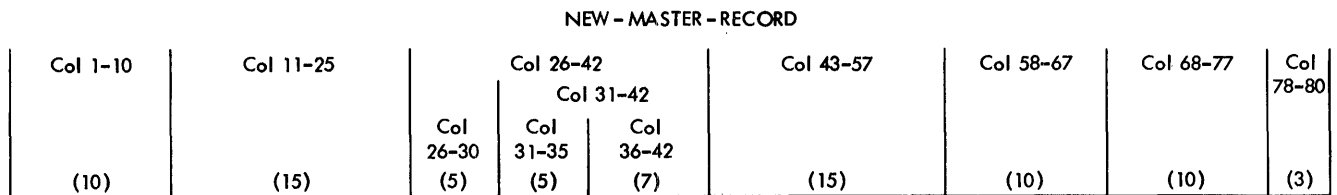
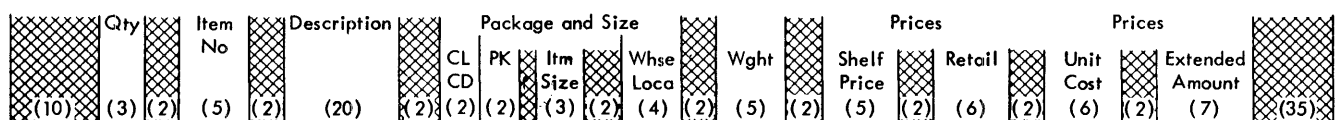


Figure 51. New Master Card Format

## A) Invoice - Header - Line



## B) Invoice - Detail - Line



## C) Totals

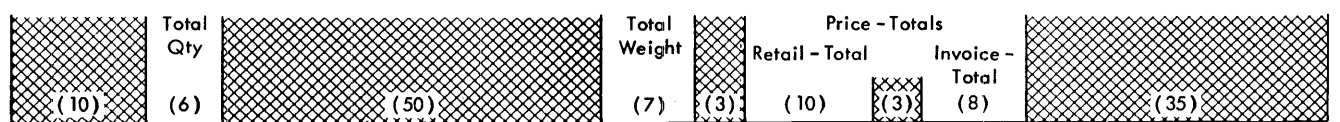


Figure 52. Invoice Form Layout

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PAGE 1	PROGRAM	SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL		SYSTEM	1401	SHEET	1 OF 8										
001	PROGRAMMER			DATE		IDENT.	73 SAMPLE-80										
SERIAL	A	B															
4 6 7	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
010	IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.																
020	PROGRAM-ID. 'SAMPLE 1401 COBOL PROGRAM'.																
030	AUTHOR. JOE SMITH.																
040	ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.																
050	CONFIGURATION SECTION.																
060	SOURCE-COMPUTER. IBM-1401																
070	MEMORY SIZE 8000 CHARACTERS.																
080	OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM-1401																
090	ASSIGN OBJECT-PROGRAM TO TAPE																
100	MEMORY SIZE ADDRESS 900 THRU 14000																
110	NO-OVERLAP.																
120	SPECIAL-NAMES.																
130	1402-P IS CARD-PUNCH																
140	1403-CT, 10 IS TO-GRAND-TOTAL																
150	1403-CT, 1 IS TO-CHAN-ONE.																
160	1403-P-CV ON STATUS IS OVERFLOW																
170	1403-P-C9 ON STATUS IS END-OF-PAGE.																

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 1 of 8

PAGE 2	PROGRAM	SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL		SYSTEM	1401	SHEET	2 OF 8										
002	PROGRAMMER			DATE		IDENT.	73 SAMPLE-80										
SERIAL	A	B															
4 6 7	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
010	INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.																
020	FILE-CONTROL.																
030	SELECT MASTER-INPUT-FILE																
040	ASSIGN TO TAPE 1, 2																
050	RESERVE NO ALTERNATE AREA.																
060	SELECT MASTER-OUTPUT-FILE																
070	ASSIGN TO TAPE 3, 4																
080	RESERVE NO ALTERNATE AREA.																
090	SELECT CARD-READER																
100	ASSIGN 1402-R, 2.																
110	SELECT PRINTER																
120	ASSIGN 1403-R.																
130	DATA DIVISION.																
140	FILE SECTION.																
150	FD MASTER-INPUT-FILE																
160	RECORDING MODE IS 1																
170	BLOCK CONTAINS 10 RECORDS																
180	LABEL RECORDS ARE STANDARD																
190	VALUE OF IDENTIFICATION IS 'MASTER-FILE'																
200	RETENTION-CYCLE IS 030																
210	FILE-SERIAL-NUMBER IS 12345																
220	CREATION-DATE IS 64020																
230	REEL-SEQUENCE-NUMBER IS 003																
240	DATA RECORD IS MASTER-INPUT-RECORD.																

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 2 of 8



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COBOL PROGRAM SHEET

PAGE 3	PROGRAM	SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL		SYSTEM	1401	SHEET	3 OF 8
003	PROGRAMMER			DATE		IDENT.	73 SAMPLE-1
SERIAL	COBOL	A	B				
4	6	8	12	16	20	24	28
32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
64	68	72					
010	01	MASTER-INPUT-RECORD.					
020	02	FIELD1 PICTURE IS A(10).					
030	02	FIELD2 PICTURE IS A(15).					
040	02	FIELD3.					
050	03	FIELD-3A PICTURE IS X(5).					
060	03	FIELD-3B PICTURE IS X(7).					
070	03	FIELD-3C.					
080	04	FIELD3C-ONE PICTURE IS 999V99.					
090	04	FIELD3C-TWO PICTURE IS 99999V9.					
100	02	FIELD4 PICTURE IS A(15).					
110	02	FIELD5 PICTURE IS X(10).					
120	02	FIELD6 PICTURE IS 9(8)V99.					
130	02	FIELD7 PICTURE IS 999.					
140	88	TYPE1 VALUE IS 1 THRU 157, 175 THRU 250.					
150	88	TYPE2 VALUE IS 359 THRU 750.					
160	88	TYPE3 VALUE IS 751 THRU 999.					
170	02	FIELD8 OCCURS 5 TIMES.					
180	03	FIELD-8A PICTURE IS 99.					
190	03	FIELD-8B PICTURE IS 9(10).					
200	03	FIELD-8C.					
210	04	FIELD8C-ONE PICTURE IS 99.					
220	04	FIELD8C-TWO PICTURE IS 999.					
230	02	RECORD-MARK SIZE IS 1.					

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 3 of 8

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PAGE 3	PROGRAM	SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL		SYSTEM	1401	SHEET	4 OF 8
004	PROGRAMMER			DATE		IDENT.	73 SAMPLE-1
SERIAL	COBOL	A	B				
4	6	8	12	16	20	24	28
32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
64	68	72					
010	FD	MASTER-OUTPUT-FILE					
020		RECORDING MODE IS 1.					
030		BLOCK CONTAINS 10 RECORDS.					
040		LABEL RECORDS ARE STANDARD.					
050		VALUE OF 10 IS 'MASTER-FILE'.					
060		RETENTION-CYCLE IS 090.					
070		DATA RECORD IS MASTER-OUTPUT-RECORD.					
080	01	MASTER-OUTPUT-RECORD					
090		SIZE IS 172 AM CHARACTERS.					
100	FD	CARD-READER					
110		RECORDING MODE IS 1.					
120		LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED.					
130		DATA RECORD IS NEW-MASTER-RECORD.					
140	01	NEW-MASTER-RECORD.					
150	02	COL1-10 PICTURE IS A(10).					
160	02	COL11-25 PICTURE IS A(15).					
170	02	COL26-42.					
175	03	COL26-30 PICTURE IS X(5).					
180	03	COL31-42.					
190	04	COL31-35 PICTURE IS 999V99.					
200	04	COL36-42 PICTURE IS 9(6)V9.					
210	02	COL43-57 PICTURE IS A(15).					
220	02	COL58-67 PICTURE IS X(10).					
230	02	COL68-77 PICTURE IS 9(8)V99.					
240	02	COL78-80 PICTURE IS 999.					

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 4 of 8

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PAGE 1 3	PROGRAM SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL	SYSTEM 1401	SHEET 5 OF 8								
005	PROGRAMMER	DATE	IDENT. 73 SAMPLE-4								
SERIAL 4 6 8	NON A B	12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72									
010	FD	PRINTER									
020		LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED									
030		DATA RECORD IS INVOICE-LINE									
040	01	INVOICE-LINE PICTURE IS X(132)									
050		WORKING-STORAGE SECTION									
060	01	INVOICE-HEADER-LINE									
070		02 FILLER SIZE IS 20									
080		02 HEADER-LABEL PICTURE IS X(20)									
090		02 FILLER SIZE IS 40									
100		02 DATE-LINE PICTURE IS A(16)									
110		02 FILLER SIZE IS 36									
120	01	INVOICE-DETAIL-LINE									
130		02 FILLER SIZE IS 70									
140		02 QUANTITY PICTURE IS 999									
150		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
160		02 ITEM-NUMBER PICTURE IS 9(5)									
170		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
180		02 DESCRIPTION PICTURE IS X(20)									
190		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
200		02 CLASS-CODE PICTURE IS XX									

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 5 of 8

IBM		COBOL PROGRAM SHEET									
PAGE 1 3	PROGRAM SAMPLE PROBLEM - 1401 COBOL	SYSTEM 1401	SHEET 6 OF 8								
006	PROGRAMMER	DATE	IDENT. 73 SAMPLE-4								
SERIAL 4 6 8	NON A B	12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72									
010		02 PACKAGE-AND-SIZE									
020		03 PACKAGE PICTURE IS A(2)									
030		03 FILLER SIZE IS 1									
040		03 ITEM-SIZE PICTURE IS 999									
050		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
060		02 WHSE-LOCATION PICTURE IS X(4)									
070		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
080		02 WEIGHT PICTURE IS X(5)									
090		02 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
100		02 PRICES									
110		03 SHELF-PRICE PICTURE IS 99.99									
120		03 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
130		03 RETAIL-PRICE PICTURE IS 999.99									
140		03 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
150		03 UNIT-COST PICTURE IS 99.999									
160		03 FILLER SIZE IS 2									
170		03 EXTENDED-AMOUNT PICTURE IS 9999.99									
180		02 FILLER SIZE IS 35									

Figure 53. Sample COBOL Program, Part 6 of 8

PAGE 1 3		PROGRAM		SYSTEM		SHEET	
PROGRAMMER		DATE		IDENT.		OF	
007		SAMPLE PROBLEM-1401 COBOL		1401		7 OF 8	
007		SAMPLE-7				80	
SERIAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66
68	70	72					
010	01	TOTALS.					
020	02	FILLER SIZE IS 10.					
030	02	TOTAL-QUANTITY PICTURE IS 9(6).					
040	02	FILLER SIZE IS 50.					
050	02	TOTAL-WEIGHT PICTURE IS X(7).					
060	02	FILLER SIZE IS 3.					
070	02	PRICE-TOTALS.					
080	03	RETAIL-TOTAL PICTURE IS \$\$\$\$9.99.					
090	03	FILLER SIZE IS 3.					
100	03	INVOICE-TOTAL PICTURE IS \$\$\$9.99.					
110	02	FILLER SIZE IS 35.					
120	CONSTANT SECTION.						
130	01	BLANK-RECORD PICTURE IS X(132) VALUE IS SPACES.					
140	77	CONSTANT781 PICTURE IS 999V99 VALUE IS 7.81.					
150	77	CONSTANT123 PICTURE IS 999 VALUE IS +123.					
160	77	COUNTER PICTURE IS 9(5) VALUE IS ZERO.					
170	01	ALPHABET-TABLE PICTURE IS X(104).					
180	VALUE IS A=01B=02C=03D=04E=05F=06G=07H=08I=09J=10K=11L=12M=1						
190	N=14O=15P=16Q=17R=18S=19T=20U=21V=22W=23X=24Y=25Z=26.						
200	01	ALPHA-SUB-FIELDS REDEFINES ALPHABET-TABLE.					
210	02	A-INDEX PICTURE IS X(4) OCCURS 26 TIMES.					

Figure 53. Sample cobol Program, Part 7 of 8

PAGE 1 3		PROGRAM		SYSTEM		SHEET	
PROGRAMMER		DATE		IDENT.		OF	
008		SAMPLE PROBLEM-1401 COBOL		1401		8 OF 8	
008		SAMPLE-7				80	
SERIAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66
68	70	72					
010	PROCEDURE DIVISION.						
020							
030							
040							
050	IF END-OF-PAGE THEN WRITE INVOICE-LINE FROM INVOICE-HEADER-L1						
060	NE AFTER ADVANCING TO-CHAN-ONE ELSE WRITE INVOICE-LINE FROM I						
070	NVOICE-DETAIL-LINE.						

Figure 53. Sample cobol Program, Part 8 of 8

## Programming Considerations

### Notes

#### Addition Notes

When using the `ADD` verb (or when using a `COMPUTE` statement involving an add operation), the data-names being summed must be placed in order of ascending decimal size in the statement. The smallest decimal field must be first followed by an equal or larger decimal field.

#### Division Notes

In order to ensure correct decimal alignment when using the `DIVIDE` verb with the `GIVING` option (or when using a `COMPUTE` statement involving a divide operation), the programmer must declare a result field, the decimal portion of which is no more than one position greater than the decimal portion of the dividend. Also, the `ROUNDED` option will have no effect unless this rule is followed.

### Techniques

COBOL provides a convenient method of writing business-oriented programs. However, certain techniques can be used to produce more efficient machine language coding and increased compiling speed.

The following considerations and suggestions are included to aid the programmer in obtaining a better 1401 COBOL-generated program. Following the suggestions are two programs. The original program (Figure 54) requires approximately 2,800 positions of core storage. By applying a few of the suggestions to the second program (Figure 55) the core storage requirement is reduced to approximately 1,900 positions of core storage, representing a saving of 33 percent.

The changed statements utilize redefinition, equal decimal alignment, alphabetic compare, and the deletion of a subroutine caused by the statement `WRITE SALARY-RECORD FROM SALARIES` (Figure 54, part 4 of 4, line 100). It is recommended that the programmer become familiar with these suggestions and apply them in the writing of 1401 COBOL programs.

#### Area Allocation in the Data Division

The following rules govern when 1401 COBOL sets word marks with data areas:

1. Record areas (01 entries) always have a group mark with a word mark in the following position, and have a word mark in the high order position.
2. Word marks will be set in the high order positions at the next level from the 01 entry. This will be 02, or the next lower level if no 02 is present, unless occurs or redefinition is present.
3. Subfields have word marks set only when their high order positions coincide with word marks set as in preceding item 2.
4. A word mark is always set in the high order position at the 77 levels, but there is no group mark with a word mark set.
5. No word marks are set for data fields within a 01 entry which contains a redefines or an occurs, either at the 01 entry (implicit redefinition is allowable) or at any sublevel.

If word marks are required but not present, they will be set continually and cleared for access to the field; this requires time and core. If word marks are present, they will be regenerated if removed. For example, if editing into a 02 area, a word mark will be reset each time.

### Tables

Many programs require tables. Following are several considerations about table building and searching with 1401 COBOL.

1. Unless it is certain that a table will never change, the initial values in the table should not be established with the `VALUE` clause. A better approach is to set up a card deck or tape file with one table entry and a sequence number on each record. Using the `READ` verb, build up the table data during program initialization. This approach eliminates the need for recompilation or object-program patching in the event that the table changes in value or size.
2. Before using the `OCCURS` clause and one or more levels of subscripting, weigh the alternate storage cost of naming each table entry and writing (for example):

```
IF ARG = TAB-1 MOVE ENT-1 TO WORK AND GO TO FOUND.
```

```
IF ARG = TAB-2 MOVE ENT-2 TO WORK AND GO TO FOUND.
```

etc.

The additional coding effort is offset by dividends

in execution speed for tables with as many as 30 or more entries.

3. Define long tables as a set of shorter tables. A few IF statements are enough to isolate the relevant position, which can then be moved to a work area where the final pinpointing of the correct entry can be done. The MOVE should be between 01 level records.
4. If the work area mentioned in the preceding item 3 is n entries long where n is a power of 2 (such as 8 or 16), the IF statements which are used can be written in such a way as to effect a binary search. In the case of a 16-entry work area, this technique can yield an answer after only four IF statements.
5. Sequential table searches require little programming effort and are efficient if the table can be arranged so that the most active items are at the beginning of the table.

#### Move Verb

1. MOVE A TO B, where A and B are equal length alphanumeric elementary items defined at either the 01 or 02 levels, gives the best possible coding. All items with subfields are treated as alphanumeric by COBOL, even if some or all subfields are defined as numeric. Only one 7 character instruction is generated as long as A and B are not redefined or subscripted.
2. If both A and B are redefined items or items defined at 03 levels and up, eight additional characters of instructions are generated (i.e. SET WORD MARK and CLEAR WORD MARK).
3. Elementary items are treated as above unless they have an unequal number of decimal places. In that case, a total of 28 characters of instructions is generated.
4. Unequal length elementary alphanumeric items are moved the same as equal length items when A is longer than B. However when B is longer, 11 additional instruction characters are generated to blank the receiving field.
5. When A and B are unequal length numeric items with identical scaling (same number of decimal places), 14 characters of coding are generated.
6. MOVE A TO B causes 1401 COBOL to include a special subroutine when A and B are of unequal length or one or both contain subfields. The special subroutine is used because the MLC and MCM instructions cannot conveniently handle this complex situation. Even when A and B are the same length, the subroutine is still used if A is a 01 item and B is a 77 item or vice versa. The subroutine may be avoided by writing a set of indi-

vidual MOVES, redefining both A and B, or by making them the same length.

7. MOVE SPACES TO A and MOVE ZEROS TO A each generate 11 characters of object code unless A is a 01 level item with subfields. In that case, A can be redefined at an additional cost of eight characters of object code.
8. When editing is involved in MOVE A TO B, the same rules about scaling, redefinition, and size apply. For example, when the A field has fewer decimal places than the editing PICTURE describing B, many characters of coding are generated. If the scaling is identical for A and B, approximately one-third as many instruction characters are generated, plus the 1401 edit word.
9. Avoid editing functions which cannot be handled by the 1401 instruction set directly; COBOL zeros, floating plus or minus, DB, and single plus. A special subroutine is called to handle these cases.
10. MOVE ALL requires a special subroutine. Use a literal or constant of correct length to handle this case.

#### If Statement

1. When defining fields that are to be compared, consider the following:
  - a. When at least one of the fields is a 01 item with subfields, a special subroutine is required.  
It is better to process such fields by comparing each lower-level item individually; or the group item can be moved to a hold area of equal size (not containing subfields), and then comparing.
  - b. When numeric compares must be used because one or both of the fields are signed, attempt to arrange the record format so each item has the same number of decimal places. The fields do not have to be the same total length.
2. In the statement IF A = B, only one of the fields (A or B) need be defined as alphanumeric to get the more efficient alphanumeric compare instructions generated.
3. IF A NOT GREATER THAN B . . . has the same meaning as IF A LESS THAN B OR EQUAL TO B . . . and the generated instructions for the first statement require half the number of core positions.
4. The statement IF A IS ZERO . . . generates more efficient coding when A is defined as numeric rather than alphanumeric. However, an even greater improvement can be gained by declaring a constant of zeros (named C, for example), and writing IF A = C . . . which is twice as fast.
5. Avoid the statements IF A ALPHABETIC and IF A NUMERIC whenever possible because they require subroutines in the object program.

6. Avoid the use of ALL, HIGH-VALUES, LOW-VALUES, SPACES, and ZEROS in conditional expressions. They can easily be replaced by named constants.
7. Subscripted names in an IF statement will cause the compiler to include appropriate subroutines which often perform slowly at object time. Frequently it is better to use several IF statements to perform a table look-up on a short table rather than use subscripting and the PERFORM verb (or an equivalent loop).

#### Arithmetic Verbs

1. Avoid ON SIZE ERROR . . . whenever possible. The generated coding to perform this test consists of up to 30 characters.
2. ROUNDED usually generates about 21 additional characters of object code.
3. ADD and SUBTRACT statements:
  - a. The most efficient object coding is obtained for fields which have equal scaling. When two fields (A and B) have equal scaling, the statement ADD A TO B generates 7 characters of object code.
  - b. Redefining, or using 03 levels or greater, will require 8 additional characters for each field so defined.
  - c. Multiple operands are as efficient as the equivalent set of single statements. ADD A, B TO C generates 14 characters (assuming the requirements of 3a are met).
  - d. ADD A TO A is an economical way of multiplying A by two. Other sequences of ADD's and SUBTRACT's, sometimes with REDEFINE's to achieve a shift, can be devised to simulate a more complex multiplication.
4. MULTIPLY and DIVIDE statements:
  - a. MULTIPLY A BY B GIVING C generates 21 characters of instructions if A, B, and C have no decimal places. When A, B, and C have decimals, and the number of decimals in C is not the sum of those in A and B, 42 characters of instructions are generated.
  - b. In the preceding example, ROUNDED generates an additional 7 characters.
  - c. Less efficient coding is generated for a COMPUTE statement than for the equivalent set ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, and DIVIDE statements. The reason for this is the need to retain up to 18-digit precision throughout the execution of a COMPUTE statement. Because the 18 digits can be on either side of the decimal point, and because one or two extra digits may be required for rounding, 1401 COBOL allocates 40 digit accumulators for the storage of temporary results.

For example, `COMPUTE A ROUNDED = (B * C * D - E) / F`, with a varying amount of decimal places, generates about 160 characters of instructions plus  $3 \times 40 = 120$  positions of temporary accumulators. For the equivalent MULTIPLY, SUBTRACT, DIVIDE sequence a total of about 140 positions of storage are used for the instructions and fields.

Work areas are assigned only once per program. Thus the most complex COMPUTE statement determines the number of 40 character areas that will be needed for *all* COMPUTE's.

#### Perform and Alter Statements

1. The statement ALTER LABEL TO PROCEED TO NEXT-LABEL generates 10 characters of coding.
2. The statement PERFORM CALCULATION generates 18 characters of coding at the point in the program where the PERFORM occurs. In addition, CALCULATION is augmented by 4 positions for each PERFORM which references it.
3. CALCULATION should be positioned in the source program at the point where it will be executed most frequently simply by falling through from the preceding paragraph.
4. The option 2 statement, PERFORM CALCULATION 5 TIMES is efficient. Core requirements are about 45 positions at the point in the program where the PERFORM occurs and 4 positions additional at the end of CALCULATION. No additional core or time is required when a data-name instead of a literal is used to indicate the number of TIMES.
5. Option 4 of the PERFORM verb is handled best if the VARYING field is defined as alphanumeric and each of the fields in the expression has the same length.

#### Input/Output Verbs

1. The statements READ INTO and WRITE FROM each cause a move of the entire logical record. In many cases the use of these options is unnecessary because processing can be done either in an input or an output record area as defined by the DATA RECORDS ARE clause in the FD's. When READ INTO or WRITE FROM must be used, ensure that the implied data move involves equal length areas.
2. When using a card reader, READ is faster and generally smaller than ACCEPT. Similarly, WRITE is better than DISPLAY for printing and punching.
3. It is not possible within COBOL to assign the same input/output area to two files. Areas in the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION can be (and should be) shared, however.

4. For card and printer files, input/output areas in addition to 001-080, 101-180, and 201-332 are assigned. This is in anticipation of a possible conflict with the `ACCEPT` and `DISPLAY` verbs, which use those areas also.
5. The `WRITE` verb for a printer `FD` does not clear the print area. Use `MOVE SPACES` to clear this area.
6. Form 3 (unblocked, variable length) tape records are not permitted within 1401 COBOL. If necessary the file can be defined as Form 1, and a simple Autocoder sequence can be used to set and clear the `GMWM` at the end of the portion of data to be written. Form 4 usually offers better tape utilization.
7. In order to change the date specified for an input file for label checking purposes, `ENTER AUTOCODER` and issue a `RDLIN IAXX` macro. If the file is the  $n$ th `FD` in the program, then  $xx = n + 9 + m$  where  $m$  is the number of Autocoder names in the `SPECIAL-NAMES` section.
8. A common error in COBOL programming is the assumption that a different area in `WORKING-STORAGE` must be defined for each record type in a given file. This may be avoided by (1) defining all possible data records directly under the `FD` with one 01 entry group per record type, or (2) defining the most common record type under the `FD` and all the others in a *single area* in `WORKING-STORAGE` which is redefined once for each record type.
3. The Alpha Compare subroutine is included when a group item with subfields is compared to any data item. The subroutine may be avoided by redefining the field which contains subfields.
4. The Figcon Compare subroutine is included whenever a record with subfields is compared to a figurative constant (`HIGH-VALUE`, `LOW-VALUE`, `QUOTE`, and `ALL alpha-literal`). This subroutine may be avoided by redefining the field with subfields and using a literal or constant (Figure 54).
5. The If Numeric subroutine is included whenever an alphanumeric field whose size is greater than 1 is tested for a numeric value.
6. The If Alphabetic subroutine is included whenever an alphanumeric field whose size is greater than 1 is tested for an alphabetic value.
7. The Accept subroutine is included whenever the `ACCEPT` verb is used. To avoid this subroutine, define a file and use the `READ` verb.
8. The Display subroutine is included whenever the `DISPLAY` verb is used. To avoid this subroutine, define a file and use the `WRITE` verb.
9. The Editing subroutine is included when editing requirements include COBOL zero, floating + and - sign, single plus, and DB. It produces highly specialized editing features. If possible, use only the standard editing features of the 1401.
10. The Exponentiation-1 subroutine is included whenever an integer exponent is used (`COMPUTE A = B**5`). It may be avoided by writing successive `MULTIPLY's`.
11. The Go To Depending subroutine is included whenever `GO TO DEPENDING` is used. This subroutine may be avoided by a set of `IF` statements.
12. The Move All subroutine is included when the `ALL` option of the `MOVE` verb is used. A `MOVE` statement or a set of `MOVE` statements is preferable.
13. The Move Record subroutine is included whenever a record with subfields is used in a `MOVE` statement, except when the other field is a record (01 level) of equal length. This subroutine may be avoided by:
  - a. Using a set of elementary `MOVE's`.
  - b. Redefining both fields to eliminate word marks.
14. The Exponentiation-2 subroutine is included when raising an expression by a non-integral exponent (`COMPUTE A = B**2.5`). It is impossible to perform all the functions of this subroutine with other COBOL statements unless the exponent is defined as an integer. For special purposes an Autocoder subroutine may be a more practical solution.

### Object Time Subroutines

There are several COBOL object time subroutines that may be generated. These routines are described in a separate bulletin which may be obtained with the program. Normally, the programmer should avoid COBOL statements which cause these subroutines to be used. For the most part their inclusion is caused by either unusual language features or by complex data formats. Following is a list of these subroutines and the reason why they are called and/or how they may be avoided.

1. The Examine subroutine is included whenever the `EXAMINE` verb is used. It may be avoided as follows:
  - a. For short fields, give each position a name by defining an appropriate number of subfields and using a set of `IF` statements.
  - b. For long fields, define a work area with one-character subfields and process portions of the long field there.
2. Single, double, and triple subscript subroutines are included whenever a field is singly, doubly, or three-level subscripted.

PAGE 3	PROGRAM <i>SALARIES - IBM-1401 SAMPLE</i>		SYSTEM <i>1401</i>		SHEET <i>01</i> OF <i>4</i>	
001	PROGRAMMER <i>J. JONES</i>		DATE		IDENT. <i>73 SALARIES</i> <sup>80</sup>	
SERIAL	CON	A	B			
4 6	7 8	12	16	20	24	28
32	36	40	44	48	52	56
60	64	68	72			
010	IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.					
020	PROGRAM-ID. 'SALARIES-IBM-1401 SAMPLE'.					
030	ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.					
040	CONFIGURATION SECTION.					
050	SOURCE-COMPUTER. IBM-1401					
060	MEMORY SIZE 8000 CHARACTERS.					
070	NO-RELEASE					
080	NO-PRINT-STORAGE.					
090	OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM-1401					
100	MEMORY SIZE ADDRESS 400 THRU 8000					
110	NO-OVERLAP					
120	NO-PRINT-STORAGE.					
130	INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.					
140	FILE-CONTROL.					
150	SELECT SALARY-FILE					
160	ASSIGN 1403-P.					
170	DATA DIVISION.					
180	FILE SECTION.					
190	FD SALARY-FILE					
200	LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED					
210	DATA RECORD IS SALARY-RECORD.					
220	01 SALARY-RECORD SIZE IS 100 ALPHANUMERIC DISPLAY CHARACTERS.					

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PAGE 1	3	PROGRAM <i>SALARIES - IBM-1401 SAMPLE</i>	SYSTEM <i>1401</i>	SHEET <i>02</i> OF <i>4</i>
002		PROGRAMMER <i>J. JONES</i>	DATE	IDENT. <i>73 SALARIES 80</i>
SERIAL	CONT.			
4	6	A	B	
8	12	16	20	24
28	32	36	40	44
48	52	56	60	64
68	72			
010		WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.		
020	77	TOTAL-A PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE ZERO.		
030	77	TOTAL-B PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE ZERO.		
040	77	TOTAL-C PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE ZERO.		
050	77	WEEKLY-PAY PICTURE 999V99.		
060	77	MONTHLY-PAY PICTURE 9999V99.		
070	77	ANNUAL-PAY PICTURE 99999V99.		
080	01	SALARIES.		
090		02 FILLER PICTURE A(46) VALUE SPACE.		
100		02 WEEKLY PICTURE ZZZ.99.		
110		02 FILLER PICTURE AAA VALUE SPACE.		
120		02 MONTHLY PICTURE ZZZZ.99.		
130		02 FILLER PICTURE AAA VALUE SPACE.		
140		02 ANNUAL PICTURE ZZZZZ.99.		
150		02 FILLER PICTURE A(27) VALUE SPACE.		
160		CONSTANT SECTION.		
170	77	CON-A PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS 008826.69.		
180	77	CON-B PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS 038250.00.		
190	77	CON-C PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS 459000.00.		
200	1	MSG.		
210	2	FILLER SIZE 40 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS VALUE IS SPACES.		
220	2	SHOW SIZE 26 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS.		
230	1	DSY.		
240	2	FILLER SIZE 40 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS VALUE IS SPACES.		
250	2	PRSNT SIZE 33 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS.		

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PAGE 1	PROGRAM <i>SALARIES - IBM-1401 SAMPLE</i>	SYSTEM <i>1401</i>	SHEET <i>03</i> OF <i>4</i>
003	PROGRAMMER <i>J. JONES</i>	DATE	IDENT. <i>73</i> <i>SALARIES</i> <i>80</i>
SERIAL 4 6	CONT A B		
		12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72	
010	1	HEADING.	
020	2	FILLER SIZE 46 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS VALUE IS SPACES.	
030	2	WEEKLY SIZE 6 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS 'WEEKLY'	
040	2	FILLER SIZE 3 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS SPACES.	
050	2	MONTHLY SIZE 7 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS 'MONTHLY'	
060	2	FILLER SIZE 3 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS SPACES.	
070	2	ANNUAL SIZE 6 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS 'ANNUAL'	
080	2	FILLER SIZE 29 ALPHABETIC VALUE IS SPACES.	
090		PROCEDURE DIVISION.	
100		START. OPEN OUTPUT SALARY-FILE.	
110		WRITE SALARY-RECORD FROM HEADING BEFORE ADVANCING 2 LINES.	
120		PERFORM CALCULATIONS	
130		VARYING MONTHLY-PAY	
140		FROM 500	
150		BY 10	
160		UNTIL MONTHLY-PAY IS GREATER THAN 1000.	
170		IF TOTAL-A = COM-A AND TOTAL-B = COM-B AND TOTAL-C = COM-C	
180		MOVE 'TABLE VALUES ARE CORRECT' TO SHOW	
190		WRITE SALARY-RECORD FROM MESSG AFTER ADVANCING 2 LINES	
200		ELSE	
210		MOVE 'TABLE VALUES ARE NOT CORRECT' TO PRSNT	
220		WRITE SALARY-RECORD FROM DSPY AFTER ADVANCING 2 LINES.	
230		CLOSE SALARY-FILE.	
240		STOP RUN.	

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001	PROGRAMMER J. JONES	DATE	IDENT. 73 SALARIES 80
SERIAL	CONT.		
4 6 7	A B		
	8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72		
010	IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.		
020	PROGRAM-ID. '1401 COBOL SAMPLE'.		
030	ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.		
040	CONFIGURATION SECTION.		
050	SOURCE-COMPUTER.		
060	IBM-1401		
070	MEMORY SIZE 8000 CHARACTERS.		
080	OBJECT-COMPUTER.		
090	IBM-1401		
100	MEMORY SIZE ADDRESS 400 THRU 8000		
110	NO-OVERLAP.		
120	INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.		
130	FILE-CONTROL.		
140	SELECT SALARY-FILE		
150	ASSIGN TO 1403-P.		
160	DATA DIVISION.		
170	FILE SECTION.		
180	FD SALARY-FILE		
190	LABEL RECORDS ARE OMITTED		
200	DATA RECORDS ARE HEADING-RECORD, SALARY-RECORD, MESSAGE-RECORD		
210	D.		

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PAGE 1	PROGRAM 1401 COBOL SAMPLE	SYSTEM 1401	SHEET 2 OF 4
002	PROGRAMMER J. JONES	DATE	IDENT. 73 SALARIES <sup>80</sup>

SERIAL	CONT.	A B																			
		4	6	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	
010	01	HEADING-RECORD.																			
020	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(50).									
030	02	WEEKLY-HEADING-LINE										PICTURE A(6).									
040	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(5).									
050	02	MONTHLY-HEADING-LINE										PICTURE A(7).									
060	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(6).									
070	02	ANNUAL-HEADING-LINE										PICTURE A(6).									
080	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(52).									
090	01	SALARY-RECORD.																			
100	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(50).									
110	02	WEEKLY-DETAIL-LINE										PICTURE ZZZ.ZZ.									
120	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(5).									
130	02	MONTHLY-DETAIL-LINE										PICTURE ZZZZ.ZZ.									
140	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(5).									
150	02	ANNUAL-DETAIL-LINE										PICTURE ZZZZZ.ZZ.									
160	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(51).									
170	01	MESSAGE-RECORD.																			
180	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(52).									
190	02	MESSAGE										PICTURE A(28).									
200	02	FILLER										PICTURE X(52).									
210	WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.																				
220	77	HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-WEEKLY										PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS ZERO.									
230	77	WEEKLY-BUCKET REDEFINES HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-WEEKLY																			
240												PICTURE X(8).									

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PAGE 1	PROGRAM 1401 COBOL SAMPLE	SYSTEM 1401	SHEET 3 OF 4
003	PROGRAMMER J JONES	DATE	IDENT. SALARIES
SERIAL	A	B	
4 6 7	8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72		
010	77	HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-MONTHLY	PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS ZERO.
020	77	MONTHLY-BUCKET REDEFINES HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-MONTHLY	
030			PICTURE X(8).
040	77	HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-ANNUAL	PICTURE 9(6)V99 VALUE IS ZERO.
050	77	ANNUAL-BUCKET REDEFINES HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-ANNUAL	
060			PICTURE X(8).
070	77	WEEKLY-PAY	PICTURE 999V99 VALUE IS ZERO.
080	77	MONTHLY-PAY	PICTURE 9(4)V99 VALUE IS ZERO.
090	77	ANNUAL-PAY	PICTURE 9(5)V99 VALUE IS ZERO.
100		CONSTANT SECTION.	
110	77	HASH-TOTAL-OF-WEEKLY-PAY	PICTURE X(8) VALUE '00882669'.
120	77	HASH-TOTAL-OF-MONTHLY-PAY	PICTURE X(8) VALUE '03825000'.
130	77	HASH-TOTAL-OF-ANNUAL-PAY	PICTURE X(8) VALUE '45900000'.
140		PROCEDURE DIVISION.	
150		10-INITIALIZE.	
160		OPEN OUTPUT SALARY-FILE.	
170		MOVE 'WEEKLY' TO WEEKLY-HEADING-LINE.	
180		MOVE 'MONTHLY' TO MONTHLY-HEADING-LINE.	
190		MOVE 'ANNUAL' TO ANNUAL-HEADING-LINE.	
200		WRITE HEADING-RECORD BEFORE ADVANCING 3 LINES.	
210		MOVE SPACES TO HEADING-RECORD.	

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SERIAL	CONT.	A	B	
4	6	7	8	12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72
010		START-LOOP.		
020		PERFORM CALCULATIONS VARYING MONTHLY-PAY FROM 9500.00 BY		
030		0010.00 UNTIL MONTHLY-PAY IS GREATER THAN 1000.00.		
040		MOVE SPACES TO SALARY-RECORD.		
050		TEST-HASH-TOTALS.		
060		IF WEEKLY-BUCKET IS EQUAL TO HASH-TOTAL-OF-WEEKLY-PAY		
070		AND MONTHLY-BUCKET IS EQUAL TO HASH-TOTAL-OF-MONTHLY-PAY		
080		AND ANNUAL-BUCKET IS EQUAL TO HASH-TOTAL-OF-ANNUAL-PAY		
090		MOVE 'TABLE VALUES ARE CORRECT' TO MESSAGE		
100		WRITE MESSAGE-RECORD AFTER ADVANCING 3 LINES		
110		ELSE		
120		MOVE 'TABLE VALUES ARE NOT CORRECT' TO MESSAGE		
130		WRITE MESSAGE-RECORD AFTER ADVANCING 3 LINES.		
140		CLOSE SALARY-FILE. STOP RUN.		
150		CALCULATIONS.		
160		COMPUTE WEEKLY-PAY = 3 * MONTHLY-PAY / 13.		
170		COMPUTE ANNUAL-PAY = 12 * MONTHLY-PAY.		
180		MOVE WEEKLY-PAY TO WEEKLY-DETAIL LINE.		
190		MOVE MONTHLY-PAY TO MONTHLY-DETAIL-LINE.		
200		MOVE ANNUAL-PAY TO ANNUAL-DETAIL-LINE.		
210		ADD WEEKLY-PAY TO HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-WEEKLY.		
220		ADD MONTHLY-PAY TO HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-MONTHLY.		
230		ADD ANNUAL-PAY TO HASH-TOTAL-COUNTER-ANNUAL.		
240		WRITE SALARY-RECORD.		

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