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Chapter 1

Introduction

High Tech Basic (HTBasic) is a technical programming language compatible with Hewlett Packard's "Rocky Mountain" BASIC for HP 9000 Series 200/300 computers. It has extensive graphics, instrument control capabilities and interactive programming aids to speed program development. It is designed to offer powerful features and ease of use to engineers, scientists and other professionals having a range of programming experience from novice to expert.

Three manuals are provided with HTBasic: the *User's Guide*, the *Installing and Using* manual and this *Reference Manual*. The *Reference Manual* contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 1, Introduction
- Chapter 2, Definitions
- Chapter 3, Statement Summary
- Chapter 4, Keyword Dictionary
- Appendix A, Errors
- Appendix B, ASCII Code Chart

Chapter 1, "Introduction," is this chapter and introduces the manual layout. It contains conventions used throughout the manual and syntax rules used in Chapter 4.

Chapter 2, "Definitions," defines general terms and common syntactical units.

Chapter 3, "Statement Summary," lists all the HTBasic statements and indicates which can be executed from the keyboard, stored in a program, and included in an IF...THEN statement.

Chapter 4, "Keyword Dictionary," lists in dictionary fashion the HTBasic keywords. Each entry includes a syntax diagram, sample statements, a description of the keyword's functionality and related keywords.

Appendix A, "Errors," lists each error number, cause and in some cases, possible solutions.

Appendix B, "ASCII Code Chart," contains ASCII, decimal and hexadecimal values and IEEE-488 commands and addresses.

Manual

Conventions

The following is an example "Keyword Dictionary" entry which explains the rules and conventions used throughout this manual.

KEYWORD

This line tells what the KEYWORD does.

Syntax: This line defines the syntax.

where: These lines, when present, further define parts of the syntax.

Sample: These lines give samples using the KEYWORD.

Description:

These paragraphs describe in greater detail how the **KEYWORD** is used. Several conventions are used to aid your understanding of the keyword. All terms used in the syntax definition are defined in one of two places. Commonly used terms, such as "numeric-expression," are defined at the beginning of the *Reference Manual*. Other terms are defined immediately after they are used, in the lines following the "where:".

See Also:

LISTS OTHER KEYWORDS RELATED TO THIS ONE.

Syntax Conventions

The key to understanding the syntax definitions is understanding the punctuation used in the definition. Braces and vertical bars are used to denote a list of choices. A construct like this:

```
{ ON | OFF }
```

means you must specify **ON** or **OFF** but not both. Do not enter the braces or the vertical bar. Square brackets are used to denote optional items. For example,

```
BEEP [frequency, duration]
```

means that **BEEP** may be entered alone or with the frequency and duration. Ellipses (three dots "...") are used to show that the preceding item can be optionally repeated any number of times. For example, in the definition

```
ALLOCATE item [,item...]
```

",item" can be optionally repeated one or more times. Single quotes, "'", are used around the square bracket symbols when they should be entered literally, instead of interpreted as optional item symbols. For example,

```
DIM string-name$ ['length']
```

means that the bracket characters are part of the statement to dimension a string. (See the example below.)

Words in lower-case, like "length" in the example above, are defined either later in the syntax definition itself or in the definitions at the start of the *Reference Manual*. Words in uppercase are keywords and should be entered exactly as shown. Keywords must be separated from one another by spaces. All other symbols should be entered exactly as shown. Spaces have been added in some definitions to improve readability.

Printing Conventions

Several printing conventions are used in this manual. In descriptions, keywords are shown in BOLD, UPPERCASE letters. (In other places, keywords are merely shown in uppercase.) Examples that show exactly what you should type or what the computer displays are shown in a fixed width font, such as

```
10 DIM A$(50)
```

Key names, IEEE-488 bus commands and operating system commands are shown in all uppercase, for example: ENTER.

At the top of each left-hand page, the first keyword to start on that page is given. At the top of each right-hand page, the last keyword to start on the page is given.

Chapter 2

Definitions

This chapter contains definitions of 'Rocky Mountain BASIC' general terms and syntactical units.

Definition Angle

Angles can be specified in radians or degrees. When specifying angles for graphic statements, the angle is relative to the positive x axis. Positive angles specify counter-clockwise movement about the origin.

Definition

Array

An array is a multi-dimensional ordered set of values. Each member of the set is called an array element. All the members of the set have the same simple data type which can be integer, real, complex, or string. The dimension of the set is called the RANK of the array. Arrays may have a rank from one to six.

Local array variables are declared using INTEGER, REAL, COMPLEX and DIM. ALLOCATE can be used to dynamically declare an array. COM can be used to declare a global array. Consult these entries in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary," to learn how to declare array variables. OPTION BASE is available to change the default lower bound for indices.

Definition

Array Name

The rules for naming an array are the same as for a variable (see Variable Name). Array variables and simple variables share the same name space. Thus, you cannot have a simple variable and an array variable with the same name in the same context.

Definition

ASCII file type

In the HTBasic manual set, the term ASCII file refers to a LIF ASCII file, not a DOS ASCII or UNIX ASCII ordinary file. A LIF ASCII file is a typed file which contains string items preceded by an item length, and followed by a pad byte when the string length is odd. Do not confuse the terms DOS ASCII, UNIX ASCII and LIF ASCII. A DOS ASCII file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters and the end of each line is marked with a carriage return and line feed. A UNIX ASCII file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters and the end of each line is marked with a line feed. HTBasic can read and write any of these file types. See CREATE and CREATE ASCII in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

BDAT file type

BDAT files are used to hold binary data and can be used to exchange data with HP BASIC. See CREATE BDAT in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary." Ordinary (DOS, NT or UNIX) files can also be used to hold binary data.

Definition

Boolean Expression

A boolean expression is simply a numeric expression whose result is tested for zero/non-zero. If the result is zero, the expression is considered FALSE. If the result is non-zero, the expression is considered TRUE.

Definition

COM Block

A COM block is a set of one or more variables that may be shared (in "COMmon"), among one or more contexts. Each COM block is uniquely identified with a name (although one block is allowed to be nameless). COM block names are explained below.

The value of a COM variable is global in lifetime, however, the name of a COM variable is not global. To access COM variables, a context must include a COM statement which identifies the COM block and gives the names by which the variables will be known in that context. Thus, each context can give a different name to the same COM variable. COM variables are hidden from all contexts which do not include a COM statement accessing that COM block. See COM in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

COM Block Name

Rules for naming a COM block are the same as for a variable (see Variable Name).

Definition

COMPLEX

"Complex" is a data type. Other data types are integer, real, string, and I/O path. The Complex data type is a subset of all rational numbers. The particular subset depends on your computer. Most computers, including the IBM PC, Sun SPARC and HP PA workstations use IEEE Std 754-1985 for Binary Floating point numbers. This gives the Complex data type an approximate range of $2E-308$ to $1E+308$ and 15 decimal digits of precision. Both positive and negative numbers are represented. MINREAL and MAXREAL are functions which return the smallest and largest positive real numbers. The range for negative numbers is -MINREAL to -MAXREAL.

Use the COMPLEX statement to declare local complex variables and the COM statement to declare global complex variables. Use the ALLOCATE statement to declare a local complex variable which can be DEALLOCATED dynamically. If a variable is not declared, it will automatically be declared local and real unless CONFIGURE DIM OFF is used.

Definition Context

A context is a program unit with its own environment, including local variables, which can be called recursively by other contexts, and can pass arguments, either by reference or by value. There are four types of contexts: 1) main context, 2) subprogram context, 3) user defined function, 4) CSUB context.

The main context begins with the first line of the program and ends with the program line containing the "END" statement. The main context is started by a RUN command.

A subprogram context begins with a SUB statement and ends with a SUBEND statement. It is called with a CALL statement and terminates with a SUBEND or SUBEXIT statement. Arguments can be passed to a subprogram.

A user defined function begins with a DEF statement and ends with an FNEND statement. It is called from within a numeric or string expression by referencing its name. It terminates and returns a value with a RETURN statement. The expression then continues to evaluate, using the value returned in place of the function reference. Arguments can be passed to a function.

A CSUB is a compiled subprogram created with special tools outside of HTBasic. It is loaded into memory with the LOADSUB statement and removed from memory with the DELSUB statement. It is called with a CALL statement.

Definition

Device Selector

A device selector is a number which specifies a device. It specifies the interface select code (ISC) to which a device is connected. If more than one device can be connected to that interface (i.e., the GPIB interface), then the address of the device is appended after the ISC. It can be just a primary address or a primary address and several secondary addresses. Each address is specified with two digits; thus 1 is specified as 01. A device selector can be up to 15 digits.

Several examples follow: If a printer has a primary address of 1 and is connected to a GPIB interface with ISC 7, then the device selector for the printer is 701. If an instrument is connected to the RS-232 interface with ISC 9, then the device selector for the instrument is 9. If a GPIB plotter has a primary address of 2, a secondary address of 11 and is connected to a GPIB interface with ISC 14, then the device selector for the plotter is 140211.

Definition

DOS file type

HTBasic supports ordinary files as well as typed files. HTBasic file types are LIF ASCII, BDAT, BIN and PROG. In a CAT listing ordinary files are listed as "DOS" files by the DOS versions of HTBasic. Other versions leave the file type column blank for ordinary files. Unlike typed files, no special header or other embedded information is placed in the file. Under DOS, an ordinary file with FORMAT ON is compatible with all programs that support DOS ASCII files. See CREATE in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

Event

An event is the occurrence of an action or condition which can be trapped by an ON statement that directs program execution to a service routine. See ON in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

File Specifier

A file specifier identifies a file. Legal file specifiers depend on the operating system and are summarized here. Consult your operating system manuals for complete rules.

Under DOS, Windows and NT, a file specifier consists of an optional drive letter, an optional path, a filename and an optional filename extension combined as follows:

```
d:\path\filename.ext
```

The drive letter specifies the disk drive, A, B, C, etc. If it is present, it must be followed by a colon, ":". The path is a series of one or more directory names, separated by the backslash character, "\", leading from the root directory to the file in question. A legal directory name follows the same rules as a legal filename.

For the FAT file system used by DOS, Windows and NT, the filename consists of 1 to 8 characters. The extension consists of a period, "." followed by 1 to 3 characters. Case is ignored by DOS and Windows and when a new filename is specified all lowercase characters are converted to uppercase. Some characters are not legal in a filename. A period is only legal between the filename and the extension. Characters less than CHR\$(32) are not legal. The characters in the following list are also illegal: "*+./;<=>?[\\].

For the NTFS file system, the filename consists of 1 to 256 characters, including one or more extensions. Case is ignored by NT although when a new filename is specified, case is preserved for display in a directory listing. Some characters are not legal in a filename. Characters less than CHR\$(31) are not legal. The characters in the following list are also illegal: "*./;<=>?[\\]. Trailing spaces are ignored; elsewhere spaces are acceptable.

Under UNIX, a file specifier consists of an optional path and a filename:

```
/path/filename
```

The path is a series of one or more directory names, separated by the slash character, "/", leading from the root directory to the file in question. A legal directory name follows the same rules as a legal filename. The filename consists of 1 to 255 characters. (Some flavors of UNIX limit the length to 14 characters.) HTBasic removes embedded spaces in a filename and UNIX does not allow embedded nulls, CHR\$(0), or slash characters. While all other characters are valid, it is a good idea to avoid characters less than CHR\$(32) and these characters: "-<>[\\]. If a filename begins with a dot, ".", it is not listed by the CAT statement.

Definition

Full Array Specifier

A full array specifier is the symbol "*" and is used to reference an entire array rather than an individual element.

Definition

Function Name

The rules for naming a function are the same as for a variable (see Variable Name). A User Defined Function is one of several types of contexts (see Context).

Definition

I/O PATH

"I/O path" is a data type. Other data types are integer, real, complex and string. An I/O path is implicitly declared whenever you use it in a program. It must be initialized with the ASSIGN statement before it is used. Input and Output statements use an I/O path to specify the entity (device, file, pipe, buffer, etc.) that the computer communicates with during the I/O operation. When an input/output statement does not explicitly involve an I/O path, one is created internally, used for the duration of the statement and then discarded.

Definition

Integer

"Integer" is a data type. Other data types are I/O path, real, complex, and string. Integers are whole numbers (-1, 35) as opposed to real numbers that can have fractional parts (1.7, 2.34). Integers are stored in two bytes and have a range of -32768 to +32767. Integer operations are faster and integers take less space to store.

Use the INTEGER statement to declare local integer variables and the COM statement to declare global integer variables. Use the ALLOCATE statement to declare a local integer variable which can be DEALLOCATED dynamically. If a variable is not declared, it will automatically be declared local and real unless CONFIGURE DIM OFF is used.

Definition

Integer Array

Each element of an array (see Array) is an integer declared with INTEGER.

Definition

Interface Select Code

Interface select codes (ISC) specify hardware interfaces that connect the computer to devices. Some ISCs are fixed:

ISC	Fixed Devices
1	CRT display
2	Keyboard
3	Graphic display
6	Bit mapped graphic
32	Processor

Others can be specified when the device is loaded with LOAD BIN. If the ISC is not specified, the following defaults are used:

ISC	Loadable Devices
7	GPIB Board
8	2nd GPIB Board
9	RS-232 Port (COM1)
10	Centronix Port (PRN/LPT1)
11	2nd RS-232 Port (COM2)
12	2nd Centronix Port (LPT2)
12	GPIO Board
18	Several data acquisition boards

Definition

Line Label

Line labels may optionally follow any line number. The use of line labels results in more structured programming. Line references to labels are unaffected by line numbering. The rules for naming a line label are the same as for variables (see Variable Names). A colon follows the name in the line that is labeled, but does not follow the name in lines referencing that line.

Definition

Line Number

Each program line requires a unique line number at the beginning of the line. Line numbers must be in the range of 1 to 65534. HTBasic ignores leading zeros and spaces before line numbers. Line numbers are used to:

- indicate the order of statement execution
- provide control points for branching
- help in debugging and updating programs
- indicate the location of run-time errors

Definition

Local Variable

All variables are local and are accessible only in the current context unless declared as COM variables. When the context begins execution, storage space is allocated for all local variables and their values are set to zero. When execution of the context is completed, the local variable storage space is released and their values are lost.

Definition Matrix

A matrix is a two dimensional numeric array. The RANK of a matrix is two.

Definition

Numeric Array

A numeric array is an array (see [Array](#)) in which the data type of each element is either integer, real or complex.

Definition

Numeric Array Element

A numeric array element is a simple value, either an integer, real, or complex number and is compatible with any operation which expects a single value. An element is specified by following the array name with a left parenthesis, "(", a comma-separated list of subscripts and a right parenthesis, ")". The number of subscripts specified must match the RANK of the array. The value of each subscript must lie in the legal range for that dimension as defined in the declaration statement (ALLOCATE, COM, COMPLEX, DIM, INTEGER, REAL, REDIM). Some matrix operations redefine the range of a dimension.

Definition

Numeric Constant

A constant is an entity with a fixed value. There are two types of numeric constants: integer and real. An integer constant is a whole number not specified with a decimal point, ".", nor with scientific notation, which falls in the range -32768 to 32767. Integer constants can be expressed in decimal, octal (base 8) or hexadecimal (base 16). An octal constant must begin with the characters "&O" or simply "&". A hexadecimal constant must begin with the characters "&H". A real constant is specified with a decimal point or scientific notation, or is outside the integer range. Some integer constants are "1", "-20000", "&H7FFF" and "&O377". Some real constants are "-1.0", "1E+10" and "40000".

Definition

Numeric Expression

A numeric expression is any legal combination of operands and operators joined together in such a way that the expression as a whole can be reduced to a numeric value. The following syntax diagram defines the legal combination of operands and operators. Precedence rules provide additional constraints on an expression (see Precedence).

```
numeric-expression =  
{ + | - | NOT } numeric-expression |  
( numeric-expression ) |  
numeric-expression operator numeric-expression |  
numeric-constant | numeric-name |  
numeric-array-element |  
numeric-function [ ( param [,param...] ) ] |  
FN function-name [ ( param [,param...] ) ] |  
string-expression compare-operator string-expression
```

where:

```
operator = + | - | * | / | DIV | MOD | MODULO | ^ |  
AND | OR | EXOR | compare-operator  
compare-operator = <> | = | < | > | <= | >=  
numeric-function = a function, like COS, which returns a numeric value.  
param = legal parameters for numeric functions and user defined  
functions are explained in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary"
```

Definition

Numeric Name

The rules for naming a numeric variable are explained under "Variable Name". A numeric variable is of type integer, real or complex.

Definition

Ordinary file

HTBasic supports ordinary files as well as typed files. HTBasic file types are LIF ASCII, BDAT, BIN and PROG. All other files are ordinary files. In a CAT listing, the file type column is blank for ordinary files or gives the operating system (i.e., "DOS" or "HP-UX"). Unlike typed files, no special header or other embedded information is placed in the file. Under DOS or NT, an ordinary file with FORMAT ON is compatible with all programs that support DOS/NT ASCII files. Under UNIX, an ordinary file with FORMAT ON and EOL of CHR\$(10) is compatible with all programs that support UNIX ASCII files. See CREATE in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

Path Specifier

A path specifier in HTBasic is similar to an MSUS (Mass Storage Unit Specifier) in HP BASIC. It identifies a place where files are stored. Depending on your operating system, the necessary information to uniquely identify such a place includes: the device, address, volume, unit, and directory path list. A summary of the rules for DOS, Windows, NT and UNIX is given here. Consult your operating system manuals for complete rules.

Under DOS, Windows and NT, a path specifier consists of an optional disk drive letter and an optional directory path. If the disk drive letter is omitted, the default disk is used. A directory path is composed of the names of the directories which form the path from the root directory "\", to the directory where you wish to access files. Each directory name is separated from the others with the backslash, "\", symbol. The rules for each directory name are the same as for a filename (File Specifier). If the directory path is omitted, the default directory is used.

For example, suppose that you wish to use drive "C:" and a catalog of the root directory "C:\\" shows a directory named "HTB". Suppose that a catalog of "C:\HTB\" shows a directory named "FILES.BIN". And suppose that it is this directory you wish to specify with a path specifier. The correct path specifier is "C:\HTB\FILES.BIN". If drive "C:" is the default drive, then the "C:" could be omitted. If directory HTB is the default directory, then the "\HTB\" could be omitted. Please read your operating system manual for a greater understanding of these concepts.

Under UNIX, a path specifier is composed of the names of the directories which form the path from the root directory "/", to the directory where you wish to access files. Each directory name is separated from the others with the slash character, "/". The rules for each directory name are the same as for a filename (see File Specifier). If the directory path is omitted, the current directory is used.

Definition

Pen Number

The term "pen number" is used in two different ways. The appropriate range is explained in the text describing the statement.

The first way in which the term "pen number" is used is for CRT color attribute values. The legal values are:

Pen	Color	Pen	Color
136	White	140	Cyan
137	Red	141	Blue
138	Yellow	142	Magenta
139	Green	143	Black

The second way in which the term "pen number" is used is in statements affecting graphic colors. In these instances, pen numbers begin at zero and go to N-1, where N is the number of colors displayable at the same time on the computer display.

Definition

Pipe Specifier

A pipe specifier is a string beginning and/or ending with the pipe character. Under UNIX, the pipe character is the vertical bar, "|". The remainder of the string specifies one or more processes to be executed. If the pipe-specifier begins with the "|" pipe character, then OUTPUT can be used to send information to the process. If the pipe-specifier ends with the pipe character, then ENTER can be used to get information from the process. Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not under DOS.

Definition

Precedence

Mathematical precedence describes the order in which operators in an expression are evaluated. Some cheap calculators execute each operation as it is entered. If you are used to this type of calculator, you may be confused by the concept of precedence. For example, the correct answer to the formula:

$$1+2*3+4$$

is 11, not 13. This is because multiplication ($2*3$) has a higher precedence than addition ($1+2$). If the two operators are on the same row in the precedence chart, the operations occur in left to right order (i.e. $1+2-3+4$).

HP BASIC (and HTBasic) has an odd quirk in its definition of precedence which you should be aware of. Most computer languages place all monadic operators (operators which operate on one operand) at a higher precedence than dyadic operators (operators which operate on two operands). However, HTBasic and HP BASIC place monadic + and - below some of the dyadic operators. The following is one example of an expression that will evaluate differently because of this:

$$-4^{0.5}$$

With HTBasic, this is equivalent to $-(4^{0.5})$ which is equal to -2. With most other computer languages, this is equivalent to $(-4)^{0.5}$ which is an illegal operation.

Precedence Table

1	Parentheses () and sub-strings []
2	Functions: built in and user defined.
3	Exponentiation Operator ^
4	Multiplicative Operators *,/,DIV,MODULO,MOD
5	Monadic + and -
6	Dyadic + and -
7	String Concatenation &
8	Relational Operators =,<>,<,>,<=,>=
9	Monadic Logical Operator NOT
10	Logical Operator AND
11	Logical Operators OR and EXOR

Definition

Primary Address

A primary address is a numeric expression which can be rounded to an integer in the range 0 to 31. It specifies the address of a device on the GPIB bus. Usually, GPIB devices have a switch which allows their primary address to be set to any of the values 0 through 31.

Definition

Priority

Priority is a measure of the relative importance of the currently executing line and allows higher priority events to interrupt lower priority events, while preventing lower priority events from interrupting higher priority events. Priority values can range from 0 (least important) to 15 (most important). The ON statement which defines the service routine for an event also allows the priority for that service to be defined. The system priority is the priority of the currently executing line and can be changed with the SYSTEM PRIORITY statement.

Definition

PROG file type

PROG files are used to hold binary program images and are the most efficient file type for storing an HTBasic program. See STORE in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary" for information about PROG files.

Definition

Real

"Real" is a data type. Other data types are integer, complex, string, and I/O path. The Real data type is a subset of all rational numbers. The particular subset depends on your computer. Most computers, including the IBM PC, Sun SPARC and HP PA workstations use IEEE Std 754-1985 for Binary Floating point numbers. This gives the Real data type an approximate range of $2E-308$ to $1E+308$ and 15 decimal digits of precision. Both positive and negative numbers are represented. MINREAL and MAXREAL are functions which return the smallest and largest positive real numbers. The range for negative numbers is -MINREAL to -MAXREAL.

Use the REAL statement to declare local real variables and the COM statement to declare global real variables. Use the ALLOCATE statement to declare a local real variable which can be DEALLOCATED dynamically. If a variable is not declared, it will automatically be declared local and real unless CONFIGURE DIM OFF is used.

Please Note: Internally real numbers are represented in a binary format (explained in the *User's Guide*). You need not understand this format, but you should understand its implications. It is possible to have two different numbers in this format whose 15 digit decimal representations are the same. However, when comparing or subtracting these two "look-equal" numbers, you will find they are not equal. Also, when the result of an arithmetic operation is a number not representable in the binary format, an approximation must be used instead. You should take this into account and keep track of the error bounds as approximate numbers are used in further calculations.

Definition

Record Number

The record number is a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer to specify a record within a file. The first record is one. BDAT and ordinary files allow random access by specifying a record number in the I/O statement. The record length for ordinary files is always one. The record length for BDAT files is defined when the file is created with the CREATE BDAT statement.

Definition

Scientific Notation

Scientific notation can be used to represent numbers by using the shorthand notation "n.nnnEmmm" instead of "n.nnn x 10^{mmm}".

Definition

Signal Number

A signal number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer in the range 0 to 15. A signal is an event which can be generated by the SIGNAL statement and can be handled by a routine set up with the ON SIGNAL statement.

Definition

Softkey Macro

Also called a typing aid, a softkey macro is a sequence of keys assigned to a softkey. When the softkey is pressed, the sequence is typed into the keyboard buffer just as if you had typed them yourself. The definition of the softkey macro is user definable.

Definition String

"String" is a data type. Other data types are integer, real, complex, and I/O path. A string is a combination of ASCII characters. These are the letters, numbers and symbols that you can type on the keyboard. ASCII characters also include control characters such as carriage return, etc. A string can be just one character long or it can be one word, one sentence, one paragraph long or any combination of letters, numbers, spaces and symbols up to a maximum length of 32767 characters.

Use the DIM statement to declare a local string variable and define its maximum length. The length of a string variable can never exceed its declared length. Use the ALLOCATE statement to declare a local string variable which can be DEALLOCATED dynamically. Use the COM statement to declare a global string variable. If a string variable is not declared, it will be automatically declared as an 18 character maximum length local string variable unless CONFIGURE DIM OFF is used.

Definition

String Array

A string array is an array (see Array) in which the data type of each element is string.

Definition

String Array Element

A string array element is a simple string and is compatible with any function or operation which expects a single string value. An element is specified by following the array name with a left parenthesis, "(", a comma-separated list of subscripts and a right parenthesis, ")". The number of subscripts specified must match the RANK of the array.

Definition

String Expression

A string expression is any legal combination of operands and operators joined together in such a way that the expression as a whole can be reduced to a string value. The following syntax diagram defines the legal combination of operands and operators.

```
string-expression =  
( string-expression ) |  
string-expression & string-expression |  
"string-literal" |  
string-name |  
string-array-element |  
sub-string |  
string-function [ ( param [,param...] ) ] |  
FN function-name$ [ ( param [,param...] ) ]
```

where:

string-function = a function, like UPC\$, which returns a string value.
param = legal parameters for string functions and user defined functions are explained in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

String Literal

A string literal is a string of characters delimited by the quote (") character. To include a quote character in the string, include two quote characters in the place of the one you wish to include. For example " ""hello"" ".

Definition

String Name

The rules for naming a string variable are the same as for a variable (see Variable Name) plus the addition of a trailing dollar sign, "\$". A string variable is a variable whose data type is "string".

Definition

Sub-string

A substring defines a portion of a string variable or string array element. It is selected by specifying a starting position within the string value and optionally, either the length of the sub-string, or the ending position within the string value. If only the starting position is specified, the rest of the string value from that point on is used for the sub-string. String positions are one-based, i.e., the first character of a string is in position one. The syntax is as follows:

```
sub-string =  
'[ start-pos ]' |  
'[ start-pos, end-pos ]' |  
'[ start-pos; length ]'
```

where:

start-pos and end-pos = numeric expression rounded to an integer in the range 1 to 32767.

length = numeric expression rounded to an integer in the range 0 to 32767.

Definition

Subprogram Name

The rules for naming a subprogram are the same as for a variable (see Variable Name). A subprogram is one type of context (see Context).

Definition

Subscript

A subscript is a numeric expression rounded to an integer to specify an array dimension. The value of each subscript must lie in the legal range for that dimension as defined in the declaring statement (ALLOCATE, COM, COMPLEX, DIM, INTEGER, REAL, REDIM). Some matrix operations automatically redefine the range of a dimension.

Definition

UNIX file type

HTBasic supports ordinary files as well as typed files. HTBasic file types are LIF ASCII, BDAT, BIN and PROG. In a CAT listing, the file type column is blank for ordinary files or gives the operating system (i.e., "DOS" or "HP-UX"). Unlike typed files, no special header or other embedded information is placed in the file. Under UNIX, an ordinary file with FORMAT ON and EOL of CHR\$(10) is compatible with all programs that support UNIX ASCII files. See CREATE in Chapter 4, the "Keyword Dictionary."

Definition

Variable Name

A variable name can have up to fifteen characters. The characters can be alphabetic, numerals, underlines and characters in the range CHR\$(128) to CHR\$(254). (HP BASIC and some versions of HTBasic use the range CHR\$(161) to CHR\$(254).) The first character may not be a numeral or an underline. A variable name can be the same as a keyword if it is entered partly in upper case and partly in lower case. Variable names are listed with the first character in upper case and the remaining characters in lower case.

Definition Vector

A vector is a one dimensional numeric array, i.e., the RANK of the array is one.

Definition

Volume Label

A volume label is present in some operating systems to label a mass storage volume (usually a disk). The rules for legal volume labels differ from system to system, but are given here for DOS. Consult your system manuals for other operating systems.

With DOS, a legal volume label is 11 characters long. Legal characters are the same as for DOS file specifiers. The volume label, however, does not divide the 11 characters with a period between the 8th and 9th characters.

Definition

Volume Specifier

A volume specifier in HTBasic is similar to an MSUS (Mass Storage Unit Specifier) in HP BASIC. However, for disk volumes with multiple directories, a volume specifier does not completely identify a place to store files (see Path Specifier).

Two types of volume specifiers are supported by HTBasic. The first is the native type used by your operating system. For DOS, Windows and NT, a volume specifier is the drive letter followed by a colon. For example, "C:". If used with a file specifier, it is appended onto the front of the filename, "C:DATA". For other operating systems, consult your manuals.

The second type of volume specifier supported by HTBasic is the HP BASIC compatible msus style. For example, ":CS80,700,0". Support for this type is included for compatibility with old HP programs. To use this type of volume specifier you must use the CONFIGURE MSI statement to define a translation between this type of volume specifier and the native type used by your system. For example:

```
CONFIGURE MSI ":CS80,700,0" TO "B:"  
CONFIGURE MSI ":A" TO "A:"  
CONFIGURE MSI ":,1400,1" TO "C:\HTB\1400\1"
```

The first example would allow a file specifier such as "DATA:CS80,700,0". The second example would allow a file specifier such as "DATA:A". If the CONFIGURE statement is not used, then an HP BASIC style volume specifier will cause an error. The third example shows an HP style volume specifier being equated with a DOS style path specifier.

Keywords

A

<u>ABORT</u>	Stops IEEE-488 activity.
<u>ABORTIO</u>	Stops an active TRANSFER.
<u>ABS</u>	Returns the absolute value of an expression.
<u>ACS</u>	Returns the arccosine of an expression.
<u>ACSH</u>	Returns the hyperbolic arccosine of an expression.
<u>ALLOCATE</u>	Dynamically allocates memory for string variables and arrays.
<u>ALPHA</u>	Controls the visibility of the ALPHA screen area.
<u>ALPHA HEIGHT</u>	Sets the number of lines used for the ALPHA screen.
<u>ALPHA PEN</u>	Sets the ALPHA display color.
<u>AND</u>	Performs the logical conjunction of two expressions.
<u>APPEND</u>	See <u>ASSIGN</u> , <u>DUMP DEVICE IS</u> , <u>PLOTTER IS</u> , <u>PRINTALL IS</u> and <u>PRINTER IS</u> .
<u>AREA</u>	Sets or defines an AREA fill color.
<u>ARG</u>	Returns the Argument (Angle) of a complex number.
<u>ASCII</u>	See <u>CREATE ASCII</u> and <u>LEXICAL ORDER IS</u> .
<u>ASN</u>	Returns the arcsine of an expression.
<u>ASNH</u>	Returns the hyperbolic arcsine of an expression.
<u>ASSIGN</u>	Sets up an I/O path and its attributes.
<u>ATN</u>	Returns the arctangent of an expression.
<u>ATNH</u>	Returns the hyperbolic arctangent of an expression.
<u>ATN2</u>	Returns the angle to a point.
<u>AXES</u>	Draws x-y axes.

Keywords

B

[BASE](#)

Returns the lower bound of an array dimension.

[BDAT](#)

See [CREATE BDAT](#) and [CONFIGURE BDAT](#).

[BEEP](#)

Generates music or sound effects.

[BIN](#)

See [LIST BIN](#), [LOAD BIN](#) and [SCRATCH](#).

[BINAND](#)

Performs a bit by bit logical AND.

[BINCOMP](#)

Performs a bit by bit complement.

[BINEOR](#)

Performs a bit by bit exclusive OR (EXOR).

[BINEQV](#)

Performs a bit by bit equivalence operation.

[BINIMP](#)

Performs a bit by bit implication operation.

[BINIOR](#)

Performs a bit by bit inclusive OR.

[BIT](#)

Allows any bit in an INTEGER to be tested.

[BREAK](#)

Sends a BREAK on a serial interface.

[BUFFER](#)

See [ASSIGN](#), [COM](#), [DEF FN](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [REAL](#) and [SUB](#).

[BYTE](#)

See [ASSIGN](#).

Keywords

C

CALL	Starts execution at the specified SUBprogram or CSUB.
CASE	See SELECT ... CASE .
CAT	Displays a catalog of files or PROG file contexts.
CAUSE ERROR	Simulates a specified error.
CD	See MASS STORAGE IS .
CHANGE	Finds and replaces strings.
CHECKREAD	Enables/disables verification of data sent to disk.
CHGRP	Sets the Group Ownership of a file.
CHOWN	Sets the Individual Ownership of a file.
CHR\$	Creates an ASCII character from its decimal numeric code.
CHRX	Returns the width of a character cell.
CHRY	Returns the height of a character cell.
CINT	Converts a value to INTEGER.
CLEAR	Sends an IEEE-488 bus Device Clear.
CLEAR ERROR	Resets all error indicators.
CLEAR LINE	Clears the keyboard input line.
CLEAR SCREEN	Clears the ALPHA display.
CLIP	Changes the clipping rectangle.
CLS	See CLEAR SCREEN .
CMD	See SEND .
CMPLX	Combines real and imaginary parts to return a complex number.
COLOR	Defines and selects the color for graphics.
COM	Defines global variables.
COMMAND\$	Returns a copy of the command line.
COMPLEX	Reserves storage for complex variables and arrays.
CONFIGURE BDAT	Specifies the byte order for CREATE BDAT.
CONFIGURE CREATE	Specifies the kind of file header used with typed files.
CONFIGURE DIM	Turns implicit variable dimensioning on or off.
CONFIGURE DUMP	Specifies what graphic printer language to use for DUMP.
CONFIGURE KBD	Defines keyboard mappings for character sets.
CONFIGURE KEY	Assigns editor functions to keyboard keys.
CONFIGURE LABEL	Defines characters for the LABEL statement.
CONFIGURE LONGFILENAME\$	Specifies use of long filenames.
CONFIGURE MSI	Specifies HP style volume specifier translations.
CONFIGURE PRT	Specifies the value of PRT.
CONFIGURE SAVE	Sets the file type produced by SAVE.
CONJG	Returns the conjugate of a complex number.
CONT	Restarts a program which is PAUSEd.
CONTROL	Sends control information to an interface or I/O path.
CONVERT	This ASSIGN option is not supported.
COPY	Copies files.
COPYLINES	Copies one or more program lines from one location to another.
COS	Returns the cosine of an expression.
COSH	Returns the hyperbolic cosine of an expression.
COUNT	See CAT .
CREATE	Creates an ordinary file on the mass storage media.
CREATE ASCII	Creates a LIF ASCII file on the mass storage media.
CREATE BDAT	Creates a BDAT (binary data) file on the mass storage media.
CREATE DIR	Creates directories on the mass storage media.

<u>CRT</u>	Returns the integer 1, the CRT interface select code.
<u>CSIZE</u>	Sets the character size for LABEL and SYMBOL.
<u>CSUB</u>	Compiled SUBprograms.
CSUM	See <u>MAT</u> .
<u>CVT\$</u>	Convert strings from one alphabet to another.
CYCLE	See <u>OFF CYCLE</u> and <u>ON CYCLE</u> .

Keywords

D

<u>DATA</u>	Stores data items in the program.
<u>DATE</u>	Converts a string representing a date to a number of seconds.
<u>DATE\$</u>	Takes a numeric value representing seconds and formats it into a date string.
<u>DEALLOCATE</u>	Frees memory space reserved by the ALLOCATE statement.
<u>DEF FN</u>	Begins a user-defined function subprogram.
<u>DEG</u>	Sets the trigonometric mode to degrees.
<u>DEL</u>	Deletes program lines.
<u>DELAY</u>	See <u>ASSIGN</u> , <u>OFF DELAY</u> , <u>ON DELAY</u> , <u>PRINTALL IS</u> and <u>PRINTER IS</u> .
<u>DELSUB</u>	Deletes SUB or CSUB subprograms from memory.
<u>DET</u>	Returns the determinant of a matrix.
<u>DIGITIZE</u>	Inputs digitized X and Y coordinates.
<u>DIM</u>	Dimensions REAL arrays and strings.
<u>DISABLE</u>	Disables event-initiated branches.
<u>DISABLE INTR</u>	Disables interrupts from the specified interface.
<u>DISP</u>	Displays items on the CRT display line.
<u>DISPLAY FUNCTIONS</u>	Controls the display of control characters on the CRT.
<u>DIV</u>	Returns the quotient of an integer divide operation.
<u>DOT</u>	Returns the dot product of two numeric vectors.
<u>DRAW</u>	Draws a line to the X,Y location.
<u>DROUND</u>	Rounds a numeric-expression to the specified number of digits.
<u>DUMP</u>	Copies the contents of the display to a printing device.
<u>DUMP DEVICE IS</u>	Defines the printing device used by DUMP.
<u>DVAL</u>	Converts a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string to a real number.
<u>DVAL\$</u>	Converts a number to a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string.

Keywords

E

ECHO	See SET ECHO .
EDGE	See IPLOT , PLOT , POLYGON , RECTANGLE , RPLOT and SYMBOL .
EDIT	Puts you into program EDIT mode.
EDIT KEY	Puts you into softkey EDIT mode.
ELSE	See IF ... THEN and SELECT ... CASE .
ENABLE	Enables all event-initiated branches suspended by DISABLE.
ENABLE INTR	Enables interrupts from a specified interface.
END	Marks the end of the program.
END IF	See IF ... THEN .
END LOOP	See LOOP .
END SELECT	See SELECT ... CASE .
END WHILE	See WHILE .
ENTER	Inputs data and assigns it to variables.
ENVIRON\$	Returns information from the operating system environment.
EOL	See ASSIGN , PRINTALL IS and PRINTER IS .
ERRDS	This function is not supported.
ERRL	Compares a line number with ERRLN.
ERRLN	Returns the program line number on which the last error occurred.
ERRM\$	Returns the error message text of the last error.
ERRN	Returns the last error number.
ERROR	See CAUSE ERROR , CLEAR ERROR , ERROR RETURN , ERROR SUBEXIT , OFF ERROR , ON ERROR .
ERROR RETURN	Returns program execution to the line following the most recent error.
ERROR SUBEXIT	Returns subprogram execution to the line following the most recent error.
EXECUTE	Executes an operating system command.
EXIT IF	See LOOP .
EXOR	Performs a Logical exclusive OR of two expressions.
EXP	Returns "e" raised to a power.
EXPANDED	See DUMP DEVICE IS .

Keywords

F

[FBYTE](#)

Determines if character is first byte of a two byte character.

FILL

See [IPLOT](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [RECTANGLE](#), [RPLOT](#) and [SYMBOL](#).

[FIND](#)

Searches for specified characters in a program.

[FIX](#)

Truncates a value to INTEGER.

[FN](#)

Executes a user-defined function.

FNEND

Ends a function definition. See [DEF FN](#).

[FOR ... NEXT](#)

Executes a loop a fixed number of times.

FORMAT

See [ASSIGN](#).

[FRACT](#)

Returns the fractional part of an argument.

[FRAME](#)

Draws a frame around the clipping area.

[FRE](#)

Returns the amount of free memory.

FRENCH

See [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#).

FROM

See [LOADSUB](#) and [READ LABEL](#).

Keywords

G

[GCLEAR](#)

Clears the graphics screen.

GERMAN

See [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#).

[GESCAPE](#)

Sends device-specific information to a graphic device.

[GET](#)

Loads LIF, DOS, UNIX, Viper-I and Viper-II ASCII program file into memory.

[GINIT](#)

Initializes graphics parameters to their default values.

[GLOAD](#)

Loads an integer array into the CRT display buffer.

[GOSUB](#)

Transfers control to a subroutine.

[GOTO](#)

Transfers control to a specified line.

[GRAPHICS](#)

Makes the graphics screen visible or invisible.

[GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#)

Defines the device to be used for graphic input.

[GRID](#)

Draws a grid pattern.

[GSEND](#)

Sends commands to the PLOTTER IS device.

[GSTORE](#)

Stores the CRT display buffer into an integer array.

Keywords

H

[HELP](#)

Outputs *Reference Manual* pages to the computer screen.

Keywords

I

IDN	See MAT .
IDRAW	Draws a line an incremental distance.
IF ... THEN	Performs an action if a condition is true.
IMAG	Returns the imaginary part of a complex number.
IMAGE	Defines the format for data input and output.
IMOVE	Lifts and moves the logical pen position incrementally.
INDENT	Indents a program to reflect its structure.
INITIALIZE	Initializes the mass storage media for use by the computer.
INMEM	Identifies if a subprogram is loaded.
INP and INPW	Inputs a byte or word from an I/O Port.
INPUT	Inputs numeric or string data from the keyboard.
INPW	See INP .
INT	Performs the greatest integer function.
INTEGER	Declares, dimensions and reserves memory for INTEGER variables.
INTENSITY	See AREA,COLOR and SET PEN .
INTERACTIVE	See RESUME INTERACTIVE and SUSPEND INTERACTIVE .
INV	See MAT .
IPLOT	Moves the pen relative to its present location.
IVAL	Converts a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string to an INTEGER.
IVAL\$	Converts an INTEGER to a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string.

Keywords

K

[KBD](#)

Returns a 2, the device select code of the keyboard.

[KBD\\$](#)

Returns the contents of the ON KBD buffer.

[KBD CMODE](#)

Sets softkey compatibility mode.

[KBD LINE PEN](#)

Sets the pen color for the input line.

[KEY LABELS](#)

Controls the display of the softkey labels.

[KEY LABELS PEN](#)

Sets the color for the softkey labels.

KEY

See [CONFIGURE KEY](#), [EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#) and [STORE KEY](#).

KNOB

See [OFF KNOB](#) and [ON KNOB](#).

[KNOBX](#)

Returns and resets the KNOBX counter value.

[KNOBY](#)

Returns and resets the KNOBY counter value.

Keywords

L

<u>LABEL</u>	Prints text on graphic devices.
<u>LDIR</u>	Sets the angle for drawing LABELs and SYMBOLs.
<u>LEN</u>	Returns the number of characters in a string.
<u>LET</u>	Assigns a value to a variable.
<u>LEXICAL ORDER IS</u>	Defines "alphabetical" order for string comparisons.
<u>LGT</u>	Computes common (base 10) logarithms.
<u>LINE TYPE</u>	Sets the style or dash pattern and repeat length of lines.
<u>LINK</u>	Makes a hard link to a file.
<u>LINPUT</u>	Assigns alphanumeric keyboard input to a string variable.
<u>LIST</u>	Lists the program in memory to the selected device.
<u>LIST BIN</u>	Lists each BIN currently in memory.
<u>LIST KEY</u>	Lists the softkey macro definitions.
LISTEN	See <u>SEND</u> .
<u>LOAD</u>	Loads a user program into memory.
<u>LOAD BIN</u>	Loads a BIN system program file into memory.
<u>LOAD KEY</u>	Loads softkey macro definitions into memory.
<u>LOADSUB</u>	Loads a BASIC subprogram into memory.
<u>LOCAL</u>	Returns specified IEEE-488 devices to their local state.
<u>LOCAL LOCKOUT</u>	Sends the IEEE-488 LLO message.
LOCATOR	See <u>READ LOCATOR</u> and <u>SET LOCATOR</u> .
<u>LOCK</u>	Secures a file for exclusive access.
<u>LOG</u>	Computes natural (base "e") logarithms.
<u>LOOP</u>	Defines a series of statements to be executed repeatedly.
<u>LORG</u>	Specifies the position of a LABEL relative to the current position.
<u>LWC\$</u>	Converts characters in a string to lowercase.

Keywords

M

<u>MASS STORAGE IS</u>	Assigns the current mass storage device and directory.
<u>MAT</u>	Specifies an array operation.
<u>MAT REORDER</u>	Reorders array elements by a supplied subscript list.
<u>MAT SEARCH</u>	Searches an array for user specified conditions.
<u>MAT SORT</u>	Sorts string or numeric array data.
<u>MAX</u>	Returns the maximum value of a list of expressions.
<u>MAXLEN</u>	Returns the maximum declared length of a string variable.
<u>MAXREAL</u>	Returns the largest positive REAL number.
<u>MERGE ALPHA</u>	Enables all planes for Alpha and Graphics.
<u>MIN</u>	Returns the minimum value of a list of expressions.
<u>MINREAL</u>	Returns the smallest positive REAL number.
MLA	See <u>SEND</u> .
<u>MOD</u>	Returns the remainder after integer division.
<u>MODULO</u>	Returns the true mathematical modulus.
<u>MOVE</u>	Moves the logical and physical pens to a new position.
<u>MOVELINES</u>	Moves one or more program lines from one location to another.
MSI	See <u>MASS STORAGE IS</u> .
MTA	See <u>SEND</u> .

Keywords

N

NEXT

[NOT](#)

[NPAR](#)

[NUM](#)

See [FOR](#).

Returns the logical negation of an expression.

Returns the number of parameters passed to a subprogram.

Returns the decimal ASCII equivalent of the first character in a string.

Keywords

O

OFF	See ALPHA OFF , CLIP OFF , GRAPHICS OFF , TRACE OFF .
OFF CYCLE	Cancels event branches defined by ON CYCLE.
OFF DELAY	Cancels event branches defined by ON DELAY.
OFF END	Cancels event branches defined by ON END.
OFF EOR	Cancels event branches defined by ON EOR.
OFF EOT	Cancels event branches defined by ON EOT.
OFF ERROR	Cancels event branches defined by ON ERROR.
OFF INTR	Cancels event branches defined by ON INTR.
OFF KBD	Cancels event branches defined by ON KBD.
OFF KEY	Cancels event branches defined by ON KEY.
OFF KNOB	Cancels event branches defined by ON KNOB.
OFF SIGNAL	Cancels event branches defined by ON SIGNAL.
OFF TIME	Cancels event branches defined by ON TIME.
OFF TIMEOUT	Cancels event branches defined by ON TIMEOUT.
ON	Transfers control to one of a list of lines.
ON	See ALPHA ON , CLIP ON , GRAPHICS ON
ON CYCLE	Defines a repeating event branch.
ON DELAY	Defines an event branch after specified seconds.
ON END	Defines an event branch for end-of-file conditions.
ON EOR	Defines an event branch for end-of-record conditions.
ON EOT	Defines an event branch for end-of-transfer conditions.
ON ERROR	Defines an event branch for trappable errors.
ON INTR	Defines a hardware interrupt initiated branch.
ON KBD	Defines an event branch for when a key is pressed.
ON KEY	Defines an event branch for when a softkey is pressed.
ON KNOB	Defines an event branch for when the KNOB is turned.
ON SIGNAL	Defines an event branch for SIGNAL statement.
ON TIME	Defines a single event branch for a specific time.
ON TIMEOUT	Defines an event branch for an I/O timeout.
OPTION BASE	Sets the default lower bound of array subscripts.
OPTIONAL	See DEF FN and SUB .
OR	Returns the logical inclusive OR of two expressions.
OUT and OUTW	Outputs a byte or word to an I/O Port.
OUTPUT	Outputs items to a specified destination.
OUTW	See OUT .

Keywords

P

PARITY	This ASSIGN option is not supported.
PASS CONTROL	Passes Active Controller capability.
PAUSE	Pauses program execution.
PDIR	Sets the rotation angle for IPLOT, RPLOT, POLYGON and RECTANGLE.
PEN	Sets the line color or physical pen.
PENUP	Raises the PEN on the current plotting device.
PERMIT	Changes file protection permissions.
PI	Returns the value 3.141 592 653 589 79.
PIVOT	Rotates the coordinates of all drawn lines.
PLOT	Moves the pen to the specified X and Y coordinates.
PLOTTER IS	Specifies the graphics output device and language.
POLYGON	Draws a closed regular polygon, circle, or ellipse.
POLYLINE	Draws an open regular polygon.
POS	Returns the position of one string within another.
PPOLL	Conducts a Parallel Poll of the IEEE-488 and returns status.
PPOLL CONFIGURE	Configures remote IEEE-488 device parallel poll response.
PPOLL RESPONSE	Configures local IEEE-488 device parallel poll response.
PPOLL UNCONFIGURE	Disables the parallel poll response of a specified device or devices.
PRINT	Outputs data to the PRINTER IS device.
PRINT LABEL	Assigns a name to a data storage volume.
PRINT PEN	Selects the pen color used for the output area and DISP line.
PRINTALL IS	Assigns a logging device for operator interaction and error messages.
PRINTER IS	Specifies the system printing device.
PRIORITY	See SYSTEM PRIORITY .
PROTECT	Changes file attributes.
PROUND	Rounds the argument to the specified power of ten.
PRT	Returns the default device selector for the printer.
PURGE	Deletes a file or a directory on a mass storage media.

Keywords

Q

QUIT

Quits BASIC and returns to the operating system.

Keywords

R

<u>RAD</u>	Sets the trigonometric mode to radians for all angle measurements.
<u>RANDOMIZE</u>	Selects a seed for the RND function.
<u>RANK</u>	Returns the number of dimensions in an array.
<u>RATIO</u>	Returns the ratio of X to Y hard-clip limits for the PLOTTER IS device.
<u>READ</u>	Reads values from DATA statements.
<u>READ KEY</u>	Returns one or more softkey macro definitions.
<u>READ LABEL</u>	Reads a volume label.
<u>READ LOCATOR</u>	Reads the locator device without waiting for a digitize operation.
<u>READIO</u>	Reads a hardware register or a memory byte/word.
<u>REAL</u>	Reserves storage for floating point variables and arrays.
<u>REAL</u>	Converts an INTEGER or COMPLEX number to REAL.
<u>RECOVER</u>	See <u>ON-event</u> statements.
<u>RECTANGLE</u>	Draws and optionally fills and edges rectangles.
<u>REDIM</u>	Redimensions an array by changing the subscript ranges.
<u>REM</u>	Begins a REMark or comment line for program documentation.
<u>REMOTE</u>	Sets the remote state on a IEEE-488 device.
<u>REN</u>	Renumbers program lines.
<u>RENAME</u>	Changes the name of a file.
<u>REORDER</u>	See <u>MAT REORDER</u> .
<u>REPEAT ... UNTIL</u>	Defines a loop that is repeated UNTIL a condition is satisfied.
<u>REQUEST</u>	Sends a Service Request SRQ on the IEEE-488.
<u>RE-SAVE</u>	Copies the program into the specified ASCII file.
<u>RES</u>	Returns the result of the last numeric keyboard calculation.
<u>RESET</u>	Resets an interface or file or buffer pointers.
<u>RESET</u>	See <u>SUSPEND INTERACTIVE</u> .
<u>RESTORE</u>	Specifies which DATA statement to use for the next READ operation.
<u>RE-STORE</u>	Stores the BASIC program in a file.
<u>RE-STORE KEY</u>	Stores the KEY definitions in a file.
<u>RESUME INTERACTIVE</u>	Restores the normal functions of program control keys.
<u>RETURN</u>	Returns to the program line following the last GOSUB line.
<u>REV\$</u>	Reverses the sequence of characters in a string.
<u>RND</u>	Returns a pseudo-random number.
<u>ROTATE</u>	Shifts a 16 bit binary value with wraparound.
<u>RPLOT</u>	Moves the pen relative to the current graphic location.
<u>RPT\$</u>	Returns a string replicated a specified number of times.
<u>RSUM</u>	See <u>MAT</u> .
<u>RUN</u>	Starts program execution.
<u>RUNLIGHT</u>	Controls the display of the pseudo runlight on the display.

Keywords

S

SAVE	Saves the current program into an ASCII file.
SBYTE	Determines if character is second byte of a two byte character.
SC	Returns the interface select code associated with an I/O path name.
SCRATCH	Clears user memory.
SEC	See SEND .
SECURE	Protects programs lines.
SELECT ... CASE	Defines a CASE block structure.
SEND	Sends messages on the IEEE-488 bus.
SEPARATE ALPHA	On a bit-mapped display, simulates 9836 style alpha/graphics hardware.
SET ALPHA MASK	Determines which plane(s) can be modified by ALPHA display operations.
SET CHR	Defines the bit-patterns for one or more characters.
SET DISPLAY MASK	Specifies which planes can be seen on the alpha display.
SET ECHO	Sets the echo location on the PLOTTER IS device.
SET KEY	Defines one or more softkey macros.
SET LOCATOR	Sets a new graphic locator position on the GRAPHICS INPUT IS device.
SET PEN	Defines part or all of the color map.
SET TIME	Sets the time of day clock.
SET TIMEDATE	Sets the date and time of the computer's clock.
SGN	Returns the arithmetic sign of an expression.
SHIFT	Shifts a 16 bit binary value.
SHOW	Defines the graphics unit-of-measure isotropically.
SIGNAL	Initiates a software interrupt.
SIN	Returns the sine of the argument.
SINH	Returns the hyperbolic sine of an expression.
SIZE	Returns the number of elements of a dimension of an array.
SORT	See MAT SORT .
SOUND	Produces tones on the computer speaker.
SPANISH	See LEXICAL ORDER IS .
SPOLL	Performs a serial poll of a IEEE-488 device.
SQR	See SQRT .
SQRT	Returns the square root of an expression.
STANDARD	See LEXICAL ORDER IS .
STATUS	Returns control information from an interface or I/O path.
STEP	See FOR .
STOP	Terminates program execution.
STORE	Stores the BASIC program in a file.
STORE KEY	Stores the softkey definitions in a file.
STORE SYSTEM	Stores BASIC and loaded BINs into a file.
SUB	Defines a subprogram and specifies formal parameters.
SUBEND and SUBEXIT	See SUB .
SUM	Returns the sum of all elements in a numeric array.
SUSPEND INTERACTIVE	Deactivates program control keys.
SWEDISH	See LEXICAL ORDER IS .
SYMBOL	Allows the user to define symbols that may be used as labels.
SYSBOOT	Reboots the computer.
SYSTEM KEYS	Displays the System Softkeys Menu.
SYSTEM PRIORITY	Sets the system priority to a specified level.
SYSTEM\$	Returns system status and configuration information.

Keywords

T

TAB	See DISP and PRINT .
TABXY	See PRINT .
TALK	See SEND .
TAN	Returns the tangent of an expression.
TANH	Returns the hyperbolic tangent of an expression.
THEN	See IF ... THEN .
TIME	Converts a time-of-day string to seconds after midnight.
TIME\$	Returns a formatted time of day string.
TIMEDATE	Returns the current time and date from the clock.
TIMEOUT	See OFF TIMEOUT and ON TIMEOUT .
TIMEZONE IS	Corrects between GMT and local time for HP BASIC/WS.
TO	See COPY , COPYLINES , FOR , MAT SORT , MOVELINES , RENAME , SELECT ... CASE .
TRACE	Controls the display of information about a running program.
TRACK	Enables or disables tracking of the locator position on the display device.
TRANSFER	Performs an unformatted I/O transfer.
TRIGGER	Sends a trigger message to all or selected devices on the IEEE-488.
TRIM\$	Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string.
TRN	See MAT .

Keywords

U

UNL

See [SEND](#).

[UNLOCK](#)

Removes exclusive access protection from a LOCKed file.

UNT

See [SEND](#).

UNTIL

See [REPEAT](#).

[UPC\\$](#)

Converts characters in a string to uppercase characters.

[USER KEYS](#)

Displays the specified User Softkey Menu.

USING

See [IMAGE](#), [ENTER](#), [LABEL](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#).

Keywords

V

VAL

Converts a string into a numeric value.

VAL\$

Converts a number into its string representation.

VIEWPORT

Defines the area of the graphic device used for output.

Keywords

W

[WAIT](#)

Waits a specified time or for TRANSFER events.

[WHERE](#)

Returns the logical pen position.

[WHILE](#)

Repeats an action while a condition is true.

WIDTH

See [PRINTALL IS](#) and [PRINTER IS](#).

[WILDCARDS](#)

Enables or disables wildcard support.

[WINDOW](#)

Sets the bounds for displayable graphics data in user defined units.

WORD

See [ASSIGN](#).

[WRITEIO](#)

Writes to a hardware register or a memory byte/word.

Keywords

X

XREF

Generates a cross reference of a program.

Keywords

Z

ZERO

This ASSIGN option is not supported.

Chapter 4

Keyword Dictionary

The following pages contain the HTBasic keywords listed in dictionary fashion. Each entry includes a syntax diagram, sample statements, a description of the keyword's functionality and related keywords. The previous chapters present material helpful in understanding the "Keyword Dictionary." [Chapter 1](#) explains the format used and typographical conventions. [Chapter 2](#) defines terms used to present the syntax of each keyword. And [Chapter 3](#) contains a table showing which statements can be executed from the keyboard, stored in a program or included in an IF...THEN statement.

ABORT

Stops IEEE-488 activity.

Syntax: ABORT { interface-select-code | @io-path }

Sample:
ABORT 7
ABORT I sc
ABORT @Code

Description:

This command is only legal on the IEEE-488 interface. If the computer is the system controller but not the active controller, ABORT causes the computer to assume active control.

If a primary address is specified, an error is generated. If the computer is the system controller, the bus action is to issue IFC for greater than 100 micro-seconds and then to assert REN and de-assert ATN. If the computer is not the system controller but is the active controller, the bus action is: ATN, MTA, UNL and de-assert ATN. If it is also not the active controller, no action is taken.

See Also:

[CLEAR](#) , [LOCAL](#) , [PASS CONTROL](#) , [PPOLL](#) , [REMOTE](#) , [REQUEST](#) , [SEND](#) , [SPOLL](#) , [TRIGGER](#)

ABORTIO

Stops an active TRANSFER.

Syntax: ABORTIO @io-path

Sample: ABORTIO @Isc
ABORTIO @Device

Description:

The io-path must be assigned to an interface select code or device selector, not the BUFFER. If an [ON EOT](#) branch is enabled, it will be called. If there is no active [TRANSFER](#) on the io-path, then **ABORTIO** has no effect. If a [TRANSFER](#) was stopped because of an error, **ABORTIO** reports the error.

See Also:

[BREAK](#), [ON EOR](#), [ON EOT](#), [RESET](#), [TRANSFER](#), [WAIT](#)

ABS

Returns the absolute value of an expression.

Syntax: ABS(numeric-expression)

Sample:

```
J=ABS(X*5)
PRINT "Total losses=";ABS(Sum)
R=ABS(SIN(Theta))
```

Description:

For [REAL](#) and [INTEGER](#) arguments, the result of the **ABS** function is the same type as the argument. Note that **ABS**(-32768) generates an error because the result, 32768, exceeds the [INTEGER](#) range.

COMPLEX Arguments

For [COMPLEX](#) arguments, **ABS** returns the absolute value (magnitude or modulus) of the argument. The absolute value of a number [CMPLX](#)(X,Y) is the distance from the origin to the point (X,Y) in the complex plane:

$$\text{ABS}(\text{CMPLX}(X,Y)) = \text{SQRT}(X^2+Y^2)$$

Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of X and Y. Complex numbers are stored in rectangular form, but may be used in polar form using **ABS** and [ARG](#). For example:

```
PRINT "Magnitude = ";ABS(Z),"Angle = ";ARG(Z)
```

To enter a number in polar form, convert it from polar form to rectangular in this manner:

```
10 INPUT Magnitude,Angle
20 Z=CMPLX( Magnitude*COS(Angle), Magnitude*SIN(Angle))
```

See Also:

[ARG](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [SGN](#)

ACS

Returns the arccosine of an expression.

Syntax: ACS(numeric-expression)

Sample:
Alpha=ACS(R0)
Angle=ACS(Cosine)
PRINT "Angle = ";ACS(Z)

Description:

ACS returns the arccosine of a numeric expression whose value is between -1 and +1 inclusive. The arccosine of a number is the angle whose cosine is that number. **ACS** returns a value between 0 and PI radians or 180 degrees, depending on the current trigonometric mode. The default trigonometric mode is radians.

COMPLEX Arguments

ACS accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. **ACS** returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ACS}(Z) = \text{CMPLX}(0,-1)*\text{LOG}(Z+\text{CMPLX}(0,1)*\text{SQRT}(1-Z^2))$$

which returns a real part in the range 0 to PI. The domain for [COMPLEX](#) arguments includes all points in the complex plane (but for [REAL](#) arguments, the domain is still -1 to +1 inclusive). Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

ACSH

Returns the hyperbolic arccosine of an expression.

Syntax: ACSH(numeric-expression)

Sample: Angle=ACSH(Hcosine)
PRINT "Complex Angle = ";ACSH(Z)

Description:

The hyperbolic arccosine of a number is the angle whose hyperbolic cosine is that number. The angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. **ACSH** returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ACSH}(Z) = \text{LOG}(Z + \text{CMPLX}(0,1) * \text{SQRT}(1 - Z^2))$$

which returns an imaginary part in the range 0 to PI. **ACSH** accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. The domain for [COMPLEX](#) arguments includes all points in the complex plane, but for [REAL](#) arguments, the domain is only defined for points ≥ 1 . Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASNH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#)

ALLOCATE

Dynamically allocates string variables and arrays.

Syntax: ALLOCATE item [,item...]

where: item = [type] numeric-array (bounds) |
variable-name\$ [(bounds)] ['length']
type = REAL | INTEGER | COMPLEX
bounds = [lower-bound:] upper-bound [,bounds...]

Sample:
ALLOCATE Chart (Down:Up)
ALLOCATE M\$ [LEN (N\$) +1]
ALLOCATE Group\$ (Section) [50]
ALLOCATE INTEGER Myarray (Type, 3, 5)

Description:

The lower and upper bound range is -32,768 through +32,767, with the default lower bound range being the [OPTION BASE](#) (0 or 1). The string length is a numeric expression rounded to an integer in the range of 1 through 32,767.

ALLOCATE variables cannot appear in [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#) or [REAL](#) declaration statements or be declared in the subprogram parameter list.

[DEALLOCATE](#) frees allocated memory, but because of stack requirements the freed memory does not become available unless all allocated items are also deallocated. In addition, [ON](#) event statements also use the stack and will not allow the deallocated memory to be available for use until the [ON](#) event statements are released from the stack. Memory **ALLOCATED** within a subprogram is [DEALLOCATE](#)d upon exit of that subprogram.

After a variable has been deallocated, it can be reallocated with a different size as long as it has the same type and number of dimensions.

Porting Issues

Under HTBasic, [GOSUB](#) and **ALLOCATE** use the same stack. Intermixing these statements can cause changes in available memory that are different from HP BASIC. This usually does not cause problems.

See Also:

[COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DEALLOCATE](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#), [REDIM](#)

ALPHA

Controls the visibility of the ALPHA screen area.

Syntax: ALPHA { ON | OFF }

Sample: ALPHA ON
IF Display THEN ALPHA OFF

Description:

ALPHA ON makes the alpha screen visible; **ALPHA OFF** makes it invisible. The current screen driver has an effect on the execution of this statement as explained in the following paragraphs. See [PLOTTER IS](#) for an explanation of the screen drivers.

If the CRTA screen driver is being used, turning the **ALPHA** screen **ON** turns the [GRAPHICS](#) screen off and vice-versa. Any time the [GRAPHICS](#) screen is turned off, it is cleared.

If the CRTB screen driver is being used, **ALPHA ON/OFF** has no effect when **ALPHA** and [GRAPHICS](#) are [MERGE](#)d. [SEPARATE ALPHA](#) must be executed before this statement has any effect.

See Also:

[CLEAR SCREEN](#), [GRAPHICS](#), [MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#)

ALPHA HEIGHT

Sets the number of lines used for the ALPHA screen.

Syntax: ALPHA HEIGHT [number-of-lines]

Sample: ALPHA HEIGHT Num
ALPHA HEIGHT 12

Description:

The optional number-of-lines is a numeric expression rounded to an integer and must be nine or greater. The bottom number-of-lines of the [CRT](#) are reserved for the alpha display. This can be useful in reserving the top of the [CRT](#) for the display of graphics. This command is equivalent to a [CONTROL CRT,13;lines](#). If the number-of-lines is not specified, it is reset to the default.

If you are using [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#), you must specify a pen-number that intersects with the alpha write enable mask. For example, on a 16 color display, the mask is 8 when **SEPARATE**. If pen-numbers of 0 to 7 are used, they won't intersect the mask and no alpha text will be written.

See Also:

[ALPHA PEN](#), [KBD LINE PEN](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [PRINT PEN](#)

ALPHA PEN

Sets the ALPHA display color.

Syntax: ALPHA PEN pen-number

Sample:
ALPHA PEN Color
ALPHA PEN 137
IF Red THEN ALPHA PEN 2

Description:

This statement overrides any **ALPHA PEN**, [PRINT PEN](#), [KBD LINE PEN](#) or [KEY LABELS PEN](#) statements in effect. The pen-number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer. If you are using the CRTB screen display driver legal values are from 0 to 15. (HP BASIC supports 255.) If you are using the CRTA display driver, legal values are from 136 to 143. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,5;pen-number](#).

See Also:

[COLOR](#), [KBD LINE PEN](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [PRINT PEN](#)

AND

Performs the logical conjunction of two expressions.

Syntax: numeric-expression AND numeric-expression

Sample: IF A AND B THEN C
First=Last AND Ready
A=Age>19 AND Reply\$="YES"

Description:

AND returns a value of one (true) or zero (false) from the logical conjunction of two expressions. The value of j **AND** k, where j and k are themselves numeric expressions is one (true) only if both j and k are non-zero. It is zero (false) if either or both j and k are zero. **AND** can be used in combination with other logical or math operators in numeric expressions.

See Also:

[EXOR](#), [OR](#), [NOT](#)

AREA

Sets or defines an AREA fill color.

Syntax: AREA COLOR hue, saturation, luminosity
AREA INTENSITY red, green, blue
AREA PEN pen-number

Sample: AREA COLOR Hue, Sat, Lum
AREA INTENSITY Red (I) , Green (I) , Blue (I)
AREA PEN 11
AREA PEN -Numb

Description:

AREA allows you to specify the color used to fill areas. See [COLOR](#) for an explanation of how to specify colors with **COLOR**, **INTENSITY** and **PEN**. The effect of different pen numbers is given in the Drawing Mode Table, below.

If you specify a color with **COLOR** or **INTENSITY** which cannot be produced on the computer system you are using, the color may be approximated by using an available color which is close to the color specified. On some displays this may include dithering available colors to produce a color closer to the one you specified. If dithering is used, the statement will execute slower than an **AREA PEN** statement.

The default area fill color is [PEN](#) one. The color defined by **AREA** remains the area fill color until an **AREA**, [GINIT](#) or [SCRATCHA](#) is executed. [IPLOT](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLLOT](#) or [SYMBOL](#) can also be used to change the area fill color.

Drawing Mode Table

The writing mode of the pen is specified by the current drawing mode and the sign of the pen number. [GESCAPE CRT,4](#) is used to change to normal drawing mode. [GESCAPE CRT,5](#) is used to change to alternate drawing mode. The following table defines the different writing modes available. P is a positive pen number, X is the present value of a pixel.

Statement	GESCAPE CRT,4 Normal	GESCAPE CRT,5 Alternate
AREA PEN P	P	BINIOR(X,P)
AREA PEN 0	0	0
AREA PEN -P	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))

See Also:

[COLOR](#), [GESCAPE](#), [IPLOT](#), [PEN](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLLOT](#), [SYMBOL](#)

ARG

Returns the **Argument (Angle)** of a complex number.

Syntax: ARG(numeric-expression)

Sample: PRINT "Angle = ";ARG(CMPLX(1,2))

Description:

The Argument of a complex number is the angle in the complex plane between the positive real axis and a vector to the complex number. Positive angles are counter-clockwise from the positive real axis. **ARG** returns the principal value which has a range of $-\pi$ to π radians or -180 to 180 degrees, depending on the current trigonometric mode. Note that the **ARG** of a real number can be either 0 or π (180), depending on whether the number is positive or negative. [COMPLEX](#) numbers are stored in rectangular form, but may be used in polar form using [ABS](#) and **ARG**. For example:

```
PRINT "Magnitude = ";ABS(Z),"Angle = ";ARG(Z)
```

To enter a number in polar form, convert it from polar form to rectangular in this manner:

```
10 INPUT Magnitude,Angle
20 Z=CMPLX( Magnitude*COS(Angle), Magnitude*SIN(Angle))
```

See Also:

[ABS](#), [CMPLX](#), [DEG](#), [IMAG](#), [RAD](#), [REAL](#)

ASN

Returns the arcsine of an expression.

Syntax: ASN(numeric-expression)

Sample: Beta=ASN(T1)
PRINT "Angle = ";ASN(Sine)

Description:

The arcsine of a number is the angle whose sine is that number. **ASN** returns a value between $\pm\pi/2$ radians or ± 90 degrees. The default trigonometric mode is radians unless changed with the [DEG](#) statement. Its argument must be a value between -1 and 1 inclusive.

COMPLEX Arguments

ASN accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. **ASN** returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ACS}(Z) = \text{CMPLX}(0,-1)*\text{LOG}(\text{CMPLX}(0,1)*Z+\text{SQRT}(1-Z^2))$$

which returns a real part in the range $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$. The domain for [COMPLEX](#) arguments includes all points in the complex plane (but for [REAL](#) arguments, the domain is still -1 to 1, inclusive). Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

ASNH

Returns the hyperbolic arcsine of an expression.

Syntax: ASNH(numeric-expression)

Sample: Beta=ASNH(T1)
PRINT "Angle = ";ASNH(Z)

Description:

The hyperbolic arcsine of a number is the angle whose hyperbolic sine is that number. The angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. **ASNH** returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ASNH}(Z) = \text{LOG}(Z + \text{SQRT}(Z^2 + 1))$$

which returns an imaginary part in the range $-\pi/2$ to $+\pi/2$. **ASNH** accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. **ASNH** is defined at all points for both [COMPLEX](#) and [REAL](#) arguments. However, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACSH](#), [ASN](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#)

ASSIGN

Sets up an I/O path and its attributes.

Syntax: **ASSIGN** @io-path [TO resource] [;attrib [,attrib...]]
 ASSIGN @io-path TO *

where: resource = device-selector [,device-selector...] |
 file-specifier |
 pipe-specifier |
 BUFFER {string-name\$ | numeric-array(*) | ['buf-size']}
 attrib = **FORMAT** {ON|OFF|MSB FIRST|LSB FIRST} | {**BYTE** | **WORD**} |
 CONVERT {IN|OUT} {OFF | {**BY** {**INDEX**|**PAIRS**} convert\$}} |
 PARITY {**EVEN** | **ODD** | **ONE** | **ZERO** | **OFF**} |
 EOL eol-chars [**END**] [**DELAY** seconds] | **EOL** **OFF** |
 RETURN numeric-name | **APPEND**
 buf-size = size of the buffer in bytes
 convert\$ = string-name. If **INDEX**, it can have up to
 256 characters. If **PAIRS**, it must have an even
 number of characters.
 eol-chars = string-expression of up to 8 characters
 seconds = numeric-expression rounded to the nearest
 0.001 through 32.767 (default is 0)

Sample: **ASSIGN** @Code TO Isc;FORMAT OFF
 ASSIGN @Close TO *
 ASSIGN @Devices TO 711,712,715
 ASSIGN @Buf1 TO **BUFFER** Str1\$
 ASSIGN @B TO **BUFFER** [12800]
 ASSIGN @Buffer TO **BUFFER** Array(*)
 ASSIGN @File TO "C:\MSDOS\FILE2"
 ASSIGN @File TO "/unix/CityDir/StFile";**APPEND**
 ASSIGN @T TO 12;WORD,RETURN R,EOL My\$ **DELAY** 1
 ASSIGN @Stdout TO "| cat";EOL CHR\$(10)
 ASSIGN @Pipe TO "finger |"

Description:

ASSIGN makes a connection between a file, buffer, device, or devices and an I/O path name. An I/O path contains the necessary information to control the input or output of data. It is used in I/O statements to specify the source or destination of the input or output. An I/O path name can be placed in a [COM](#) statement and can be passed by reference as an argument to subprograms. I/O operations can be re-directed by re-**ASSIGN**ing the I/O path. **ASSIGN** may also be used to change previous I/O path attributes or to close an I/O path.

Devices

To do I/O with an IEEE-488 device which has a primary address of 2, you would use the **ASSIGN** statement (assuming the default IEEE-488 interface select code of 7):

```
ASSIGN @io-path TO 702
```

To do I/O with a device hooked to the serial port (assuming the port is at the default ISC of 9), you would use:

```
ASSIGN @io-path TO 9
```

A device can have more than one I/O path name (each with different attributes)

associated with it.

An I/O path name can have more than one device assigned to it. If multiple devices are specified, they must be on the same interface. When [OUTPUT](#) is made to an I/O path assigned to multiple devices, all the devices receive the data. When [ENTER](#) is made from multiple devices, the first device specified sends data to the computer and to all the other devices assigned to the I/O path name. When [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PPOLL](#), [CONFIGURE](#), [PPOLL UNCONFIGURE](#), [REMOTE](#) or [TRIGGER](#) are made on multiple devices, all the devices receive the IEEE-488 message.

Files

A file is opened when the **ASSIGN** statement specifies a file-specifier. The file's position pointer is set to the beginning of the file unless **APPEND** is specified and is updated to point to the next byte to be read or written with each [ENTER](#) or [OUTPUT](#) statement.

Pipes

Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not under DOS. A process is created with the command specified in the pipe-specifier. If the pipe-specifier begins with the "|" pipe character, then [OUTPUT](#) can be used to send information to the process. If the pipe-specifier ends with the pipe character, then [ENTER](#) can be used to get information from the process.

Buffers

The statement

```
ASSIGN @Io_path TO BUFFER [300]
```

creates an unnamed buffer and assigns it an I/O path name. The

```
ASSIGN @Io_path TO BUFFER X(*)
```

statement assigns an I/O path name to a buffer variable previously declared in a [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#) or [REAL](#) statement. The buffer specified in **ASSIGN** may now be used in [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#) or [TRANSFER](#) statements. Buffer control information can be read with the [STATUS](#) statement and includes the current number of bytes in the buffer (initially set to 0), the empty and the fill pointers (initially set to 1) and the buffer capacity.

An I/O path name must exist for as long as its assigned buffer exists. To insure this, the following rules are used: Buffers cannot be declared in [ALLOCATE](#) statements. For a named buffer and its associated I/O path name, if either appear in a [COM](#) block, then the other must also. The same is true of subprogram parameters or else the buffer must appear in a [COM](#) block accessible to the subprogram. I/O path names assigned to unnamed buffers cannot appear in [COM](#) blocks or subprogram parameters.

Unnamed buffers can only be accessed through their I/O path names. When the I/O path of an unnamed buffer is closed, the buffer space is deallocated. Named buffers can be directly accessed through their variable names, although this is not generally recommended. It does not perform necessary byte order swapping. And the data in the buffer can be changed without proper update of the buffer control registers (empty and fill pointers, current number of bytes). To automatically update the buffer control registers use the [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#), and [TRANSFER](#) statements.

Binary data in a buffer exists in the byte order of the data source. If that order is different than the byte order of the computer, then accessing the data through the variable name results in incorrect data. Again, using [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#) and [TRANSFER](#) to access the data handles the byte order correctly.

FORMAT

The **FORMAT** option controls whether data is handled in binary or ASCII. If **FORMAT** is not explicitly specified a default format is used as specified in the [chart](#) below. In addition to the HP BASIC compatible **FORMAT ON** and **FORMAT OFF** options, HTBasic also allows the **FORMAT MSB FIRST** and **FORMAT LSB FIRST** options. These options allow explicit specification of the data byte ordering. If **LSB FIRST** is specified, then numbers are sent and received with the Least Significant Byte first. If **MSB FIRST** is specified, then numbers are sent and received with the Most Significant Byte first.

On an IBM PC or compatible, **LSB** is the native byte order. If a device is capable of sending binary data in **LSB** format, it should be instructed to do so and **FORMAT LSB FIRST** should be specified instead of **FORMAT OFF**.

On a Sun SPARCstation or HP Series 700 computer, **MSB** is the native byte order, so the **MSB/LSB FIRST** extensions are not normally needed.

BYTE and WORD

When **BYTE** is included in the **ASSIGN** statement the data is sent and received as 8-bit bytes. **WORD** sends and receives data in 16-bit words and can only be used on a 16-bit interface. The default form if neither **BYTE** nor **WORD** is explicitly specified is **BYTE**.

CONVERT

When **CONVERT** is included in the **ASSIGN** statement a character-conversion table is used during [OUTPUT](#) and [ENTER](#) operations (**OUT** converts during [OUTPUT](#) and **IN** converts during [ENTER](#)). The default attribute is no conversion (**CONVERT IN OFF** and **CONVERT OUT OFF**). If **CONVERT OUT** is specified then conversions are made after EOL characters are appended but before parity generation (if **PARITY** specified). If **CONVERT IN** is specified then conversions are made after parity check but before item or statement terminators are checked.

When **BY INDEX** is included, an index system is used in the conversion process. Each original character is used as an index into the conversion string. [CHR\\$\(1\)](#) is replaced by the 1st character, [CHR\\$\(2\)](#) is replaced the 2nd character, etc. Note however that [CHR\\$\(0\)](#) is replaced by the 256th character in the conversion string.

When **BY PAIRS** is included, pairs of characters are used in the conversion process (the original character and its replacement character). The original characters (odd characters) are searched in the conversion string. If the original is found it is replaced by the next (replacement) character. If the original is not found, then no conversion takes place.

Note: **CONVERT** is not supported in HTBasic.

PARITY

The most significant bit of the byte is considered the parity bit. On [OUTPUT](#), parity is calculated after any **CONVERT**. On [ENTER](#), parity is checked before any **CONVERT**.

Note: The **PARITY** option to **ASSIGN** is not supported in HTBasic. The parity for the serial interface should be set using the appropriate [CONTROL](#) register.

EOL

The default End-Of-Line is a carriage-return (CR) and line-feed (LF) sent with no **END** indication and no **DELAY**. Specifying **END** causes an interface specific END indication to be sent with the EOL. On the IEEE-488, **END** causes EOI to be sent with the final character of the EOL. Specifying **DELAY** causes the computer to pause for the specified

number of seconds after sending the EOL and before allowing the program to continue. The delay time depends on the timing resolution available on the computer you are using. The default EOL can be restored by specifying **EOL OFF**.

Under UNIX, it is conventional to use a plain LF as the End-Of-Line. For example,

```
ASSIGN @I TO "/etc/mtab";EOL CHR$(10)
```

Note: LF or CR/LF are always used to terminate ENTER data, regardless of the setting of **EOL** in the **ASSIGN** statement.

RETURN

RETURN can be used with **ASSIGN** to test whether the **ASSIGN** operation was successful. If not successful the error number is returned in the variable specified, otherwise a zero is returned.

APPEND

If **APPEND** is specified, the file position is moved to the end-of-file after the **ASSIGN**. If it is not specified, the file position is moved to the beginning of the file. **APPEND** is supported on BDAT and ordinary files, but not LIF ASCII files.

Close I/O Paths

Closing an I/O path makes the path invalid. All subsequent ON event statements for the closed I/O path are not acted upon. If an I/O path name has not been declared in a COM statement it may be closed in the following ways:

1. explicitly close a path by executing: **ASSIGN @io-path TO ***
2. re-assigning the I/O path: **ASSIGN @path TO resource**
3. exiting the subprogram: SUBEND, SUBEXIT, ON...RECOVER, or RETURN...
4. stopping the program: END, GET, LOAD, SCRATCH, SCRATCH A, SCRATCH C or STOP

If an I/O path name has been declared in a COM statement it may be closed in the following ways:

1. explicitly close a path by executing: **ASSIGN @io-path TO ***
2. executing SCRATCH A or SCRATCH C
3. executing EDIT, GET, LOAD in a program that has a COM statement that does not match the COM statement that contains the I/O path name.

Changing Attributes

The attributes of a previously **ASSIGNED** I/O path may be individually changed by omitting "TO resource" in the **ASSIGN** statement. To restore all default attributes use **ASSIGN@io-path**.

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When an **ASSIGN** fails, the previous state of the I/O path is not preserved. Also, the **CONVERT** and **PARITY** options are not implemented.

Under DOS, if changes are made to an **ASSIGNED** file, the directory entry is not updated until the file is closed. DOS buffers reads and writes to disk. You should not remove a diskette or turn the power off while a file is **ASSIGNED**. Exchanging diskettes while a file is **ASSIGNED** on the first can destroy the next diskette. Two I/O paths **ASSIGNED** simultaneously to the same file can produce slightly different results than HP BASIC, depending on the buffering DOS does.

The HTBasic **ASSIGN** includes two new options, **FORMAT LSB FIRST** and **FORMAT MSB FIRST**, to specify byte ordering of binary numeric data transfers. This provides the

ability to do binary transfers with any device or computer, regardless of the byte ordering that device uses.

See Also:

[CREATE](#), [CREATE ASCII](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [PURGE](#), [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#)

ATN

Returns the arctangent of an expression.

Syntax: ATN(numeric-expression)

Sample: C2=ATN(4.5)
PRINT "Angle = ";ATN(Ang1)

Description:

The arctangent of a number is the angle whose tangent is that number. ATN returns a value between $\pm\pi/2$ radians or ± 90 degrees, depending on the current trigonometric mode. The default trigonometric mode is [RAD](#). Use [DEG](#) to change to degrees.

COMPLEX Arguments

ATN accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. ATN returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ATN}(Z) = \text{CMPLX}(0,1/2) * \text{LOG}((\text{CMPLX}(0,1)+Z)/(\text{CMPLX}(0,1)-Z))$$

which returns a real part in the range $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$. The domain for [COMPLEX](#) arguments includes all points in the complex plane except [CMPLX](#)(0,1). Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [COS](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

ATNH

Returns the hyperbolic arctangent of an expression.

Syntax: ATNH(numeric-expression)

Sample:
C2=ATNH(CMPLX(4.5,2))
PRINT "Angle = ";ATNH(Z)

Description:

The hyperbolic arctangent of a number is the angle whose hyperbolic tangent is that number. The angle is returned in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. **ATNH** accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [REAL](#) arguments the domain is between -1 and 1. For complex arguments, **ATNH** returns the principal value, defined (in terms of complex arithmetic) as

$$\text{ATNH}(Z) = 1/2 * \text{LOG}((1+Z)/(1-Z))$$

which returns an imaginary part in the range $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$. The domain for [COMPLEX](#) arguments includes all points in the complex plane except [CMPLX](#)($\pm 1,0$). Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACSH](#), [ASNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#)

ATN2

Returns the angle to a point.

Syntax: ATN2(y, x)

where: x and y = numeric-expressions

Sample: PRINT "Angle=";ATN2(1,2)

Description:

ATN2(x,y) returns the angle between the positive real axis and a vector to the point (x,y). Positive angles are counter-clockwise from the x axis. **ATN2** returns a value in the range of -PI to PI radians or -180 to 180 degrees, depending on the current trigonometric mode. **ATN2**(0,0) is undefined and causes an error.

ATN2(y,x) is so named because of its similarity to [ATN](#)(y/x). However, [ATN](#)(y/x) does not calculate correct angles for points in the 2nd and 3rd quadrants. In some languages, this function is named **ANGLE**(x,y). In HTBasic, it is named **ATN2**(y,x) to match HP Series 80 BASIC.

Porting to HP BASIC

ATN2 is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[ABS](#), [ARG](#), [DEG](#), [RAD](#), [SQRT](#)

AXES

Draws x-y axes.

Syntax: AXES [x1 [,y1 [,x2 [,y2 [,x3 [,y3 [,major]]]]]]]

where: x1,y1 = numeric-expressions, x,y tick spacing
x2,y2 = numeric-expressions, x,y origin of axis
x3,y3 = numeric-expressions, rounded to integers, major tick counts
(range 1 through 32767)
major = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer, major tick size

Sample: AXES 5,5,0,100
AXES X,Y,Midx,Midy,Maxx/10,Maxy/10

Description:

The **AXES** statement draws X-Y axes. You may specify the tic spacing on each axis in [WINDOW](#) units by giving two arguments, one for the x tic spacing and one for the y tic spacing; the default 0,0 means don't draw ticks. You may then specify the axes origin in [WINDOW](#) units; the default is 0,0. Also, you may specify the number of ticks between major tick marks; the default is 1,1 meaning that every tick is major. Lastly, you may specify the major tick size in [VIEWPORT](#) units; the default is 2.

The axes extend across the soft-clip area and the tick marks are symmetric about the axes but are clipped by the soft-clip area. If the x or y axis is outside the clip area, then tick marks are drawn into the non-clip area. The axes and tick marks are drawn in the current line style and pen color. A major tick is placed at the axis origin. The minor tick marks are half the size of the major tick marks.

See Also:

[FRAME](#), [GRID](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PEN](#)

BASE

Returns the lower bound of an array dimension.

Syntax: BASE(array-name[\$],dimension)

where: dimension = integer between 1 and $6 \leq \text{RANK}$ of array

Sample:
Lwr=BASE (Yarray\$, Dim)
Uppr (2) =BASE (A, 2) +SIZE (A, 2) -2

Description:

BASE returns the current lower bound of an array dimension. This might be different than the DIMensioned value if a REDIM or matrix statement has changed it. This function is also useful in a subprogram where an array is passed in as one of the parameters.

See Also:

ALLOCATE, DIM, OPTION BASE, RANK, REDIM, SIZE

BEEP

Generates music or sound effects.

Syntax: BEEP [frequency, duration]

Sample:
BEEP
BEEP Tone, Seconds
BEEP Freq, Duration
BEEP 75.5*Freq, Sec

Description:

BEEP generates a frequency for a specified duration in seconds. On computers that do not provide control for variable frequency sound generation, **BEEP** generates a beep or bell sound. The range of the duration is 0 to 2.55 and is rounded to the nearest 0.01 seconds, subject to the timing resolution of your computer system. The value 2.55 is used for any duration greater than 2.55. If no frequency or duration is specified, a 1220.7 Hz beep is generated for 0.2 seconds.

DOS Usage Notes

Under DOS, the period (not the frequency) is rounded to a multiple of 0.838 micro-seconds. The range of frequencies is 40.7 Hz to 32.767 KHz. (HP BASIC rounds the frequency value to a multiple of 81.38 Hz and supports a range of 81 Hz to 5.208 KHz.) Under Windows 3.1, BEEP generates a single beep.

UNIX Usage Notes

The -beep command line switch determines whether the **BEEP** statement uses the console to produce the tone or whether it uses the CRT driver to produce the tone (in some driver-specific manner). By default, the console is used to produce the tone. This is not always the appropriate behavior, as would be the case when running remotely.

On the Sun Version, the console uses the /dev/audio device to produce the tone. The period is rounded to a multiple of 125 micro-seconds. Consequently, the number of frequencies is very limited. For example, above 1000 Hz the only frequencies available are 1143, 1333, 1600, 2000, 2667 and 4000.

If the X Windows CRT driver is producing the tone, then the results vary according to the X Server. OpenWindows 2.0 always produces a tone of 2400 Hz, although the duration of the BEEP statement matches the duration specified. HP-VUE produces the requested frequency, but allows the program to continue immediately while the tone is sounding.

See Also:

[SOUND](#)

BINAND

Performs a bit by bit logical AND.

Syntax: BINAND(arg, arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#) range -32768 to +32767

Sample:
I=BINAND(J,K)*6
IF BINAND(Low,4) THEN CALL Set

Description:

Use **BINAND** to clear or test specific bits. **BINAND(A,B)** converts the values of A and B to integers. The integer values of A and B are then treated as unsigned binary numbers. Corresponding bits in A and B are then **AND**ed together. If both corresponding bits in A and B are a 1 the resulting bit is set to a 1 otherwise it is set to a 0. The following example:

```
BINAND(12,6)
```

performs a bit by bit logical AND of 12 with 6.

12	=	0000000000001100
6	=	0000000000000110
BINAND(12,6)	=	0000000000000100

The resulting binary number represents 4.

See Also:

[BINCMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BINCMP

Performs a bit by bit complement.

Syntax: BINCMP(arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample: B=BINCMP (A)

Description:

The result of **BINCMP(A)** is calculated by first converting the value of A to an integer. The integer value of A is then treated as a binary number. Each bit of the result is set to 1 if the corresponding bit of A is 0 and is set to 0 if the corresponding bit of A is 1. Here is an example of how **BINCMP** works:

BINCMP (13)

The number 13 is considered a binary number, then the bitwise complement is performed:

13	= 000000000001101
BINCMP(13)	= 111111111110010

The resulting binary number represents -14.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BINEOR

Performs a bit by bit exclusive OR (EXOR).

Syntax: BINEOR(arg, arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
M=BINEOR(J, K)
Toggle=BINEOR(Toggle, 4)

Description:

BINEOR is useful when you want to "toggle" a certain bit or bits. **BINEOR(A,B)** converts the values of A and B to integers. The integer values of A and B are then treated as unsigned binary numbers. Each bit of the result is set to 1 if exactly one of the corresponding bits for either A or B is 1 and is set to 0 if the corresponding bits of A and B are both 0 or both 1. An example of **BINEOR** follows:

```
BINEOR(12, 6)
```

The numbers 12 and 6 are considered binary numbers, then the bitwise exclusive OR is performed.

12	=	0000000000001100
6	=	0000000000000110
BINEOR(12,6)	=	0000000000001010

The resulting binary number represents 10.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BINEQV

Performs a bit by bit equivalence operation.

Syntax: BINEQV(arg, arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
J=BINEQV (&HFF00, Var)
I=BINEQV (15, J)

Description:

The result of **BINEQV(A,B)** is calculated by converting A and B to integer values. Then each bit of the result is set to 1 if the corresponding bits in A and B are equal. This table illustrates this relationship.

A	B	BINEQV(A,B)
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

The following example:

```
BINEQV (12, 6)
```

performs a bit by bit equivalence of 12 and 6.

```
12 = 0000000000001100
6  = 0000000000000110
BINEQV(12,6) = 1111111111110101
```

The resulting binary number represents -11.

Porting to HP BASIC

BINEQV is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BINIMP

Performs a bit by bit implication operation.

Syntax: BINIMP(arg, arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
K=BINIMP (Var, &O377)
I=BINIMP (12, J)

Description:

The result of **BINIMP(A,B)** is calculated by converting A and B to integer values. Then each bit of the result is set to 1 or 0 depending on the corresponding bits in A and B. The following truth table defines the implication operation:

A	B	BINIMP(A,B)
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Note that the operation is not commutative. That is, **BINIMP(A,B) <> BINIMP(B,A)**. The following example:

```
BINIMP (12, 6)
```

performs a bit by bit implication of 12 and 6.

```
12                = 0000000000001100
6                 = 0000000000000110
BINIMP(12,6)     = 1111111111110111
```

The resulting binary number represents -9.

Porting to HP BASIC

BINIMP is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BINIOR

Performs a bit by bit inclusive OR.

Syntax: BINIOR(arg, arg)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample: Set=BINIOR(Byte, Bit)
Msb=BINIOR(-1, 2^14)

Description:

BINIOR can be used to set specific bits. **BINIOR**(A,B) converts the values of A and B to integers. The integer values of A and B are then treated as unsigned binary numbers. Each bit of the result is set to 1 if the corresponding bit of either A or B is 1, and 0 if the corresponding bits of both A and B are 0. An example of **BINIOR** is:

```
BINIOR(12, 6)
```

The numbers 12 and 6 are considered binary numbers, then the bitwise OR is performed.

12	=	0000000000001100
6	=	0000000000000110
BINIOR(12,6)	=	0000000000001110

The resulting binary number represents 14.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BIT

Allows any bit in an **INTEGER** to be tested.

Syntax: BIT(arg, bit-position)

where: arg = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)
bit-position = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
Db1=BIT(Db1, 4)
Flag=BIT(byte, 0)
IF BIT(Byte,Abit) THEN PRINT "Bit #"; Abit;"is on"

Description:

Use **BIT** to test any bit in an integer without having to manually search the integer for the desired bit value. The bit positions are numbered from 0 to 15 with 0 being the right-most or least significant bit position. If the bit is set **BIT** returns a 1, otherwise **BIT** returns a 0. An example of **BIT** follows:

```
BIT(12, 3)
```

The number 12 is considered a binary number and tested in this manner:

12	= 0000000000001100
Bit 3	= 0000000000001000
BIT(12,3)	= 1

The result is 1 because bit 3 is set in the number 12.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINIOR](#), [ROTATE](#), [SHIFT](#)

BREAK

Sends a **BREAK** on a serial interface.

Syntax: BREAK { @io-path | interface-select-code }

Sample: BREAK 9
BREAK @Serial

Description:

A **BREAK** signal is sent by manipulating the Data Out signal in the following manner: a logic high of 400-ms is sent followed by a logic low of 60-ms. The **BREAK** is sent immediately. The interface must be a serial interface.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [RESET](#)

CALL

Starts execution of specified **SUB**program or **CSUB**.

Syntax: [CALL] subprogram-name [(argument [,argument...])]
CALL sub-pointer [WITH (argument [,argument...])]

where: sub-pointer = string expression with subprogram name
argument = pass-by-reference | pass-by-value
pass-by-reference = @io-path | variable-name[\$][(*)] |
string-array-element | numeric-array-element
pass-by-value = (variable-name[\$]) | numeric-constant |
numeric-expression | (numeric-array-element) |
"string-literal" | string-name\$ [(subscripts)] sub-string |
string-expression | (string-array-element)

Sample: CALL Deriv(X,Y)
Fft(Array(*))
CALL Test(Ref,(Value),@Source)
CALL A\$ WITH (4,1.23,"hello")

Description:

CALL transfers control to the specified **SUB**program. The context is changed to the **SUB** and begins running at the statement following the **SUB** statement. The subprogram continues to run until it encounters a **SUBEND** or **SUBEXIT**, at which point control returns to the statement after the **CALL**. If more than one **SUB** exists with the same name, control is transferred to the **SUB** with the lowest line number. The name of the **SUB** may be specified explicitly or in a string expression (sub-pointer):

```
CALL Clayton ! Explicit  
CALL "Clay"&"ton" ! String expression
```

CALL may also pass arguments to the subprogram. The list of arguments in the **CALL** statement must match, in type and number, the list of parameters in the **SUB** statement. The **CALL** statement may pass the arguments by reference or value as shown in the syntax description above. *Pass-by-value* means that the subprogram receives only the value and cannot change any variables in the calling subprogram. *Pass-by-reference* means that the subprogram is told the variable's location in memory (the variable's address), so that the subprogram can use and modify the variable itself.

The **CALL** keyword may be omitted if the **CALL** statement is alone on a line and the subprogram name is specified explicitly, but if it is part of another statement, such as an **IF**, then it is required.

Subprogram Pointers

If a string expression specifies the subprogram name in the **CALL** statement, the string expression is called a subprogram pointer because it "points" to the subprogram rather than explicitly naming it. As the expression changes, the pointer points to different subprograms. The following example illustrates how this can be useful.

```
10 SUB Xform(X(*))  
20 Method$="Xform"&VAL$(RANK(X))  
30 IF NOT INMEM(Method$) THEN LOADSUB Method$  
40 CALL Method$ WITH(X(*))  
50 DELSUB Method$  
60 SUBEND
```

The **CALL** keyword must be used and the subprogram must be specified with the initial character in uppercase and subsequent characters in lowercase. Subprogram pointers can also be used in [DELSUB](#), [INMEM](#), [LOADSUB](#) and [XREF](#) statements.

Note: If you must write programs portable back to HP BASIC, don't use subprogram pointers in [DELSUB](#), [LOADSUB](#), and [XREF](#) statements. Also, HTBasic allows string expressions to be used, while HP BASIC is limited to a simple string variable.

See Also:

[CSUB](#), [DELSUB](#), [LOADSUB](#), [SUB](#)

CAT

Displays a catalog of files or PROG file contexts.

Syntax: CAT [source] [TO destination] [; option [,option...]]

where: source = path-specifier | prog-file-specifier
destination = #device-selector | string-array\$(*)
option = COUNT numeric-name | EXTEND | NAMES | NO HEADER |
SELECT begin-characters | SKIP number-of-files
begin-characters = string expression

Sample:
CAT
CAT "C:\WP";NO HEADER
CAT "A:" TO #701; SELECT "X",SKIP 1;COUNT Count
CAT "*.TXT"

Description:

Catalogs of Contexts in a PROG file

If a prog-file-specifier is given, a list of the contexts in that file are listed. The different context types are main context, subprogram contexts, user defined function subprogram contexts and CSUB contexts. Each context is listed with its name, size and type.

Catalogs of Files in a Directory

CAT is used to produce a catalog of files that are present in a directory of a mass storage device. **CAT** can be used as a program command or statement. A header is printed and information is given about each file. The format of the information depends on the file system. However, when **CAT** is directed to a string array, it produces the SRM catalog format regardless of the file type. The **EXTEND** option can be used to suppress the SRM format so that the string array is written with the same format as would be displayed on the screen. The format for each file system, including SRM, is given later in this entry.

If the file name is too long to give in the space provided by each of the following formats, an asterisk, "*", will be printed in the last column of the file name field to indicate that the name has been truncated. For ASCII and BDAT files, the number of records shown is the number of records specified in the [CREATE](#) statement. This behavior was requested by customers for compatibility with existing programs. The actual number of records may be more or less and can be determined by examining [STATUS](#) register three of an I/O Path [ASSIGN](#)ed to the file. Or the file can be [CREATE](#)d with zero records; **CAT** then reports the actual number of records.

DOS (FAT) File System

The listing format for the DOS (FAT) file system is designed to be compatible with HP BASIC/DOS (Viper). The format chosen by HP is very similar to the format used for the UNIX file system. This is an example of output in DOS format:

```
DIRECTORY: C:\HTB
LABEL: DEMO
FORMAT: DOS
AVAILABLE BYTES: 34004992
      FILE      NUMBER      REC      MODIFIED
FILE NAME      TYPE  RECORDS  LEN DATE      TIME PERMISSION
=====
HTB.KEY        BDAT      2      256 10-Oct-89 14:00 RW-RW-RW-
HP-PCL.D86     BIN      1384      1 21-Nov-91  0:00 RW-RW-RW-
HTB.PIF        DOS      545      1 24-Jul-92 11:12 RW-RW-RW-
```

The following information is given in the header. The number specifies the line number on which the information is given:

1. Path specifier (volume specifier and full path name).
2. Volume label of the device.
3. The file system type, i.e. DOS or FAT.
4. Amount of free space on the device in bytes (NOT blocks).
5. Column headings for file information.
6. Column headings for file information.

Note that HP BASIC gives the free space in *blocks*, while HTBasic gives it in *bytes*. The file information occurs in the following columns:

Column	Information
1-12	filename or directory name
14-18	file type, BDAT, DIR, PROG, etc.
20-27	number of records in the file
29-33	record length of each record
35-43	modification date in the form DD- <i>MMM</i> -YY
45-49	modification time in the form HH:MM File Access Permissions
52	read access - An R is always present
53	write access - A W allows write
54	execute flag - An X means executable
55-60	File Access Permissions repeated

The file type is determined in the following manner: The file type is listed as DIR for a directory and SYSTM if the file has the DOS System Attribute. If the file has an HTBasic file type header, then the file type (BDAT, ASCII, PROG or BIN) found in the header is given. If the header can't be read, then "LOCKD" is given. All other files are ordinary files and are listed with no file type or a file type of "DOS". If a file has the DOS Hidden Attribute, then the file is not listed. The DOS Archive Attribute is ignored.

See the note earlier explaining how the number of records is listed. DOS updates directory entries only when a file is closed. Thus, the length of a file will not appear to change in a **CAT** as the file is written.

The file permissions are listed as read, write and execute. To mimic UNIX, they are repeated three times. The file permissions are determined in the following manner. The read access, "R", is always set since DOS does not have a deny-read permission. The write access, "W" is set unless the DOS Read-Only Attribute is set. The execute flag is set if the file extension is ".BAT", ".COM" or ".EXE" meaning the file can be executed from the DOS command prompt.

Long Filename Format

Under later versions of DOS, and Windows, some file systems allow long names with embedded spaces. However, by default CAT still uses the FAT listing format, providing 8.3 compatible filenames. To enable display and use of long filenames, use the statement

```
CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES ON
```

With LONGFILENAMES ON, spaces are not deleted from directory and file specifiers since they may be significant. Also, the listing format for CAT is changed to accommodate varying length filenames. It is roughly modelled after the NT DIR command. The listing format with LONGFILENAMES ON is given below.

```
DIRECTORY: C:\HTBWIN
```

```

LABEL: MYDISK
FORMAT: NTFS
AVAILABLE BYTES: 54132736
FILE      NUMBER  REC   MODIFIED
TYPE      RECORDS  LEN  DATE      TIME  ATTRIB FILE NAME
=====
=====
=====
DIR        0        1 26-Apr-93 14:04  D      Take a look at this file name
BDAT       2        256 10-Oct-89 14:00  A      HTB.KEY
BIN        1888       1 30-Dec-92 13:37  A      HP-PCL.DW6
          303967       1 25-Aug-92 10:06  A      R Data
PROG       706        1  2-Jun-93 14:52  A      AUTOST

```

Note that filenames are listed at the end. Standard DOS or NT file attributes are also presented. The information in the header is the same as for the FAT file system. The file information is presented in the following columns:

Column	Information
1-5	file type, BDAT, DIR, PROG, etc.
7-14	number of records in the file
16-20	record length of each record
22-30	modification date in the form DD-MMM-YY
32-36	modification time in the form HH:MM
	File Attributes:
38	"A" if Archive Attribute set
39	"D" if Directory Attribute set
40	Always " "
41	"S" if System Attribute set
42	"H" if Hidden Attribute set
43	"R" if Read-only Attribute set
45-	filename or directory name

Column 42 will always be blank, since files with the Hidden Attribute are not listed.

UNIX File System

The listing format for the UNIX file system is designed to be compatible with HP BASIC/UX. This is an example of output in UNIX format:

```

DIRECTORY: /usr/local/bin/htb
LABEL: No Label
FORMAT: UNIX
AVAILABLE BYTES: 118792192

```

FILE NAME	FILE TYPE	NUM RECS	REC LEN	MODIFIED DATE	TIME	PERMISSION	OWNER GROUP
htb		819200	1	13-Jun-92	17:21	R-XR-XR-X	0
1							
README.1ST		21540	1	24-Jun-92	8:08	R--R--R--	0
0							
demo	PROG	73160	1	2-Jun-92	13:34	RW-R--R--	0
0							

The following information is given in the header. The number specifies the line number on which the information is given:

1. Full Path specifier.
2. Volume label of the device. Currently, this will always be "No Label".
3. File system type, i.e. UNIX.
4. Amount of free space on the device in bytes (NOT blocks).
5. Column headings for file information.
6. Column headings for file information.

Note that HP BASIC gives the free space in *blocks*, while HTBasic gives it in *bytes*. The file information occurs in the following columns:

Column	Information
1-14	filename or directory name
16-20	file type, BDAT, DIR, PROG, etc.
22-27	number of records in the file
29-33	record length of each record
35-43	modification date in the form DD- <i>MMM</i> -YY
45-49	modification time in the form HH:MM
	File Access Permissions
52	"R" means File's owner permitted to Read
53	"W" means File's owner permitted to Write
54	"X" means File's owner permitted to Execute
55	"R" means File's group permitted to Read
56	"W" means File's group permitted to Write
57	"X" or "s" means File's group permitted to Execute "S" or "s" means Set Group ID permission is given and file locking is enforced.
58	"R" means all others permitted to Read
59	"W" means all others permitted to Write
60	"X" or "s" means all others permitted to Execute "S" or "s" means Set User ID permission is given
62-66	User ID of file's owner
68-72	Group ID of file's group

For various special files in UNIX, the file type is listed as given in the following table:

UNIX Special File	File type given in CAT
Directory	DIR
Character Device	CDEV
Block Device	BDEV
Symbolic Link	SLINK
Socket	NET
Named Pipe or FIFO	PIPE

Otherwise, the file type is determined in the following manner. If the file is a regular UNIX file, a check is made for an HTBasic file type header. If the file is locked or the header can't be read, then "LOCKD" is given as the file type. If a header is present, then the file type (BDAT, ASCII, PROG or BIN) found in the header is given. All other files are ordinary files and are listed with no file type.

See the notes earlier about file names and number of records.

The file permissions are read-permitted ("R"), write-permitted ("W"), and execute-permitted ("X"). Although, for a directory, the meaning of "X" is search-permitted. "R", "W" or "X" is listed if the permission is given; "-" is listed if it is not. Permissions are assigned separately to the file's owner, users within the file's group and all others. The user named "root" is called the super-user and may access any file, regardless of the permissions.

If the Set User ID permission is given for an executable file, when that file executes, it runs as if the owner of the file is logged in instead of you. If the Set Group ID permission is given for an executable file, it runs as if you are a member of the group assigned to the file, rather than any groups of which you are actually a member. Consequently, the program has the same file access permissions as the owner of the program would have, no matter who executes that program. The Set User/Group ID permissions have serious security implications. Please consult your UNIX system manuals to gain an understanding of the issues involved. (Sun users should consult Section 7.4, "Setting Security Measures for Executing Programs," in the Sun *System and Network Administration* manual.)

If a file starts with a period, ".", by UNIX convention, it is not listed unless the wildcard pattern starts with a period.

SRM Format

When **CAT** is directed to a string array, it produces the SRM catalog format. The elements of the array must be declared to contain at least 80 characters. If the array has more elements than necessary, the extra elements are set to zero length. If the array doesn't have enough elements, information about the additional files is thrown away and no error is reported.

The SRM listing format is compatible with HP BASIC, for compatibility with existing programs. This is an example of output in SRM format:

```
DIRECTORY: C:\HTB
LABEL: DEMO
FORMAT: DOS
AVAILABLE BYTES: 33939456
```

OPEN	FILE NAME	LEV	TYPE	SYS	FILE	NUMBER	RECORD	MODIFIED	PUB
STAT						RECORDS	LENGTH	DATE	TIME ACC
=====									
=====									
	HTB.KEY	1	HTB		BDAT	2	256	10-Oct-89	14:00 MRW
	HP_DATA	1	S300		BDAT	384	256	21-Nov-91	0:00 MRW
	HTB.PIF	1			DOS	545	1	24-Jul-92	11:12 MRW

The following information is given in the header. The number specifies the line number on which the information is given:

1. Path specifier.
2. Volume label of the device.
3. Name of the file system, not the catalog format, i.e. DOS, UNIX, etc.
4. Amount of free space on the device in bytes (NOT blocks).
5. Column headings for file information.
6. Column headings for file information.

Note that the path specifier is preceded by the word "DIRECTORY:". This is different from HP BASIC. Also, line three gives the name of the file system, not the name of the listing format. In line four, HP BASIC gives the free space in *blocks*, while HTBasic gives it in *bytes*. The file information occurs in the following columns:

Col	Information
1-21	filename or directory name
23-25	level: always 1
27-30	system type: HTB, S300, S500 or blank
32-36	file type, BDAT, DIR, PROG, etc.
38-45	number of records in the file
47-54	record length of each record
56-64	modification date in the form DD- <i>MMM</i> -YY
67-71	modification time in the form HH:MM
	File Access Permissions
73	manager access - If an M is present then anyone can read, write, PURGE
74	read access - An R allows read
75	Write access - A W allows write
77-80	open status, OPEN, LOCK, CORR or blank

See the notes earlier about file names and number of records. The Level is always listed as 1. The system type specifies the kind of file header for typed files. If the file header is an HTB header, the system type is "HTB". If the file header is an HP LIF header, the system type is "S300" (or "S500" in the special case of Series 500 BDAT files). If the file is an ordinary file, the system type column is blank, since the file has no header. File access permissions are mapped into SRM permissions in a logical manner from the actual operating system permissions. In general, the Open Status is undefined.

Selecting a sub-set of files to be displayed

There are three ways to select a subset of files in a directory to be displayed. The first method is to use the **SKIP** option: specify that the first N files are not sent to the destination. The second method is to use the **SELECT** option: specify in the **SELECT** string the beginning characters of the files you wish listed, all files that don't begin with the selected characters are not displayed.

The last method of selecting files is to use wildcards. The media specifier, *source*, is expanded to include a file name template including wildcards. See [WILDCARDS](#) for an explanation of how to use wildcard characters.

Under DOS, Windows, wildcarding is always enabled for the CAT statement. [WILDCARDS OFF](#) has no effect. Under UNIX, wildcarding can be turned on and off with the [WILDCARDS](#) statement.

The following examples illustrate the last two methods of selecting files. Shown side-by-side are examples which select the same sub-set of files to be displayed. The example on the left uses the wildcard style of selection, while the example on the right uses the **SELECT** option.

Wildcard style	SELECT style
CAT "H*"	CAT ;SELECT "H"
CAT "TEXT.*"	CAT ;SELECT "TEXT."
CAT "A:R*"	CAT "A:";SELECT "R"
CAT "\DOS\BASICA.C*"	CAT "\DOS";SELECT "BASICA.C"

Do not use both these methods at once. If you wish to specify a wildcard, use the wildcard style.

The following are examples of commands which can only be done using the wildcard style.

```
CAT "*.BAS"! List only files with the .BAS extension
```

```
CAT "A?C" ! List files with 1st letter "A", any second  
! letter and 3rd letter "C".
```

COUNTing the number of lines displayed

If the **COUNT** option is included, the variable is assigned the number of lines that was sent to the destination. This can be especially useful when sending the output to a string array for later processing. The count includes the header, files that are **SKIP**ped, files actually sent to the destination, files not sent to a string array because the array was too small and the "AVAILABLE ENTRIES" line of a catalog of a PROG file.

Suppressing the header

If the **NO HEADER** option is included, then just the files are sent to the destination and **COUNT** accounts for no header lines. For catalogs of a PROG file, the "AVAILABLE ENTRIES" line is also suppressed.

Listing filenames only

If the **NAMES** option is included, then only filenames are listed. Both the header and other file information is suppressed. If output is directed to a device, names are output in five columns. If output is directed to a string array, output is one name per element. The CAT statement executes considerable faster with this option.

See Also:

[COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [CREATE ASCII](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PERMIT](#),
[PROTECT](#), [PURGE](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

CAUSE ERROR

Simulates a specified error.

Syntax: CAUSE ERROR error-number

Sample: CAUSE ERROR Err
IF Testing THEN CAUSE ERROR 80

Description:

When the statement is executed, it is as though the error specified actually occurred and the normal error related functions are affected: [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#) and [ERRN](#). **CAUSE ERROR** is useful in debugging error handlers.

See Also:

[CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

CHANGE

Finds and replaces strings.

Syntax: CHANGE old TO new [IN first-line [,last-line]] [;ALL]

where: old and new = string-literals
first-line and last-line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
CHANGE "Apples" TO "Oranges" IN 1200,1500
CHANGE "Delete this sentence." TO ""
CHANGE "1988" TO "1989";ALL
CHANGE "unquoted" TO ""quoted""

Description:

The **CHANGE** statement is an editor command that allows you to search and replace character sequences. The old and new string literals are used exactly as given with the case being significant.

If **ALL** is included in the **CHANGE** statement, then all changes are made automatically. If **ALL** is not specified, the computer searches for each occurrence, replaces the item, displays the line with the change and then asks you if you want this replacement. If you do, press ENTER; if you don't, press CONTINUE. If you wish to abort the **CHANGE** statement, press any other function key. When no further occurrences of the search string can be found a message "*new not found*" is displayed.

CHANGE is not allowed while a program is running, but it may be used when the program is paused. An error message will be displayed if a syntax error occurred during any **CHANGE** operation. When the line is corrected the **CHANGE** command continues. The **CHANGE** operation is aborted if a change exceeds the maximum allowable length of a program line or if a line number is altered.

If first-line doesn't exist, the line immediately after that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported. If last-line is specified, searching will end with that line. If the line doesn't exist, the line immediately before that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported. If last-line is not specified, searching will end with the last line in the program. This command can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

[COPYLINES](#), [DEL](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT](#), [FIND](#), [INDENT](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [XREF](#)

CHECKREAD

Enables/disables verification of data sent to disk.

Syntax: CHECKREAD ON
CHECKREAD OFF

Sample: If Vital THEN CHECKREAD ON
CHECKREAD OFF

Description:

This command enables or disables verification of data sent to the mass storage media. If the data that is written fails to verify correctly, an error is reported. **CHECKREAD ON** enables and **CHECKREAD OFF** disables verification. The method of verification depends on the operating system and hardware of your computer. If the operating system does not support verification, this statement is ignored.

Under DOS, **CHECKREAD** is equivalent to the VERIFY command (see your DOS manual). The state of VERIFY is not changed by start-up or by [QUIT](#). Under Windows and UNIX, **CHECKREAD** is ignored.

CHGRP

Sets the Group Ownership of a file.

Syntax: CHGRP group, file-specifier

where: group = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
CHGRP 32, "/usr/users/Kristi/file1"
CHGRP 0, "/etc/passwd"

Description:

On operating systems which support both group and individual ownership of a file, **CHGRP** changes the group associated with a file. If the operating system does not support this call or if you do not have the proper privilege to change the group, an error is returned when the statement is executed. However, under any version of HTBasic, the editor will allow this statement to be entered and the syntax checker will check it for correctness.

The FAT file system used by DOS and Windows does not support file ownership. Executing this statement will cause an error.

Under SunOS 4.x, in order to change the group you must belong to the specified group and be the owner of the file or be the super-user.

Under HP-UX, to change the owner or group, you must own the file or have appropriate privileges. If you are not the super-user, the set-user-ID and set-group-ID bits of the file mode are cleared. The HP-UX getprivgrp and Access Control Lists (ACLs) capabilities can affect execution of this statement as well. See the proper manuals for information. When using [CHOWN](#) or **CHGRP** on symbolic links, the owner or group of the symbolic link is changed.

See Also:

[CHOWN](#), [CREATE](#), [PERMIT](#), [TIMEZONE IS](#)

CHOWN

Sets the Individual Ownership of a file.

Syntax: CHOWN id, file-specifier

where: id = numeric-expression rounded to an [INTEGER](#)

Sample:
CHOWN 512, "/usr/users/Julie/file2"
CHOWN 0, "/dev/tty1"

Description:

On operating systems which support individual ownership of a file, **CHOWN** changes the ownership of a file. If the operating system does not support this call or if you do not have the proper privilege to change the ownership, an error is returned when the statement is executed. However, under any version of HTBasic, the editor will allow this statement to be entered and the syntax checker will check it for correctness.

The FAT file system used by DOS and Windows does not support file ownership. Executing this statement will cause an error.

Under SunOS 4.x, you must be the super-user in order to change the owner.

Under HP-UX, to change the owner or group, you must own the file or have appropriate privileges. If you are not the super-user, the set-user-ID and set-group-ID bits of the file mode are cleared. The HP-UX getprivgrp and Access Control Lists (ACLs) capabilities can affect execution of this statement as well. See the proper manuals for information. When using **CHOWN** or [CHGRP](#) on symbolic links, the owner or group of the symbolic link is changed.

See Also:

[CHGRP](#), [CREATE](#), [PERMIT](#), [TIMEZONE IS](#)

CHR\$

Creates ASCII character from decimal value.

Syntax: CHR\$(numeric-expression)

Sample: Lf\$=CHR\$(10)
Lowr\$=CHR\$(NUM(Uppr\$)+32)
A\$=CHR\$(65)

Description:

The argument of the **CHR\$** function is a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer. A value within the range 0 to 255 is then extracted from the integer by using the low-order byte of the 16-bit word. The ASCII character which corresponds to this value is assigned to the specified string variable. Only one character is assigned to the target string. An ASCII table is included in Appendix B.

See Also:

[NUM](#)

CHRX

Returns the width of a character cell.

Syntax: CHRX

Sample: X1=CHRX
ALLOCATE INTEGER Charcell(1:CHRY,1:CHRX)

Description:

If your computer display supports multiple display modes or fonts having different character widths, the value returned by **CHRX** is the width for the current display mode.

See Also:

[CHRX](#), [CHRY](#), [SET CHR](#)

CHRY

Returns the height of a character cell.

Syntax: CHRY

Sample: CHRY
ALLOCATE INTEGER Charcell(1:CHRY,1:CHRX)

Description:

If your computer display supports multiple display modes or fonts having different character heights, the value returned by **CHRY** is the height for the current display mode.

See Also:

[CHRX](#), [CHRY](#), [SET CHR](#)

CINT

Converts a value to INTEGER.

Syntax: CINT (numeric-expression)

Sample: OUTPUT @I;CINT(X*1.1)

Description:

The **CINT** function is useful for forcing the type of a variable or value to [INTEGER](#). For example, suppose you are writing binary integers to a file and one value must be multiplied by 1.1 before being written. $X*1.1$ gives a [REAL](#) result, which outputs eight bytes to the file. Even [INT](#)($X*1.1$) gives a [REAL](#). **CINT**($X*1.1$) forces the value to be [INTEGER](#) and two bytes are written to the file.

Notice the differences among **CINT**, [FIX](#) and [INT](#). **CINT** converts a REAL value to an INTEGER value by substituting the closest INTEGER to the value. [FIX](#) returns the closest integral value between the REAL value and zero. [INT](#) returns the closest integral value between the REAL value and negative infinity. Also, **CINT** actually changes the type from REAL to INTEGER while [INT](#) and [FIX](#) return integral results without changing the type. The following table helps illustrate these differences:

Value x	CINT(x)	FIX(x)	INT(x)
2.6	3	2.0	2.0
2.2	2	2.0	2.0
-2.2	-2	-2.0	-3.0
-2.6	-3	-2.0	-3.0

Porting to HP BASIC

CINT is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[DROUND](#), [FIX](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [PROUND](#), [REAL](#)

CLEAR

Sends an IEEE-488 bus Device Clear.

Syntax: CLEAR { device-selector | @io-path }

Sample:
CLEAR 701
CLEAR Adevice
CLEAR @Path

Description:

CLEAR causes the active controller to send a Device Clear to one or more devices. The effect on the device is device-dependent. If the computer is not the active controller, an error is generated. If primary addressing is specified the bus action is: ATN, MTA, UNL, LAG, SDC. If only an interface select code is specified the bus action is: ATN, DCL.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

CLEAR ERROR

Resets all error indicators.

Syntax: CLEAR ERROR

Sample: CLEAR ERROR
IF Finis THEN CLEAR ERROR

Description:

CLEAR ERROR resets [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#) and [ERRN](#) to their default start-up values.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

CLEAR LINE

Clears the keyboard input line.

Syntax:

```
CLEAR LINE
```

Sample:

```
IF Signal THEN CLEAR LINE
```

Description:

This command is equivalent to pressing the CLR LN key and replaces the non-intuitive command: [OUTPUT KBD;CHR\\$\(255\)&"#";](#).

See Also:

[CLEAR SCREEN](#)

CLEAR SCREEN

Clears the ALPHA display.

Syntax: CLEAR SCREEN
CLS

Sample: IF Ready THEN CLEAR SCREEN

Description:

CLS is an abbreviated form of **CLEAR SCREEN**. This command is equivalent to pressing the CLR SCR key and replaces the non-intuitive command: OUTPUT KBD;CHR\$(255)&"K";.

On bit mapped displays with MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS in effect, this command will also clear the graphic screen.

See Also:

CLEAR LINE

CLIP

Changes the clipping rectangle.

Syntax: CLIP left,right,bottom,top
CLIP ON
CLIP OFF

Sample: CLIP 10,20,5,25

Description:

CLIP changes the clipping rectangle. Lines, areas and labels are clipped so that portions outside the clipping rectangle are not displayed. The [PLOTTER IS](#) statement sets the clipping rectangle to the hard-clip limits (which are the user specified values or the maximum allowed by the device or page size). The [VIEWPORT](#) statement sets the clipping rectangle to the edge of the [VIEWPORT](#).

When values are specified with the **CLIP** statement, the clipping rectangle is set to the values specified. The units used are [WINDOW](#) (or [SHOW](#)) units, not [VIEWPORT](#) units.

The **CLIP OFF** statement sets the clipping rectangle back to the hard-clip limits. The **CLIP ON** statement restores the clipping rectangle to the last clipping rectangle set up by **CLIP** or [VIEWPORT](#). If no **CLIP** or [VIEWPORT](#) has been executed, **CLIP ON** sets the clipping rectangle to the hard-clip limits.

Execute **CLIP** to add labels, comments, graphics or any other plotting that is to be done outside the [VIEWPORT](#) (assuming the [VIEWPORT](#) is less than the hard-clip limits).

See Also:

[CLEAR SCREEN](#), [DRAW](#), [MOVE](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

CLS

See **CLEAR SCREEN.**

[CLEAR SCREEN](#)

CMPLX

Combines real and imaginary parts to return a complex number.

Syntax: CMPLX(numeric-expression, numeric-expression)

Sample: PRINT Z*CMPLX(0,1)
Z=CMPLX(X,Y)

Description:

This function allows a complex number to be assembled from two numeric expressions. The first expression specifies the real part and the second specifies the imaginary part. This function also allows complex constants, such as **CMPLX**(PI,6.7), to be expressed in a program.

To assemble a complex number from magnitude and angle rather than real and imaginary parts, use this method:

```
Z = CMPLX( Magnitude*COS(Angle), Magnitude*SIN(Angle) )
```

If a complex number is used as an argument to **CMPLX**, then only the real part of the argument is used. For example, **CMPLX**(**CMPLX**(1,2), **CMPLX**(3,4)) is equal to **CMPLX**(1,3).

See Also:

[ABS](#), [ARG](#), [CONJG](#), [IMAG](#), [REAL](#)

COLOR

Defines and selects the color for graphics.

Syntax: AREA COLOR h, s, l
AREA INTENSITY r, g, b
AREA PEN pen-number
PEN pen-number
SET PEN pen-number COLOR h, s, l
SET PEN pen-number COLOR numeric-array(*)
SET PEN pen-number INTENSITY r, g, b
SET PEN pen-number INTENSITY numeric-array(*)

where: h,s,l, r,g,b = each is a numeric-expression in the range zero to one.
pen-number = see below.

Sample: SET PEN 1 COLOR H, S, L
AREA INTENSITY R, G, B
AREA PEN 2
SET PEN Num COLOR H, S, L
PEN 1

Description:

Specifying a Color using the HSL system

Use the keyword **COLOR** to specify a color in the HSL (Hue, Saturation, Lightness) color space. The HSL color space is designed to be intuitive and follows the model of mixing paints. An artist preparing a color for a painting, first selects a hue (pure color pigment). He may then add black or white paint to arrive at the desired color. Adding white serves to wash out the color. In scientific terms, we say this affects the "saturation" of the color. The artist may then adjust the brightness by adding black paint. This affects the amount of light reflected by the pigment. We call this the luminosity.

Saturation ranges from zero (white) to one (pure color - no added white). Luminosity ranges from zero (black) to one (pure color - no added black). Hue ranges from zero to one. The following table gives an indication of where several colors occur in that range:

Hue	Value
Red	.000
Yellow	.167
Green	.333
Cyan	.500
Blue	.667
Magenta	.833
Red	1.00

Specifying a Color using the RGB system

Use the keyword **INTENSITY** to specify a color using the RGB (Red, Green, Blue) color space. The RGB color space is designed to match the way in which our eyes work and in turn, the way in which television and computer displays are designed. The display has three color guns: Red, Green and Blue. By specifying a number in the range zero (corresponding to zero intensity) to one (corresponding to maximum intensity) for each of the three guns, you can uniquely define all the colors which can be produced by that display.

Pen Numbers

A computer display system is limited in the number of different colors it can display at the same time. If N is the number of different colors which can be displayed simultaneously,

then legal pen numbers are the integers 0 to N-1.

Some display systems can operate in more than one graphics mode and the number of available colors depends on the current graphics mode. For example, the IBM PC color graphics adaptor (CGA), when in [ALPHA](#) mode, can display sixteen colors, but when in 640x200 [GRAPHICS](#) mode, can only display two colors.

Drawing Mode Table

The writing mode of the pen is specified by the current drawing mode and the sign of the pen number. [GESCPE CRT,4](#) is used to change to normal drawing mode. [GESCPE CRT,5](#) is used to change to alternate drawing mode. The following table defines the different writing modes available. P is a positive pen number, X is the present value of a pixel.

Statement	GESCPE CRT,4	GESCPE CRT,5
	Normal	Alternate
PEN P	P	BINIOR(X,P)
AREA PEN P	P	BINIOR(X,P)
PEN 0	BINCMP(X)*	0
AREA PEN 0	0	0
PEN -P	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))	BINEOR(X,P)
AREA PEN -P	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))

*PEN 0 in Normal Drawing Mode will do BINCMP(X) in non-color map mode and 0 in COLOR MAP mode.

Pen Numbers in Non-Color Map Mode

If the display does not have a color map or if **COLOR MAP** is not specified in the [PLOTTER IS](#) statement, then the display operates in Non-Color Map mode. The color of each pen is fixed. The pen number is translated to an RGB number as shown in the table below and stored in the display buffer. For example, the color cyan is translated to the RGB number 011. For Non-Color Map mode, the value of P in the writing mode table above is the RGB number, not the pen number.

The following table gives the pen number to RGB number assignments for the first eight pens. For monochrome displays, only the first two entries apply.

PEN	COLOR	RED	GREEN	BLUE
0	black	0	0	0
1	white	1	1	1
2	red	1	0	0
3	yellow	1	1	0
4	green	0	1	0
5	cyan	0	1	1
6	blue	0	0	1
7	magenta	1	0	1

Pen Numbers in Color Map Mode

COLOR MAP must be specified in the [PLOTTER IS](#) statement, to enable Color Map mode. A display with a color map allows any color to be assigned to any pen. The [SET PEN](#) statement explains pen color assignments. The following table gives the default color to pen assignments.

PEN

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7

COLOR

black
white
red
yellow
green
cyan
blue
magenta

PEN

8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

COLOR

black
olive green
aqua
royal blue
maroon
brick red
orange
brown

See Also:

[AREA](#), [GESCAPE](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [PEN](#), [SET PEN](#)

COM

Defines global variables.

Syntax: COM [/ com-block-name /] item [,item...]

where: item = [type] numeric-name [(bounds)(*)] [BUFFER] |
string-name\$ [length] [BUFFER] |
string-name\$ { (bounds) [length] | (*) } |
@io-path
type = {REAL | INTEGER | COMPLEX}
bounds = [lower-bound :] upper-bound [,bounds...]
bound and length = integer constants

Sample:
COM P1,Fft\$[1024] BUFFER
COM INTEGER I(5),REAL Array(-365:364)
COM /Block/ Name\$,@Source,INTEGER Cross(*)

Description:

COM allocates a block of memory where variables can be held in "common" between one or more program contexts. Any subprogram or main context can access a "common" variable by including a **COM** statement which references the correct block of memory. One unnamed **COM** block is provided. To reference it, leave off the block name. The unnamed **COM** block must be declared in the main context. All other **COM** blocks are referenced by name. The name is global to all contexts.

Declaring a COM block

A **COM** block may contain so many variables that it takes several lines to declare them all. As long as all the **COM** statements are in the same context and all reference the same block name (or all have no block name), it is completely legal to divide the **COM** block declaration onto several lines. The following is an example:

```
COM /Block1/ Var1,Var2  
COM /Block1/ Var3,Var4
```

Furthermore, the statements don't have to be next to each other. In fact, statements declaring two or more **COM** blocks can be intermixed. The **COM** statements must precede any [OPTION BASE](#) statement that is present.

Parameters are not allowed in **COM** statements. Numeric variables are considered **REAL** until an **INTEGER** declaration is seen. Variables are then considered **INTEGER** until a **REAL**, I/O path or string is declared. String variables must have their length declared when declared in a **COM** block. Buffer variables are declared by specifying **BUFFER** after each variable's name. **BUFFER** variables are used with the [TRANSFER](#) statement.

The maximum number of array dimensions is six and the lower bound must be less than or equal to the upper bound value. In the first context that an array or string is declared, the **COM** statement must explicitly specify array subscript bounds and string lengths. In subsequent contexts, **COM** statements need only specify the string name or the array name with a full array specifier "(*)".

Matching COM blocks

The **COM** blocks in each context must match. In a given **COM** block, the individual variable names do not have to match, but the number of variables and their type must agree. The boundaries of arrays do not have to be the same, but the [RANK](#) (number of dimensions) and the [SIZE](#) must match.

Creation and Deletion of COM blocks

COM variables have a different lifetime than normal variables. When a **COM** block is created, the variables are all initialized to zero (or zero length strings). The variables then exist and retain values assigned to them until the **COM** block is deleted.

A **COM** block is initially created when a program context is "prerun" and the context declares a **COM** block that does not already exist. A prerun will be done when you:

Press RUN or STEP when no program is running
Execute the [RUN](#) command when no program is running
Execute [GET](#) or [LOAD](#) from a program
Execute [GET](#) or [LOAD](#) command that begins program execution

During prerun, if a **COM** block is declared which already exists, the new and old declarations are compared for compatibility. If they are found to be compatible, then the **COM** block is left untouched and the variables retain their previous values. If they are found to be incompatible then an error is returned. If a [REDIM](#) can make arrays compatible, then the arrays will be [REDIM](#)ed. A **COM** block exists until a [SCRATCH A](#) or [SCRATCH C](#) deletes it. Even if you delete the program which refers to a **COM** block, it remains in memory until a [SCRATCH A](#) or [C](#) is executed.

When you [LOAD](#) a new program, all **COM** blocks in memory will be checked against the **COM** blocks defined in the new program and any unreferenced **COM** blocks will be deleted.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#), [REDIM](#), [TRANSFER](#)

COMMAND\$

Returns a copy of the command line.

Syntax: COMMAND\$

Sample: PRINT "Switches: "&COMMAND\$
C\$[4;10]=LWC\$(COMMAND\$)

Description:

The **COMMAND\$** function returns the command line used to start HTBasic, including any command line options specified. The DOS version strips the command name used to start HTBasic, (like HTB or HTBC) from the command line and removes any leading spaces. For example, if you start HTBasic with the statement:

```
HTB -O -Z 2
```

then **COMMAND\$** will return "-O -Z 2". One possible application of this function is to implement an AUTOST that examines the command line and runs any program specified:

```
10 IF LEN(COMMAND$) THEN LOAD COMMAND$,1  
20 END
```

If HTBasic is then started with the following line, the AUTOST file will load and run the program "MYPROG":

```
HTB MYPROG
```

UNIX versions of HTBasic return the entire command line. This is useful if symbolic links are made to the HTBasic executable and the AUTOST program wishes to react differently depending on the name used to start HTBasic.

Porting to HP BASIC

COMMAND\$ is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[ENVIRON\\$](#), [EXECUTE](#), [SYSTEM\\$](#)

COMPLEX

Reserves storage for complex variables and arrays.

Syntax: COMPLEX variable [,variable...]

where: variable = numeric-name [(bounds) [BUFFER]]
bounds = [lower-bound :] upper-bound [,bounds]
lower/upper-bound = integer constant in the range -32767 to 32767.

Sample: COMPLEX Z, C(-10:10,4)
COMPLEX Tx(512) BUFFER

Description:

COMPLEX declares, dimensions and reserves memory for complex variables and arrays. **COMPLEX** variables use sixteen bytes of storage space. An array's maximum dimension is six and each dimension can hold a maximum of 32,767 elements. If a lower bound is not specified, the default is the [OPTION BASE](#) value (0 or 1). A **COMPLEX** variable may be declared a buffer by specifying BUFFER after the variable name. Buffer variables are used with the [TRANSFER](#) statement.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [DEF FN](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [REAL](#), [SUB](#), [TRANSFER](#)

CONFIGURE BDAT

Specifies the byte order for **CREATE BDAT**.

Syntax: CONFIGURE BDAT {MSB | LSB} FIRST

Sample: CONFIGURE BDAT MSB FIRST
CONFIGURE BDAT LSB FIRST

Description:

CONFIGURE BDAT specifies the byte ordering to use with each BDAT file created after this statement is executed. By default, BDAT files are created with the same byte order as the computer. The IBM PC and compatibles use **LSB FIRST**. The Sun SPARCstation and HP Series 700 use **MSB FIRST**. Since HP BASIC can only use **MSB FIRST** files, if you wish to [CREATE BDAT](#) files on a PC which can be used by an HP BASIC workstation, you must use **CONFIGURE BDAT MSB FIRST** before creating the files. HPCOPY will print a warning when it copies any BDAT file with **LSB FIRST** byte ordering.

BDAT files created with HP file headers are always created **MSB FIRST**, regardless of the setting of this statement. See [CONFIGURE CREATE](#).

See Also:

[CONFIGURE CREATE](#), [CONFIGURE SAVE](#), [CREATE BDAT](#)

CONFIGURE CREATE

Specifies the kind of file header used with typed files.

Syntax: CONFIGURE CREATE {"HP" | "HTB"}

Sample:
CONFIGURE CREATE "HP"
CONFIGURE CREATE "HTB"

Description:

CONFIGURE CREATE specifies the kind of file header to use when creating a LIF ASCII or BDAT file. By default, HTBasic creates "HTB" file headers, since they are two or three times smaller than HP LIF headers. BDAT files with HTB headers can also be created with data in either LSB or MSB byte ordering (see [CONFIGURE BDAT](#)). File operations are much faster when the byte ordering of the file matches the byte ordering of the computer. Files with HTB file headers, when copied with HPCOPY, are completely compatible with HP BASIC.

Use **CONFIGURE CREATE** "HP" if you wish to create data files that are simultaneously accessed over a network by HTBasic and HP BASIC. Files with HP LIF headers can also be "binary" copied among DOS or UNIX media for access by the HP Language Coprocessor (Viper card), HP BASIC and HP BASIC/UX.

HTBasic can always use files with either header, regardless of the setting of **CONFIGURE CREATE**. The setting affects file creation only. A [CAT](#) listing in SRM format shows the kind of file header of each file in the System Type column.

See Also:

[CONFIGURE BDAT](#), [CONFIGURE SAVE](#), [CREATE BDAT](#)

CONFIGURE DIM

Turns implicit variable dimensioning on or off.

Syntax: CONFIGURE DIM { ON | OFF }

Sample:
CONFIGURE DIM ON
CONFIGURE DIM OFF

Description:

CONFIGURE DIM turns implicit variable and string dimensioning on or off. By default it is on and if a variable is never declared, it is assumed to be [REAL](#). If a string is never declared, it is assumed to have a maximum length of 18. If an array is never declared, it is implicitly declared having the number of subscripts found in its first occurrence, with each dimension having the default [OPTION BASE](#) lower bound and an upper bound of ten.

When **CONFIGURE DIM** is **OFF**, then each variable, string and array must be explicitly declared using [REAL](#), [INTEGER](#), [COMPLEX](#) or [DIM](#) statements.

During prerun, any undeclared variables generate an error message that is written to the message line. To see all these error messages turn [PRINTALL IS](#) on during prerun. If a program has already been prerun, CONFIGURE DIM OFF will not report any undeclared variables until another prerun occurs. To force a prerun to occur, change a program line and press the STEP key.

While most structured programming languages force explicit variable declaration, traditional BASIC has always allowed implicit declarations. For example, in the program:

```
20  Xyz=1
30  PRINT Xy
40  END
```

the variables Xyz and Xy are used without declaration. Many advocates of structured programming, however, feel that explicit variable declaration is preferable. Suppose that "Xy" in line 30 is a typographical error that should have been "Xyz." This type of program error is extremely difficult to find and correct in a large program. With **CONFIGURE DIM OFF**, the above program would require an additional line:

```
10  REAL Xyz
```

and the "Xy" in line 30 would be flagged as an error when you attempted to run the program.

See Also:

[COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#)

CONFIGURE DUMP

Specifies the graphic printer language for DUMP.

Syntax: CONFIGURE DUMP TO language

where: language = string expression naming the printer language and driver options

Sample: CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCL"

Description:

CONFIGURE DUMP specifies what graphic printer language the **DUMP** statement uses. The language string expression specifies the name of a driver. When **CONFIGURE DUMP** is specified, dumps are directed to that driver. It is recommended that **CONFIGURE DUMP** statements be included in your AUTOST file to load any necessary drivers.

The following information is for reference only. See the *Installing and Using* manual for more specific information for your version of HTBasic. The following table lists the drivers available at the time of this manual printing. (Not all drivers are available in all versions.)

Name	For these printers
EPSON	8-pin Epson, IBM Graphics Printer
EPSON24	24-pin Epson printers
HP-PCL	HP-PCL printers like the LaserJet
PCL	Advanced HP-PCL driver
HP-PCLC	Color PCL printers like the PaintJet
DSK-JETC	Color PCL printers like the DeskJet
CANON	Canon CLIPSL Laser Printers
PS-DUMP	Postscript printers, devices and files
PCX	PCX graphic files
GIF	Graphic Interchange Format files
WIN-DUMP	Send the dump to the default Windows printer

As an example, if you wish to use an HP LaserJet II for screen dumps, use the following command to change to the HP printer control language:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCL"
```

If a **DUMP** is made before doing a **CONFIGURE DUMP**, HTBasic automatically loads and uses a driver. Under DOS, the EPSON driver is used. Under Windows the WIN-DUMP driver is used. Under UNIX, the PS-DUMP driver is used.

Number of Colors

The number of colors in the **DUMP** depends on both the dump driver and the display driver. All *dump* drivers support black and white dumps. Some dump drivers can also handle 16 or 256 colors. The same is true of *display* drivers. If both the display and dump drivers support 256 colors, the dump is made in 256 colors. Otherwise if both support 16 colors, the dump is made in 16 colors. Otherwise, the dump is made in black and white.

Options

It is sometimes necessary to specify options to the drivers. Options are included by appending a semicolon to the driver name, followed by the options. The following specific driver sections contain more details on these options.

EPSON Driver

The EPSON dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the Epson eight pin graphics format. The command to load the EPSON dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "EPSON"
```

The output will appear distorted in respect to what's on the screen. The size also will be different in portrait and landscape modes. This is because Epson printers don't have square pixels. The driver can not compensate for this distortion. However, the VIEWPORT and WINDOW statements may help correct for some of the distortion. The driver sets the Epson printer to 120 dots per inch (DPI); this setting cannot be changed. The EPSON driver does not have any options.

EPSON24 Driver

The EPSON dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the Epson 24 pin graphics format. The command to load the EPSON24 dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "EPSON24"
```

The output will appear distorted in respect to what's on the screen. The size also will be different in portrait and landscape modes. This is because Epson printers don't have square pixels. The driver can not compensate for this distortion. However, the VIEWPORT and WINDOW statements may help correct for some of the distortion. The driver sets the Epson printer to 120 DPI; this setting cannot be changed. The EPSON24 driver does not have any options.

HP-PCL Driver

The HP-PCL dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the Hewlett Packard Printer Command Language (PCL) or HP Raster Interface Standard graphic commands. The command to load the HP-PCL dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCL[:options]"
```

If the output is too big to fit on the page in either portrait or landscape mode, you can override the printer's default dots per inch (DPI) setting using the DPI option.

DPI nnn Option

The DPI nnn option tells the driver to use nnn dots per inch when dumping graphics. Without this option, the printer's default resolution is used. The resolution specified must be supported by the printer. For most newer devices, DPI75, DPI100, DPI150, and DPI300 are the supported values. Some older printers, like the Hewlett-Packard ThinkJet, don't support this option. The following example sets the printer resolution to the maximum 300 DPI allowed by a LaserJet:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCL;DPI300"
```

PCL Driver

The PCL dump driver provides support for devices and software that accept the Hewlett-Packard PCL printer language. The driver supports both DUMP ALPHA and DUMP GRAPHICS from bitmapped displays. The DOS version supports DUMP ALPHA on PC text screens as well; in this case, the screen is sent to the printer as text, and all the options explained below are ignored. In the UNIX versions of HTBasic, the DUMP ALPHA command dumps the alpha planes in graphics mode and the DUMP GRAPHICS command dumps the graphics planes.

The PCL driver is loaded with a line like

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "PCL[:options]"
```

Options

The options are listed after the semicolon in the driver name, within the quotes. If more than one option is specified, the option names are separated by commas. When no options are given, output from the PCL driver is the same as the HP-PCL driver. The options are as follows:

ADJUST. Certain display adapters common in the PC environment use pixels that have different sizes in the horizontal and vertical directions. Check the *Installing and Using the DOS Version* manual for more information. The ADJUST option is ignored in the UNIX X Windows versions of HTBasic. All pixels are considered to be square and the dump is made using the aspect ratio of the window running HTBasic.

BW. This option tells the printer to dump using white for the areas on the screen that were drawn using PEN 0 and black for the areas drawn with any other PEN. This option is the default; it need not be specified explicitly.

COLOR, CCMY, C16, and C256. These options cause the dump to be done in color to a color printer. The COLOR option uses the printer's default 8-color solid-color palette (black, white, red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, and yellow), mapping each color on the screen to the closest one from the palette. COLOR uses the default RGB palette to dump the screen; CCMY uses the default CMY palette. The C16 and C256 options use a 16- or 256-color palette on the printer, and only work with printers that have settable color palettes, such as the PaintJet series and the DeskJet 1200C. With printers that use dithering to print mixed colors, you may have to specify a coarser resolution than the printer is capable of in order to enable the dithering; for example, on the original PaintJet printer, C16 and DPI90 together are needed to produce dithering; C16 and DPI180 cause the printer to use only the 8 default colors when printing.

Printing using the COLOR and CCMY options swaps black and white colors when printing, unless the INVERT option is also used.

When using the solid-color palette with older PaintJet printers, the COLOR option should be used, as these printers do not support the CMY color model. The DeskJet 500C and 550C models can only generate color screen dumps with the CCMY option.

COMPRESS. The COMPRESS option specifies that the printer being used can do "packbits"-style data compression. If this option is specified, the screen dump is transmitted to the printer using fewer data bytes. The COMPRESS option can be used with all the LaserJet IIP and IIP+ printers, all LaserJet III and IV series printers, all DeskJet series printers, the PaintJet XL300 printer (but not the older PaintJets), and the DesignJet printers, as well as other brands of printers that emulate these. Note, however, that the printers with slower CPU's will print 2-4 times slower when printing compressed data, so COMPRESS may not be a good option to use with these printers.

DPI nnn . This option tells the driver to use nnn dots per inch when dumping graphics. Without this option, the printer's default resolution is used. This option is required for the GRAY option, explained below, and for the ADJUST option (available only with PC versions of the driver). The resolution specified must be one acceptable by the printer's Raster Graphics Resolution command. For most newer devices, DPI75, DPI100, DPI150, and DPI300 are the legal values for this option. Some older printers, like the Hewlett-Packard ThinkJet, don't support this option.

With the COLOR and BW options, this option controls the size of the dump, by mapping each pixel on the screen to one of the specified-sized dots on the printer; with the GRAY option, this options controls the size of the sub-pixels used to create the printed image, as explained in the GRAY option section. On the PC, this option also sets the size of the sub-pixels used to print the image when the ADJUST option is used, as explained in the

ADJUST option section.

GRAY. The GRAY option causes the driver to consult the screen's color map and calculate a gray shade for each color using the NTSC grayscale equation. Screen dumps are produced using the resulting shades of gray. If the INVERT option is not also specified, white and black are reversed after the gray shade is calculated, so that lighter colors on the screen become darker colors on the printer.

When dumps are made using this option, the driver calculates the number of printer pixels, as specified in the *DPI nnn* option, required to print a single screen pixel to make a 9 x 6 3/4 inch (23 x 17 mm) plot, up to 4 x 4 printer pixels per screen pixel. The driver sets the appropriate number of printer pixels to black to represent the gray shade of the corresponding screen pixel.

The NTSC grayscale equation is

brightness = 11% blue + 59% green + 30% red.

The GRAY option is ignored unless the *DPI nnn* option is also specified.

INVERT. By default, the driver makes images with black and white exchanged from the values used on the screen. If the GRAY option is used, the driver by default reverses the gray level of all pixels dumped from that seen on the display. This is often suitable for output to a printer, where printing is done with colored inks on white paper, but may not be suitable for film output devices, where an exact image of the screen is wanted. The INVERT option causes the colors or gray levels to be dumped exactly as they are on the screen.

RELATIVE. Normally, the driver begins each dump at the left margin. The RELATIVE option causes the driver to begin each dump at the printer's current print position.

EJECT. Normally, the driver does not eject the page after a dump is finished. The EJECT option causes the driver to send a Form Feed character to the printer or file at the end of each dump.

APPEND

If the APPEND keyword is used with the DUMP DEVICE IS command and if the dump device is a file, the driver appends dumps to the file, separated by form feeds.

ALPHA Dumps

The DUMP ALPHA command from a PC text screen produces a dump at the top of a US "A" or European A4 sized sheet of paper. The attributes of text on the screen, such as the reversed colors on the key labels, are lost in this mode.

Note that DUMP ALPHA from bitmapped screens on the PC dumps the text on the screen as graphics, and attributes are preserved in the dump.

DUMP ALPHA in the UNIX versions of HTBasic dumps the text on the screen as graphics, and attributes are preserved in the dump.

If the APPEND keyword is used, subsequent DUMP ALPHA commands produce similar dumps, each on a separate sheet of paper.

Option Tables

A table in the *Installing and Using* manual assists in choosing the proper options, based on the printer type and screen resolution.

HP-PCLC Driver

The HP-PCLC dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the color variation of Hewlett Packard Printer Command Language (PCL) used in the HP Color PaintJet printer. The command to load the HP-PCLC dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCLC"
```

If the output is too big to fit on the page in either portrait or landscape mode, you can override the printer's default dots per inch (DPI) setting before executing the DUMP command. The PaintJet's default is 90 DPI. To change this setting use the following command (assuming the printer is connected to ISC 10):

```
OUTPUT 10;CHR$(27)&"*t180R" !Set to 180 DPI
```

The HP-PCLC driver has two options, BW and COL16. COL16 allows dumps to be made in 16 colors and is the default. BW causes the dump to be made in black and white, which can be useful for dumping text. In BW mode, the driver output is identical to the HP-PCL driver. To change to BW mode, use this command:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "DSK-JETC;BW"
```

Color Palette

GESCAPE codes 100 and 101 set the printer color palettes. If the code is 100, the color table used for non-COLOR MAP mode is changed. If 101 is specified, the color table used for COLOR MAP mode is changed. The syntax is

```
GESCAPE PRT,code,param(*)
```

The *param* array must be a two dimensional INTEGER array. It must have at least one row, and must have three columns. The first row contains color information for pen 0, second row for pen 1, etc. If the array does not have enough rows, or has too many rows, no error is reported. The first column contains the information for red, the second for green, and the third for blue. The color information ranges in value from 1 to 99.

Param(0,0) - Pen 0 red color palette value

Param(0,1) - Pen 0 green color palette value

Param(0,2) - Pen 0 blue color palette value

.... .

.... .

.... .

Param(15,0) - Pen 15 red color palette value

Param(15,1) - Pen 15 green color palette value

Param(15,2) - Pen 15 blue color palette value

The following table gives the default palette settings, used in non-COLOR MAP and COLOR MAP modes. Note that the color values for black and white have been switched. This prevents the printer from printing a large amount of black for the background that is black on the screen.

Color	Non-COLOR MAP Mode			COLOR MAP Mode		
	Red	Green	Blue	Red	Green	Blue
0	90	88	85	90	88	85
1	4	4	29	4	4	6
2	3	26	22	53	8	14
3	2	22	64	89	83	13
4	53	8	14	3	26	22
5	53	5	25	2	22	64
6	89	83	13	4	4	29
7	4	4	6	53	5	25
8	90	88	85	90	88	85
9	4	4	29	24	27	18
10	3	26	22	5	31	12
11	2	22	64	20	5	29
12	53	8	14	26	5	17
13	53	5	25	64	19	26
14	89	83	13	62	21	13
15	4	4	6	72	41	13

In non-COLOR MAP mode with the screen merged, colors 0 & 9-15 are used when dumping the graphics screen to the printer. If the screen is in SEPARATE mode, colors 0-7 are used. This is because the fourth memory plane is used for text, leaving only three memory planes for graphics. In COLOR MAP mode with the screen merged, color 0-15 are used. If the screen is in SEPARATE mode, colors 0-7 are used.

The color palettes are loaded with the color values starting with palette 0, and continues until either the array is exhausted or palette 15 is reached. The following program shows how to set the color palettes.

```

10 INTEGER Param(15,2)
20 DATA 90,88,85, 4,4,6, 53,8,14, 89,83,13
30 DATA 3,26,22, 2,22,64, 4,4,29, 53,5,25
40 DATA 90,88,85, 24,27,18, 5,31,12, 20,5,29
50 DATA 26,5,17, 64,19,26, 62,21,13, 72,41,13
60 READ Param(*)
70 GESCAPE PRT,101,Param(*)
80 END

```

DSK-JETC Driver

The DSK-JETC dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the color variation of Hewlett Packard Printer Command Language (PCL) used in the HP Color DeskJet printer. The command to load the DSK-JETC dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "DSK-JETC"
```

If the output is too big to fit on the page in either portrait or landscape mode, you can override the printer's default dots per inch (DPI) setting before executing the DUMP command. The HP printer's default is 75 DPI. To change this setting use one of the following commands (assuming the printer is connected to ISC 10):

DPI	Command
100	OUTPUT 10;CHR\$(27)&"*t100R"
150	OUTPUT 10;CHR\$(27)&"*t150R"
300	OUTPUT 10;CHR\$(27)&"*t300R"

The DSK-JETC driver has two options, BW and COL16. COL16 allows dumps to be made in 16 colors and is the default. BW causes the dump to be made in black and white, which can be useful for dumping text. In BW mode, the driver output is identical to the HP-PCL driver. To change to BW mode, use this command:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "DSK-JETC;BW"
```

Cartridge Swapping

The printer normally requires the black cartridge for text and the color cartridge for graphics. When text and graphics are alternately sent to the printer, you will need to exchange cartridges.

Color Palette

The colors associated with the DeskJet 500c are fixed and can not be changed like the PaintJet. You can, however, change your screen colors to match the DeskJet colors.

CANON Driver

The CANON dump driver provides support for any printer that accepts the Canon LBP Image Processing System Language (CLIPSL). The command to load the CANON dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "CANON"
```

The driver sets the Canon printer to 100 DPI; this setting cannot be changed. This driver does not have any options.

PS-DUMP Driver

The PostScript dump driver provides support for devices and software that accept the PostScript graphics language. It provides support for both the DUMP ALPHA and DUMP GRAPHICS commands. Note that DUMP ALPHA commands are currently changed to DUMP GRAPHICS commands by the DOS version of HTBasic unless a text screen is in use by the CRTA driver. Note that in the UNIX versions of HTBasic the DUMP ALPHA command dumps the alpha planes in graphics mode and the DUMP GRAPHICS command dumps the graphics planes.

The PostScript dump driver produces a screen image intended to be rendered on a US "A" size or European A4 size page. It scales the image so that its longest dimension fits in the shortest dimension of the paper with an adequate margin. When the EXPANDED keyword is used on the DUMP DEVICE IS statement, screen dumps change from their normal portrait orientation to landscape orientation.

The PostScript dump driver is loaded with the following statement:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "PS-DUMP[;options]"
```

Options

The options are listed after the semicolon in the driver name, within the quotes. If more than one option is specified, the option names are separated by commas. The GREY and COLOR options are ignored in ALPHA dumps. The options are as follows:

BW. This option causes the driver to dump using the paper color for the areas on the screen that were drawn using pen 0 and the ink color (usually black) for the areas on the screen drawn with any other pen. This is reversed if the INVERT option is also used. The BW option need not be specified explicitly; it is the default.

GRAY. This option causes the driver to render colors on the computer screen as shades of gray on the printer. Each shade of gray is calculated using the NTSC grayscale

equation:

brightness = 11% blue + 59% green + 30% red.

Unless the INVERT option is used, the resulting brightness is inverted before printing, so that dark colors on the computer screen print as light colors and vice-versa.

COLOR. The COLOR option causes the driver to output a color image of the screen. The resulting PostScript screen image can only be rendered on a device that supports Level 2 PostScript or the color extensions of Level 1.

INVERT. By default, the driver makes images with black and white exchanged from the values used on the screen. If the GRAY option is used, the driver by default reverses the gray level of all pixels dumped from that seen on the display. This is often suitable for output to a printer, where printing is done with colored inks on white paper, but may not be suitable for film output devices, where an exact image of the screen is wanted. The INVERT option causes the colors or gray levels to be dumped exactly as they are on the screen.

ADJUST. Certain display adapters common in the PC environment use pixels that have different sizes in the horizontal and vertical directions. Without the ADJUST option, the driver dumps from these adapters using square pixels. This may result in an image that is too wide for its height. The ADJUST option forces the image to have a 4:3 aspect ratio regardless of its pixel size. The ADJUST option is ignored in the UNIX versions of the driver.

A table in the *Installing and Using* manual summarizes the sizes and aspect ratios of screen dumps produced by this driver for several PC screen types.

The APPEND Keyword

If the APPEND keyword is used in the DUMP DEVICE IS statement, the dump driver appends all dump images after the first one to the existing file as new pages. The driver inserts "%%Page" comments, used by some print spooling software, into the file at the beginning of each page. If the dumps are done in separate HTBasic sessions, the driver doesn't know which page it is on, so it starts over with page 1. This may be a problem with some spooling software. Also note that only one page can be present in a file that will be imported into a word processor document.

ALPHA Dumps

(DOS Version.) The DUMP ALPHA command produces a dump at the top of a US "A" or European A4 sized sheet of paper. If the APPEND keyword is used, subsequent DUMP ALPHA commands produce similar dumps, each on a separate sheet of paper.

PCX Driver

The PCX dump driver provides support for any device or program that accepts the ZSoft PCX graphics interchange format. Most PC graphics packages and word processors can import PCX files. Once an image is created within HTBasic and saved in PCX format, it can then be modified by a graphics package and placed within a word processing document. The command to load the PCX dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "PCX;[mode[,]][format]"
```

where *mode* is the INVERT option and *format* can be BW, COL16, or COL256. Both *mode* and *format* are optional.

The *mode* option allows the PCX file created to be inverted for displaying or printing, if needed. For example, it is common to create an HTBasic graph with white lines on a

black background. However, many word processors expect black lines on a white background. If the mode option is not specified, the driver defaults to normal mode. In normal mode, all screen pixels that are on, are sent to the driver as on. In INVERT mode, all screen pixels that are on, are sent to the driver as off, and vice versa. The *mode* option should only be used if the *format* selected is black and white, otherwise unpredictable results will occur. If both *mode* and *format* are specified, *mode* must be first and must be followed by a comma.

The *format* option allows you to specify the number of colors sent to the device or file. If nothing is specified, the number of colors used will be determined as described under "Number of Colors," earlier in this chapter. If you want to use less than the default number of colors, use the *format* option. For example,

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "PCX;INVERT,BW"
```

GIF Driver

The GIF dump driver provides support for software that accepts CompuServe Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) files. The DUMP ALPHA command dumps the alpha planes in graphics mode and the DUMP GRAPHICS command dumps the graphics planes.

When the EXPANDED keyword is used on the DUMP DEVICE IS statement, graphics screen dumps are rotated 90 degrees clockwise from their normal orientation.

The GIF dump driver is loaded with the following statement:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "GIF[;options]"
```

Options

The options are listed after the semicolon in the driver name, within the quotes. If more than one option is specified, the option names are separated by commas. The BW option is ignored in ALPHA dumps. The options are as follows:

BW. The driver normally produces a 16- or 256-color screen dump when used with a color screen. The BW option causes the driver to produce a black-and-white screen dump with color screens. In this dump, pixels of color zero are dumped as black and pixels of any other color are dumped as white. (This is reversed if the INVERT option is also specified.)

INVERT. The driver normally dumps an image in the colors shown on the screen. The INVERT option causes the driver to reverse black and white in the dump. All other colors are unchanged.

The APPEND Keyword

If the APPEND keyword is used in the DUMP DEVICE IS statement, the GIF dump driver appends all dump images after the first one to the existing file. Note, however, that the screen type and colormap are stored when the first image is dumped. If the screen type or colormap changes, the dump images after the first one will not be correct. Also note that most software that uses the GIF format cannot process multiple images in one file.

WIN-DUMP Driver

The WIN-DUMP dump driver provides support for any printer supported by Windows that accepts bitmaps. The command to load the WIN-DUMP dump driver is:

```
CONFIGURE DUMP TO "WIN-DUMP[;options]"
```

If a DUMP is made before doing a CONFIGURE DUMP, HTBasic automatically loads and uses the WIN-DUMP driver.

Print Manager

The default interface select code (ISC) for DUMP DEVICE IS is 10, the WIN-PRINT interface. The WIN-DUMP driver can not send dumps to any other ISC. If you change the DUMP DEVICE to any other interface, error 150 occurs when a DUMP is attempted. To send screen dumps to another interface, such as an IEEE-488 printer, use a different dump driver.

Because Windows is a multitasking environment in which several programs may try to print at once, Print Manager collects printer output into "jobs." Only when a job is done is it printed. Normally, the WIN-DUMP driver prints a single dump per print job. To mix text and screen dumps or multiple screen dumps on a single page, output some text to the page before doing the dump. For example,

```
10    ASSIGN @I TO 10
20    OUTPUT @I;"This is a  screen dump:"
30    OUTPUT @I
40    DUMP GRAPHICS
50    ASSIGN @I TO *
60    END
```

The various settings, such as margins and line height, made in the WIN-PRINT driver are honored by the WIN-DUMP driver. See the WIN-PRINT driver documentation in the *Installing and Using...* for more information.

The EXPANDED keyword in the DUMP statement is ignored. The DUMP is made in landscape or portrait mode depending on the printer settings, as explained in the *Installing and Using...* manual.

DUMP Size

By default, the screen image is scaled until it fills 100% of the width between the left and right margins. The size can be changed using GESCAPE code 39. This example sets the scaling to 20% of the width between the margins:

```
10    INTEGER S(1:1)
20    S(1)=20
30    GESCAPE CRT,39,S(*)
40    END
```

INVERT Option

By default, the driver inverts all colors in the image. Black and white are exchanged as well as other colors. This is often suitable for output to a black and white printer, where printing is done with black ink on white paper, but may not be suitable for color output devices, where an exact image of the screen is wanted. The INVERT option causes the colors or gray levels to be dumped exactly as they are on the screen.

Graphics Buffering

The DUMP statement is affected by graphics buffering (see the -buf switch). When graphics buffering is off, parts of a window that are obscured or off the edge of the screen are not dumped correctly. If the window is minimized, a dump of the icon is returned. When graphics buffering is on, the window is correctly dumped in all cases.

See Also:

[DUMP](#), [DUMP DEVICE IS](#)

CONFIGURE KBD

Defines keyboard mappings for character sets.

Syntax: CONFIGURE KBD first-char TO string-name\$

where: first-char = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: CONFIGURE KBD 129 TO Mapping\$

Description:

CONFIGURE KBD defines keyboard mappings for character sets not supported by your operating system. When in effect, **CONFIGURE KBD** substitutes characters from the given string in place of characters that come from the keyboard. This remapping is good for ASCII characters, but does not apply to function keys. (Use [CONFIGURE KEY](#) to redefine function keys.) **CONFIGURE KBD** is not intended to be a complete keyboard driver, it merely substitutes one ASCII value for another. The range of ASCII values which are remapped starts at *first-char* and extends to (*first-char* - [LEN](#)(string-name\$) - 1). The string specifies the ASCII values which should be substituted for values in that range.

For example, if the keyboard is producing characters from the PC Code Page 850 character set, but the display has been set up to display the HP Roman-8 character set, the following program will cause characters from the keyboard to be translated to the display character set so that characters are displayed with the same glyphs as printed on the keyboard. If the keyboard is used to produce a character not in the HP Roman-8 character set, it is translated to CHR\$(252), a solid block.

```
10 !setkbd2.bas
20 DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15
30 DATA 16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31
40 DATA 32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47
50 DATA 48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63
60 DATA 64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79
70 DATA 80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95
80 DATA 96,97,98,99,100,101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111
90 DATA 112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127
100 DATA 180,207,197,192,204,200,212,181,193,205,201,221,209,217,216,208
110 DATA 220,215,211,194,206,202,195,203,239,218,219,214,187,210,252,190
120 DATA 196,213,198,199,183,182,249,250,185,252,252,248,247,184,251,253
130 DATA 252,252,252,252,252,224,162,161,252,252,252,252,252,191,188,252
140 DATA 252,252,252,252,252,252,226,225,252,252,252,252,252,252,252,186
150 DATA 228,227,164,165,163,252,229,166,167,252,252,252,252,252,230,252
160 DATA 231,222,223,232,234,233,243,241,240,237,174,173,178,177,176,168
170 DATA 246,254,252,245,244,189,252,252,179,171,242,252,252,252,252,255
180 DIM Pc2hp$(256)
190 CLEAR SCREEN
200 PRINT "Set up PC (Code page 850) to HP (Roman-8) translation string"
210 FOR I=0 TO 255
220 READ C
230 Pc2hp$(I+1;1)=CHR$(C)
240 NEXT I
250 CONFIGURE KBD 0 TO Pc2hp$
260 END
```

See Also:

[CONFIGURE KEY](#), [CONFIGURE LABEL](#), [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#)

CONFIGURE KEY

Assigns editor functions to keyboard keys.

Syntax: CONFIGURE KEY key-number TO function-number

where: key-number = numeric-expression
function-number = numeric-expression

Sample: CONFIGURE KEY 1 TO NUM("<")

Description:

CONFIGURE KEY specifies what keyboard function a keyboard key generates. This statement is version dependent. Statements generated for the DOS version of HTBasic will not work with UNIX versions, etc. See "Using the Integrated Environment" in the *Installing and Using* manual for an explanation of how this statement is used in each specific version. The following example for the DOS Version makes the Backspace key generate the LEFT function [CHR\\$\(255\)&"<](#):

```
CONFIGURE KEY 1 TO NUM("<")
```

See Also:

[CONFIGURE KBD](#)

CONFIGURE LABEL

Defines characters for the LABEL statement.

Syntax: CONFIGURE LABEL first-char TO string-expression
CONFIGURE LABEL first-char TO string-name\$(*)

where: first-char = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: CONFIGURE LABEL 128 TO CHR\$(128) &CHR\$(112) &CHR\$(127) &
CHR\$(15) &CHR\$(0)
CONFIGURE LABEL 191 TO Newchars\$(*)

Description:

CONFIGURE LABEL defines additional characters for use with the [LABEL](#) statement. You may define one character by giving a simple string or string expression or several characters by giving a string array. The first-char value specifies the first character to define. Characters in the range 33 to 255 may be defined. To delete a definition, use a zero length string for the definition. See the *User's Guide* for a complete explanation of how to use this feature. Each character in the definition string has the form [CHR\\$\(Move + x*16 + y\)](#), where Move is 0 or 128, x ranges from 0 (far left) to 7 and y ranges from 0 (bottom) to 15. The baseline is y=5. The following example defines the character "H":

```
CONFIGURE LABEL 72 TO CHR$(133) &CHR$(14) &CHR$(238) &  
CHR$(101) &CHR$(138) &CHR$(106)
```

See Also:

[CONFIGURE KBD](#), [CONFIGURE KEY](#), [LABEL](#), [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#)

CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES

Specifies use of long filenames.

Syntax: CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES { ON | OFF }

Sample: CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES ON
CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES OFF

Description:

Under later versions of DOS and Windows, long filenames are allowed in addition to the standard 8.3 names on some file systems. The filenames can be about 256 characters long and can have embedded spaces. However, by default HTBasic removes spaces from file specifiers and [CAT](#) listings don't have enough room for long filenames. To enable display and use of long filenames, use the statement

```
CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES ON
```

With LONGFILENAMES ON, spaces are not deleted from directory and file specifiers since they may be significant. Also, the listing format for [CAT](#) is changed to accommodate varying length filenames. It is roughly modelled after the NT DIR command listing format.

See Also:

[CAT](#)

CONFIGURE MSI

Specifies HP style volume specifier translations.

Syntax: CONFIGURE MSI hp-msus TO path-specifier
CONFIGURE MSI { ON | OFF }

where: hp-msus = string expression of an HP BASIC msus.

Sample: CONFIGURE MSI ":",700,1" TO "c:\TEST\DATA\
CONFIGURE MSI ":INTERNAL,4,0" TO "/usr/tmp/"
CONFIGURE MSI OFF

Description:

CONFIGURE MSI specifies a file path-specifier to be substituted for an HP BASIC msus (mass storage unit specifier or volume specifier). Directory names **must** end with a directory separator character. The separator character for DOS and Windows is the backslash, "\". For UNIX it is the forward slash, "/". For example, on DOS systems the following statements would assign the I/O path, @In, to the file "B:\RUN2\DATA":

```
CONFIGURE MSI ":",700,1" TO "B:\RUN2\  
ASSIGN @In TO "DATA:",700,1"
```

Specifying a new path-specifier for a defined hp-msus replaces the previous definition. Specifying a zero length path-specifier removes the previous definition. Note that file names of one letter followed by an hp-msus (i.e., C:,702,1) and file names with an embedded colon (i.e., .xnews.sun:0) will be misinterpreted. **MSI** translation can be turned off with the statement **CONFIGURE MSI OFF** when such conflicts arise. To turn translation back on, use **CONFIGURE MSI ON**.

See Also:

[MASS STORAGE IS](#)

CONFIGURE PRT

Specifies the value of PRT.

Syntax: CONFIGURE PRT TO device-selector

Sample: CONFIGURE PRT TO 701

Description:

CONFIGURE PRT specifies the device-selector that the [PRT](#) function returns. It also does an implicit [DUMP DEVICE IS PRT](#). For example, under DOS the following statements output the message "Hello There" to the printer port (assuming 10 is the printer port ISC).

```
CONFIGURE PRT TO 10
OUTPUT PRT; "Hello There"
```

See Also:

[DUMP DEVICE IS](#), [PRT](#)

CONFIGURE SAVE

Sets the file type produced by **SAVE**.

Syntax: CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII { ON | OFF }

Sample: CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII OFF

Description:

CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII sets the file type [SAVE](#) uses when saving a file to disk. **SAVE ASCII ON**, the default, produces a LIF ASCII file. This type of file is useful for exchanging programs with older HP BASIC workstations that can not [GET](#) DOS ASCII or UNIX ASCII program files. The *Installing and Using* manual has more information on Diskette Transfer Utilities.

SAVE ASCII OFF produces a DOS, Windows, UNIX compatible ordinary file. Such a file is compatible with all popular program editors, most word processors and newer releases of HP BASIC. [RE-SAVE](#) produces the same file type as an existing file or the file type specified by **CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII** if no file exists. [GET](#) can read either file type.

If you use **CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII OFF** you should not embed carriage-returns or line-feeds in string literals since [GET](#) will interpret them as end-of-line indicators.

See Also:

[CONFIGURE BDAT](#), [CONFIGURE CREATE](#), [RE-SAVE](#), [SAVE](#)

CONJG

Returns the **conjugate of a complex number**.

Syntax: CONJG(numeric-expression)

Sample: C=SQRT (Z*CONJG (Z))

Description:

CONJG(Z) is defined as

$\text{CONJG}(Z) = \text{CMPLX}(\text{REAL}(Z), -\text{IMAG}(Z))$

Notice that the real part is unchanged. If the imaginary part is positive, it will be made negative. If the imaginary part is negative, it will be made positive. The effect in the complex domain is to mirror the number about the real axis.

See Also:

[ABS](#), [ARG](#), [CMPLX](#), [IMAG](#), [REAL](#)

CONT

Restarts a program which is **PAUSEd**.

Syntax: CONT [line-number | line-label]

Sample:
CONT
CONT 550
CONT Thislabel

Description:

A program which is in the Paused state (as indicated by the Run Indicator) can be restarted with the CONTINUE key or with the **CONT** command. If you specify a line number or line label, it must be in the current context or the MAIN context and execution continues at the specified line. If no line is specified, execution resumes at the next line which would have been executed had the program not been [PAUSEd](#).

CONT can be used interactively to debug a program or to restart an un-intentionally aborted program. Variables retain their current values. While the program is [PAUSEd](#), you can see and change the values of variables and use any commands that do not change the program and then **CONT**inue the program. If a change is made to any program statement, the program is stopped and you cannot continue its execution with **CONT**

This command can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

[PAUSE](#), [RUNLIGHT](#)

CONTROL

Sends control information to an interface or I/O path.

Syntax: CONTROL dest [,register] ; value [,value...]

where: dest = @io-path | interface-select-code
register = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
value = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*)

Sample:
CONTROL @Path,5;Record
CONTROL 2;Column,Line
CONTROL 1801,19;Gains(*)

Description:

Use **CONTROL** to send control information to an interface or set parameters associated with an I/O path. Information is sent by specifying a starting register and a value. If no register is specified, register zero is used. If you specify more than one value, the register number is incremented by one after writing each value.

If the destination is an I/O Path, information is set in the I/O path rather than being sent to the device or file. If the destination is an interface select code (ISC), then the information is sent to the device driver for interpretation. Consult the documentation for a particular device to find the usage for each register.

The range of legal registers and the meaning of values written to them differ for each interface. The *User's Guide* describes the **CONTROL** and [STATUS](#) registers for many of the interfaces and for I/O paths.

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TransEra has added capabilities to several of the standard interfaces. The additional registers resulting from these enhancements are always numbered 100 and above. In some instances HTBasic can pass arrays to and from a single register. This capability is used for things like gain control lists in data acquisition drivers. These new features are not available in HP BASIC. They should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[STATUS](#), [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#)

COPY

Copies files.

Syntax: COPY old-file-specifier TO new-file-specifier [;PURGE]

Sample:
COPY "Oldfile" TO A\$&VAL\$(I)
COPY "/Empl1/AFile" TO "/Empl2/AFile"
COPY A\$&B\$ TO "A:\DIR\FILE";PURGE

Description:

COPY makes a duplicate copy of a file and gives it a new name. Use the **COPY** command as a program statement or as a keyboard command. If the new-file-specifier already exists, an error is reported if [PURGE](#) is not present. If [PURGE](#) is present, any existing file named new-file-specifier will be replaced.

HTBasic does not support the copy of a full disk to another disk. Use the operating system for full disk copies. Under DOS you can use the DOS "DISKCOPY" or "XCOPY" commands. The DOS XCOPY command (DOS 3.2 and later) is an extended COPY command that, among other things, allows you to copy entire disks when the disk sizes are not the same. Under UNIX, commands like "tar" and "cpio" might be used. The DOS COPY command and the UNIX mv command are used to copy individual files. If wildcards are included in the command, then several files can be copied with a single command.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [CREATE](#), [CREATE ASCII](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PERMIT](#), [PROTECT](#), [PURGE](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

COPYLINES

Copies program lines from one location to another.

Syntax: COPYLINES start [,end] TO target

where: start, end and target = line-number | line-label

Sample:
COPYLINES 10,100 TO 500
COPYLINES 1500 TO 2222
COPYLINES ALabel,BLabel TO CLabel

Description:

Use **COPYLINES** to copy a block of lines to a new location, while leaving the original lines untouched. This differs from the [MOVELINES](#) statement since the [MOVELINES](#) statement deletes the original program portion. If no ending line is specified, only one line is copied. The target line cannot be in the range specified by start and end. If start doesn't exist, the line immediately after that line number is used. If end doesn't exist, the line immediately before that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported.

Line numbers and labels are renumbered and updated if needed. However, line number references in lines not being copied remain linked to the original lines rather than the newly created lines. **COPYLINES** may not copy lines containing a [SUB](#) program or [DEF FN](#) definition unless the new line number is greater than any existing line number. An error will be issued if this is not the case. This is because a [SUB](#) or [DEF FN](#) must follow all previous lines. If an error occurs during a **COPYLINES**, the copy is terminated and the program is left partially changed.

This command can only be executed from the keyboard while no program is running. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

[CHANGE](#), [DEL](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT](#), [FIND](#), [INDENT](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [XREF](#)

COS

Returns the cosine of an expression.

Syntax: COS(numeric-expression)

Sample:
A=COS (B)
Cosine=COS (X+45)
PRINT Cosine+COS (Angle)

Description:

The range of the cosine function is -1 and 1 inclusive. The numeric expression is treated as an angle in the current trigonometric mode: [RAD](#)ians or [DEG](#)rees. The default trigonometric mode is [RAD](#)ians.

COMPLEX Arguments

COS accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **COS**(Z) are calculated (using real arithmetic) as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{REAL}(\text{COS}(Z)) &= \text{COS}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{COSH}(\text{IMAG}(Z)) \\ \text{IMAG}(\text{COS}(Z)) &= -\text{SIN}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{SINH}(\text{IMAG}(Z))\end{aligned}$$

Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

COSH

Returns the hyperbolic cosine of an expression.

Syntax: COSH(numeric-expression)

Sample: A=COSH(B)
 Hcosine=COSH(X+PI)
 PRINT COSH(CMPLX(X, Y))

Description:

COSH accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. The argument must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **COSH**(Z) are calculated (using real arithmetic) as

$$\text{REAL}(\text{COSH}(Z)) = \text{COSH}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{COS}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

$$\text{IMAG}(\text{COSH}(Z)) = \text{SINH}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{SIN}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACSH](#), [ASNH](#), [ATNH](#), [COS](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#)

CREATE

Creates an ordinary file.

Syntax: CREATE file-specifier,records

where: records = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer.

Sample:

```
CREATE "DOSASCII.TXT",75
CREATE "C:"&Filename$,Size
CREATE "/Net2/Users/Lori/Afile",50
```

Description:

The **CREATE** statement creates an ordinary file of the specified length on the mass storage media, in the specified directory or in the current working directory. **CREATE** does not open files; use [ASSIGN](#) to open files. On computers that support extendable files (such as DOS, Windows, and UNIX), the number of records is ignored and the file is created with a length of zero.

HTBasic supports ordinary files as well as typed files. HTBasic file types are LIF ASCII, BDAT, BIN and PROG. In a [CAT](#) listing, the file type column is blank for ordinary files or gives the operating system (i.e., "DOS" or "HP-UX"). Unlike typed files, no special header or other embedded information is placed in the file. Under DOS or Windows, an ordinary file with [FORMAT ON](#) is compatible with all programs that support DOS ASCII files. Under UNIX, an ordinary file with [FORMAT ON](#) and [EOL](#) of [CHR\\$\(10\)](#) is compatible with all programs that support UNIX ASCII files.

Do not confuse the terms ASCII (DOS ASCII, Windows ASCII, UNIX ASCII, etc.) and LIF ASCII. A DOS ASCII (or Windows ASCII) file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters and the end of each line is marked with a carriage return and line feed. A UNIX ASCII file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters and the end of each line is marked with a line feed. A LIF ASCII file is a typed file which contains string items preceded by an item length and followed by a pad byte when the string length is odd. When the term "ASCII" is used in the HTBasic manual set or in a [CAT](#) listing, it refers to LIF ASCII. When the term is used outside the manual set, you will need to determine for yourself what kind of ASCII is spoken of.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, to create a file you must have write permission in the directory where the file will be created and search permission in all directories in the path of the new file. HTBasic requests that the file be created with file permissions (mode) of 0666 (read and write allowed for anyone). UNIX takes this value and clears any permissions from it that are set in the current umask. (See your UNIX manuals for an explanation of umask.) The effective user ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your User ID) is assigned as the file owner. To enable enforced file locks, the "set-group-ID on execution" file permission is also set.

Under SunOS 4.x the file's group ID is set as follows: If the file system was not mounted with the BSD file-creation semantics flag and the set-gid bit of the parent directory is cleared, the file's group ID is set to the effective group ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your Group ID). Otherwise, it is set to the group ID of the directory in which the file is created.

Under HP-UX, if the set-gid bit of the parent directory is cleared, the file's group ID is set to the effective group ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your Group ID). Otherwise, it is set to the group ID of the directory in which the file is created.

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#), [CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE ASCII](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [CREATE DIR](#), [MASS STORAGE](#)
[IS](#), [PURGE](#), [RENAME](#), [PERMIT](#), [PROTECT](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

CREATE ASCII

Creates a LIF ASCII file.

Syntax: CREATE ASCII file-specifier,records

where: records = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer

Sample:
CREATE ASCII "Tables",75
CREATE ASCII "C:"&Text\$,Size
CREATE ASCII "/DirX/DirY/DirZ/AFile",50

Description:

The **CREATE ASCII** statement creates a LIF ASCII file of specified length on the mass storage media, in the specified directory or in the current working directory. **CREATE ASCII** does not open files; use [ASSIGN](#) to open files. On computers that support extendable files (such as DOS, Windows and UNIX), the file is created with a length of zero, but a [CAT](#) listing shows the number of records specified in the [CREATE](#).

HTBasic supports typed files as well as ordinary files. HTBasic file types are LIF ASCII, BDAT, BIN and PROG. In a [CAT](#) listing, LIF ASCII files are listed as "ASCII" files.

A utility program, HPCOPY, is provided for most versions of HTBasic to transfer LIF ASCII files between HP LIF diskettes and DOS disks. Data can also be transferred between HTBasic and Series 200/300 computers by attaching an interface between the computers and writing a short program on each computer to transfer the data. Programs can be transferred in ASCII using either of these methods.

Do not confuse the terms ASCII (DOS ASCII, NT ASCII or UNIX ASCII), and LIF ASCII. A DOS or NT ASCII file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters, and the end of each line is marked with a carriage return and line feed. A UNIX ASCII file is an ordinary file which contains only printable characters and the end of each line is marked with a line feed. A LIF ASCII file is a typed file which contains string items preceded by an item length and followed by a pad byte when the string length is odd. When the term "ASCII" is used in the HTBasic manual set or in a [CAT](#) listing, it refers to LIF ASCII. When the term is used outside the manual set, you will need to determine for yourself what kind of ASCII is spoken of.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, to create a file you must have write permission in the directory where the file will be created and search permission in all directories in the path of the new file.

HTBasic requests that the file be created with file permissions (mode) of 0666 (read and write allowed for anyone). UNIX takes this value and clears any permissions from it that are set in the current umask. (See your UNIX manuals for an explanation of umask.) The effective user ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your User ID) is assigned as the file owner. To enable enforced file locks, the "set-group-ID on execution" file permission is also set.

Under SunOS 4.x the file's group ID is set as follows: If the file system was not mounted with the BSD file-creation semantics flag and the set-gid bit of the parent directory is cleared, the file's group ID is set to the effective group ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your Group ID). Otherwise, it is set to the group ID of the directory in which the file is created.

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File Headers

As opposed to ordinary files, typed files have a header containing necessary information about the file. The presence of the header is transparent to BASIC programs and no action should be taken to account for it. HTBasic can work with files that have either an HTB or an HP LIF file header. The HTB file header is 256 bytes. The HP LIF file header is 512 or 768 bytes. The [CONFIGURE CREATE](#) statement determines which kind of header is created by this statement. By default, HTB file headers are created.

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#), [CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [CREATE DIR](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PURGE](#), [RENAME](#), [PERMIT](#), [PROTECT](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

CREATE BDAT

Creates a **BDAT (binary data) file**.

Syntax: CREATE BDAT file-specifier, records [,record-size]

where: records = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer.
record-size = numeric-expression, rounded to integer, then rounded up to even integer or one.

Sample:
CREATE BDAT "Doc", 50
CREATE BDAT Vol\$&Rec\$, Bytes, 1
CREATE BDAT "/usr/bin/Group", 10

Description:

The **CREATE BDAT** statement creates a binary data file with the specified length and record size on the mass storage media, in the specified directory or in the current working directory. **CREATE BDAT** does not open files; use [ASSIGN](#) to open files. On computers that support extendable files (such as DOS, Windows, and UNIX), the file is created with a zero length, but a [CAT](#) listing shows the number of records specified in the [CREATE](#).

The record-size is a numeric expression, rounded to an integer in the range 1 to 65534 and should be an even integer or one. This specifies the number of bytes per record. The default is 256 bytes.

A utility program is provided with most versions of HTBasic to transfer BDAT files between HP LIF diskettes and DOS disks. Data can also be transferred between HTBasic and Series 200/300 computers by attaching an interface between the computers and writing a short program on each computer to transfer the data.

BDAT files must be written with **MSB FIRST** in order for the data to be correctly readable by a Series 200/300 computer. [CONFIGURE BDAT](#) can be used to specify the default byte ordering of created files. If [CONFIGURE BDAT](#) is not used, HTBasic creates BDAT files using the native byte order of the computer. For the DOS and Windows versions of HTBasic, the native byte order is **LSB FIRST**; for the Sun and HP 700 versions it is **MSB FIRST**.

UNIX Usage Notes

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See Also:

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CREATE DIR

Creates a directory.

Syntax: CREATE DIR path-specifier

Sample:
CREATE DIR "../branch/leaf"
CREATE DIR "C:\ADIR\BDIR"
CREATE DIR "SUB"

Description:

CREATE DIR creates a directory and is almost exactly like the HFS or SRM command of the same name. It is the equivalent of the DOS MD or MKDIR commands.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, to create a directory you must have write permission in the parent directory and search permission in all directories in the path of the new directory. HTBasic requests that the directory be created with file permissions (mode) of 0777 (read, write and search allowed for anyone). UNIX takes this value and clears any permissions from it that are set in the current umask. (See your UNIX manuals for an explanation of umask.) The effective user ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your User ID) is assigned as the directory owner.

Under SunOS 4.x the new directory's group ID is set as follows: If the file system was not mounted with the BSD file-creation semantics flag and the set-gid bit of the parent directory is cleared, the new directory's group ID is set to the effective group ID of the HTBasic process (which is usually your Group ID). Otherwise, it is set to the group ID of the parent directory.

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See Also:

[CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [CREATE ASCII](#), [CREATE BDAT](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PERMIT](#), [PROTECT](#), [PURGE](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

CRT

Returns the integer 1, the CRT interface select code.

Syntax: CRT

Sample: PRINTER IS CRT
ENTER CRT;Array\$(*)

Description:

The **CRT** function always returns the constant 1. It is a useful mnemonic and documentation tool in referring to the **CRT** interface select code.

See Also:

[KBD](#), [PRT](#)

CSIZE

Sets the character size for LABEL and SYMBOL.

Syntax: CSIZE height [, expansion-factor]

where: height = numeric-expression
expansion-factor = numeric-expression

Sample: CSIZE 8
CSIZE 10,0.7
CSIZE Height,Width/Height

Description:

CSIZE sets the character size (height) and the expansion factor (width/height) of the text generated by the [LABEL](#) and [SYMBOL](#) statements. They are specified in graphic display units. A negative height or expansion-factor inverts the character in relation to that dimension. The default character height is 5 and the default expansion factor is 0.6. These values are in effect at start-up or when [GINIT](#) is executed or RESET is pressed.

See Also:

[LABEL](#), [LDIR](#), [LORG](#), [SYMBOL](#)

CSUB

Compiled SUBprograms.

Description:

CSUBs are compiled **subprograms** that are created with special tools. **CSUBs** are loaded with [LOADSUB](#) and deleted with [DELSUB](#). A **CSUB** looks like a [SUB](#) statement and it is called with a [CALL](#) statement. A **CSUB** cannot be created or changed in BASIC and therefore any operation that checks for syntax cannot be used. However, operations that are not syntax checked (renumber, etc.) are allowed on a **CSUB**

The HTBasic Numeric Compiler is the primary tool for creating CSUBs for the DOS and Windows versions. This compiler is designed so the casual HTBasic user can produce fast numerically intensive subprograms. The user writes one or more SUBs in BASIC which contain the calculation intensive code in his program. The SUB or SUBs are then compiled, creating CSUBs which execute many times faster than the original BASIC. No additional programming skill is necessary. Speed of execution of numerically intensive subprograms is the main goal of this compiler.

CSUB Toolkits are available for some versions of HTBasic and allow creation of **CSUBs** in assembly or C. Contact your HTBasic reseller for more information. Creation of **CSUBs** with the CSUB Toolkit is non-trivial. The process requires a good deal of programming skill and the tools necessary are quite expensive.

A simple alternative to **CSUB** routines is small assembly routines stored in integer arrays and accessed with the [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#) statements.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [LOADSUB](#), [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#)

CVT\$

Convert strings from one alphabet to another.

Syntax: CVT\$(old-string, cvt-name)

where: old-string = string-expression

 cvt-name = string-expression

Sample: A\$ = CVT\$(B\$, "HANKAKU KATAKANA TO HANKAKU HIRAGANA")
 A\$ = CVT\$(B\$, "HANKAKU HIRAGANA TO HANKAKU KATAKANA")

Description:

The **CVT\$** string function translates the characters in *old-string* from one alphabet to another. It converts the string character by character and handles a mixture of one- and two-byte character strings.

The CVT\$ string function is used for two-byte languages like Japanese and is only available in certain versions of HTBasic. The legal values for *cvt-name*, available alphabets and character mapping between alphabets depends on the specific version of HTBasic.

See Also:

[FBYTE](#), [SBYTE](#)

DATA

Stores data items in the program.

Syntax: DATA [data-item] [,data-item...]

where: data-item = [''] string-literal [''] | numeric-constant

Sample:
DATA 1.9,"Counts",3.14,56,"Number of Events"
DATA item1,item2,item3
DATA "comment-tail: !","comma: ,","quote: """
DATA 1984,Number of Days

Description:

DATA and [READ](#) statements can quickly and easily provide values for program variables. All **DATA** statements in a context form a single data list. Each context (main program and subprograms) has its own data list. Each variable in the variable list of a [READ](#) statement picks up a value from the **DATA** list, starting in sequence: the first variable in a [READ](#) picks up the first value in the data list, then the next variable picks up the next value, etc. When a subprogram is called, the current point in the sequence is remembered and restored when control returns to the calling context.

The **DATA** items are treated as literals making it necessary for the computer to process the numeric variables with the [VAL](#) function. An error is generated if string values are found in numeric variables, but numeric values may be placed in string variables. Leading and trailing blanks are deleted from unquoted literals. Unquoted literals cannot contain quote marks, comment tails or commas. To include one of these characters in a literal, you must use quotation marks around the literal. A quotation mark is included inside the literal by using two quote marks in the place where you wish to have one. To include a [COMPLEX](#) number in a **DATA** statement, list the real and imaginary parts separately, separated by a comma.

You can make a [READ](#) start at the beginning of any **DATA** statement by using a [RESTORE](#) command.

See Also:

[READ](#), [RESTORE](#)

DATE

Converts a string representing a date to a number of seconds.

Syntax: DATE(date-string)

where: date-string = string-expression.

Sample:
SET TIMEDATE DATE("6 NOV 1992")
Cycle=DATE("7 JAN 1988)-DATE("1 JAN 1988")

Description:

The date, encoded in a string in the form "DD MMM YYYY", is converted to the number of seconds since the start of the Julian Period in 4713 BC.

If **DATE** is used as the argument for [SET TIMEDATE](#), then the clock will be set to midnight of the date specified in the **DATE** argument. The date must be within the legal range supported by your operating system.

Actually, the Rocky Mountain BASIC time base is slightly different than the Julian Period, but can easily be converted. The following function converts a date in the form "DD MMM YYYY" to the Julian Day:

```
10 DEF FNJd(A$)
20   RETURN (DATE(A$) DIV 86400) -1
30 FNEND
```

See Also:

[DATE\\$](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

DATE\$

Takes a numeric value representing seconds and formats it into a date string.

Syntax: DATE\$(seconds)

where: seconds = numeric expression.

Sample:
PRINT DATE\$(TIMEDATE)
A\$=DATE\$(Newtime)

Description:

If [TIMEDATE](#) is used as the argument, **DATE\$** returns the current date as a string in the form DD MMM YYYY, where DD is the current day, MMM is the current month in three letter abbreviated form and YYYY is the current year.

The numeric value specified is loosely based on the Julian Period. To convert a Julian Day number to the string form "DD MMM YYYY", use the following function:

```
10  FNJd2date$(Jd)
20  RETURN DATE$((Jd+10)*86400)
30  FNEND
```

See Also:

[DATE](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

DEALLOCATE

Frees memory space reserved by the **ALLOCATE** statement.

Syntax: DEALLOCATE variable-name [\$] [(*)] [, ...]

Sample: DEALLOCATE P1\$,Aarray(*),Code\$ (*)

Description:

[ALLOCATE](#) and [ON](#) event statements reserve memory on the BASIC stack; therefore, a **DEALLOCATE** request may not immediately free memory for another use if it is not the next area of memory to come off the stack. Subprogram variables, including those [ALLOCATE](#)d, are automatically **DEALLOCATE**d upon subprogram exit. If you try to **DEALLOCATE** a variable which is not currently [ALLOCATE](#)d, you get an error.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#), [REDIM](#)

DEF FN

Begins a user-defined function subprogram.

Syntax: DEF FN function-name[\$] [(parameter-list)]
statements
RETURN { numeric-expression | string-expression }
statements
FNEND

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements, including additional RETURN statements.
parameter-list = [param [,param...]] [,] [OPTIONAL param [,param...]]
[,] = the optional comma is only needed when items occur on both sides of it.
param = [type] numeric-name [(*) [BUFFER]] |
string-name\$ [(*) | BUFFER] | @io-path
type = REAL | INTEGER | COMPLEX

Sample:

```
DEF FNString$(@Path,REAL Array(*),OPTIONAL Factor$)
DEF FNNum(OPTIONAL X(*))
100 DEF FNFactorial(F)
110 IF F<0 THEN CAUSE ERROR 19
120 IF F<=1 THEN RETURN 1
130 RETURN F*FNFactorial(F-1)
140 FNEND
```

Description:

When typing in a new user-defined function subprogram, the **DEF FN** must be the highest numbered line in the present program. The body of the function then follows. [SUB](#) or **DEF FN** statements are not allowed inside the body of the function. Lastly, the function definition is completed by a **FNEND** statement. Optionally, comments about the function can follow the **FNEND** statement. At least one **RETURN** statement must exist in the function definition. The **RETURN** statement specifies the value that is to be returned. The type of the value must match the type of the function name; a string function must return a string value and a numeric function must return a numeric value. If execution reaches the **FNEND** statement, an error will result.

When called, a list of arguments can be passed to the function and are associated with the **DEF FN** parameters. Parameters to the right of the **OPTIONAL** keyword are optional and need not be passed in the argument list. An error results if the function attempts to use an optional parameter with no value passed to it. To avoid this, use [NPAR](#) to check the number of arguments passed to the function.

All variables defined in a subprogram that are not [COM](#) variables are local to the subprogram. Upon each entry to the subprogram they are set to zero.

A parameter may be used as a buffer if declared as a **BUFFER** in both the calling context argument list and the **DEF FN** parameter list. The variables of a parameter list cannot be declared in [COM](#) or other variable declaration statements.

Porting Issues

Nested I/O is not allowed under HP BASIC. For example,

```
10 PRINT FNX
20 END
30 DEF FNX
```

```
40     PRINT "DEBUG:START"  
50     RETURN 0  
60     FNEND
```

will produce an error under HP BASIC. At the time of this manual printing, nested I/O does not return an error under HTBasic but should not be used because future improvements may make it illegal. Using nested I/O also prevents the program from running under HP BASIC.

HTBasic limits the depth that recursion can occur. The depth is limited by the size of the processor stack, not the BASIC workspace size. At the time of this manual printing, the recursion limit is 21 for the DOS Version. Under UNIX, the limit is some large number, limited by the size of the swap file or other operating system quotas.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [FN](#), [NPAR](#), [SUB](#)

DEG

Sets the trigonometric mode to degrees.

Syntax: DEG

Sample: DEG

Description:

All angle arguments and functions that return an angle measurement use the current trigonometric mode which can be either radians or degrees. **DEG** sets the trigonometric mode to degrees. The default trigonometric mode at start-up or after a [SCRATCH A](#) is radians.

A subprogram will use the same trigonometric mode as its caller unless it executes a [RAD](#) or **DEG** statement. Upon returning to the caller the previous trigonometric mode is restored.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [DEG](#), [RAD](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#)

DEL

Deletes program lines.

Syntax: DEL start [, end]

where: start and end = line-number | line-label

Sample:
DEL 100
DEL Go, Stop
DEL Thislabel, 1500
DEL 100, 1000

Description:

A range of program lines can be deleted by separating the starting and ending line numbers with a comma. If only one line is specified, only that line is deleted. Once a **DEL** statement has been executed, the specified lines cannot be retrieved.

[SUB](#) and [DEF FN](#) statements can not be deleted unless the entire subprogram is included in the range.

DEL cannot be executed from a running program, but can be executed while the program is [PAUSE](#)d (after **DEL** executes, the program is placed in a [STOP](#) state).

See Also:

[CHANGE](#), [COPYLINES](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT](#), [FIND](#), [INDENT](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [XREF](#)

DELSUB

Deletes **SUB** or **CSUB** subprograms from memory.

Syntax: DELSUB context [,context...] [TO END]

where: context = subprogram-name | FN function-name | string-expression

Sample:
DELSUB FNProc\$
DELSUB Transform TO END
DELSUB Unit1,Unit2,Unit3,Unit4

Description:

DELSUB can delete one or more subprograms, [CSUBs](#), or user-defined function subprograms from memory. If **TO END** is specified in the **DELSUB** statement, then the specified subprogram plus all following subprograms are deleted to the end of the program. If you specify a name and two subprograms both have that name, the first one is deleted. You cannot delete a subprogram if it is currently active or if it is referenced by a currently active [ON](#) event statement.

If a string expression specifies the subprogram name in the **DELSUB** statement, the string expression is called a subprogram pointer because it "points" to the subprogram rather than explicitly naming it. As the expression changes, the pointer points to different subprograms. The following example illustrates how this can be useful.

```
10 SUB Xform(X(*))
20   Method$="Xform"&VAL$(RANK(X))
30   IF NOT INMEM(Method$) THEN LOADSUB Method$
40   CALL Method$ WITH(X(*))
50   DELSUB Method$
60 SUBEND
```

The subprogram must be specified with the initial character in uppercase, and subsequent characters in lowercase. Subprogram pointers can also be used in [CALL](#), [INMEM](#), [LOADSUB](#), and [XREF](#) statements.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [COPYLINES](#), [CSUB](#), [DEF FN](#), [DEL](#), [EDIT](#), [FIND](#), [INMEM](#), [LOADSUB](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [SUB](#), [XREF](#)

DET

Returns the determinant of a matrix.

Syntax: DET [(numeric-array)]

Sample: Fmatrix=DET
PRINT DET(Fmatrix)

Description:

Use the **DET** function to find the determinant of a matrix. If no argument is given, **DET** returns the determinant of the most recently inverted matrix. Zero is returned if no matrix has been inverted since start-up, [SCRATCH](#) or [SCRATCH.A](#). If the determinant of a matrix is zero, the matrix does not have a valid inverse. If a very small value is returned compared to the matrix elements, this may imply the matrix cannot accurately be inverted by computer methods.

See Also:

[DOT](#), [MAT](#), [SUM](#)

DIGITIZE

Inputs digitized X and Y coordinates.

Syntax: DIGITIZE x, y [, string-name\$]

where: x and y = numeric-name

Sample: DIGITIZE Xcoor, Ycoor, Stat\$
IF Ready THEN DIGITIZE X, Y

Description:

A point is digitized from the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device and the coordinates of the point are assigned to the variables. The coordinates are in default units or the units defined in a [WINDOW](#) or [SHOW](#) statement. A **DIGITIZE** may be completed on the keyboard (if [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) is from the keyboard) by pressing CONTINUE or ENTER. The **DIGITIZE** statement may optionally specify a status string variable. This 8 byte status variable inputs the status of the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device. The 8 byte status string variable is defined as follows:

Byte	Meaning
1	Indicates End of Stream for a device supporting continuous point stream digitizing. Byte 1 may be used as the pen control value in a PLOT . It is "0" if it is the last of a continuous point stream. It is "1" otherwise, including points from a device supporting only single point digitizing.
2	Comma delimiter character.
3	Clip Indicator - If the character is a "0", then the point is outside the hard-clip limits. If a "1", the point is inside the hard-clip limits, but outside the soft-clip limits (see CLIP). If a "2" then it is inside the soft-clip limits.
4	Comma delimiter character.
5	Tracking ON/OFF - If the character is a "0", then tracking is off; if a "1", then tracking is on.
6	Comma delimiter character.
7-8	Button Positions. If S\$ is the status string and B is the button number you wish to test, then BIT(VAL(S\$[7,8]),B-1) returns one if B is down and zero if B is up.

See Also:

[GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [TRACK](#), [WHERE](#)

DIM

Dimensions REAL arrays and strings.

Syntax: DIM item [,item...]

where: item = numeric-name (bounds) [BUFFER] |
string-name\$ ['length'] [BUFFER] |
string-name\$ (bounds) ['length']
bounds = [lower-bound :] upper-bound [,bounds...]
bound and length = integer constants

Sample:
DIM A(100), B(10, 10), C(4, 2, 5, 8)
DIM A\$(200), B\$(6, 10) [100]
DIM Array(-64:63, 8)
DIM Hold\$[365] BUFFER, Array(200) BUFFER

Description:

The **DIM** statement is used to declare [REAL](#) numeric array and string variables. The maximum number of array dimensions is six and the lower bound must be less than or equal to the upper bound value. Each dimension may contain a maximum of 32,767 elements. The default dimension of an undeclared array is the number of subscripts found in its first occurrence, with each dimension having the default lower bound of the value declared in [OPTION BASE](#) and an upper bound of ten.

Each numeric array element is REAL and requires eight bytes of storage. Strings require one byte of storage per character, plus two additional bytes. To declare a variable a BUFFER, follow its name with the BUFFER keyword. BUFFER variables are used with the TRANSFER statement.

Any number of **DIM** statements are allowed, anywhere in the program; however, a **DIM** statement may not appear before an [OPTION BASE](#) statement. Memory allocation is made during prerun and cannot be dynamically deallocated. However, the dimensions can be changed in a limited way by [REDIM](#). Use [ALLOCATE](#) and [DEALLOCATE](#) for dynamic memory allocation.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DEALLOCATE](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#), [REDIM](#), [TRANSFER](#)

DISABLE

Disables event-initiated branches.

Syntax: DISABLE

Sample: DISABLE

Description:

Disables all event-initiated branches, except [ON END](#), [ON ERROR](#), and [ON TIMEOUT](#).

See Also:

[DISABLE INTR](#), [ENABLE](#), [ENABLE INTR](#), [ON](#), [OFF](#)

DISABLE INTR

Disables interrupts from the specified interface.

Syntax: DISABLE INTR interface-select-code

Sample: DISABLE INTR 5
 DISABLE INTR ISc

Description: **DISABLE INTR** instructs the interface to disable interrupt generation.

See Also: [DISABLE](#), [ENABLE](#), [ENABLE INTR](#), [ON INTR](#), [OFF INTR](#)

DISP

Displays items on the CRT display line.

Syntax: DISP [item-list [{,|;}]]
DISP USING image [; item-list]

where: item-list = item [{,|;}item-list]
item = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*) |
string-expression | string-array\$(*) | TAB(column)
column = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
image = line-number | line-label | string-expression
See IMAGE for image syntax.

Sample: DISP Display\$;
DISP TAB(8),Head,TAB(25),Descrip
DISP USING "5Z.DD";Figures
DISP USING Report;List(2),List(3),List(4)

Description: Without USING

If **USING** is not specified, the standard numeric format will be used to display items. The standard numeric format will display a number in floating point form rounded to 12 digits if its absolute value is in the range 1E-4 to 1E+6. The number will be displayed in scientific notation if it is outside this range.

The punctuation following the item to be displayed determines the item's display field. The compact field is used if a semicolon follows the item; and the default display field is used if a comma follows the item.

In both compact and default display form, numbers are displayed with 1 leading blank for positive numbers or the minus sign for negative numbers. In compact field form numeric items are displayed with 1 trailing blank and string items are displayed with no leading or trailing blanks. The default display form displays items with trailing blanks to fill to the beginning of the next 10-character field. A complex number is displayed in rectangular form, first the real part, then an extra blank and finally the imaginary part.

An array may be displayed in row-major order using the full-array-specifier. If punctuation follows an array then the array elements are displayed either in compact field (if semicolon) or default display field (if comma) and additionally the automatic EOL sequence will be suppressed.

With USING

See [IMAGE](#) for a complete explanation of the image list. The items specified in the image list are acted upon as they are encountered. Each image list item should have a matching display item. Processing of the image list stops when no matching display item is found. Conversely, the image list is re-used starting at the beginning to provide matches for all remaining display items. The **TAB** function and any trailing punctuation may not be specified with [USING](#).

Control Characters

The following control characters have a special meaning when used in **DISP** statements:

Character

CTRL-G, CHR\$(7)
CTRL-H, CHR\$(8)
CTRL-L, CHR\$(12)
CTRL-M, CHR\$(13)

Meaning

sounds the bell.
moves the cursor back 1 space.
clears the display line (form feed).
moves the cursor to column 1 and the display
line is cleared by the next character sent to
the display (unless it is a CR).

Scrolling

If the data displayed on the **DISP**line is too long, the data is scrolled to the left so that the final portion is completely displayed. If the **DISP**statement ends with a comma or semicolon, the next **DISP** statement concatenates data on the end of the existing data. Again, the data is scrolled if necessary to display the final portion of the data.

See Also:

[IMAGE](#), [LABEL](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#)

DISPLAY FUNCTIONS

Controls the display of control characters on the CRT.

Syntax: DISPLAY FUNCTIONS { ON | OFF }

Sample: DISPLAY FUNCTIONS OFF
 IF Ctrlchar THEN DISPLAY FUNCTIONS ON

Description:

It is possible to disable the effect of the attribute characters on the CRT device, displaying them instead of executing them. This is useful when debugging [OUTPUT](#). The **DISPLAY FUNCTIONS ON** statement causes all control characters to be displayed but not executed. The only exception is carriage return, [CHR\\$\(13\)](#), which is first displayed and then the print cursor is moved to column one of the next line. **DISPLAY FUNCTIONS OFF** returns execution of attribute characters to normal.

This function is the equivalent to pressing the DISPLAY FCTNS key or to executing the command, [CONTROL CRT,4;State](#).

See Also:

[ALPHA HEIGHT](#), [ALPHA PEN](#), [CLEAR LINE](#), [CLS](#), [KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS](#)

DIV

Returns the quotient of an integer divide operation.

Syntax: dividend DIV divisor

where: dividend and divisor = numeric-expressions

Sample: PRINT "Miles =";Feet DIV 5280

Description:

The result of **DIV** is an [INTEGER](#) if both arguments are [INTEGER](#) and [REAL](#) otherwise. If the divisor is zero, an error is returned. The definition of A **DIV** B is

A **DIV** B = [FIX](#)(A/B).

See Also:

[MOD](#), [MODULO](#)

DOT

Returns the dot product of two numeric vectors.

Syntax: DOT(vector, vector)

Sample: Dotproduct=DOT(Vecx,Vecy)
PRINT DOT(X,Y)

Description:

The dot, scalar or inner product of two vectors is defined to be the product of the magnitudes of the vectors and the angle between them. This is equivalent to the sum of the products of the components of the two vectors

See Also:

[BASE](#), [DET](#), [DIM](#), [MAT](#), [RANK](#), [REDIM](#), [SIZE](#), [SUM](#)

DRAW

Draws a line to the X,Y location.

Syntax: DRAW x-position, y-position

where: x-position, y-position = numeric-expressions

Sample:
DRAW 50, 50
DRAW 10, 75
DRAW Xx, Yy

Description:

A line is drawn from the current position to the specified coordinates using the current line type and pen number. The **DRAW** statement can be used in conjunction with the [MOVE](#) statement. **DRAW** always begins with the "pen down" and ends with the pen down. [MOVE](#) always lifts the pen before moving to the specified new position. See also [PLOT](#) which incorporates pen control into one statement through its syntax. The x-position and y-position arguments express a coordinate in the current [SHOW](#) or [WINDOW](#) units.

If the arguments of a **DRAW** statement specify a destination point which is outside the clipping rectangle, a theoretical draw to that point is executed. Only that portion of the vector which lies inside the clipping rectangle is drawn. The portion of the vector which lies outside is clipped at the edge of the clipping rectangle.

A **DRAW** to the current position draws a point. The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **DRAW** statement.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [IDRAW](#), [IMOVE](#), [IPLOT](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [MOVE](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLOT](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

DROUND

Rounds a numeric-expression to the specified number of digits.

Syntax: DROUND(numeric-expression, digits)

where: digits = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample:
Data=DROUND (Sample,10)
PRINT "Current =";DROUND (Amps,4)

Description:

If the number of digits is greater than fifteen then numeric-expression is not rounded; if the number of digits is less than one then **DROUND** returns zero.

See Also:

[CINT](#), [FIX](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [PROUND](#), [REAL](#)

DUMP

Copies the contents of the display to a printing device.

Syntax: DUMP ALPHA [#device-selector]
DUMP GRAPHICS [source [TO #device-selector]]

where: source = device-selector

Sample: DUMP ALPHA
DUMP ALPHA #702
DUMP GRAPHICS #Dev
DUMP GRAPHICS Color TO #701

Description:

The contents of the **ALPHA** or **GRAPHICS** screen is copied to a printing device. The source, by default, is the CRT. If any other device is specified then no **DUMP** occurs. The **DUMP** is sent to the device specified or to the [DUMP DEVICE IS](#) device. Either screen can also be dumped by pressing the DUMP GRAPHICS or DUMP ALPHA keys. To avoid dumping the pseudo-runlight in the lower right-hand corner of the screen, use [RUNLIGHT OFF](#) before dumping the screen.

For a **DUMP ALPHA**, alphanumeric characters compatible with any ASCII printer are sent to the printer. (Note: presently HTBasic sends **ALPHA** data as **GRAPHICS** data unless a text mode screen is in use by the CRTA driver.)

For a **DUMP GRAPH**, graphics are sent to the printer in the printer language specified by the [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) statement. If no [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) is executed, the DOS version automatically uses "EPSON", Windows uses "WIN-DUMP," while the UNIX versions automatically use "PS-DUMP." If [MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#) is current, then **ALPHA** text will also be dumped to the printer as part of the graphics data.

Porting Issues

HP BASIC supports only Hewlett-Packard printers, but HTBasic supports several types of printers. For this reason, you may need to tell HTBasic what language to use before doing the **DUMP**. Under DOS, the default language is "EPSON", which supports both IBM and Epson graphic printers. Under Windows, the default language is "WIN-DUMP." Under UNIX, the default language is "PS-DUMP" (PostScript). If you are going to make screen dumps to another type of printer, you must first use the [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) statement. You may find it convenient to include this statement in your AUTOST file. Chapter 4, "Printer and Image File Drivers," of the *Installing and Using* manual explains what languages are supported and how to select them.

When dumping to a printer, the ratio of the image size on the printer may not match that on the screen. This is caused by non-square pixels on the display or on the printer. CGA, EGA and Hercules display adapters and Epson and IBM printers are common devices with non-square pixels. The VGA display adapter and HP-PCL printers have square pixels and, used together, will not produce distortion.

See Also:

[CONFIGURE DUMP](#), [DUMP DEVICE IS](#)

DUMP DEVICE IS

Defines the printing device used by **DUMP**.

Syntax: DUMP DEVICE IS destination [,EXPANDED] [;APPEND]

where: destination = device-selector | file-selector | pipe-specifier

Sample:

```
DUMP DEVICE IS 10
DUMP DEVICE IS "PICTURE.PCX",EXPANDED
DUMP DEVICE IS "| lpr"
```

Description:

DUMP DEVICE IS specifies what destination receives the dump data when [DUMP ALPHA](#) or [DUMP GRAPHICS](#) is executed without a device selector. [GINIT](#) resets the destination to the default, which is [PRT](#). Use the [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) statement to specify the graphic printer language used.

The number of colors produced in the dump depends on both the display and printer drivers. See [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) for more information.

Note: Many computer displays and many printers do not have square pixels. This results in distortion when the image is printed. This is normal and can be partially compensated for, if needed, by adjusting the [WINDOW](#) to apply an inverse distortion to the image drawn on the display. CGA, EGA, MGC and EPSON are common devices with non-square pixels. VGA and HP-PCL are common devices with square pixels.

Destinations

The output can be sent to a device (usually a printer), file or pipe. If the destination is a file, it must be an ordinary file or a BDAT file.

Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not DOS. A pipe-specifier must begin with the "|" pipe character and is followed by a command to start the process that the output is sent to. When a [DUMP](#) occurs, the information is sent to the process.

Options

If **EXPANDED** is included, the image is rotated by 90 degrees. Depending on the screen and printer types, the image may also be printed larger than when **EXPANDED** is not included.

If **APPEND** is specified and the [DUMP](#) is to a file, the file position is moved to the end-of-file before each [DUMP](#). For some [DUMP](#) types, multiple images in a file are not supported. For example, the PCX file definition only supports one image per file. If **APPEND** is specified in these cases, the result is undefined. If **APPEND** is not specified, the file is overwritten with each [DUMP](#).

See Also:

[CONFIGURE DUMP](#), [DUMP](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [RUNLIGHT](#)

DVAL

Converts a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string to a real number.

Syntax: DVAL(string-expression, radix)

where: radix = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample:
Value=DVAL(Binary\$,Two)
PRINT DVAL("EFA50",16)

Description:

DVAL is like [VAL](#), in that a number in string form is converted to numeric form. Unlike [VAL](#), which can only convert decimal numbers, **DVAL** can convert numbers in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal.

The string expression contains the number to be converted and the radix must be either 2, 8, 10 or 16. The characters in the string must be legal digits in the specified radix. For example, a binary number can only have characters "0" and "1". Only decimal numbers are allowed to have a minus sign preceding them.

The number expressed in the string is first converted to a 32 bit integer. If the most significant bit is set, the result will be negative. Thus, the string must represent a number within the range of a 32 bit signed integer. The range restrictions are as follows:

Radix	Legal Range
binary	0 through 11111111111111111111111111111111
octal	0 through 37777777777
decimal	-2147483648 through 2147483647
hexadecimal	0 through FFFFFFFF

See Also:

[DVAL\\$](#), [IVAL](#), [IVAL\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

DVAL\$

Converts a number to a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string.

Syntax: DVAL\$(whole-number, radix)

where: whole-number = numeric-expression rounded to a whole number

radix = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample:
Hex\$=DVAL\$(Number, Sixteen)
PRINT DVAL\$(Quantity, 8)

Description:

DVAL\$ is like [VAL\\$](#), in that a numeric value is converted to string form. Unlike [VAL\\$](#), which always expresses numbers in decimal form, **DVAL\$** can also express numbers in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal form.

Whole-number contains the number to be converted which must be in the range of a 32 bit two's complement integer, -2147483648 through 2147483647. *Radix* must be either 2, 8, 10 or 16.

The converted numbers have leading zeros as necessary to fill unused digit positions. A minus sign is only produced for decimal numbers. The range of numbers produced is the same as those accepted by [DVAL](#).

See Also:

[DVAL](#), [IVAL](#), [IVAL\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

EDIT

Puts you into program **EDIT** mode.

Syntax: EDIT [target [,increment]]
 EDIT SUB subprogram-name [,increment]
 EDIT FN function-name [,increment]

where: target = line-number|line-label|SUB name|FNname
 increment = integer constant in the range 1-32766.

Sample: EDIT
 EDIT 100,10
 EDIT Alabel
 EDIT SUB Fire62
 EDIT FNPete
 EDIT FNOranges

Description:

In the syntax diagram above, the space between **FN** and the function-name is shown for readability. When you type the statement, do not include the space after **FN**.

The **EDIT** command starts the full screen program editor. It automatically generates and maintains the program line numbers. The default increment for line numbers is 10, but may be specified with the increment value.

If you are editing an existing program, the current edit line will be either the last line edited, the last line with an error or the line specified in the **EDIT** command. You may specify either a line number, line label, **SUB** program name, or **DEF FN** function name. If you are editing a new program, the first line number will be 10 unless a line number is specified.

EDIT mode is ended by pressing CLR SCR (HOME on a PC), PAUSE, RUN or STEP keys. It can also be terminated by entering a **CAT** or **LIST** command. **EDIT** can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

While in **EDIT** mode, the arrow keys, LEFT WORD, RIGHT WORD, PREV, NEXT, BOL, EOL, BEGIN and END keys can be used to move around the program. The INS CHR key toggles the overstrike mode to insert mode and back again. This remains in effect while on the same program line and is reset to overstrike mode when a new line is displayed. The DEL CHR key deletes the character under the cursor. The DEL LEFT key deletes the character to the left of the cursor.

To insert a line between two program lines or before the first line of the program, position the cursor on the line following the place you wish to insert the new line and then press the INS LN key. If necessary, the program will be partially renumbered and a new line number will be generated for you. You may insert as many program lines as is required. To end the insert line mode press the UP, DOWN, PREV, NEXT, BEGIN, END or INS LN keys. To delete a line, position the cursor on the line you wish to delete and press the DEL LN key.

The changes to a line are not made permanent until you press ENTER. If you wish to abort the changes, press an arrow key or any other key which moves the cursor to another line.

Keyboard commands can still be entered in **EDIT** mode by first deleting the automatic line number and then entering the command. To delete the line number, backspace over

it and then type over the top of it or use the DEL LEFT key to delete back over the top of it or use CLR LN (not DEL LN) to clear the current line.

Using keyboard commands you can move a block of text from one place in the program to another ([MOVELINES](#)) or copy a block of text from one place to another ([COPYLINES](#)). Both of these commands transparently handle any line reference renumbering.

[FIND](#) can be used to search for a string of characters. [CHANGE](#) can be used to find a string and replace it with another string.

[INDENT](#) can be used to automatically indent program constructs. [REN](#) can be used to renumber part of or the entire program. [DELSUB](#) is used when a subprogram needs to be deleted.

Use "[HELP](#) #" to display a list of the keyboard key mappings.

See Also:

[CHANGE](#), [COPYLINES](#), [DEL](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT KEY](#), [FIND](#), [INDENT](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [STORE](#), [XREF](#)

EDIT KEY

Puts you into softkey **EDIT** mode.

Syntax: EDIT KEY key-number

where: key-number = integer constant in the range 0-23.

Sample: EDIT KEY 3

Description:

The **EDIT KEY** command edits softkey macros. It is entered by typing **EDIT KEY n** (where n is the softkey number), or by pressing EDIT, the softkey you wish to edit and then the ENTER key. The current definition for the requested key is displayed and the normal editing keys are used to modify the definition (see [EDIT](#)). When you are finished press ENTER to save the key definition.

A softkey macro is not available while an [ON KEY](#) statement is currently active for that key.

See Also:

[EDIT](#), [KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#), [USER KEYS](#)

ENABLE

Enables all event-initiated branches suspended by **DISABLE**.

Syntax: ENABLE

Sample: ENABLE

Description:

ENABLE does not affect [ON END](#), [ON ERROR](#) and [ON TIMEOUT](#).

See Also:

[DISABLE](#), [DISABLE INTR](#), [ENABLE INTR](#), [ON](#), [OFF](#)

ENABLE INTR

Enables interrupts from a specified interface.

Syntax: ENABLE INTR interface-select-code [;enable-mask]

where: enable-mask = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: ENABLE INTR 12
 ENABLE INTR Isc;Bitmask

Description:

This command enables interrupts from a specified interface for event-initiated branching. An optional bit mask is stored in the interface interrupt-enable register. The default bit mask is the previous bit mask for that interface, or if there is no previous bit mask then a bit mask of all zeros is used. The meaning of the bit mask depends on the interface; consult the interface documentation.

See Also:

[DISABLE](#), [DISABLE INTR](#), [ENABLE](#), [ON](#), [OFF](#)

END

Marks the end of the program.

Syntax: END

Description:

An **END** statement is required at the end of the main program. Any subprograms follow the main program **END** statement. Comments may also follow the main program **END** statement.

See Also:

[FNEND](#), [SUBEND](#), [PAUSE](#), [STOP](#)

ENTER

Inputs data and assigns it to variables.

Syntax: ENTER source [USING image] [;item-list]

where: source = @io-path [,record-number] |
device-selector |
string-name\$ [(subscripts)]
image = line-number | line-label | string-expression
See IMAGE for the image string syntax.
item-list = item [{,;} item-list]
item = numeric-name [{(subscripts) | (*)}] |
string-name\$ [{(subscripts)} ['sub-string'] | (*)]

subscripts = subscript [,subscript...]

Sample:
ENTER 702;Numeral,Alph\$
ENTER Dev;P1;P2;P3;P4
ENTER @Picto,Pstr;Array(*)
ENTER @Access USING 20;Lexical\$(Def)

Description:

Numeric data, array elements or character strings are input from a specified source and the values are assigned to variables. A number builder changes ASCII data to numeric data for assignment to a numeric variable. The number builder ignores blanks and leading non-numeric characters and terminates on the first character received with EOI true or on the first non-numeric character. Arrays may be entered, in row major order, using the full array specifier, "(*)".

String items are terminated with either a line-feed character, a carriage-return/line-feed character pair, an EOI signal or upon filling the dimensioned length of the string. The line-feed or carriage-return/line-feed characters are not entered into the string.

Complex numbers are entered in rectangular form, real part first, followed by imaginary part. The two parts should be separated by EOI or by a non-numeric character.

Sources:

File. A file [ASSIGN](#)ed to an I/O path may be used as the source. An ASCII file is read as ASCII characters. With [FORMAT ON](#), BDAT and ordinary files are also read as ASCII characters. With [FORMAT OFF](#), BDAT and ordinary files are in internal format (see [OUTPUT](#) for a description of internal formats). All files may be accessed serially and additionally, BDAT and ordinary files may be accessed randomly by including a record number.

Pipe. A pipe may be used as the source. The pipe must be readable and have an associated I/O path. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes used. With [FORMAT ON](#), pipes are read as ASCII characters. With [FORMAT OFF](#), pipes are read assuming data is in internal format (see [OUTPUT](#) for a description of internal formats). Pipes must be accessed serially.

String. A string may be used as the source. **ENTER** begins at the beginning of the string and reads serially. Data is assumed to be in [FORMAT ON](#) format.

Device. A device-selector or I/O path may be used as the source to enter items from a device. The default system attributes are used if the source is a device-selector. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes used if the source is an I/O path. If the

device selector is 1, then the source is the CRT. If the device selector is 2, then the source is the keyboard. To terminate a keyboard entry, and append a carriage-return/line-feed, press ENTER. To terminate an entry, with no characters appended, press CONTINUE.

Buffer. A buffer [ASSIGN](#)ed to an I/O path may be used as the source. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes used. The buffer empty pointer points to the beginning of the data to be removed and **ENTER**ed. The empty pointer is updated as data is **ENTER**ed.

With USING

See [IMAGE](#) for a complete explanation of the image list. The items specified in the image list are acted upon as they are encountered. Each image list item should have a matching enter item. Processing of the image list stops when no matching enter item is found. Conversely, the image list is reused starting at the beginning to provide matches for all remaining enter items. [FORMAT ON](#) is used in connection with **ENTER USING**, even if [FORMAT OFF](#) has been specified.

Records

When entering from a file, you may specify a record number. The first record in the file is record 1. The record size for **BDAT** files is specified when the file is created and defaults to 256 bytes. For other file types the record size is 1; thus the record number is actually the offset into the file. The first byte of the file is at offset 1. When a record number is specified and the record size is not 1, if the **ENTER** requires more data than a single record, an End of Record error or event occurs.

See Also:

[IMAGE](#), [INPUT](#), [LINPUT](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#)

ENVIRON\$

Returns information from the operating system environment.

Syntax: ENVIRON\$(string-expression | numeric-expression)

Sample:

```
PRINT "Your path is ";ENVIRON$("PATH")
LOAD ENVIRON$("HTB") &"\autost",1
A$(I)=ENVIRON$(I)
```

Description:

The **ENVIRON\$** function returns the value assigned to an operating system environment variable. You may choose which environment variable to read in one of two ways. If you know the name of a variable, you can specify it by name and its definition will be returned. If the variable does not exist or if the definition is blank, a zero length string is returned. You can also specify a number, in which case both the corresponding variable, an equal sign and the definition are returned. The first variable is number 1.

Under DOS, the PATH, PROMPT and SET commands assign a value to an environment variable. Typically, this is done in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. Under the UNIX C shell, setenv assigns a value to an environment variable, typically in your .cshrc or .login shell script. Under the UNIX Bourne shell (sh), export assigns a value from a previously created shell variable. This is typically done in your .profile shell script.

As a DOS example, assume only the following DOS commands have been executed:

```
PATH C:\;C:\DOS;C:\HTB
SET HTB=C:\HTB
PROMPT $P$G
```

then **ENVIRON\$("PATH")** will return "C:\;C:\DOS;C:\HTB" and **ENVIRON\$(1)** will return "PATH=C:\;C:\DOS;C:\HTB".

Under Windows the names of environment variables are case insensitive. In DOS and UNIX versions, they are case sensitive.

Porting to HP BASIC

ENVIRON\$ is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[COMMAND\\$](#), [EXECUTE](#), [SYSTEM\\$](#)

ERRL

Compares a line number with ERRLN.

Syntax: ERRL(line-number | line-label)

Sample: IF ERL(850) THEN CALL Route_error
 IF ERL(1260) THEN GOTO 5630
 IF NOT ERL(Record) THEN Lock

Description:

ERRL returns a 1 if [ERRLN](#) is equal to the specified line (in the current context) and 0 otherwise. **ERRL** can be used in [IF](#) statements to direct program flow in an error handling routine. **ERRL** is not keyboard executable.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

ERRLN

Returns the program line number on which the last error occurred.

Syntax: ERRLN

Sample: PRINT ERLN
 Error1=ERRLN

Description:

The number of the program line on which the most recent error occurred is returned. If no error has occurred, the **ERRLN** function returns 0.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

ERRM\$

Returns the error message text of the last error.

Syntax: ERRM\$

Sample:
OUTPUT @Errorlog;ERRM\$
PRINT ERRM\$

Description:

ERRM\$ returns the line number ([ERRLN](#)), error number ([ERRN](#)) and associated error message text. The null string is returned if no error has been generated since start-up, [LOAD](#), [GET](#), [SCRATCH](#) or [CLEAR ERROR](#).

Porting Issues

HTBasic error messages are usually similar to those in HP BASIC. Programs that depend on **ERRM\$** returning the exact same message as HP BASIC should be modified accordingly. In particular, where an HP BASIC error message has seemed less descriptive than it should be, HTBasic returns a more descriptive message.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

ERRN

Returns the last error number.

Syntax: ERRN

Sample:

```
A=ERRN
IF ERRN=75 THEN CALL Exroute
PRINT "Execution Error Number = ";ERRN
10 ON ERROR GOTO 90
20 PRINT X^Y
. . .
80 STOP
90 IF ERRN=27 THEN PRINT "Oops!"
. . .
```

Description:

The last program execution error number is returned; or if no error has occurred, a zero is returned. **ERRN** may be used in [IF](#) statements to direct program flow in an error handling routine.

Porting Issues

Any error number of 2000 or greater is an HTBasic extension to HP BASIC. Not all errors that can occur under HP BASIC can occur under HTBasic. Appendix A contains a list of errors that can occur.

In general and whenever possible, the error numbers returned for errors are the same as those returned by HP BASIC. But in some instances the operating system or environment in which HTBasic runs makes it impossible or impractical to return the same number.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#)

ERROR RETURN

Returns program execution to the line following the most recent error.

Syntax: ERROR RETURN

Sample: IF Done THEN ERROR RETURN

Description:

ERROR RETURN should only be used in connection with [ON ERROR GOSUB](#). A regular [RETURN](#) causes the line which generated the error to be re-executed. **ERROR RETURN** skips the line which generated the error and continues execution with the next line.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#), [RETURN](#)

ERROR SUBEXIT

Returns subprogram execution to the line following the most recent error.

Syntax: ERROR SUBEXIT

Sample: ERROR SUBEXIT
 IF Done THEN ERROR SUBEXIT

Description:

ERROR SUBEXIT should only be used in connection with [ON ERROR CALL](#). A regular [SUBEXIT](#) causes the line which generated the error to be re-executed. **ERROR SUBEXIT** skips the error line and continues execution with the line following the line in error.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [OFF ERROR](#), [ON ERROR](#), [SUBEXIT](#)

EXECUTE

Executes an operating system command.

Syntax: EXECUTE [command] [:option [,option]...]

where: command = string-expression
option = {WAIT OFF | SAVE ALPHA OFF | RETURN numeric-variable}

Sample: EXECUTE "DIR"
EXECUTE "fgrep BASIC *"

Description:

The default command interpreter for your operating system is invoked and given the command specified for execution. When the command has completed, control is returned to HTBasic. If the command argument is not specified then the default command interpreter is invoked, you are given a prompt and you may issue one or more commands. You must terminate the command interpreter to return to HTBasic. From DOS or NT, type "EXIT". From most UNIX shells, type "exit".

After the command has completed execution, if the **WAIT OFF** option is not specified the message "Hit any key to continue" will be displayed and HTBasic waits until you press any keyboard key. If the **WAIT OFF** option is specified, control immediately returns to the next HTBasic statement.

If the **SAVE ALPHA OFF** option is not specified, the screen is cleared before the command is executed and the screen is restored after the command has finished. If the **SAVE ALPHA OFF** option is specified, the screen is not cleared or restored. Messages written to the screen will write over the current screen. You can, however, redirect the output messages to a file and use the **WAIT OFF** option to prevent writing over the screen. Changes made to the display hardware can leave HTBasic confused. For example, if the **EXECUTE**d program changes the color map, HTBasic does not know the change has occurred and will continue using the new color map, assuming the HTBasic map is in place.

If the **RETURN** option is specified, the executed program's termination error value is returned in the numeric variable. Under DOS or UNIX this is the command interpreter's termination value.

When control is returned to HTBasic, an attempt is made to service any events which occurred while the command interpreter had control.

When operating under a window system, the **WAIT OFF** and **SAVE ALPHA OFF** options are ignored. To prevent the appearance of a DOS box when running a Windows application use the following syntax:

```
EXECUTE CHR$(13) & "appname.exe"
```

DOS Version Usage Notes

The COMSPEC environment variable must be set correctly to use **EXECUTE**. It is used to locate the command interpreter.

You should use the -MINREAL and -MAXREAL switches on CFIG386 (which are explained in the *Installing and Using* manual) to set aside real memory for the **EXECUTE** statement. As shipped, the -MINREAL switch is set to 4096 16-byte paragraphs (64 kilobytes). This is enough for COMMAND.COM or small programs, but must be increased for larger programs. There is no easy way to determine the value to use, however there is

a straight-forward way: Try larger and larger values until you find one that will work. The size of the .EXE file is a rough indicator of the minimum amount of memory required by a program.

Windows Version Usage Notes

Windows NT Under Windows NT, CMD is the command interpreter used if no command is specified. To execute a built-in command like "DIR", use "cmd /c DIR". An extension of .EXE is assumed for the command; to execute a .BAT, .CMD or .COM file, include the extension.

Windows 3.1 Under Windows 3.1, other Windows programs can be specified by name. To run DOS programs, include "COMMAND.COM /C" before the program name.

UNIX Usage Notes

The shell specified in the SHELL environment variable is used to spawn the command. If no SHELL variable exists, "/bin/sh" is used.

See Also:

[QUIT](#)

EXOR

Performs a **Logical exclusive OR** of two expressions.

Syntax: numeric-expression EXOR numeric-expression

Sample: I=1 EXOR 0
 IF Former EXOR Latter THEN Do
 IF A<B EXOR C=D THEN PRINT "ONLY ONE CONDITION IS TRUE"

Description:

A **EXOR** B returns a one if exactly one of A or B is non-zero and a zero if A and B are both zero or both non-zero.

See Also:

[AND](#), [OR](#), [NOT](#)

EXP

Returns "e" raised to a power.

Syntax: EXP (numeric-expression)

Sample:
X1=EXP (Y*10)
X2=EXP (-Y^3)

Description:

EXP returns the value of "e" raised to the power specified by the numeric expression. "e" is the base of the Naperian or Natural logarithm. Its value is approximately 2.718 281 828 459 05.

COMPLEX Arguments

EXP accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the real and imaginary parts of **EXP(Z)** are calculated (using real arithmetic) as

$$\text{REAL}(\text{EXP}(Z)) = \text{EXP}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{COS}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

$$\text{IMAG}(\text{EXP}(Z)) = \text{EXP}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{SIN}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

[IMAG\(Z\)](#) specifies radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over- or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[LOG](#), [LGT](#)

FBYTE

Checks for first byte of a two byte character.

Syntax: FBYTE(string)

Sample:

```
PRINT FBYTE(A$)
IF FBYTE(A$[I]) THEN PRINT "Two Bytes"
```

Description:

FBYTE is used with [SBYTE](#) to determine whether a character is one or two bytes long. FBYTE returns a one if the first byte of the string argument is in the valid range for the first byte of a two byte character.

This function is only available and enabled in specific versions of HTBasic.

See Also:

[CVT\\$](#), [SBYTE](#)

FIND

Searches for specified characters in a program.

Syntax: FIND "characters" [IN start [,end]]

where: characters = string-literal
start and end = line-number | line-label

Sample: FIND "PRINT"
FIND "Xx=" IN Math,Result

Description:

FIND allows you to search for arbitrary strings in the program. Once found, the program line may be modified or deleted. The search continues after pressing ENTER or DEL LN. If no modification or deletion is needed, pressing CONTINUE searches for the next occurrence. You may exit **FIND** mode by pressing any other function key. The string literal must match exactly. The case of characters is significant.

If start is specified, the search begins with that line. If the line doesn't exist, the line immediately after that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported. If start is not specified, searching will begin with the current line.

If end is specified, the search ends with that line. If the line doesn't exist, the line immediately before that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported. If end is not specified, searching will end with the last line.

FIND is not allowed while a program is running, but it may be used when the program is paused. **FIND** is aborted if a change exceeds the maximum allowable length of a program line or if a line number is altered. **FIND** can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

[CHANGE](#), [COPYLINES](#), [DEL](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT](#), [INDENT](#), [MOVELINES](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [XREF](#)

FIX

Truncates a value to **INTEGER**.

Syntax: FIX (numeric-expression)

Sample: DRAW FIX(X) , Y

Description:

The effect of **FIX** is to remove the fractional part of its argument.

Notice the differences among **FIX**, [CINT](#) and [INT](#). **FIX** returns the closest integral value between the [REAL](#) value and zero. [CINT](#) converts a [REAL](#) value to an [INTEGER](#) by substituting the closest [INTEGER](#) to the value. **FIX** returns the closest integral value between the [REAL](#) value and zero. [INT](#) returns the closest integral value between the [REAL](#) value and negative infinity. Also, [CINT](#) actually changes the type from [REAL](#) to [INTEGER](#) while [INT](#) and **FIX** return integral results without changing the type. The following table helps illustrate these differences:

Value x	CINT(x)	FIX(x)	INT(x)
2.6	3	2.0	2.0
2.2	2	2.0	2.0
-2.2	-2	-2.0	-3.0
-2.6	-3	-2.0	-3.0

Porting to HP BASIC

FIX is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[CINT](#), [DROUND](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [PROUND](#), [REAL](#)

FN

Executes a user-defined function.

Syntax: FN function-name[\$] [(argument [,argument...])]

where: argument = pass-by-reference | pass-by-value

pass-by-reference =
@io-path |
variable-name[\$][(*)] |
string-array-element |
numeric-array-element

pass-by-value =
(variable-name[\$]) |
(numeric-array-element) |
(string-array-element) |
numeric-constant |
numeric-expression
"string-literal" |
string-name\$ [(subscripts)] sub-string |
string-expression

Sample:
PRINT "New Value is";FNRate(Y)
Result\$=FNCheck\$(List\$)
Pass=FNDecode(Code,(Express),@Line)
Rotate=FNTranslate(Comp(Trans1+Trans2),Table(*))

Description:

A function subprogram is defined by [DEF FN](#) and called by referencing **FN**name. The supplied arguments, if any, may be used in the function's calculations. Upon completion it returns either a string or a numeric value depending on the type of the function name.

Calling a function subprogram changes the program context. Function subprograms may be called recursively. If there is more than one function with the same name the function with the lowest line number is called.

If an expression is defined and evaluated several times throughout a program, it is convenient to define it as a function and then specify the function name instead of the expression. A function can be used anywhere expressions are allowed.

Function subprograms can be included in expressions involved in keyboard calculations. For example, the return value of a function can be displayed by typing the function name and then pressing ENTER.

The arguments specified in the function reference must be of the same type as the parameters in the defining [DEF FN](#). Variables passed by reference must exactly match the [DEF FN](#) parameters. Numeric values passed by value are changed to the type ([REAL](#) or [INTEGER](#)) of the parameter.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DEF FN](#), [SUB](#)

FOR ... NEXT

Executes a loop a fixed number of times.

Syntax: FOR control-var = start TO end [STEP step]
statements
NEXT control-var

where: control-var = numeric-name
start, end and step = numeric-expressions
statements = zero, one or more program statements

Sample:

```
10 FOR I=1 TO 100
20   FOR X=1 TO 100
30     PRINT I,X
40   NEXT X
50   FOR J=2*PI TO 0 STEP -PI/100
. . .
80     NEXT J
90 NEXT I
```

Description:

The **FOR ... NEXT** loop is executed a fixed number of times, by incrementing a control variable through a fixed range. The loop consists of statements between the **FOR** and corresponding **NEXT** statement.

When the **FOR** statement is executed, the initial value is assigned to the control variable. The value is then tested against the final value. If it exceeds it (in the proper **STEP** direction) then the **FOR** loop is not executed and control transfers to the line following the matching **NEXT** statement. If there is no **STEP** modifier, the default step size is set to one. The step modifier can be positive or negative. If the step modifier is zero, then the loop is infinitely repeated and no error is generated.

When the **NEXT** statement is executed, the step value is added to the control variable. If the new control value variable is larger than the end value and the step value is positive (or if the new control variable value is smaller than the end value and the step value is negative), the loop terminates and execution continues with the statement following the **NEXT**. If the control variable has not exceeded the end value, then control is returned to the program statement following the corresponding **FOR** statement.

Jumping from outside the **FOR** loop into the **FOR** loop does not give an error but should not be done since the control variable, end value and step value will not be properly set. Jumping from inside the **FOR** loop to outside the **FOR** loop is permitted.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [END](#), [FN](#), [GOSUB](#), [GOTO](#), [IF](#), [LOOP](#), [ON](#), [PAUSE](#), [REPEAT](#), [RETURN](#), [RUN](#), [SELECT](#), [STOP](#), [SUBEND](#), [SUBEXIT](#), [WAIT](#), [WHILE](#)

FRACT

Returns the **fractional part of an argument**.

Syntax: FRACT (numeric-expression)

Sample: PRINT FRACT(5/3)
Fraction = FRACT(Integer+Fraction)

Description:

The **FRACT** function returns a number greater than or equal to zero and less than one. For any value of X, the formula $X = \text{INT}(X) + \text{FRACT}(X)$ is true.

Porting to HP BASIC

HTBasic allows the **FRACT** of a complex value, returning the fractional part of the real part of the complex value. HP BASIC gives error 620.

See Also:

[INT](#)

FRAME

Draws a frame around the clipping area.

Syntax: FRAME

Sample: FRAME

Description:

This command frames the clipping area using the current pen and line type. **FRAME** ends with the pen up and positioned in the lower left corner of the frame.

See Also:

[AXES](#), [CLIP](#), [GRID](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PEN](#), [VIEWPORT](#)

FRE

Returns the amount of free memory.

Syntax: FRE

Sample: Remaining=FRE-Needed
IF FRE<Wanted then CALL Wolf

Description:

This function returns the amount of available memory. To quickly see how much memory is available, type **FRE** and press ENTER. The value will be printed on the message line. This is the same value printed at the end of a [LIST](#) statement or returned by the [SYSTEM\\$](#)("AVAILABLE MEMORY") function.

Command Line Switch

The amount of available memory to give HTBasic when it starts is set with a command line switch. The **-w** (workspace) switch specifies how much memory to set aside for your programs and data. The syntax is

```
-w amount [k|m]
```

where *amount* should be replaced with a number specifying the amount of memory. *Amount* can optionally be followed by a "k" or an "m". If no "k" or "m" is given, the number specifies bytes. If "k" is given, the number specifies kilobytes and if "m" is given, the number specifies megabytes.

Under Windows and UNIX, the default workspace size is one megabyte. Under the DOS version, the default workspace takes all available memory up to 16 megabytes. Note that the amount of free memory reported can be somewhat less than that requested because device drivers or other memory users may allocate some of the memory during startup.

The following example allocates two megabytes:

```
% htb -w 2m
```

Porting to HP BASIC

FRE is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[LIST](#), [SYSTEM\\$](#)

GCLEAR

Clears the graphics screen.

Syntax: GCLEAR

Sample: GCLEAR

Description:

If the graphics device is a plotter, **GCLEAR** advances the paper. If the graphics device is a CRT, all planes enabled with the current graphics write-mask are cleared. If any alpha data is present in the same planes, the alpha data is re-written.

See Also:

[CLEAR SCREEN](#), [GRAPHICS](#), [MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#)

GESCAPE

Sends device-specific information to a graphic device.

Syntax: GESCAPE device-selector, code [,param(*)][;return(*)]

where: code = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer.
param and return = numeric-array.

Sample:
GESCAPE Dev,Operation;Array(*)
GESCAPE 14,4
GESCAPE 2,3;Hardclip(*)
GESCAPE Plttr,Select,Send(*);Receive(*)

Description:

GESCAPE exchanges device-specific data with a graphic device. The code parameter determines what operation will be done. The *param* array sends information to the device. The *return* array receives information from the device. The type, size and shape of the arrays must be appropriate for the requested operation. Codes greater than 99 are extensions to HTBasic which are not present in HP BASIC. Codes in the range 30 to 41 apply to the Windows version only.

Code 1

Return the number of color map entries. The *return* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array and have at least one element. The first element is assigned the number of color map entries.

Code 2

Return the color map values. The *return* array must be a two dimensional [REAL](#) array, must have at least one row, and must have three columns. The first row contains color information for pen 0, second row for pen 1, etc. If the array does not have enough rows or has too many rows, no error is reported. The first column contains the information for red, the second for green and the third for blue. The color information ranges in value from zero to one. Color values are multiples of 1/N, where N is the number of non-black shades available for each color.

Code 3

Return the hard-clip values. The values are returned in plotter units or pixels. The *return* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array and must contain at least four elements. The first four elements of the array are assigned the values, X min, Y min, X max, Y max, respectively. For a CRT, the fifth and sixth elements give the [INTEGER](#) array dimensions needed by the [GSTORE](#) command to store the screen image. For example:

```
10  INTEGER A(1:6)
20  GESCAPE CRT,3;A(*)
30  ALLOCATE INTEGER B(1:A(5),1:A(6))
40  GSTORE B(*)
```

Code 4

Set normal drawing mode. Drawing in normal drawing mode with a positive pen number sets each pixel to the pen number. Drawing in normal mode with a negative pen number takes the value of each pixel and clears the bits associated with the pen value. On monochrome displays, the drawing mode is always normal so **GESCAPE** 4 and 5 are not supported.

Code 5

Set alternate drawing mode. Drawing in alternate mode with positive pen numbers

performs an inclusive OR on the pen value and the color-map entry number at each pixel. Drawing in alternate mode with negative pen numbers, performs an exclusive OR on the pen value and the color-map entry number at each pixel. On monochrome displays, the drawing mode is always normal so **GESCAPE** 4 and 5 are not supported.

Code 6

Return the graphic display masks. The *return* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array and must have at least one element. The first element is assigned the value of the graphics write-enable mask. The second element, if present, is assigned the value of the graphics display-enable mask. Each bit in the mask corresponds to one of the bit planes. Bit 0 corresponds to the first plane.

Code 7

Set the graphic display masks. The *param* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array and must have at least one element. The first element is assigned to the graphics write-enable mask. The second element, if present, is assigned to the graphics display-enable mask. This code is not supported by HTBasic. Often, where operation code 7 is used, [MERGE](#) or [SEPARATE ALPHA](#) can be used instead.

Windows

Several **GESCAPE** codes allow manipulation of the HTBasic window.

Code	Operation
30,40	Maximize the window
31	Hide the window
32,42	Restore the window
33,43	Set window position and size
34,44	Get window position and size
35,45	Bring the window to the top
36	Get the screen size
39	Set the DUMP size (% of paper width)
41	Minimize the window

The following example shows the syntax for each of the Windows **GESCAPE** codes. Note that codes that set information have a comma before the array name while codes that get information have a semicolon.

```

10  INTEGER Get4(1:4), Set4(1:4), Get2(1:2), Set1(1:1)
20  DATA 90,100,500,300      ! Position of upper left corner:
                               (90,100), Width = 500, Height = 300

30  READ Set4(*)
40  GESCAPE CRT,30          ! Maximize the window
50  GESCAPE CRT,31          ! Hide the window
60  GESCAPE CRT,32          ! Restore the window
70  GESCAPE CRT,33,Set4(*) ! Set the window position and size:
                               X,Y,W,H
80  GESCAPE CRT,34;Get4(*) ! Get the window position and size:
                               X,Y,W,H
90  GESCAPE CRT,35          ! Bring the window to the top
100 GESCAPE CRT,36;Get2(*) ! Get the screen size: W,H
101  Put1(0)=50             ! Set the DUMP size to 50%
110  GESCAPE CRT,39,Set1(*) ! Set the DUMP size (default is 100%)
120  GESCAPE CRT,41          ! Minimize the window
130  END

```

Codes 100 & 101

Sets the color palettes used by the HP PaintJet printer. If the code is 100, the color table

for non-[COLOR MAP](#) mode is loaded. If 101 is specified, the color table for [COLOR MAP](#) mode is loaded. The *param* array must be a two dimensional [INTEGER](#) array. It must have at least one row and must have three columns. The first row contains color information for pen 0, second row for pen 1, etc. If the array does not have enough rows or has too many rows, no error is reported. The first column contains the information for red, the second for green and the third for blue. The color information ranges in value from 1 to 99.

Code 102

Returns the current [VIEWPORT](#) and [WINDOW](#). The *return* array should be a two dimensional [REAL](#) array with two rows and four columns. The first row is assigned the values of the current window. The second row is assigned the values of the current viewport. For each, the X min, X max, Y min and Y max values are assigned to the first through fourth columns, respectively. The following program demonstrates this capability:

```
10 REAL W(1,3)
20 GESCAPE CRT,102;W(*)
30 PRINT "The current window is";W(0,0),W(0,1),W(0,2),W(0,3)
40 PRINT "The current viewport is";W(1,0),W(1,1),W(1,2),W(1,3)
50 END
```

Code 103

Returns the current [PEN](#) and [AREA PEN](#) assignments. The *return* array should be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array with two elements. The first element is assigned the current [PEN](#) assignment. The second element is assigned the current [AREA PEN](#) assignment. The following program demonstrates this capability:

```
10 INTEGER P(1)
20 GESCAPE CRT,103;P(*)
30 PRINT "The current PEN is";P(0)
40 PRINT "The current AREA PEN is";P(1)
50 END
```

Code 104

Sets device-specific information in the [PLOTTER IS](#) device. The *param* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array. The number of elements required depends on the device driver. The first element is the operation number and the subsequent elements are the values associated with that operation.

For the HPGL plotter driver, code 104, operation 1 is used to enable HPGL/2 capabilities. When HPGL/2 is used, polygons are sent to the plotter for rendering. With many plotting devices, this allows the polygons to be filled. When generating an HPGL file for import into other programs, it is often more desirable for the polygon to import as a single unit, rather than a series of lines. To enable HPGL/2, use the following code. Substitute the ISC for the HPGL plotter in place of Isc in line 40.

```
10 INTEGER Param(1)
20 Param(0)=1 ! HPGL Operation Number: 1 = HPGL/2 Flag
30 Param(1)=1 ! Value: 1=enable, 0=disable
40 GESCAPE Isc,104,Param(*)
```

Code 105

Sets device-specific information in the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device. The *param* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array. The number of elements required depends on the device driver. The first element is the operation number and the subsequent elements are the values associated with that operation.

Code 106

Sets device-specific information in the [DUMP DEVICE IS](#) device. The *param* array must be a one dimensional INTEGER array. The number of elements required depends on the device driver. The first element is the operation number and the subsequent elements are the values associated with that operation.

For the dump drivers, code 106, operation 1 is used to specify a portion of the screen to dump when [DUMP GRAPHICS](#) is executed. The syntax is:

```
GESCAPE PRT,106,param(*)
```

The *param* array must be a one dimensional [INTEGER](#) array of five elements. The first element is the operation number. The remaining elements specify the boundary for the [DUMP](#). The boundary is specified in screen units:

```
param(1) - 1  
param(2) - Beginning row  
param(3) - Ending row  
param(4) - Must be 0  
param(5) - Must be 0
```

The [CONFIGURE DUMP](#), [PLOTTER IS CRT](#), "INTERNAL", and [GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD](#), "KBD" statements reset the row parameters back to the defaults, full screen. The [CONFIGURE DUMP](#) statement must be executed before the [GESCAPE](#) statement. The following program demonstrates this capability:

```
10  INTEGER A(1:5)  
20  DUMP DEVICE IS PRT  
30  CONFIGURE DUMP TO "HP-PCL"  
40  A(1)=1    ! operation code, always 1  
50  A(2)=100 ! begin row, screen units  
60  A(3)=300 ! end row, screen units  
70  A(4)=0    ! reserved, must be 0  
80  A(5)=0    ! reserved, must be 0  
90  GESCAPE PRT,106,A(*)  
100 FRAME  
110 MOVE 0,0  
120 DRAW 100,100  
130 DUMP GRAPHICS  
140 END
```

See Also:

[COLOR](#), [GSEND](#), [PLOTTER IS](#)

GET

Loads LIF, DOS or UNIX ASCII program file into memory.

Syntax: GET file-specifier [,append [,run]]

where: append and run = line-number|line-label

Sample:
GET Modprog\$,250,20
GET "A:CODEFILE"
GET "Sdir/Cdir/Pdir/CorFile"
GET "GMAT.BAS"

Description:

When a **GET** is attempted, the first program line is read from the file and checked for a line number. If no line number exists, an error is reported. If **GET** is executed from a running program, this error can be trapped just like any other error. If the first line of the ASCII file has a valid line number, then the **GET** operation first deletes the current program and variables (except for COM variables) and then attempts to read the ASCII program lines into memory. Each line is syntax checked as normal. If a syntax error is found, the line is listed to the PRINTER IS device, turned into a comment (by adding "!* " after the line number) and then saved in memory with the other program lines.

If **GET** specified an append line, then the current program is deleted starting at the append-line; the new lines are appended to the current program and are renumbered to start at the append line number. If **GET** did not specify an append line, then the program is read in without renumbering.

If **GET** specifies a run line (line must be in main context), execution resumes automatically at the run line after a prerun. If **GET**, executed from a program, does not specify a run line, execution resumes at the beginning of the program. If **GET**, executed from the keyboard, does not specify a run line, a RUN command must be given to start execution. If a syntax error occurred during the **GET**, the error is reported and no RUN takes place. These errors cannot be trapped.

GET has been extended to read programs in many different formats: LIF ASCII, DOS ASCII, UNIX ASCII, Viper-I ASCII and Viper-II ASCII. In DOS and UNIX ASCII files, carriage-returns (CR) are ignored and line-feeds (LF) are used to terminate lines. Program lines can be terminated with LF, CR/LF or LF/CR. Files that are terminated with CR only can only be read after an LF is added at the end of each line.

See Also:

CONFIGURE SAVE, LOAD, RE-SAVE, SAVE

GINIT

Initializes graphics parameters to their default values.

Syntax: GINIT

Sample: GINIT

Description:

GINIT is a fast way to reset colors and other graphic options without explicitly setting each option. **GINIT** also terminates any graphics input device or active plotter.

GINIT changes the [PLOTTER IS](#) back to "INTERNAL." If the previous [PLOTTER IS](#) was a file, it is closed. **GINIT** changes the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) back to "KBD." The default values for graphic options are dependent on the current device driver, but are typically:

AREA PEN 1	MOVE 0,0
CLIP OFF	PDIR 0
CSIZE 5,0.6	PEN 1
LDIR 0	PIVOT 0
LINE TYPE 1,5	GESCAPE CRT,4
LORG 1	

The [WINDOW](#) and [VIEWPORT](#) are both set to their initial values which are: top = 100, bottom = 0, left = 0, right = [RATIO](#)*100. Note the value of the right viewport setting depends on the aspect ratio of the graphic device.

See Also:

[GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#)

GLOAD

Loads an integer array into the CRT display buffer.

Syntax: GLOAD [device-selector,] integer-array(*) [rectangle-params]

where: rectangle-params = ,width,height [,rule [,xorig, yorig]]

Sample:
GLOAD Image1(*)
IF Abort THEN GLOAD Explode(*)
GLOAD CRT, Image (*), 200, 200, 3, 0, 100

Description:

This command displays on the screen an image from an integer array. The image in the array is most frequently one saved from the screen into the array with the [GSTORE](#) command. The device-selector specifies the destination device, which must be a bit-mapped device. The CRT is assumed if no device selector is specified.

Two forms of the **GLOAD** statement are supported. The first form is compatible with the **GLOAD** statement in HP BASIC and displays an image which fills the entire screen.

The second form displays an image which fills an arbitrary sized rectangular portion of the screen. For users porting programs from HP BASIC which use the Bstore()/Bload() CSUBs supplied with HP BASIC, the "Porting HP BASIC Programs to the PC" chapter of the *User's Guide*, presents Bstore()/Bload() [SUBS](#) which call [GSTORE](#) and **GLOAD** using the integrated syntax.

Full Screen GLOAD

The size of the array necessary to store a complete screen image for each display depends on the resolution and on the number of colors the display supports. [GESCPE CRT,3](#) can be used in a program to determine the size necessary. The following table gives the sizes for some display adaptors. The array may be declared larger or smaller than the size given. If the array is not large enough to contain a full screen image, **GLOAD** stops when all the array contents have been transferred to the screen. If the array is too large, only part of the array will be used. If an attempt is made to **GLOAD** an image to a display that is different from the [GSTORE](#) display, unpredictable results will occur. If the color map has different values than when the image was [GSTORED](#), the colors will not match the original image.

Display	Array Size
CGA	Image(1:40,1:200)
MGA	Image(1:40,1:400)
HGC	Image(1:45,1:348)
EGA	Image(1:160,1:350)
VGA	Image(1:160,1:480)
SVGA16;640x480	Image(1:160,1:480)
SVGA16;800x600	Image(1:200,1:600)
SVGA16;1024x768	Image(1:256,1:768)
SVGA256;640x480	Image(1:320,1:480)
SVGA256;800x600	Image(1:400,1:600)
SVGA256;1024x768	Image(1:512,1:768)

The format of the image data within the array is documented for most displays in the *User's Guide*.

Rectangular Blocks

When a *Width* and *Height* are specified after the image array, only a rectangular block is

loaded from the array onto the display. *Width* and *Height* are specified in pixels. Optionally, a *Rule* can be specified which instructs **GLOAD** how to combine the contents of the array with the contents of the screen. Presently, only a value of 3 is supported, which causes the contents of the array to totally overwrite the specified block on the display. The block will be located with the upper left corner at the current graphic position. Alternately, a position can be specified with the *Xorigin*, *Yorigin* parameters. These parameters should be specified in the current WINDOW units, not pixels or VIEWPORT units (GDUs).

For displays with 8 planes or less (256 colors or less), the image is stored with one byte per pixel. This makes images somewhat transportable among different displays. It also means that the number of elements necessary to store the image is equal to $Width * Height / 2$. If the width is even, the array could be declared as

```
INTEGER Image( 1:Width/2,1:Height)
```

For displays with more than 8 planes (256 colors), the image is stored with 3 bytes per pixel (24-bit color format).

If the array is too small, an error is given. If the array is too large, the extra elements are ignored. If **GLOAD** is used to display an image on a display with less colors than the GSTORE display, the results are undefined. If the color map is different than the color map in effect when the image was GSTOREd, the colors will not match the original image.

Windows Version Usage Notes

Not all windows CRT drivers support GLOADGSTORE. Full screen GLOADGSTORE uses BMP format. The contents of the array can be saved in a file and modified by most Windows draw/paint programs. The array contains both palette and image information.

graphics_buffer off. If the `graphics_buffer` command line switch is off and another window overlaps the HTBasic window, the overlapping portion of the window will be included in the stored image. If the window is iconified, the stored image will be the HTBasic icon. If part of the HTBasic window is offscreen, only the part on screen is stored. To avoid these side-effects, use the "-gr on" command line switch.

COLOR LOSS. If a BMP file is loaded into an array and **GLOADed** to the screen, some color information may be lost. Any color in the image that doesn't exist in the destination palette are changed to similar colors that do exist in the palette. With `-cu ReadOnly`, the destination palette consists of the Windows static colors. With `-cu Share`, the destination palette is the HTBasic **COLOR MAP**.

See Also:

GESCAPE, GSTORE

GOSUB

Transfers control to a subroutine.

Syntax: GOSUB subroutine

where: subroutine = line-label | line-number

Sample:
GOSUB 1000
GOSUB John

Description:

A subroutine is any portion of a program context beginning with a line mentioned in and defined in the same context, as a **GOSUB** statement and ending with a [RETURN](#) statement.

When a running program encounters a **GOSUB** statement, it saves the current line number and then transfers control to the specified line. Execution continues normally until a [RETURN](#) statement is executed, at which point the program jumps back and resumes execution at the line after the **GOSUB** statement. Execution of a [RETURN](#) statement without a **GOSUB** will give an error.

If the subroutine is called by [ON ERROR GOSUB](#), it can also include [ERROR RETURN](#) statements. A [RETURN](#) re-executes the statement which caused the error, while [ERROR RETURN](#) skips it.

Porting Issues

Under HTBasic, **GOSUB** and [ALLOCATE](#) use the same stack. Intermixing these statements can cause changes in available memory that are different from HP BASIC. In practice this causes no problems.

See Also:

[ERROR RETURN](#), [GOTO](#), [ON](#), [ON-event GOSUB](#), [RETURN](#)

GOTO

Transfers control to a specified line.

Syntax: GOTO { line-label | line-number }

Sample:
GOTO 510
GOTO Loop

Description:

Program execution continues at the specified line. This line must be in the current context.

See Also:

[GOSUB](#), [ON](#)

GRAPHICS

Makes the graphics screen visible or invisible.

Syntax: GRAPHICS { ON | OFF }

Sample: GRAPHICS ON
IF No_show THEN GRAPHICS OFF

Description:

GRAPHICS ON makes the graphics screen visible; **GRAPHICS OFF** makes it invisible. The current screen driver has an effect on the execution of this statement as explained in the following paragraphs. See [PLOTTER IS](#) for an explanation of the screen drivers.

If the CRTA screen driver is being used, turning the **GRAPHICS** screen **ON** turns the [ALPHA](#) screen off and vice-versa. Any time the **GRAPHICS** screen is turned off, it is cleared.

If the CRTB screen driver is being used, **GRAPHICS ON/OFF** has no effect when [ALPHA](#) and **GRAPHICS** are [MERGE](#)d. [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#) must be executed before this statement has any effect.

See Also:

[ALPHA](#), [GCLEAR](#), [MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#)

GRAPHICS INPUT IS

Defines the device to be used for graphic input.

Syntax: GRAPHICS INPUT IS device-selector, "driver-name [;options]"

where: driver-name = KBD | ARROW KEYS | HPGL | TABLET
options = driver options. See text for detailed information.

Sample:
GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD, "KBD"
GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD, "ARROW KEYS"
GRAPHICS INPUT IS 705, "HPGL"
GRAPHICS INPUT IS 705, "TABLET;BIN-2,0,5000,0,5000"

Description:

This statement specifies which device and driver to use for [DIGITIZE](#), [READ LOCATOR](#) and [SET LOCATOR](#) statements.

The device-selector specifies the device or interface to use to communicate with the graphic input device. This is usually KBD, an IEEE-488 device selector or the Serial interface select code. The driver name and options, shown in literal form in the above syntax diagram, can be specified with a string expression. The string specifies which driver to use with the device. The default device is KBD and the default driver is "KBD".

Graphics Input Drivers

HTBasic supports loadable graphics drivers. The first time a driver is specified in a **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statement, the driver is loaded and used for graphics input. When the driver is subsequently specified, it is not loaded again, but is again used for graphics input. The following table lists the drivers available at the time of this manual printing. (Not all drivers are available in all versions.)

Name	For These Devices
KBD	Keyboard arrow keys or Mouse
ARROW KEYS	Same as KBD
HPGL	HPGL Plotters or Digitizers
TABLET	Most available digitizing tablets

HTBasic automatically loads the "KBD" driver when it starts. Up to ten graphic and dump drivers can be loaded at a time.

DOS Version. Under DOS, drivers can only be loaded while in the MAIN subprogram. It is recommended that **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statements be included in your AUTOST file to load any necessary drivers. (Drivers can also be loaded in immediate mode when the BASIC [RUNLIGHT](#) is Idle.)

To find the driver file HTBasic takes the driver specified in the **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statement and performs several operations upon it to find the correct file. Under the DOS version, ".D36" is appended to the name. Then the following three locations are searched, in the specified order:

1. The directory specified by the HTB environment variable, if an HTB environment variable exists.
2. The current directory.
3. The directory containing the HTBasic executable.

Windows Version. Under Windows driver files can be loaded at any point. It is recommended that **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statements be included in your AUTOST file to

load any necessary drivers.

To find the driver file HTBasic takes the driver specified in the **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statement and performs several operations upon it to find the correct file. ".DW6" is appended to the name. Then the following locations are searched, in the specified order:

1. The directory containing the HTBasic executable.
2. The current directory.
3. The Windows system directory (such as \WINNT\SYSTEM32).
4. The Windows directory.
5. The directories listed in the PATH environment variable.

UNIX Versions. Under UNIX, driver files are linked into the HTBasic executable. **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statements can be used anywhere, but it is recommended that they be included in your AUTOST file.

KBD or ARROW KEYS Driver

The keyboard (KBD) graphics input driver provides support for input of X and Y coordinates from the keyboard arrow keys or the mouse. The KBD driver is loaded at start up. The command to switch back to the KBD graphics input driver from another driver is

```
GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD, "KBD"  
    or  
GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD, "ARROW KEYS"
```

The following example program shows how to set up the KBD driver and get coordinate information from the input device.

```
10 PLOTTER IS CRT, "INTERNAL"  
20 GRAPHICS INPUT IS KBD, "KBD"  
30 TRACK CRT IS ON  
40 FRAME  
50 DIGITIZE X, Y, S$  
60 PRINT X, Y, S$  
70 END
```

HPGL Driver

The HPGL graphics input driver provides support for any input device that accepts Hewlett Packard's HPGL language. Some HPGL compatible devices are the HP 9111A and HPGL plotters.

TABLET Driver

The TABLET graphics input driver provides support for most digitizers currently available. It usually uses either the serial port or the IEEE-488 (GPIB) bus to communicate with the tablet. The following guidelines will help you in loading the driver and in selecting the proper tablet configuration and data communication options. The command to load the TABLET graphics input driver is:

```
GRAPHICS INPUT IS Isc, "TABLET;[mode[,]][resolution]"
```

The *mode* option allows you to specify the method in which the tablet's data is interpreted by the driver. If both mode and resolution options are specified, specify the mode option first and separate the two by a comma. The following table gives the legal values for mode:

Mode	Meaning
(None)	Comma separated ASCII
BIN-1	Summagraphics MM Binary Format
BIN-2	Hitachi Binary Format
BIN-3	UIOF Binary Format.

If no mode is specified, then the driver assumes the tablet is using a comma separated, CR/LF terminated, ASCII data format. The data cannot contain any decimal points within the string. ASCII format is preferred over binary; it tends to be easier to setup and get working. The binary formats are explained in greater detail in the *Installing and Using* manual. The *resolution* option is sometimes necessary to scale X and Y values read from the tablet. The TABLET driver assumes a default maximum resolution of 11000 units in both the X and Y directions. This value is used to scale the digitizer coordinates to the display WINDOW coordinates. If this value is not correct for your digitizer or if you want to adjust for any distortion, you can change the scaling values with the following command:

```
GRAPHICS INPUT IS 9,"TABLET;Xmin,Xmax,Ymin,Ymax"
```

Xmin and Xmax are the digitizer's X values that correspond to the display's minimum and maximum X values respectively. Ymin and Ymax are the digitizer's Y values that correspond to the display's minimum and maximum Y values. Please note that these values are specified in device units.

The TABLET driver scales the digitizer X and Y coordinates into the display WINDOW coordinates. For example, suppose the screen's WINDOW resolution is 0-133 in the X direction and 0-100 in the Y direction and the digitizer's X and Y resolution is 0-11000. If the digitizer returns 11000,11000 as the current X and Y location, the DIGITIZE statement will return a value of 100,133 to the user. If you want the X and Y values to be the same for equal movements in the X and Y directions, specify a square WINDOW. For example:

```
WINDOW 0,100,0,100
```

The digitizer has several options that are critical to make it work properly with HTBasic. They are as follows:

- Handshaking Mode
- Absolute coordinates

Some other tablet settings that are not critical, but recommended are as follows:

- Data transmitted only in proximity.
- Disable Increment mode.
- Disable leading zero's.
- Enable RUN mode.
- Enable Maximum report rate.

Please consult your digitizer documentation for the correct switch settings for these options.

Communication

The TABLET and HPGL drivers usually use either the serial port or the IEEE-488 (GPIB) bus to communicate with the digitizer. This is specified by the device-selector in the **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statement. For example:

```
GRAPHICS INPUT IS 702,"TABLET" !GPIB Address 2
GRAPHICS INPUT IS 9,"TABLET" !First Serial Port
```

Communication with the tablet over the GPIB bus is straight forward. You specify the

device-selector (i.e. 702) and the control and data messages proceed without further setup.

Communication with the tablet over the serial port is more involved because of the many serial configuration options. The SERIAL driver defaults to 8 Data Bits, No Parity Bit, 1 Stop Bit and a speed of 9600 Baud. Make sure that the switches on the tablet are set to match these defaults or specify the differences when loading the SERIAL driver.

The tablet may support either XON/XOFF handshaking or hardware handshaking. Find out which method your tablet supports and set the SERIAL driver to use the same handshaking. By default the SERIAL driver uses XON/XOFF handshaking, the following line is all that is needed to set the driver to this method.

```
10 LOAD BIN "SERIAL" !Loads SERIAL device driver
```

If you need to use hardware handshaking, you will have to set a number of other registers within the SERIAL driver. The following program lines specify hardware handshaking.

```
10 LOAD BIN "SERIAL" !Loads SERIAL device driver
20 CONTROL 9,5;0      !Use DTR and RTS
30 CONTROL 9,12;0    !Read DSR, CD and CTS
40 CONTROL 9,100;0   !Disable XON/XOFF handshaking
```

With some digitizers the RTS line must be held active to make the TABLET driver work correctly, otherwise an error will occur after several successful reads. To hold the RTS line active change program line 20 to [CONTROL 9,5;2](#). Make sure the tablet is set to hardware handshaking. For some tablets, this is specified as CTS handshaking.

Porting Issues

Both HP BASIC and HTBasic do an implicit **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** assignment for you if you attempt to use graphic input statements before an explicit **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** statement. The difference is that HTBasic does the implicit **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** as soon as HTBasic is started and HP BASIC waits until the first graphic input statement is executed. The only known effect of the different approach is that under HP BASIC, a [SYSTEM\\$](#)("GRAPHICS INPUT IS") returns "0" until the first graphic statement is executed and HTBasic returns the correct value anytime.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [SET LOCATOR](#), [TRACK](#)

GRID

Draws a grid pattern.

Syntax: GRID [x1 [,y1 [,x2 [,y2 [,x3 [,y3 [,minor]]]]]]]

Sample:
GRID 20,20
GRID 20,20,0,0,2,2

Description:

With no arguments **GRID** produces a simple axes. The addition of x1 and y1 cause a grid to be drawn. The x1,y1 values specify the spacing between grid lines.

A value of zero (the default) disables grid lines in that direction. Grid lines are drawn across the entire soft-clip area. The values x2,y2 specify the origin of the grid; the defaults are 0,0.

The values of x3,y3 substitute short tick marks in the place of full grid lines. A value of n specifies that only 1 out of n divisions use a full grid line. The other (n-1) divisions use tick marks instead. The defaults are 1,1. This disables tick marks because full grid lines are drawn for all the divisions.

The minor value specifies the size of tick marks. The default is 2 graphic display units.

See Also:

[AXES](#), [FRAME](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PEN](#)

GSEND

Sends commands to the PLOTTER IS device.

Syntax: GSEND string-expression

Sample:
GSEND Msg\$
IF Aplotter THEN GSEND "PD;"

Description:

This command sends a string to the current [PLOTTER IS](#) device. This is sometimes useful in order to send a command to the [PLOTTER IS](#) device which is not normally sent by the graphic statements

See Also:

[GESCAPE](#), [PLOTTER IS](#)

GSTORE

Stores the CRT display buffer into an integer array.

Syntax: GSTORE [device-selector,] integer-array(*) [rectangle-params]

where: rectangle-params = ,width,height [,rule [,xorig, yorig]]

Sample: GSTORE Diagram(*)
 IF Keep THEN GSTORE Current(*)
 GSTORE CRT, Image (*), 200, 200, 3, 0, 100

Description:

This command saves an image from the screen into an integer array. The image in the array is most frequently used for re-display with the [GLOAD](#) command. The device-selector specifies the source device, which must be a bit-mapped device. The CRT is assumed if no device selector is specified.

Two forms of the **GSTORE** statement are supported. The first form is compatible with the **GSTORE** statement in HP BASIC and stores an image which fills the entire screen.

The second form stores an image which fills an arbitrary sized rectangular portion of the screen. For users porting programs from HP BASIC which use the Bstore()/Bload() CSUBs supplied with HP BASIC, the "Porting HP BASIC Programs to the PC" chapter of the *User's Guide*, presents Bstore()/Bload() [SUBS](#) which call **GSTORE** and [GLOAD](#) using the integrated syntax.

Full Screen GSTORE

The size of the array necessary to store a complete screen image for each display depends on the resolution and on the number of colors the display supports. [GESCPE CRT,3](#) can be used in a program to determine the size necessary. The following table gives the sizes for some display adaptors. The array may be declared larger or smaller than the size given. If the array is not large enough to contain a full screen image, **GSTORE** stops when the array is full. If the array is too large, only part of the array will be used. If an attempt is made to [GLOAD](#) an image to a display that is different from the **GSTORE** display, unpredictable results will occur. If the color map has different values than when the image was **GSTOREd**, the colors will not match the original image.

Display	Array Size
CGA	Image(1:40,1:200)
MGA	Image(1:40,1:400)
HGC	Image(1:45,1:348)
EGA	Image(1:160,1:350)
VGA	Image(1:160,1:480)
SVGA16;640x480	Image(1:160,1:480)
SVGA16;800x600	Image(1:200,1:600)
SVGA16;1024x768	Image(1:256,1:768)
SVGA256;640x480	Image(1:320,1:480)
SVGA256;800x600	Image(1:400,1:600)
SVGA256;1024x768	Image(1:512,1:768)

The format of the image data within the array is documented for most displays in the *User's Guide*.

Rectangular Blocks

When a *Width* and *Height* are specified after the image array, only a rectangular block is stored into the array from the display. *Width* and *Height* are specified in pixels. Optionally,

a *Rule* can be specified which instructs **GSTORE** how to combine the contents of the array with the contents of the screen. Presently, only a value of 3 is supported, which causes the specified block on the display to totally overwrite the contents of the array. The block will be located with the upper left corner at the current graphic position. Alternately, a position can be specified with the *Xorigin*, *Yorigin* parameters. These parameters should be specified in the current WINDOW units, not pixels or VIEWPORT units (GDUs).

For displays with 8 planes or less (256 colors or less), the image is stored with one byte per pixel. This makes images somewhat transportable among different displays. It also means that the number of elements necessary to store the image is equal to $Width * Height / 2$. If the width is even, the array could be declared as

```
INTEGER Image( 1:Width/2,1:Height)
```

For displays with more than 8 planes (256 colors), the image is stored with 3 bytes per pixel (24-bit color format).

If the array is too small, an error is given. If the array is too large, the extra elements are ignored. If GLOAD is used to display an image on a display with less colors than the **GSTORE** display, the results are undefined. If the color map is different than the color map in effect when the image was **GSTORED**, the colors will not match the original image.

Windows Version Usage Notes

Not all windows CRT drivers support GLOAD/GSTORE. Full screen GLOAD/GSTORE uses BMP format. The contents of the array can be saved in a file and modified by most Windows draw/paint programs. The array contains both palette and image information.

graphics_buffer off. If the `graphics_buffer` command line switch is off and another window overlaps the HTBasic window, the overlapping portion of the window will be included in the stored image. If the window is iconified, the stored image will be the HTBasic icon. If part of the HTBasic window is offscreen, only the part on screen is stored. To avoid these side-effects, use the "-gr on" command line switch.

COLOR LOSS. If a BMP file is loaded into an array and GLOADed to the screen, some color information may be lost. Any color in the image that doesn't exist in the destination palette are changed to similar colors that do exist in the palette. With `-cu ReadOnly`, the destination palette consists of the Windows static colors. With `-cu Share`, the destination palette is the HTBasic **COLOR MAP**.

See Also:

GESCAPE, GLOAD

HELP

Displays Manual pages on the computer screen.

Syntax: HELP [manual-entry [second keyword]]

where: manual-entry = a keyword from the manual
second-keyword = legal secondary keyword

Sample:
HELP
HELP SELECT
HELP CONFIGURE LABEL

Description:

The **HELP** command is used to look up material in a disk-based *Reference Manual*. This disk-based manual is virtually the same as the printed *Reference Manual*.

To look up a *manual-entry* when not in **HELP** mode, type:

```
HELP manual-entry
```

and press ENTER. The first page about that manual entry will be displayed. A primary keyword may have several manual entries, describing different combinations of the keyword followed by a secondary keyword. For example, the primary keyword ON has several entries, such as ON, ON CYCLE, ON DELAY, etc. The

```
HELP ON
```

command places you at the start of the first entry that talks about ON. The

```
HELP ON TIMEOUT
```

command places you at the start of the ON TIMEOUT entry.

To read the introduction at the start of the disk-based *Reference Manual*, give the command **HELP** with no keyword.

Navigating in HELP Mode

To switch to a different manual entry while in HELP mode, type the new keyword and press ENTER. To get another page of information, press ENTER or CONTINUE. To exit the **HELP** mode, press CLR SCR. To read something that has scrolled off the top of the screen, scroll the screen back using PREV and NEXT or the UP and DOWN arrow keys.

Navigating in Windows Help

The Windows version of HTBasic uses the standard Windows Help system used by most windows programs. The buttons and menu items at the top of the help system do the following:

Use this	To do this
Contents	View the table of Contents
Search	Search the index
Back	Return to previously viewed topics
History	View list of previously viewed topics
<<	View the previous page of the manual
>>	View the next page of the manual
Print	Print the current topic
Copy	Copy the current topic to the clipboard
Annotate	Attach a note to the current topic
Bookmarks	Place a bookmark, or go to a bookmark
Always on Top	Force Help window to stay on top of other windows

Additionally, hyperlinks allow easy navigation among related topics. On most displays, hyperlinks are underlined in green. Click on a link to show the related topic. Click on Back to return to the previous topic.

See Also:

[QUIT](#), [EXECUTE](#)

IDRAW

Draws a line an incremental distance.

Syntax: IDRAW x-displacement, y-displacement

where: x-displacement and y-displacement = numeric-expressions

Sample:
IDRAW 0,25
IDRAW DispX,DispY
IDRAW X+10,Y+25

Description:

The pen is lowered and then moved to the position calculated from adding the specified X and Y displacement to the current pen position. After **IDRAW** executes, the logical pen position is updated and the pen is left in the down position. **IDRAW** 0,0 draws a point.

If you specify a destination which is outside the clipping area, the logical position is set to that point but the pen is not moved. Only the portion of the vector which lies inside the clipping area is plotted.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **IDRAW** statement.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IMOVE](#), [IPLOT](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [MOVE](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLOT](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

IF ... THEN

Performs an action if a condition is true.

Syntax: **Single Line IF:**
 IF expression THEN action

Block IF:
 IF expression THEN
 statements
 [ELSE]
 statements
 END IF

where: expression = numeric-expression rounded to a boolean
 true if non-zero and false if zero.
 action = line-number | line-label | program statement
 statements = zero, one or more program statements

Sample: 10 IF J2=K THEN 1200
 20 IF X=Y THEN Y=Z
 30 IF A<0 THEN
 40 PRINT "Below Limit!"
 50 ELSE
 60 CALL Convert
 70 END IF

Description:

In a Single Line **IF** statement, if the expression is true, the action following the **THEN** is taken. If the expression is false, execution continues with the statement following the **IF** statement.

The following statements are not allowed in single line **IF ... THEN** statements:

CASE	CASE ELSE	COM
DATA	DEF FN	DIM
ELSE	END	END IF
END LOOP	END SELECT	END WHILE
EXIT IF	FNEND	FOR
IF	IMAGE	INTEGER
LOOP	NEXT	OPTION BASE
REAL	REM	REPEAT
SELECT	SUB	SUBEND
UNTIL	WHILE	

To construct a Block **IF** statement, no action is allowed after the **THEN** on the **IF** statement and the block structure must end with an **END IF** statement. Only the block **IF** statement allows the optional **ELSE** statement. If the expression is true the statements between the **IF ... THEN** and the **ELSE** are executed. Control then continues with the statement following the **END IF** statement. If the expression is false, the statements between the **ELSE** and the **END IF** are executed.

Although HTBasic does not have an explicit ELSE IF statement, it is possible to accomplish the same thing using a [SELECT](#) statement. See [SELECT](#) for an example.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [END](#), [FN](#), [FOR](#), [GOTO](#), [GOSUB](#), [LOOP](#), [ON](#), [PAUSE](#), [REPEAT](#), [RETURN](#), [RUN](#),

SELECT, STOP, SUBEND, SUBEXIT, WAIT, WHILE

IMAG

Returns the imaginary part of a complex number.

Syntax: IMAG(numeric-expression)

Sample: PRINT IMAG(Z)
 DRAW REAL(C), IMAG(C)

Description:

The imaginary part of a complex number is returned with **IMAG** and the real part with [REAL](#). To express the parts of a complex number in polar form, use [ABS](#) and [ARG](#):

```
PRINT "Rectangular form: Real = ";REAL(Z),"Imag =";IMAG(Z)
```

```
PRINT "Polar form: Magnitude = ";ABS(Z),"Angle = ";ARG(Z)
```

See Also:

[ABS](#), [ARG](#), [CMLPX](#), [CONJG](#), [REAL](#)

IMAGE

Defines the format for data input and output.

Syntax: IMAGE image-specifier [,image-specifier...]

where: image-specifier = # | % | K | -K | H | -H | B | W | Y | + | - |
[repeat-factor] A... | [repeat-factor] X... |
[repeat-factor] /... | [repeat-factor] L... |
[repeat-factor] @... | numeric-specifier |
"string-literal"
numeric-specifier = [S|M] [left-digits] [.|R] [right-digits] [exp]
left-digits = [repeat-factor] {D|Z}*...
right-digits = [repeat-factor] D...
exp = E | ESZ | ESZZ | ESZZZ
repeat-factor = integer-constant (1 to 32767)

Sample:

```
IMAGE 4ZZ.DD,3X,K,/  
PRINT USING ""Results = "",SDDDE,3(XX,ZZ)";R,Array(*)  
OUTPUT KBD USING "#,B,A"; 255,"K"  
ENTER KBD USING 30;X
```

Description:

Executing an **IMAGE** statement by itself does nothing. The **IMAGE** statement is used to format data for the [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#), [DISP](#), [LABEL](#) and [PRINT USING](#) statements. These statements may use an **IMAGE** statement as their format by specifying the line number or label name of the **IMAGE** statement. Alternately, they can contain a string expression containing the image. To embed quotation marks in a string literal, include two quotation marks.

A complex number is treated like two real numbers and should be specified with two image specifiers. The first specifier defines how the real part should be output/entered and the second specifier does the same for the imaginary part.

The image specifiers in the image list are acted upon as they are encountered. Each specifier should have a matching [OUTPUT/ENTER](#) item. Processing of the image list stops when no matching [OUTPUT/ENTER](#) item is found. Conversely, the image list is reused starting at the beginning to provide matches for all remaining [OUTPUT/ENTER](#) items.

If more decimal places to the left of the decimal point are required to output a numeric item than are specified in the image specifier, an error is generated. If M or S are not specified, then a minus sign will take up one digit place. If the number contains more decimal places to the right of the decimal point than are specified in the image field, the output is rounded to fit.

If the number of characters specified in an image specifier for a string is less than the number of characters in a string, then the remaining characters are ignored. If the number of characters specified is greater than the number of characters in a string then trailing blanks are used to fill out the image field.

OUTPUT, etc.

IMAGE specifiers have the following meanings in [DISP](#), [LABEL](#), [OUTPUT](#) and [PRINT](#) statements:

Suppress automatic output of EOL following the last item.

%	Is ignored in OUTPUT images.
K	Output a number or string in default format, with a period for the radix.
-K	Means the same thing as K.
H	Output a number or string, default format, comma radix.
-H	Means the same thing as H.
B	Output a byte, like the <u>CHR\$</u> function. If the value is larger than 32767, 255 is sent. If the value is smaller than -32768, 0 is sent. If the value is in between, it is rounded to an integer and the least significant byte (<u>CINT</u> (value) <u>MOD</u> 256) is sent.
W	Output a word in 2's complement 16-bit integer form. If the value is larger than 32767, 32767 is sent. If the value is smaller than -32768, -32768 is sent. If the interface is 16-bit, the word is output in one operation (even if the <u>BYTE</u> attribute was used in the I/O path). If the interface is 8-bit, the byte ordering depends on the LSB/MSB attribute of the I/O path. If the destination is a string, native byte ordering is always used (<u>LSB FIRST</u> on a PC, <u>MSB FIRST</u> on a Sun or HP Workstation). If the <u>WORD</u> attribute was specified in the I/O path, a pad byte will be output before the word when necessary to achieve word alignment.
Y	Means the same as W, except that word alignment is not done and the <u>BYTE</u> attribute is not ignored.
+	Change the automatic output of EOL to carriage-return after the last item.
-	Change the automatic output of EOL to line-feed after the last item.
M	Output a minus sign if negative, a blank if positive.
S	Output the sign of the number (+ or -).
D	Output one numeric digit character. The leading zero's are replaced by blanks, a minus sign is displayed on negative numbers.
Z	Means the same thing as D except leading zeros are displayed.
*	Means the same thing as D except leading zeros are replaced with asterisks.
.(period)	Output a decimal-point radix indicator.
R	Output a comma radix indicator.
E	Output an 'E', a sign character and a two-digit exponent.
ESZ	Output an 'E', a sign character and a one-digit exponent.
ESZZ	Output an 'E', a sign character and a two-digit exponent.
ESZZZ	Output an 'E', a sign character and a three-digit exponent.
A	Output an alphanumeric string character.
X	Output a blank.
/	Output a carriage-return and line-feed.

- L Output the current EOL sequence. The default is CR/LF.
- @ Output a form-feed character.
- "string-literal" Output the characters in the string literal. Remember to double the quote marks when the image is not in an **IMAGE** statement.

ENTER

IMAGE specifiers have the following meanings in an ENTER statement:

- # Causes the statement to terminate when the last item is terminated. No statement terminator is needed, EOI and LF are item terminators and early termination is not allowed.
- % Is the same as # except EOI causes early statement termination when it terminates an item.
- K Allows free-field entry. For **numerics**, entered characters are sent to the number builder, leading non-numeric characters and blanks are ignored, trailing non-numeric characters and characters sent with EOI true are delimiters. For **strings**, entered characters are sent to the string. A CR may be sent to the string if it is not followed by a LF. The string is terminated by CR/LF, LF, character received with EOI true or the string dimensioned length being filled.
- K Is like K except LF and CR/LF are not terminators.
- H Is the same as K except a comma is the radix indicator and a period is a non-numeric character.
- H Means the same as -K for strings and H for numbers.
- B Demands one Byte, like the NUM function.
- W Demands a 16-bit Word (2's complement integer). If the interface is 16-bit, the word is entered in one operation (even if the BYTE attribute was used in the I/O path). If the interface is 8-bit, the byte ordering depends on the LSB/MSB of the I/O path. If the source is a string, native byte ordering is always used (LSB FIRST on a PC, **MSB FIRST** on a Sun or HP Workstation). If the WORD attribute was specified in the I/O path, a pad byte will be entered before the word when necessary to achieve word alignment.
- Y Is the same as W, except that word alignment is not done and the BYTE attribute is not ignored.
- + Indicates an END (EOI) is needed with the last character of the last item to terminate the ENTER statement. LFs are no longer statement terminators, but are still item terminators.
- Indicates a LF is needed to terminate the ENTER statement. EOI is ignored; other END indicators cause an error.
- S Same meaning as D.
- M Same meaning as D.
- D Demands one character for each D or repeat count. Non-numerics are consumed while fulfilling the count but also delimit the number. Blanks embedded in the number are ignored.
- Z Same meaning as D.

*	Same meaning as D.
.(period)	Same meaning as D.
R	Has the same meaning as D, plus the number builder is instructed to use a comma as the radix indicator and a period as a non-numeric character.
E	Is treated the same as 4D.
ESZ	Same as 3D.
ESZZ	Same as 4D.
ESZZZ	Same as 5D.
A	Demands one alphanumeric string character.
X	Enters a character and discards it.
/	Skips all characters to the next LF. EOI is ignored.
L	Ignored in ENTER.
@	Ignored in ENTER.
"string-literal"	One character is skipped for each character in the string literal. Remember to double the quote marks when the image is not in an IMAGE statement.

Porting Issues

Entering data from a string using

```
ENTER L$ USING "Y"
```

will always use the internal byte ordering of the computer. For PCs and compatibles, the byte ordering is least significant byte (LSB) first. For Sun SPARCstations and HP Workstations, the byte ordering is most significant byte (MSB) first. This limitation applies to [ENTER/OUTPUT](#) with strings only. With devices, the byte ordering can be selected in the [ASSIGN](#) statement.

See Also:

[ENTER](#), [DISP](#), [LABEL](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#)

IMOVE

Lifts and moves the logical pen position incrementally.

Syntax: IMOVE x-displacement, y-displacement

Sample:
IMOVE 25,0
IMOVE Xdisp,Ydisp
IMOVE Xx+10,Yy

Description:

The pen is lifted and then moved to the position calculated from adding the specified X and Y displacement to the current pen position. After **IMOVE** executes the logical pen position is updated and the pen is left in the up position.

If you specify a destination which is outside the clipping area, the logical position is set to that point but the pen is not moved.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **IMOVE** statement.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IDRAW](#), [IPLT](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [MOVE](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLOT](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

INDENT

Indents a program to reflect its structure.

Syntax: INDENT [start-column [,increment]]

where: start-column = integer-constant in the range 1 to screen-width - 15

 increment = integer-constant in the range 0 to screen-width - 15

Sample: INDENT
 INDENT 10,5

Description:

INDENT is an editing command used to insert spaces after the line numbers and before the leading keywords of a program in order to visually show the structure of the program. The increment value specifies how many spaces to indent each successive structure. The start-column specifies the column to place un-indented lines. The default start-column is seven. The default increment value is two. The **INDENT** statement will move lines starting with REM or a comment tail (!) but will not move comments appended to other statements with a comment tail.

The following statements add a level of indentation: DEF FN, FOR, IF... THEN, LOOP, REPEAT, SELECT, SUB and WHILE. The following statements are printed one indentation level to the left, but leave the indentation level unchanged: CASE, CASE ELSE, ELSE, EXIT IF, FNEND and SUBEND. The following statements subtract one level of indentation: END IF, END LOOP, END SELECT, END WHILE, NEXT and UNTIL.

This statement can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

CHANGE, COPYLINES, DEL, DELSUB, EDIT, FIND, MOVELINES, REN, SECURE, XREF

INITIALIZE

Initializes mass storage media.

Syntax: INITIALIZE volume-specifier [,interleave [,option]]

where: interleave and option = numeric-expressions

Sample:
INITIALIZE "A:"
INITIALIZE Disc\$,2

Description:

HTBasic does not support the **INITIALIZE** statement, although each operating system hosting HTBasic is capable of initializing disks. Use [EXECUTE](#) with the appropriate operating system command. Any previous data on the mass storage media is lost when it is initialized. **Be very careful when initializing disks.** It is easy to accidentally initialize the wrong disk, such as a hard disk with hundreds of megabytes of valuable data.

Under DOS, use the "FORMAT" command to initialize a disk. For example, use this command to initialize a DOS format floppy disk in drive A:

```
EXECUTE "FORMAT A:"
```

Under Windows 3.1 or Windows NT, use the File Manager to initialize a disk. Select "Disk" and then "Format Disk...". Under SunOS 4.x, use the "fdformat" command to initialize a diskette. Under HP-UX, use "mediainit" and "newfs". Use your HP Series 200/300 system to initialize a new HP LIF format diskette.

RAM disks are not supported with the **INITIALIZE** ":MEMORY,0" command. Many excellent RAM disk programs are available for the PC that make a RAM disk available to all DOS programs, including HTBasic. These programs can usually make RAM disks in conventional, expanded or extended memory. A simple one is provided with DOS and is called VDISK.SYS or RAMDISK.SYS.

See Also:

[EXECUTE](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#)

INMEM

Identifies if a subprogram is loaded.

Syntax: INMEM(sub-pointer)

where: sub-pointer = string expression specifying a subprogram name

Sample:
IF INMEM("Operation") THEN CALL Operation
Present = INMEM("Test")

Description:

This function returns one if the specified subprogram has been loaded into memory and zero if it has not. The subprogram must be specified with the initial character in uppercase and subsequent characters in lowercase.

The string expression specifying the subprogram name is called a subprogram pointer because it "points" to the subprogram rather than explicitly naming it. As the expression changes, the pointer points to different subprograms. The following example illustrates how this can be useful.

```
10 SUB Xform(X(*) )
20   Method$="Xform"&VAL$(RANK(X) )
30   IF NOT INMEM(Method$) THEN LOADSUB Method$
40   CALL Method$ WITH(X(*) )
50   DELSUB Method$
60 SUBEND
```

In HTBasic, subprogram pointers can also be used in [CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [LOADSUB](#) and [XREF](#) statements.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [LOADSUB](#), [XREF](#)

INP and INPW

Inputs a byte or word from an I/O Port.

Syntax: INP(port)
INPW(port)

where: port = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample: PRINT IVAL\$(INPW(&H300),16)
X=INP(Base+3)

Description:

The **INP** statement inputs a byte from the specified I/O port. The value returned will be an integer in the range 0 to 255. It is equivalent to [READIO\(8080,Port\)](#).

The **INPW** statement inputs an [INTEGER](#) from the specified I/O port. It is equivalent to [READIO\(-8080,Port\)](#). These statements are useful for doing I/O with devices, data acquisition boards, etc. for which there is no available device driver.

Some operating systems protect I/O ports; applications are not allowed to read or write them. Under such operating systems, these functions are not allowed. Windows NT and UNIX are two such operating systems.

Porting to HP BASIC

INP and **INPW** are new HTBasic functions that are not available in HP BASIC. They should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[OUT and OUTW](#), [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#)

INPUT

Inputs numeric or string data from the keyboard.

Syntax: INPUT ["prompt",] item [, ["prompt",] item ...]

where: prompt = string-literal
item = numeric-name [{(subscripts) | (*)}] |
string-name\$ [{(subscripts) } ['sub-string'] [(*)}]
subscripts = subscript [,subscript...]

Sample:
INPUT A,B\$,C(4),D
INPUT Parray(*)
INPUT "",Str\$[1;10]
INPUT "Xcoor=",X,"Ycoor=",Y
INPUT "Enter 4 numbers",Y(1),Y(2),Y(3),Y(4)

Description:

The **INPUT** statement gets information from the user's terminal. The optional prompt string or a question mark (?) is displayed on the CRT display line. The computer then waits until a reply is entered from the keyboard and either CONTINUE or ENTER is pressed to enter a line of input. To suppress the prompt, specify a prompt string of "".

Numeric variables can be simple scalar variables, full array variables, or subscripted array elements. String variables can be simple string variables, array variables, string array elements or sub-strings. An array may be entered in row major order using the full array specifier, "(*)". Complex numbers are entered in rectangular form, first the real part and then the imaginary part.

Leading and trailing spaces are ignored. Data values may be entered individually or multiple values may be entered at once. If multiple values are entered, separate each value with a comma. If too many values are entered, the extra values are ignored. Both quoted and unquoted strings are allowed. Commas are not allowed in unquoted strings, but may appear in quoted strings. To embed one quotation mark in a quoted string, type in two quotation marks at the place you wish one to appear.

Two consecutive commas cause the corresponding variable to retain its old value. Terminating an input line with a comma or pressing CONTINUE or ENTER without entering any data retains the original values for all remaining variables in the list.

Live keyboard operations are not allowed while **INPUT** is waiting for data. [ON KBD](#), [ON KEY](#) and [ON KNOB](#) events are disabled during **INPUT**

See Also:

[DISP](#), [ENTER](#), [LINPUT](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#), [READ](#)

INT

Performs the greatest integer function.

Syntax: INT(numeric-expression)

Sample:
J4=INT(2.7)
K=INT(-2.7)
Gif=INT(Number)
PRINT "Greatest Integer Function =";INT(Y)

Description:

INT obtains the greatest integer that is less than or equal to the value of its argument. For positive numbers the effect is to truncate the fractional part (if any). For negative numbers, the result is different than you might first expect. For example, the **INT** of 4.9 is 4, but the **INT** of -4.9 is -5 since negative 5 is the largest integer less than negative 4.9.

Notice the differences among [CINT](#), [FIX](#) and **INT**. [CINT](#) converts a [REAL](#) value to an [INTEGER](#) value by substituting the closest [INTEGER](#) to the value. [FIX](#) returns the closest integral value between the [REAL](#) value and zero. **INT** returns the closest integral value between the [REAL](#) value and negative infinity. Also, [CINT](#) actually changes the type from [REAL](#) to [INTEGER](#) while **INT** and [FIX](#) return integral results without changing the type. The following table helps illustrate these differences:

Value x	CINT(x)	FIX(x)	INT(x)
2.6	3	2.0	2.0
2.2	2	2.0	2.0
-2.2	-2	-2.0	-3.0
-2.6	-3	-2.0	-3.0

See Also:

[ABS](#), [CINT](#), [DIV](#), [DROUND](#), [FIX](#), [FRACT](#), [MOD](#), [MODULO](#), [PROUND](#), [SGN](#)

INTEGER

Declares and dimensions INTEGER variables.

Syntax: INTEGER item [,item...]

where: item = numeric-name [(bounds) [BUFFER]]
bounds = [lower-bound :] upper-bound [,bounds]
bound = integer constant

Sample:
INTEGER I, J, K
INTEGER A, J, Cnt, Point, X(100)
INTEGER Iarray(-128:127, 16)
INTEGER Buff(600) BUFFER

Description:

The **INTEGER** statement is used to declare scalar and array variables of type integer. An **INTEGER** variable uses two bytes of storage space. Integer variables conserve memory and integer operations are faster than [REAL](#). [REAL](#) is the default type. Bit by bit logical operations may be performed on integer variables.

The maximum number of array dimensions is six and the lower bound must be less than or equal to the upper bound value. Each dimension may contain a maximum of 32,767 elements. An **INTEGER** variable may be declared a buffer by specifying the **BUFFER** keyword after the variable name. Buffer variables are used with the [TRANSFER](#) statement.

Any number of **INTEGER** statements are allowed, anywhere in the program; however, an **INTEGER** statement may not appear before an [OPTION BASE](#) statement. Memory allocation is made during prerun and cannot be dynamically deallocated. However, the dimensions can be changed in a limited way by [REDIM](#). Use [ALLOCATE](#) and [DEALLOCATE](#) for dynamic memory allocation.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#), [REDIM](#), [TRANSFER](#)

IPLLOT

Moves the pen relative to its present location.

Syntax: IPLLOT x-displacement, y-displacement [,pen-control]
IPLLOT numeric-array(*) [,FILL] [,EDGE]

Sample: IPLLOT 10,0
IPLLOT Xdisp,Ydisp, Pen
IPLLOT Picto(*), FILL, EDGE

Description:

The **IPLLOT** statement moves the pen from its current position by the specified X and Y displacements. The [PIVOT](#) and [PDIR](#) statements affect the **IPLLOT** statement. See [PLOT](#) for a full explanation of **IPLLOT** arguments.

See Also:

[AREA](#), [CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IDRAW](#), [IMOVE](#), [MOVE](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYLINE](#), [POLYGON](#), [RPLLOT](#)

IVAL

Converts a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string to an INTEGER.

Syntax: IVAL(string-expression, radix)

where: radix = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample:
Value=IVAL(Binary\$,Two)
PRINT IVAL("FA50",16)

Description:

IVAL is like [VAL](#), in that a number in string form is converted to numeric form. Unlike [VAL](#), which can only convert decimal numbers, **IVAL** can convert numbers in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal.

The string expression contains the number to be converted and the radix must be either 2, 8, 10 or 16. The characters in the string must be legal digits in the specified radix. For example, a binary number can only have characters "0" and "1". Only decimal numbers are allowed to have a minus sign preceding them.

The number expressed in the string is first converted to a 16 bit integer. If the most significant bit is set, the result will be negative. Thus, the string must represent a number within the range of a 16 bit signed integer. The range restrictions are as follows:

Radix	Legal Range
binary	0 through 1111111111111111
octal	0 through 177777
decimal	-32768 through 32767
hexadecimal	0 through FFFF

See Also:

[DVAL](#), [DVAL\\$](#), [IVAL\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

IVAL\$

Converts an INTEGER to a binary, octal, decimal or hexadecimal string.

Syntax: IVAL\$(number, radix)

where: number, radix = numeric-expressions rounded to integers

Sample:
Hex\$=IVAL\$(Number, Sixteen)
PRINT IVAL\$(I, 8)

Description:

IVAL\$ is like [VAL\\$](#), in that a numeric value is converted to string form. Unlike [VAL\\$](#), which always expresses numbers in decimal form, **IVAL\$** can also express numbers in binary, octal, decimal and hexadecimal.

The number must be in the range -32768 to +32767 and the radix must be either 2, 8, 10 or 16.

The converted numbers have leading zeros as necessary to fill unused digit positions. A minus sign is only produced for decimal numbers. The range of numbers produced is the same as those accepted by [IVAL](#).

See Also:

[IVAL](#), [DVAL](#), [DVAL\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

KBD

Returns a 2, the device select code of the keyboard.

Syntax: KBD

Sample: STATUS KBD;Kbdstat
OUTPUT KBD;Clr\$;

Description:

KBD is an [INTEGER](#) function which returns the constant two referring to the keyboard interface select code. When referring to the keyboard, **KBD** is more mnemonic than the constant two.

See Also:

[CRT](#), [PRI](#)

KBD\$

Returns the contents of the ON KBD buffer.

Syntax: KBD\$

Sample:

```
PRINT KBD$;  
Buff$=Buff$&KBD$  
A$=KBD$
```

Description:

When [ON KBD](#) is enabled all keystrokes are trapped and held in the keyboard buffer. **KBD\$** returns the keyboard contents and then clears it. The buffer is also cleared by the commands: [OFF KBD](#), [ENTER KBD](#), [INPUT](#), [LINPUT](#), [SCRATCH](#) and [SCRATCH A](#) and by the RESET key. If no key was pressed or if [ON KBD](#) is disabled, by [OFF KBD](#), the string length is set to zero.

The keyboard buffer can store up to 256 characters. When the buffer is full entering more characters generates a beep and discards the character. Function keys generate 2 bytes. The first byte is 255 and the second byte specifies the function key.

See Also:

[OFF KBD](#), [ON KBD](#)

KBD CMODE

Sets softkey compatibility mode.

Syntax: KBD CMODE {ON | OFF}

Sample: KBD CMODE OFF
IF Enable THEN KBD CMODE ON

Description:

KBD CMODE controls the softkey emulation mode. HTBasic emulates the ITF keyboard softkeys by default, but can be changed to Nimitz keyboard softkey compatibility mode by using the **KBD CMODE ON** statement. ITF keyboard softkey emulation can be restored by using the **KBD CMODE OFF** statement. Under DOS version of HTBasic, **KBD CMODE** overwrites any changes made by [CONFIGURE KEY](#) to the softkeys.

The Nimitz keyboard is used on the 9836 system. It has ten softkeys, and the lowest softkey is labeled k0. The softkey labels are displayed at the bottom of the screen in two rows. Each row contains five labels; each label is 14 characters wide.

See "Using the Integrated Environment," in the *Installing and Using* manual for information about keyboard layouts.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [KEY LABELS](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#), [USER KEYS](#)

KBD LINE PEN

Sets the pen color for the input line.

Syntax:

```
KBD LINE PEN pen-number
```

Sample:

```
KBD LINE PEN Pen  
KBD LINE PEN 141  
IF Green THEN KBD LINE PEN Greenpen
```

Description:

This command sets the pen color for the input line, message line, run indicator and edit screen. **KBD LINE PEN** overrides any previous [ALPHA PEN](#) for these areas of the screen. The pen-number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer. If you are using the bit-mapped display driver legal values are from 0 to 15. (HP BASIC supports values to 255.) If you are using the non-bit-mapped display driver, legal values are from 136 to 143. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,17;pen-number](#).

See Also:

[ALPHA PEN](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [PRINT PEN](#)

KEY LABELS

Controls the display of the softkey labels.

Syntax: KEY LABELS { ON|OFF }

Sample: KEY LABELS ON
IF Done THEN KEY LABELS OFF

Description:

The softkey labels are turned on and off. **KEY LABELS ON** is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,12;2](#). **KEY LABELS OFF** is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,12;1](#).

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#), [USER KEYS](#)

KEY LABELS PEN

Sets the color for the softkey labels.

Syntax: KEY LABELS PEN pen-number

Sample: KEY LABELS PEN Pen
IF Crtb THEN KEY LABELS PEN 4

Description:

This statement sets the color for the softkey menu. **KEY LABELS PEN** overrides any previous [ALPHA PEN](#) for the color of the softkey menu. The pen-number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer. If you are using the bit-mapped display driver legal values are from 0 to 15. (HP BASIC supports values to 255.) If you are using the non-bit-mapped display driver, legal values are from 136 to 143. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT](#),16;pen-number.

See Also:

[ALPHA PEN](#), [KBD LINE PEN](#), [PRINT PEN](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [SET KEY](#)

KNOBX

Returns and resets the KNOBX counter value.

Syntax: KNOBX

Sample: Xpulse=KNOBX
IF KNOBX<0 THEN Back

Description:

During an [ON KNOB](#) sampling interval, **KNOBX** counts the horizontal mouse pulses generated. Movement of the mouse to the right gives positive counts. Movement in the opposite direction gives negative counts. Once read the count is cleared. If [ON KNOB](#) is not active, **KNOBX** returns a 0.

See Also:

[KNOBY](#), [ON KNOB](#)

KNOBY

Returns and resets the KNOBY counter value.

Syntax: KNOBY

Sample: Ypulse=KNOBY
IF KNOBY<0 THEN Up

Description:

During an [ON KNOB](#) sampling interval, **KNOBY** counts the vertical mouse pulses generated. Upward mouse movement gives positive counts. Movement in the opposite direction gives negative counts. Once read the count is cleared. If [ON KNOB](#) is not active, **KNOBY** returns a 0.

See Also:

[KNOBX](#), [ON KNOB](#)

LABEL

Prints text on graphic devices.

Syntax: LABEL [items [{,;}]]
LABEL USING image [;items]

where: items = item [{,;} item [{,;} item...]
item = string-expression |
string-array\$(*) |
numeric-expression |
numeric-array(*)
image = line-number | line label | string-expression
See IMAGE for image syntax.

Sample: LABEL 6, Foobar\$
LABEL Array(*)
LABEL USING 160;X, Y, Z
LABEL USING " "\$"\$", 5*.DD";Money

Description:

Labels are drawn with the pen beginning at the current pen position, in the current [PEN](#) color and [LINE TYPE](#). Labels are clipped at the clip boundary. The starting point for labels is affected by [PIVOT](#). [CSIZE](#), [LORG](#), and [LDIR](#) affect the output of labels, however [WINDOW](#) and [SHOW](#) do not.

Control Characters

The following control characters have a special meaning when used in **LABEL** statements:

Character	Meaning
CTRL-H, CHR\$(8)	moves pen left one character cell.
CTRL-J, CHR\$(10)	moves pen down one character cell.
CTRL-M, CHR\$(13)	moves pen left length of completed label.

In other respects, the format of output from the **LABEL** statement, both with and without [USING](#), is similar to the [PRINT](#) command. See [PRINT](#) for an explanation of arrays, numeric and string fields and numeric and string formats.

See Also:

[CSIZE](#), [IMAGE](#), [LDIR](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [LORG](#), [PEN](#), [PIVOT](#), [PRINT](#), [SYMBOL](#)

LDIR

Sets the angle for drawing LABELs and SYMBOLs.

Syntax: LDIR angle

Sample: LDIR 270
LDIR ACS (A)

Description:

The angle is a numeric-expression and is interpreted in the current trigonometric mode, radians or degrees. The default is radians. A value of zero specifies drawing along the positive x-axis. Positive values specify a counter-clockwise direction.

See Also:

[CSIZE](#), [DEG](#), [LABEL](#), [LORG](#), [PIVOT](#), [PDIR](#), [RAD](#), [SYMBOL](#)

LEN

Returns the number of characters in a string.

Syntax: LEN(string-expression)

Sample:
L=LEN("Four")
IF LEN(A\$)=0 THEN Null

Description:

The **LEN** function evaluates the string expression and returns the number of characters in the resulting string. If there is nothing in the string, the **LEN** function returns a zero value.

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [MAXLEN](#), [NUM](#), [POS](#), [REV\\$](#), [RPT\\$](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#)

LET

Assigns a value to a variable.

Syntax: [LET] numeric-name [(subscripts)] = numeric-expression
[LET] string-name\$ [(subscripts)] [sub-string] = string-expression

where: subscripts = subscript [,subscript...]

Sample:
LET X=4.2
LET A\$="Data Value"
Carray(N+2)=Carray(N)/2
Dat\$(5)[1;2]=CHR\$(27) &"?"

Description:

The **LET** keyword is optional. The variable can be a numeric scalar or a numeric array element, a string, a string array element or a sub-string. It can appear on both sides of the equals sign. One assignment is performed in a **LET** statement. Any other equal signs are relational operators in expressions.

If the variable is of type [INTEGER](#), the value of the numeric expression is rounded to an integer. If the value is too large for an [INTEGER](#), an error is generated.

If the string expression length is greater than the dimensioned length of the string, an error is generated. If the assignment is to a sub-string, the string expression length is truncated or blank filled on the right to fit the destination sub-string. If only the sub-string start position is given, the string expression is assigned to the sub-string and the length of the string variable is set.

Use the [MAT](#) statement for array assignments.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [DEALLOCATE](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [OPTION BASE](#), [REAL](#)

LEXICAL ORDER IS

Defines "alphabetical" order for string comparisons.

Syntax: LEXICAL ORDER IS option

where: option = STANDARD | ASCII | FRENCH | GERMAN |
 SPANISH | SWEDISH | numeric-array(*)

Sample: LEXICAL ORDER IS ASCII
 LEXICAL ORDER IS Mytable(*)

Description:

This statement defines the lexical order of characters to match the alphabets of various languages. The **LEXICAL ORDER IS** statement changes rules for collating order and upper/lower case conversions. Normally, rules for five languages are built into HTBasic: **ASCII**, **FRENCH**, **GERMAN**, **SPANISH**, and **SWEDISH**. (In HTBasic, **LEXICAL ORDER IS STANDARD** is the same as **LEXICAL ORDER IS ASCII**).

The current **LEXICAL ORDER** can be determined with the [SYSTEM\\$](#)("LEXICAL ORDER IS") function.

You may define your own **LEXICAL ORDER** rules using the **LEXICAL ORDER IS Array(*)** syntax. The array is a one dimension [INTEGER](#) array of at least 257 elements which contains the rule definitions. The *User's Guide* explains how to set the array elements to the define rules. In addition to collating rules, HTBasic allows you to also specify upper/lower case conversion rules.

See Also:

[LWC\\$](#), [SYSTEM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#)

LGT

Computes common (base 10) logarithms.

Syntax: LGT(numeric-expression)

Sample:
N7=LGT(Xt*4+K)
PRINT "Log of ";Y;"=";LGT(Y)
Db=10*LGT(Watts)

Description:

The definition of common or base 10 or Briggsian logarithms is $Y = \mathbf{LGT}(X)$ where $X = 10^Y$. **LGT** accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type.

COMPLEX Arguments

For [COMPLEX](#) arguments **LGT**(Z) is calculated (using complex arithmetic) as

$$\mathbf{LGT}(Z) = \mathbf{LOG}(Z)/\mathbf{LOG}(10)$$

The domain of **LGT** includes all points in the complex plane except the origin. However, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause overflow or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[EXP](#), [LOG](#), [SQRT](#)

LINE TYPE

Sets the style or dash pattern and repeat length of lines.

Syntax:

```
LINE TYPE type [,repeat]
```

where:

type and repeat = numeric-expressions, rounded to integers.

Sample:

```
LINE TYPE 5  
LINE TYPE Style,Repeat
```

Description:

At start-up the default **LINE TYPE** is one for solid lines. When the [PLOTTER IS](#) device is not the CRT, the line types are device dependent. Refer to your device documentation. The repeat factor is the GDU line length before the line pattern is repeated.

The CRT line types are:

Value	Line Type
1	solid line (default setting)
2	dot at end of line
3	loosely spaced dots
4	closely spaced dots
5	dashes
6	dash, dot
7	large dash, small dash
8	dash, dot, dot
9	solid line, short line at end
10	solid line, long line at end

Under Windows not all line types are supported. Also, most drivers ignore the repeat value.

See Also:

[DRAW](#), [IDRAW](#), [IPLOT](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#), [RECTANGLE](#), [RLOT](#)

LINK

Makes a hard link to a file.

Syntax: LINK path1 TO path2 [;PURGE]

where: path1,path2 = file-specifiers

Sample: LINK "/diskless1/htb.hlp" TO "/diskless2/htb.hlp"
LINK Exists\$ TO New\$;PURGE

Description:

Path1 is a file specifier naming an existing file. *Path2* is a file specifier naming a new directory entry to be created. **LINK** atomically creates a new link (directory entry) for the existing file and increments the link count of the file by one. If *path2* already exists, an error is given unless the [PURGE](#) option is included.

With hard links, both files must be on the same file system. Both the old and the new link share equal access and rights to the underlying object. The super-user may make multiple links to a directory. Unless the caller is the super-user, the file named by *path1* must not be a directory. LINK_MAX specifies the maximum allowed number of links to the file (see the UNIX man page for pathconf(2V)).

Because a link merely establishes a second name for a single file, operations on that file are effective for all the links to the file. In other words, if the file is changed using one of the filenames, the changes are visible through all the other filenames linked to that file. (Note that this general rule is true in all cases under HTBasic, but is not true under HP BASIC for [RE-STORE](#) and [RE-SAVE](#).)

DOS Usage Notes

Under DOS, this command returns an error. **LINK** is only supported by operating systems that allow multiple links (directory entries) to a single file.

Windows Usage Notes

Under windows, this command returns an error. The links supported by Windows are not seen by Windows applications.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, to create a new link you must have write permission in the directory where the link will be created and search permission in all directories in the two paths.

See Also:

[COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [PURGE](#)

LINPUT

Reads alphanumeric keyboard input to a string.

Syntax: LINPUT ["prompt",] string-name\$ [(subscripts)]
[sub-string]

where: prompt = string-literal
subscripts = subscript [,subscripts]

Sample: LINPUT "Choice?", D\$
LINPUT Iarray\$(I) [4]

Description:

The **LINPUT** statement gets one alphanumeric data item from the keyboard and assigns it to the string variable. **LINPUT** values may consist of commas, quotation marks and leading and trailing blanks.

The CRT display line will display a prompt while the **LINPUT** is active. If no prompt string is specified a question mark is displayed. If a zero length string-literal is specified, "", the question mark is suppressed. After entry completion, press ENTER.

During an **LINPUT** the [ON KBD](#), [ON KEY](#), and [ON KNOB](#) event definitions are deactivated.

See Also:

[DISP](#), [ENTER](#), [INPUT](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINT](#), [READ](#)

LIST

Lists the program in memory to the selected device.

Syntax: LIST [#device-selector [;begin-line [end-line]]]

where: line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
LIST
LIST #702
LIST 1500,Endtest

Description:

The **LIST** statement outputs the program to the [PRINTER IS](#) device. If a device selector is given the output is directed to that device. The starting and ending program line numbers may be specified to limit the portion of the program that is output. If the ending line number is not specified, all lines from the start line number through the last line number are output.

After **LIST**ing a program, the available memory in bytes is displayed on the message line.

See Also:

[GET](#), [LIST BIN](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD](#), [LOADSUB](#), [SAVE](#), [RE-SAVE](#), [STORE](#), [RE-STORE](#)

LIST BIN

Lists each **BIN** currently in memory.

Syntax: LIST BIN [#device-selector]

Sample: LIST BIN
LIST BIN #PRT

Description:

BIN files implement HTBasic extensions, such as device drivers. The **LIST BIN** statement prints the name and version number of each **BIN** currently in memory. If a device selector is given, the output is directed to that device, otherwise it is printed on the current [PRINTER IS](#) device.

Porting to HP BASIC

LIST BIN is programmable in HTBasic, but not in HP BASIC.

See Also:

[LIST](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD BIN](#), [SCRATCH BIN](#)

LIST KEY

Lists the softkey macro definitions.

Syntax: LIST KEY [#device-selector]

Sample: LIST KEY

Description:

The **LIST KEY** statement outputs the softkey definitions to the [PRINTER IS](#) device. If a device selector is given the output is directed to that device. Only defined keys are listed. If the key definition contains an embedded function key then the definition is printed in a special way. The [CHR\\$\(255\)](#) of the function key is printed as "System Key: ", the 2nd character of the function key is printed and then a new line is started. After all definitions have been printed, the available memory for softkey macros is displayed on the message line.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [KBD CMODE](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#), [USER KEYS](#)

LOAD

Loads a user program into memory.

Syntax: LOAD file-specifier [,run-line]

where: run-line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
LOAD Story\$
LOAD "Utility",200

Description:

LOAD gets a previously stored BASIC program into memory. When **LOADing** a program, the current program and all variables not in COM are deleted. Each COM block in the new program is compared to the old COM blocks in memory. Any mismatched or unreferenced COM blocks are deleted. If **LOAD** is used in a program, the newly loaded program begins running at either the first line or the specified line. If **LOAD** is used as a keyboard command and the run line is specified, the program begins running at that line or the next higher line.

PROG files are transportable between different types of computers running HTBasic only if the computers use the same byte ordering. For example, the DOS and Windows versions of HTBasic can share PROG files and the Sun SPARCstation and HP Series 700 versions of HTBasic can share PROG files. But the DOS and Windows versions can't share PROG files with the Sun or HP versions. Again, use ASCII files to move programs between the versions.

Porting Issues

HTBasic does not support HP BASIC PROG files. To move programs between HTBasic and HP BASIC, **LOAD** the PROG file, SAVE it as an ASCII file, move the program over, GET the ASCII file and STORE it back.

See Also:

GET, LIST, LOAD BIN, LOAD KEY, LOADSUB, SAVE, RE-SAVE, STORE, RE-STORE

LOAD BIN

Loads a **BIN** system program file into memory.

Syntax: LOAD BIN "bin-name [;options] "

where: bin-name = file-specifier without extension
options = bin specific option string

Sample: LOAD BIN "GPIBN;BOARD AT-GPIB"
LOAD BIN "SERIAL"

Description:

The **LOAD BIN** statement loads a BIN system file into memory. BIN files implement HTBasic extensions, such as device drivers. Up to 16 I/O drivers may be loaded. The following three locations are searched for the file, in the order given:

1. The directory specified by the HTB environment variable, if an HTB environment variable exists.
2. The current directory.
3. The directory containing the HTBasic executable.

Some BIN files allow options to be specified. The legal options are different for each device driver; consult the device driver documentation to determine the legal options. Documentation for the standard device drivers included with HTBasic can be found in the *Installing and Using* manual. Documentation for separately available device drivers comes with the driver.

If an error occurs while loading a device driver, it will not be loaded. Often, when an error is detected, more explicit diagnostic information can be obtained by pressing the PRT ALL key to turn print-all mode on (see [PRINTALL IS](#)) and retrying the statement **LOAD BIN**

Under HTBasic, [STORE SYSTEM](#) is not an alternative; you must use **LOAD BIN**

DOS Usage Notes

LOAD BIN is only allowed in the MAIN program or from the keyboard while HTBasic is in the Idle state. Typically, you should place all your **LOAD BIN** statements in your AUTOST file so that the necessary drivers are loaded each time you start HTBasic.

Windows Version Usage Notes

The search locations for the windows version are:

1. The directory from which the application loaded.
2. The current directory.
3. The Windows system directory (such as \WINNT\SYSTEM32).
4. The Windows directory.
5. The directories listed in the PATH environment variable.

See Also:

[LIST BIN](#), [SCRATCH BIN](#), [STORE SYSTEM](#)

LOAD KEY

Loads softkey macro definitions into memory.

Syntax: LOAD KEY [file-specifier]

Sample: LOAD KEY "DEF"

Description:

The **LOAD KEY** statement loads softkey macro definitions into memory from a file. Executing **LOAD KEY** without the file specifier resets the softkey definitions to their start-up defaults.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [LIST KEY](#), [OFF KEY](#), [ON KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#), [USER KEYS](#)

LOADSUB

Loads a **BASIC** subprogram into memory.

Syntax: LOADSUB [context] FROM file-specifier

where: context = ALL | subprogram-name | FN function-name[\$] | string-expression

Sample:

```
LOADSUB Peek FROM "PEEK.COM"
LOADSUB FROM "Testfile"
LOADSUB FNSearch$ FROM "Sarfile"
LOADSUB ALL FROM Myfile$
LOADSUB Subptr$ FROM "ROUTINES.LIB"
```

Description:

The **LOADSUB** statement loads subprograms at the end of the current program. It rennumbers the incoming subprogram lines. After loading a subprogram it also preruns the subprogram to check for [COM](#) block mismatches.

If **ALL** is specified, all subprograms in the file are loaded into memory. If a subprogram name is specified (either explicitly or in a string expression), only that subprogram is loaded into memory. These forms of **LOADSUB** are programmable.

LOADSUB FROM (no context specified) looks through a program and loads all subprogram references not yet in memory. The newly loaded subprograms are also looked through and any additional subprogram references not yet in memory are located and loaded into memory. After **LOADSUB FROM** has executed, if any subprogram references were not loaded into memory, an error is generated along with a listing of the subprogram names. **LOADSUB FROM** is not programmable.

Subprogram Pointer

If a string expression specifies the subprogram name in the **LOADSUB** statement, the string expression is called a subprogram pointer because it "points" to the subprogram rather than explicitly naming it. As the expression changes, the pointer points to different subprograms. The following example illustrates how this can be useful.

```
10 SUB Xform(X(*) )
20 Method$="Xform"&VAL$(RANK(X) )
30 IF NOT INMEM(Method$) THEN LOADSUB Method$
40 CALL Method$ WITH(X(*) )
50 DELSUB Method$
60 SUBEND
```

The subprogram pointer must be specified with the initial character in uppercase and subsequent characters in lowercase. Subprogram pointers can also be used in [CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [INMEM](#), and [XREF](#) statements.

Porting to HP BASIC

The use of subprogram pointers in **LOADSUB** is a new HTBasic feature that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [INMEM](#), [RE-STORE](#), [STORE](#)

LOCAL

Returns specified IEEE-488 devices to their local state.

Syntax: LOCAL {@io-path | device-selector}

Sample:
LOCAL @Dvm
LOCAL Isc
LOCAL 728

Description:

If a primary device address is specified, a Go To Local (GTL) message is sent to all listeners and [LOCAL LOCKOUT](#) is not canceled. If only an interface select code is specified, all devices on the bus are returned to the local state and [LOCAL LOCKOUT](#) is canceled.

If a primary device address is specified and the computer is the Active Controller, the bus activity is: ATN, MTA, UNL, LAG, GTL.

If the computer is not the Active Controller but is the System Controller and just an interface select code is specified, the REN line is set false. If it is also the Active Controller the ATN and REN lines are both set false.

When the computer is not the System Controller but is the active controller, the bus activity for an Interface Select Code is to set the ATN line and send a GTL message.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

LOCAL LOCKOUT

Sends the IEEE-488 LLO message.

Syntax: LOCAL LOCKOUT {@io-path | interface-select-code}

Sample:
LOCAL LOCKOUT 7
LOCAL LOCKOUT Isc
LOCAL LOCKOUT @Gpib

Description:

The local lockout message LLO is sent over the IEEE-488 preventing front panel control of devices in the remote state.

If the computer is not the active controller or a primary device address is specified, an error is generated. If an I/O path is specified, it must refer to the IEEE-488 interface.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

LOCK

Secures a file for exclusive access.

Syntax: LOCK @io-path; CONDITIONAL return

where: io-path = name assigned to a file.
return = numeric-name

Sample: LOCK @Proprietary;CONDITIONAL Result
IF Secure THEN LOCK @Keyfile;CONDITIONAL Ok

Description:

This command attempts to **LOCK** a file to prevent other users from accessing the file while you are using it. The return value is zero if the file is successfully **LOCK**ed and non-zero if the **LOCK** fails. The value returned is an error number, indicating why the **LOCK** failed. An [ASSIGN](#) @Path TO * will [UNLOCK](#) and then close the file.

File locking capabilities depend on the operating system HTBasic is running on. If the operating system does not support it, the result value will always indicate failure. Some operating systems require the **LOCK** request when the file is opened. On such a system, the file will be closed and re-opened with the **LOCK**

A file can have multiple locks on it. The file remains locked until a corresponding number of [UNLOCK](#) statements have been executed. **LOCK**ing a file should be a temporary action of short duration so that fair access to the file is provided to all network users.

DOS or Windows Usage Notes

Under DOS or Windows, SHARE may need to be loaded in order to share, lock and unlock files. Consult the manufacturer's documentation for your system. If SHARE is necessary, but not currently installed, the **LOCK** will fail with an error number 1.

HP-UX Usage Notes

Under HP-UX, a file must have the "set-group-ID on execution" access mode set before record locking is enforced on that file. HTBasic sets this mode when it creates a file. To set this mode on an existing file, use the chmod command in an HP-UX shell:

```
chmod g+s filename
```

If the proper mode is not set, HP-UX uses advisory locks on the file. An advisory lock can be respected by another program, but is not enforced by HP-UX. The **LOCK** statement will fail if another process has the file locked, but the file can still be modified. Thus, programs must cooperate in order for advisory locking to be effective.

SunOS Usage Notes

Under SunOS, a file must have the "group execute" access mode *not* set and the "set-group-ID on execution" access mode *set* before record locking is enforced on that file. HTBasic sets this mode when it creates a file. To set this mode on an existing file, use the chmod command in a SunOS shell:

```
chmod g+s filename
```

If the proper mode is not set, SunOS uses advisory locks on the file. An advisory lock can be respected by another program, but is not enforced by SunOS. The **LOCK** statement will fail if another process has the file locked, but the file can still be modified. Thus, programs must cooperate in order for advisory locking to be effective.

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#), [UNLOCK](#)

LOG

Computes natural (base "e") logarithms.

Syntax: LOG(numeric-expression)

Sample: LN=LOG(Dt4)
PRINT "LN(";X;") =";LOG(X)

Description:

The definition of natural or base "e" or Napierian logarithms is $Y = \mathbf{LOG}(X)$, where $X = \mathbf{EXP}(Y)$. "e" is an irrational number whose value is approximately 2.718 281 828 459 05.

COMPLEX Arguments

LOG accepts either a COMPLEX or REAL argument and returns a value of the same type. For COMPLEX arguments the real and imaginary parts of **LOG(Z)** are calculated (using real arithmetic) as

$$\mathbf{REAL}(\mathbf{LOG}(Z)) = \mathbf{LOG}(\mathbf{ABS}(Z))$$

$$\mathbf{IMAG}(\mathbf{LOG}(Z)) = \mathbf{ARG}(Z)$$

which returns an imaginary part in the range $-\mathbf{PI}$ to \mathbf{PI} , regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The domain of **LOG** includes all points in the complex plane except the origin. However, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

EXP, LGT, SQRT

LOOP

Defines a series of statements to be executed repeatedly.

Syntax: LOOP
 statements
 [EXIT IF boolean-expression]
 statements
 END LOOP

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements

Sample: 100 LOOP
 . . .
 170 EXIT IF J=5 OR A\$>B\$
 . . .
 180 END LOOP

Description:

When control reaches the **END LOOP** statement, it is transferred back to the statement following the **LOOP** statement until an **EXIT IF** statement evaluates non-zero. There may be any number of **EXIT IF** statements in the **LOOP**. Branching into a **LOOP** is legal.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [END](#), [FN](#), [FOR](#), [GOTO](#), [GOSUB](#), [IF](#), [ON](#), [PAUSE](#), [REPEAT](#), [RETURN](#), [RUN](#), [SELECT](#), [STOP](#), [SUBEND](#), [SUBEXIT](#), [WAIT](#), [WHILE](#)

LORG

Specifies the position of a **LABEL** relative to the current position.

Syntax: LORG numeric-expression

Sample: LORG Origin
LORG 2

Description:

The **LORG** statement specifies the relative position of the [LABEL](#) with respect to the current pen position. The argument is rounded to an integer and has a range of one through nine. The default **LORG** origin is one. The values are as follows:

Left Values	Middle Values	Right Values
3 - left-top	6 - middle-top	9 - right-top
2 - left-center	5 - middle-center	8 - right-center
1 - left-bottom	4 - middle-bottom	7 - right-bottom

If the string length is odd, the horizontal center of the string is the center of the middle character.

See Also:

[CSIZE](#), [IMAGE](#), [LABEL](#), [LDIR](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PDIR](#), [PEN](#), [PIVOT](#), [PRINT](#), [SYMBOL](#)

LWC\$

Converts characters in a string to lowercase.

Syntax: LWC\$(string-expression)

Sample:
A\$=LWC(B\$)
PRINT LWC\$(Answer\$)

Description:

The upper-case to lower-case correspondence is affected by [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#). If a user-defined table is used with [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#) and the optional upper and lowercase conversion rules are not specified, the uppercase to lowercase transform is determined by the [STANDARD](#) lexical order.

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LEN](#), [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#), [MAXLEN](#), [NUM](#), [POS](#), [REV\\$](#), [RPT\\$](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

MASS STORAGE IS

Assigns the current mass storage device and directory.

Syntax: MASS STORAGE IS path-specifier
MSI path-specifier

Sample: MASS STORAGE IS Volspec\$&Dir_path\$
MSI "A:\DIR1\DIR2\MYDIR"
MSI "/usr/bin" CD "/usr/bin"

Description:

The current **MASS STORAGE IS** includes both the device, and the current directory. This current directory is searched first to find any specified files. You may change the current device and directory with the [MSI](#) command. You may determine the current device and directory with the [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#) function.

MASS STORAGE IS may be abbreviated MSI or CD.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [CONFIGURE MSI](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [INITIALIZE](#), [PRINT LABEL](#), [PROTECT](#),
[PURGE](#), [READ LABEL](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

MAT

Specifies an array operation.

Syntax: MAT string-array\$ = string-array\$ | (string-expression)
MAT numeric-array = numeric-array [operator numeric-array]
MAT numeric-array = (numeric-expression) [operator numeric-array]
MAT numeric-array = numeric-array operator (numeric-expression)
MAT vector = RSUM(matrix) | CSUM(matrix)
MAT matrix = INV(matrix) | TRN(matrix) | IDN
MAT array-name [sub-array] = array-name [sub-array]

COMPLEX Extensions:

MAT array-name = REAL(array-name)
MAT array-name = IMAG(array-name)
MAT array-name = ARG(array-name)
MAT array-name = ABS(array-name)
MAT array-name = CONJG(array-name)
MAT array-name = CMPLX(array-name,array-name)

where: operator = + | - | . | / | < | <= | = | <> | >= | > | *
sub-array = ({range | subscript} [, {range | subscript}...])
range = * | lower-bound : upper-bound

Sample: MAT A=A* (Pny*6)
MAT A=B+C
MAT A=C>= (1)
MAT A= (4)
MAT A=CSUM(C)
MAT A=RSUM(D)
MAT A=IDN
MAT A=INV(B)
MAT Destination(3, *, *)=Source(*, 2, *)

Description:

MAT initializes and performs operations on string and numeric arrays. **MAT** operations can copy a string or numeric expression or array into an array, add or subtract an array or numeric expression to an array or numeric expression, multiply or divide an array or numeric expression by an array or numeric expression, compare arrays and numeric expressions or perform an identity (**IDN**), inverse (**INV**), sum (**CSUM** or **RSUM**) or transpose (**TRN**) of rows and columns of a matrix. **MAT** operations can also be used to assign a sub-array to another array or subarray.

The [REAL](#), [IMAG](#), [ARG](#), [ABS](#), [CONJG](#) and [CMPLX](#) functions operate the same with arrays as with scalar numbers.

Size and Shape Requirements

In general, a matrix must meet certain size and shape requirements for each matrix operation. If it does not, in certain operations it makes sense to automatically redimension it. If it can't be redimensioned, an error is given.

Sub-array assignments require that the number of ranges specified in the source match the number of ranges specified in the destination. If a complete array is specified, the number of ranges equals the rank of the array. In corresponding ranges of the source and destination, the number of elements must be the same. The following examples will help you visualize these rules:

```

10 DIM X(1:3),Y(1:10)
20 DIM D(3,4,5),S(4,2,5)
30 MAT X=Y(2:4)           ! One range, three elements
40 MAT D(3,*,*)=S(*,2,*) ! Range 1 has 5 elements,2 has 6
50 MAT Y(1:6)=S(0,0,*)   ! One range, 6 elements

```

For the list of operators above, the target array must be the same size and shape as the source array because numeric operations are performed one array element at a time and the result is returned to the corresponding element in the target array.

Matrix Multiply

The asterisk "*" operator performs a matrix multiplication when it is between two matrixes. If it is between an array and a numeric expression each element of the array is multiplied by the value of the expression. The period "." operator is used between two arrays to perform an element by element multiply. Vectors can be used in a matrix multiplication as if they were two-dimensional matrices. If used as the first matrix, a vector is treated as a 1 by N matrix. If used as the second matrix, a vector is treated as an N by 1 matrix.

Sum Columns, Rows

The **CSUM** and **RSUM** matrix functions sum the columns and rows, respectively, of a matrix and return the result into a target vector array.

Identity

The **IDN** matrix function initializes a square matrix to an identity matrix. An identity matrix has zeros in all elements but the diagonal elements, which have the value one.

Invert

The **INV** matrix function returns the inverse of a square matrix. It also calculates the [DET](#) value. If the matrix has no inverse, the [DET](#) is set to zero, but no error is returned. If the [DET](#) is very small in relation to values of the array, numerical methods for inverting the array fail. Thus, the [DET](#) should be checked after using **INV**.

Transpose

The **TRN** matrix function returns the transpose of the source matrix by exchanging rows for columns and columns for rows.

See Also:

[DET](#), [DIM](#), [DOT](#), [MAT REORDER](#), [MAT SEARCH](#), [MAT SORT](#), [REDIM](#), [SUM](#)

MAT REORDER

Reorders array elements by a supplied subscript list.

Syntax: MAT REORDER array-name[\$] BY vector [, subscript]

Sample: MAT REORDER Array BY Vector,2
MAT REORDER Elements\$ BY New

Description:

The array is reordered according to the values in the vector. The optional subscript is rounded to an integer and specifies which subscript is to be reordered. If it is not specified it is assumed to be one.

The vector must be a one dimensional array which is the same size as the specified subscript. It contains integers specifying valid subscript values with no duplicate values. The [MAT SORT](#) statement may be used to generate vector values.

COMPLEX Arrays

MAT REORDER can reorder a complex array, but a reorder vector can not be complex.

See Also:

[MAT](#), [MAT SEARCH](#), [MAT SORT](#), [REDIM](#)

MAT SEARCH

Searches an array for user specified conditions.

Syntax: MAT SEARCH numeric-array [num-key], rule; return [,start]
MAT SEARCH string-array\$ [str-key], rule; return [,start]

where: num-key = [search-subscripts] [DES]
str-key = [search-subscripts [sub-string]] [DES]
search-subscripts = ({subscript[*]} [,...])
The '*' must appear only once.
rule = [#]LOC ([relational] value) | LOC MAX | LOC MIN | MIN | MAX
relational = < | <= | = | <> | => | >
return = variable-name
start = numeric-expression
value = string-or-numeric-expression

Sample: MAT SEARCH Vector, #LOC (<>PI); Not_pi
MAT SEARCH Temperature, LOC MAX; Hottest
MAT SEARCH Students, LOC (<.33); Flunk, 4
MAT SEARCH Titles\$ (*, 2, 3) DES, MAX; Last_book\$
MAT SEARCH Array\$ (*), LOC (=Target\$); I

Description:

A numeric or string array is searched for the specified condition and the result is returned in the return variable. The keyword **DES** specifies descending search order. The optional start value specifies the starting subscript. If not specified, searching begins with the first element for ascending searches and the last element for descending searches. The "rule" specifies the search rules to use and what to return:

Rule	Meaning
LOC	Subscript of first element satisfying operator
#LOC	Count the number of elements satisfying operator
LOC MAX	Subscript of maximum value
LOC MIN	Subscript of minimum value
MAX	Find and return the maximum value
MIN	Find and return the minimum value

COMPLEX Arrays

MAT SEARCH can search an array, but since the concept of linear ordering does not apply to the complex plane, greater than, less than, **MIN** and **MAX** operations are not allowed.

See Also:

[MAT](#), [MAT REORDER](#), [MAT SORT](#), [REDIM](#)

MAT SORT

Sorts string or numeric array data.

Syntax: MAT SORT numeric-array numeric-keys [TO vector]
MAT SORT string-array\$ string-keys [TO vector]

where: numeric-keys = (key-subscripts) [DES] [,numeric-keys]
key-subscripts = {subscript | *} [,key-subscripts]
The '*' must appear only once.
string-keys = string-key [,string-keys]
string-key = (key-subscripts) [sub-string] [DES]

Sample: MAT SORT A\$(*)
MAT SORT Array(Tag,*)
MAT SORT Vals(1,*,3),(2,*,5) DES
MAT SORT String\$(*,2)[1;3] TO Order

Description:

MAT SORT sorts a numeric or string array along one dimension. The direction of the sort is in ascending order unless the **DES** keyword follows the key specifier. For multi-dimensional arrays, entire rows, columns, etc. are swapped in the ordering process according to the values in the sort key specifier.

The sort key specifier is made up of subscript values and an asterisk "*". The asterisk specifies the dimension to be sorted. The subscript values specify which array elements in that subscript are to be used during the sort. Sub-strings may be specified for string arrays.

The optional "TO vector" syntax stores the new order in a vector, leaving the original array unchanged. The vector is redimensioned to the size of the array dimension sorted. It is compatible with the [MAT REORDER](#) statement. It is best if the vector is an [INTEGER](#) array.

COMPLEX Arrays

MAT SORT can not sort a complex array since the concept of linear ordering does not apply to the complex plane. A complex array can be sorted indirectly by creating a [REORDER](#) vector that sorts the complex array according to some linear property of complex numbers, such as magnitude. In the following example, lines 90 to 110 sort the complex array C(*) according to magnitude. A similar technique can be used for other sorting criteria.

```
10 COMPLEX C(1:8)
20 REAL Abs(1:8)
30 INTEGER I,Order(1:8)
40 FOR I=1 TO 8 !Create array to sort
50   C(I)=CMPLX(INT(RND*10),INT(RND*10))
60 NEXT I
70 PRINT USING "2(K,2X),/";C(*)
80 ! Now sort by magnitude
90 MAT Abs=ABS(C)
100 MAT SORT Abs(*) TO Order
110 MAT REORDER C BY Order
120 ! Print the result
130 FOR I=1 TO 8
140   PRINT C(I),ABS(C(I))
150 NEXT I
```

160 END

See Also:

[MAT](#), [MAT REORDER](#), [MAT SEARCH](#), [REDIM](#)

MAX

Returns the maximum value of a list of expressions.

Syntax: MAX(item [,item...])

where: item = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*)

Sample:
I=MAX(4, X, Y)
Largest=MAX(numerals (*))
PRINT MAX(First, 20, Last/3)
Cost=MAX(Win1, Win2, Lose1)

Description:

The **MAX** numeric function returns the largest value of all the values in the argument list. If an item is an array it is treated as if each element in the array were an item.

See Also:

[MIN](#)

MAXLEN

Gets maximum declared length of a string variable.

Syntax: MAXLEN(string-name\$ [(*)(subscripts)])

Sample: MAXLEN(Newstring\$)
Rows=MAXLEN(Alpharray\$(*))

Description:

MAXLEN returns the declared length of the string variable as declared in an [ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#) or [DIM](#) statement or an implicitly declared string variable.

See Also:

[BASE](#), [DIM](#), [RANK](#), [SIZE](#)

MAXREAL

Returns the largest positive REAL number.

Syntax: MAXREAL

Sample: IF X>MAXREAL/Y THEN GOTO Overflow

Description:

MAXREAL returns the largest positive [REAL](#) number that the computer can represent in its floating point number system. On computer systems that use the IEEE floating point number standard, the largest positive [REAL](#) number is approximately 1.797 693 134 862 32E+308.

See Also:

[MINREAL](#)

MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS

Enables all planes for Alpha and Graphics.

Syntax: MERGE ALPHA [WITH GRAPHICS]

Sample: IF Conf=4 THEN MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS

Description:

This statement can only be used with the CRTB screen driver (see [PLOTTER IS](#)). It is the opposite of [SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS](#). When merged, all bit-planes are used by both alpha and graphics. This means that alpha text is converted to graphic pixels and written into the graphic planes, overwriting any graphics data that might be present. Also, scrolling alpha text will scroll graphics, dumping either will dump both and the full range of colors are available for both alpha text and graphic output. **MERGE ALPHA** is the default mode for a CRTB display and the Windows version.

Because this statement turns off [COLOR MAP](#) mode, it should be executed before any [PLOTTER IS CRT](#), "INTERNAL";[COLOR MAP](#) statement.

See Also:

[ALPHA](#), [GRAPHICS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA](#)

MIN

Returns the minimum value of a list of expressions.

Syntax: MIN(item)

where: item = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*)

Sample:
I=MIN(4,3)
Small=MIN(Numerals(*))
PRINT MIN(First,20,Last/3)

Description:

The **MIN** numeric function returns the smallest value of all the items in the argument list. An array is treated as if all its elements were listed as items.

See Also:

[MAX](#)

MINREAL

Returns the smallest positive REAL number.

Syntax: MINREAL

Sample: IF X<MINREAL*Y THEN GOTO Underflow

Description:

MINREAL returns the smallest positive [REAL](#) number that the computer can represent in its floating point number system. On computer systems that use the IEEE floating point number standard, the smallest positive [REAL](#) number is approximately 2.225 073 858 507 24E-308.

See Also:

[MAXREAL](#)

MOD

Returns remainder after integer division.

Syntax: dividend MOD divisor

Sample: I=D MOD 16
PRINT "Inches"="";Length MOD 12

Description:

X **MOD** Y is the remainder from a division which produces an integral quotient and is defined as $X - Y * (X \text{ DIV } Y)$. If one or both of the operands are [REAL](#), the result is [REAL](#); otherwise the result is [INTEGER](#). The difference between **MOD** and [MODULO](#) is explained in [MODULO](#)

See Also:

[DIV](#), [INT](#), [MODULO](#)

MODULO

Returns the true mathematical modulus.

Syntax: dividend MODULO modulus

Sample:

```
I=D MODULO 16
PRINT "Inches" =";Length MODULO 12
R=12 MODULO -5
```

Description:

$X \text{ MODULO } Y$ is defined as $X - Y * \text{INT}(X/Y)$, where $\text{INT}(X/Y)$ is the greatest integer less than or equal to X/Y . **MODULO** and **MOD** give the same result if both X and Y have the same sign, but differ if X and Y do not have the same sign. It can be seen why this is so from the definitions. ($X \text{ DIV } Y$) divides and then converts to integer by truncation toward zero. $\text{INT}(X/Y)$ divides and then converts to integer by truncation toward negative infinity.

See Also:

[INT](#), [MOD](#)

MOVE

Moves the logical and physical pens to a new position.

Syntax: MOVE x-position, y-position

where: x-position, y-position = numeric-expressions

Sample:
MOVE 25, 80
MOVE Newx, Newy

Description:

The pen is raised before being moved to the specified position. If both the current logical position and the specified position are outside the clip area the logical position is updated but no physical pen movement is made.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **MOVE** statement.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IDRAW](#), [IMOVE](#), [IPLOT](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [RPLOT](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

MOVELINES

Moves program lines from one location to another.

Syntax: `MOVELINES start [,end] TO target`

where: start, end and target = line-number | line-label

Sample: `MOVELINES 600 TO 1500`
 `MOVELINES 500,1200 TO 4100`
 `MOVELINES First,Second TO Target`

Description:

MOVELINES moves a block of lines to a new location. This differs from the [COPYLINES](#) statement in that [COPYLINES](#) makes a copy of the original program portion. If no ending line is specified, only one line is moved. The target line cannot be in the range specified by start and end. If start doesn't exist, the line immediately after that line number is used. If end doesn't exist, the line immediately before that line number is used. If a non-existent line label is specified, an error will be reported. If the arguments specify a destination line number or program section that already exists, the old section will be renumbered to make room for the new program lines.

Line numbers and labels are renumbered and updated if needed. **MOVELINES** may not move lines containing a [SUB](#) program or [DEF FN](#) definition unless the new line number is greater than any existing line number; otherwise an error is issued because [SUB](#) or [DEF FN](#) must follow all previous lines. If an error occurs during a **MOVELINES**, the copy is terminated and the program is left partially changed. This command can only be executed from the keyboard. It cannot be included in a program.

See Also:

[CHANGE](#), [COPYLINES](#), [DEL](#), [DELSUB](#), [EDIT](#), [FIND](#), [INDENT](#), [REN](#), [SECURE](#), [XREF](#)

NOT

Returns the **logical negation of an expression.**

Syntax: NOT numeric-expression

Sample: A=NOT 1
A=NOT B
IF NOT File_input THEN PRINT Prompt\$

Description:

If the argument is zero, **NOT** returns a one. If the argument is non-zero, **NOT** returns a zero.

See Also:

[AND](#), [OR](#), [EXOR](#)

NPAR

Returns number of parameters passed to a subprogram.

Syntax: NPAR

Sample: IF NPAR>5 THEN More
Global=NPAR-3

Description:

NPAR is useful in subprograms with **OPTIONAL** parameters. **NPAR** can be used to determine which parameters were present in the calling argument list. An attempt to use a parameter which was not present results in an error. In the main program, **NPAR** returns a zero.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DEF FN](#), [FN](#), [SUB](#)

NUM

Returns decimal ASCII equivalent of the first character in a string.

Syntax: NUM(string-expression)

Sample:
A=NUM(B\$)
A=NUM("0")
N=NUM(Alph\$)
B=NUM(B\$[V])/16

Description:

The range of the returned values is 0 through 255.

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [REV\\$](#), [RPT\\$](#), [POS](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

OFF CYCLE

Cancels event branches defined by ON CYCLE.

Syntax: OFF CYCLE

Sample: OFF CYCLE
IF Complete THEN OFF CYCLE

Description:

Any [CYCLE](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled.

Execution of an **OFF CYCLE** statement within a subprogram will disable the [ON CYCLE](#) definition within the context of the subprogram, but when control is returned to the calling program the [ON CYCLE](#) definition is re-enabled.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON CYCLE](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF DELAY

Cancels event branches defined by **ON DELAY**.

Syntax: OFF DELAY

Sample: OFF DELAY
 IF Finis THEN OFF DELAY

Description:

Any [DELAY](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled.

Execution of an **OFF DELAY** statement within a subprogram will disable the [ON DELAY](#) definition within the context of the subprogram, but when control is returned to the calling program the [ON DELAY](#) definition is re-enabled.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON DELAY](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF END

Cancels event branches defined by ON END.

Syntax: OFF END @io-path

where: io-path = name assigned to a data file

Sample:
OFF END @File
IF Finis THEN OFF END @Input

Description:

Execution of an **OFF END** statement within a subprogram will disable the [ON END](#) definition within the context of the subprogram, but when control is returned to the calling program the [ON END](#) definition is re-enabled.

End-of-file and end-of-record errors will be reported if no [ON END](#) definition is active.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON END](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF EOR

Cancels event branches defined by ON EOR.

Syntax: OFF EOR @non-buf-io-path

where: non-buf-io-path = io-path used in the ON EOR statement

Sample:
OFF EOR @Dev
IF Finis THEN OFF EOR @File

Description:

Any End-of-Record (EOR) events that have been logged but not yet serviced, are canceled. Executing **OFF EOR** within a subprogram disables the [ON EOR](#) definition within that subprogram context. When control is returned to the calling program, any pre-existent [ON EOR](#) definition is re-enabled.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [ON EOR](#), [ON EOT](#), [TRANSFER](#), [WAIT](#)

OFF EOT

Cancels event branches defined by ON EOT.

Syntax: OFF EOT @non-buf-io-path

where: non-buf-io-path = io-path used in the ON EOT statement

Sample:
OFF EOT @Dev
IF Finis THEN OFF EOT @File

Description:

Any End-of-Transfer (EOT) events that have been logged but not yet serviced, are canceled. Executing **OFF EOT** within a subprogram disables the [ON EOT](#) definition within that subprogram context. When control is returned to the calling program, any pre-existent [ON EOT](#) definition is re-enabled.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [ON EOR](#), [ON EOT](#), [TRANSFER](#), [WAIT](#)

OFF ERROR

Cancels event branches defined by **ON ERROR**.

Syntax: OFF ERROR

Sample: IF Finis THEN OFF ERROR

Description:

Execution of an **OFF ERROR** statement will cause any subsequent errors to be reported to the user and program execution will [PAUSE](#).

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON INTR](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF INTR

Cancels event branches defined by ON INTR.

Syntax: OFF INTR [interface-select-code]

Sample:
OFF INTR
OFF INTR 10
OFF INTR Gpib

Description:

Any [INTR](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled.

An **OFF INTR** statement without the optional interface select code disables event-initiated branches on all devices. If the interface select code is specified, only that interface interrupt will be disabled.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [ENABLE INTR](#), [DISABLE](#), [DISABLE INTR](#), [ON-event](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF KBD

Cancels event branches defined by ON KBD.

Syntax: OFF KBD

Sample: IF Finis THEN OFF KBD

Description:

Any [KBD](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled and the keyboard buffer is cleared.

Execution of an **OFF KBD** statement within a subprogram will disable the [ON KBD](#) definition within the context of the subprogram, but when control is returned to the calling program the [ON KBD](#) definition is re-enabled. The keyboard buffer remains cleared.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [KBD\\$](#), [ON KBD](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF KEY

Cancels event branches defined by ON KEY.

Syntax: OFF KEY [key-number]

where: key-number = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample:
OFF KEY
OFF KEY 2
OFF KEY Lock
IF Carkey AND NOT Housekey THEN OFF KEY

Description:

An **OFF KEY** statement without the key-number cancels event branches for all softkeys. If the key-number is specified then only that softkey will be canceled. The key-number range is zero through twenty-three. Any KEY events for affected softkeys that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled. **OFF KEY** also restores the previous key labels.

Executing **OFF KEY** within a subprogram disables the ON KEY definitions within the subprogram context. When control is returned to the calling program the ON KEY definitions are re-enabled.

See Also:

ENABLE, DISABLE, ON KEY, SYSTEM PRIORITY

OFF KNOB

Cancels event branches defined by ON KNOB.

Syntax: OFF KNOB

Sample: IF Scroll THEN OFF KNOB

Description:

Any [KNOB](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled. After **OFF KNOB**, the knob or mouse will scroll the screen and move the cursor.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [KNOBX](#), [KNOBY](#), [ON KNOB](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF SIGNAL

Cancels event branches defined by ON SIGNAL.

Syntax: OFF SIGNAL [signal-number]

where: signal-number = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample:
OFF SIGNAL
OFF SIGNAL 5
OFF SIGNAL Msg

Description:

An **OFF SIGNAL** statement without the signal number will cancel all the [ON SIGNAL](#) definitions. If the signal number is specified then only that signal will be canceled. The signal-number has a range of zero through fifteen. Any [SIGNAL](#) events with the same signal number that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled. **OFF SIGNAL** applies to the current context only.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON SIGNAL](#), [SIGNAL](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF TIME

Cancels event branches defined by ON TIME.

Syntax: OFF TIME

Sample: IF Clock THEN OFF TIME

Description:

Any [TIME](#) events that have been logged but not yet serviced are canceled.

Execution of an **OFF TIME** statement within a subprogram will cancel the [ON TIME](#) definition within the context of the subprogram, but when control is returned to the calling program the [ON TIME](#) definition is re-enabled.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON TIME](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

OFF TIMEOUT

Cancels event branches defined by ON TIMEOUT.

Syntax: OFF TIMEOUT [interface-select-code]

where: interface-select-code = integer numeric-expression

Sample:
OFF TIMEOUT
OFF TIMEOUT 8
OFF TIMEOUT Gpib

Description:

No more timeouts can occur on the affected interfaces after an **OFF TIMEOUT** statement.

An **OFF TIMEOUT** statement without the interface-select-code will cancel the [ON TIMEOUT](#) definitions on all interfaces. If the interface-select-code is specified then only that interface **TIMEOUT** will be canceled.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [ON TIMEOUT](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON

Transfers control to one of a list of lines.

Syntax: ON index {GOSUB | GOTO} line [,line...]

where: index = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON Choose GOSUB Placea,Placeb
ON X/2 GOTO 700,800,900

Description:

ON ... GOTO or **ON ... GOSUB** allows you to perform a multi-way transfer. You can select one of a list of program line numbers by the computed value of a numeric expression. The numeric expression is rounded to an integer value and is used as an index to select one of the line numbers from the list.

If the integer value is 1, the first line number is used. If the integer value is 2, the second line number is used and so on. If the index number is less than one or greater than the number of line numbers in the list, an error is generated.

If [GOSUB](#) is specified the matching [RETURN](#) is to the line following the **ON** statement.

See Also:

[GOTO](#), [GOSUB](#), [RETURN](#)

ON CYCLE

Defines a repeating event branch.

Syntax: ON CYCLE seconds [,priority] action

where: seconds = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.
action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON CYCLE Seconds,Priority CALL Sub
ON CYCLE Max RECOVER Names
ON CYCLE 1200,3 GOTO 2000

Description:

ON CYCLE defines a repeating event branch. After the specified number of seconds has passed, an event is generated and the cycle is begun again. The value of seconds can range from 0.01 to 167772.16 but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer. If short **CYCLE** values cause events to occur faster than the computer can service them, some events will be lost.

There is only one **CYCLE** timer. Executing a new **ON CYCLE** while another **ON CYCLE** is still in effect will cause the **CYCLE** timer to use the new seconds value. If the **ON CYCLE** is executed in a different program context the original **ON CYCLE** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context. The old **CYCLE** time is not restored, however.

ON CYCLE is canceled by [OFF CYCLE](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

Common Information

The following information is common to the **ON CYCLE**, [DELAY](#), [EOR](#), [EOT](#), [INTR](#), [KBD](#), [KEY](#), [KNOB](#), [SIGNAL](#), [TIME](#) statements.

The line number or line label following the [GOTO](#), [GOSUB](#) or **RECOVER** or the subprogram name following the [CALL](#) indicates where to transfer control when the event occurs. Line numbers or labels must be in the same subprogram as the **ON** statement. When returning from a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) execution continues with the line that would have executed next when the event occurred. **RECOVER** causes the program to [SUBEXIT](#) from subprograms as needed to return to the defining subprogram and then does a [GOTO](#) to the specified program line. (The defining subprogram is the subprogram with the **ON** statement.)

The event branch can only occur if the current [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#) is less than the priority specified in the **ON** statement. The default priority is one. The highest priority that can be specified is fifteen. [ON END](#), [ON ERROR](#) and [ON TIMEOUT](#) events have a higher priority than all other events. If an event branch can not take place because of system priority, the event is logged and occurs later when the system priority drops to a level which allows it.

When an event branch is taken the system priority is changed depending on the branch type. With a [GOTO](#) the system priority is not changed. With a **RECOVER** the system priority is only changed if any [SUBEXITs](#) are performed, in which case the system priority is restored to the value current when the defining subprogram called another subprogram. With a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) the system priority is changed to the specified priority. When returning from the [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) the system priority is restored to the value current before the branch was taken.

If other subprograms have been called from the defining subprogram when the event occurs, when the branch can be taken depends on the branch type. [CALL](#) or **RECOVER** branches can still occur as soon as the event occurs. (Although branches are not taken in the middle of execution of a line; the branch is taken between lines.) [GOTO](#) or [GOSUB](#) branches can not be taken immediately. The event will be logged and then serviced when control returns to the defining subprogram.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF CYCLE](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON DELAY

Defines an event branch after specified seconds.

Syntax: ON DELAY seconds [,priority] action

where: seconds = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.
action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON DELAY Seconds,Priority CALL Sub1
ON DELAY 3 GOTO 5710
ON DELAY Maxtime,4 GOSUB Branch

Description:

ON DELAY defines a one time event branch to take after a specified number of seconds. The value of seconds can range from 0.01 to 167772.16 but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer.

There is only one **DELAY** timer. Executing a new **ON DELAY** while another **ON DELAY** is still in effect will cause the **DELAY** timer to use the new seconds value. If the **ON DELAY** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON DELAY** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context. The old **DELAY** time is not restored, however.

ON DELAY is canceled by [OFF DELAY](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON DELAY** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF DELAY](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON END

Defines an event branch for end-of-file conditions.

Syntax: ON END @io-path action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON END @Dat GOTO 750
ON END @Code CALL Find
ON END @File RECOVER Fix

Description:

When you [ENTER](#) data and there is no more data in a file, or when a random access [OUTPUT](#) or [ENTER](#) requires more bytes than the record size, an end-of-file error occurs which may be caught by the **ON END** statement. The **ON END** statement must be executed before the end-of-file error condition occurs. If an **ON END** event handler does not exist, error 59 occurs, which can be trapped like other errors with an [ON ERROR](#) handler.

ON END is canceled by [OFF END](#) but is not disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

When returning from a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) execution continues with the line following the line causing the end-of-file.

Common Information for ON END, ERROR, TIMEOUT

The line number or line label following the [GOTO](#), [GOSUB](#), or **RECOVER** or the subprogram name following the [CALL](#) indicates where to transfer control when the event occurs. Line numbers or labels must be in the same subprogram as the **ON** statement. **RECOVER** causes the program to [SUBEXIT](#) from subprograms as needed to return to the defining subprogram and then does a [GOTO](#) to the specified program line. (The defining subprogram is the subprogram with the **ON** statement.)

The **ON END** and [ON TIMEOUT](#) events have a fixed priority of fifteen and [ON ERROR](#) has a fixed priority of seventeen. However, when one of these events occurs, the current [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#) is ignored and the branch occurs immediately. The only exception is when an error occurs when the system priority is already seventeen; this "double fault" condition can not be trapped.

When an event branch is taken the system priority is changed depending on the branch type. With a [GOTO](#) the system priority is not changed. With a **RECOVER** the system priority is only changed if any [SUBEXITs](#) are performed, in which case the system priority is restored to the value current when the defining subprogram called another subprogram. With a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) the system priority is changed to fifteen for **ON END** and [ON TIMEOUT](#) or seventeen for [ON ERROR](#). When returning from the [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) the system priority is restored to the value current before the branch was taken.

If other subprograms have been called from the defining subprogram when the event occurs, the action taken depends on the branch type. [CALL](#) or **RECOVER** branches can still occur as soon as the event occurs. (Although branches are not taken in the middle of execution of a line; the branch is taken between lines.) [GOTO](#) or [GOSUB](#) branches can not be taken so an error occurs.

See Also:

[ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ON ERROR](#), [ON TIMEOUT](#), [OFF END](#)

ON EOR

Defines an event branch for end-of-record conditions.

Syntax: ON EOR @io-path [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON EOR @Dev GOTO 1200
ON EOR @Code,2 CALL Record

Description:

The [TRANSFER](#) statement can define what is to be considered a record for the purpose of that particular [TRANSFER](#). When an end-of-record is detected, an **EOR** event occurs which may be caught by the **ON EOR** statement. The **ON EOR** statement must be executed before the end-of-record condition occurs.

The I/O path must be the I/O path used in the [TRANSFER](#) to specify the device. Using the I/O path assigned to the buffer will cause an error.

If another **ON EOR** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON EOR** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON EOR is canceled by [OFF EOR](#) and is disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it. If a context exit is delayed until a [TRANSFER](#) terminates, any **EOR** events generated during the delay are discarded. Use [WAIT FOR EOR](#) to force the event to be serviced before the subprogram exits.

More information about **ON EOR** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [OFF EOR](#), [ON EOT](#), [TRANSFER](#), [WAIT](#)

ON EOT

Defines an event branch for end-of-transfer conditions.

Syntax: ON EOT @io-path [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON EOT @Dev GOTO 1200
ON EOT @Code,2 CALL Done

Description:

When a [TRANSFER](#) finishes, an end-of-transfer, **EOT**, event occurs which may be caught by the **ON EOT** statement. The **ON EOT** statement must be executed before the [TRANSFER](#) ends.

The I/O path must be the I/O path used in the [TRANSFER](#) to specify the device. Using the I/O path assigned to the buffer will cause an error.

If another **ON EOT** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON EOT** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON EOT is canceled by [OFF EOT](#) and is disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it. If a context exit is delayed until a [TRANSFER](#) terminates, any **EOT** events generated during the delay are discarded. Use [WAIT FOR EOT](#) to force the event to be serviced before the subprogram exits.

More information about **ON EOT** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [OFF EOT](#), [ON EOR](#), [TRANSFER](#), [WAIT](#)

ON ERROR

Defines an event branch for trappable errors.

Syntax: ON ERROR action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON ERROR GOTO 2000
ON ERROR CALL Ertrap
ON ERROR RECOVER Test

Description:

The **ON ERROR** statement specifies an error handling routine to be called when an error occurs during program execution. The **ON ERROR** statement must be executed before the error condition occurs. The routine can evaluate the error condition by using the [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#) and [ERRN](#), functions and any other pertinent information to determine the corrective action to take. If there is not enough memory to run the routine, the original error is reported to the user and the program is paused.

If another **ON ERROR** is executed in a different context, the original **ON ERROR** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context. **ON ERROR** is canceled by [OFF ERROR](#) but is not disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#) or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

When returning from a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) execution normally continues with the offending line. If the error handling routine does not correct the cause of the error, the error will occur again, causing an infinite loop. To avoid re-execution of the line, use [ERROR SUBEXIT](#) instead of [SUBEXIT](#) or [ERROR RETURN](#) instead of [RETURN](#).

If an error occurs in an error handling routine called with [GOSUB](#) or [CALL](#), it is reported to the user and the program is paused. If an error occurs in an error handling routine called with [GOTO](#) or [RECOVER](#), an infinite loop can result.

If **ON ERROR** is not used to handle an error, the program is paused and an error message is displayed on the message line. Pressing CONTINUE will re-execute the offending line. Type [CONT](#) followed by the line number of the next line to continue execution without re-executing the offending line.

More information about **ON ERROR** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON END](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR RETURN](#), [ERROR SUBEXIT](#), [ON END](#), [ON TIMEOUT](#)

ON INTR

Defines a hardware interrupt initiated branch.

Syntax: ON INTR interface-select-code [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON INTR 7 GOTO 1000
ON INTR Isc,Priority CALL Sub
ON INTR Gpib,4 GOSUB Repair

Description:

ON INTR defines an event branch to be taken when an interface card generates an interrupt. Execution of an **ON INTR** statement is not sufficient to allow an interrupt to occur. As a minimum, [ENABLE INTR](#) must be executed to establish an interrupt mask. Depending on the interface, additional statements may have to be executed as well. Refer to the device driver documentation for more information.

When an interrupt occurs a [DISABLE INTR](#) for the interface is automatically executed. Consequently, an [ENABLE INTR](#) statement must be used to explicitly re-enable interrupts.

There is only one [ENABLE INTR](#) mask per interface select code. Executing a new [ENABLE INTR](#) while another is still in effect will cause the interface or device to use the new mask value. If the **ON INTR** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON INTR** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context. The [ENABLE INTR](#) mask is not restored, however.

ON INTR is canceled by [OFF INTR](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#) or [DISABLE INTR](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#) or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON INTR** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [ENABLE INTR](#), [DISABLE](#), [DISABLE INTR](#), [OFF INTR](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON KBD

Defines an event branch for when a key is pressed.

Syntax: ON KBD [ALL] [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON KBD GOTO 2000
ON KBD,Order GOSUB First
ON KBD ALL RECOVER 500
ON KBD ALL,3 CALL Sub

Description:

ON KBD defines an event branch to be taken when a key is pressed. **ON KBD ALL** traps all alpha-numeric keys and HTBasic function keys except RESET. The following keys are not trapped if **ALL** is not specified: CLR I/O, MENU, PAUSE, s-MENU, STOP, EXECUTE, USER and any softkeys.

If **ON KBD** is active, immediate execution of keyboard editing and display control function keys is suspended. All keystrokes go into a special [KBD\\$](#) buffer. The buffer is cleared when it is read. The event handling routine can selectively execute keys found in [KBD\\$](#) by including them in an [OUTPUT KBD](#) statement:

```
OUTPUT KBD;Buf$;
```

Unless an [ON KNOB](#) definition is active, movement of the mouse generates **ON KBD** interrupts and places UP, DOWN, LEFT or RIGHT keystrokes into the [KBD\\$](#) buffer. If both **ON KBD ALL** and [ON KEY](#) are active, **ON KBD ALL** takes precedence over [ON KEY](#).

Executing a new **ON KBD** while another **ON KBD** is still in effect overrides the previous **ON KBD** definition. If the **ON KBD** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON KBD** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON KBD is canceled by [OFF KBD](#), disabled by [DISABLE](#) and temporarily disabled by an [LINPUT](#), [INPUT](#), or [ENTER KBD](#) statement. A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON KBD** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [KBD\\$](#), [OFF KBD](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON KEY

Defines an event branch for when a softkey is pressed.

Syntax: ON KEY key-number [LABEL label] [,priority] action

where: key-number = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.
label = string-expression
action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON KEY 1 GOTO 200
ON KEY 5 LABEL Find\$ RECOVER 500
ON KEY 2 LABEL "Print",3 CALL Findings

Description:

ON KEY defines a softkey event branch and optionally a label to be displayed in the softkey menu. When the softkey is pressed, the event occurs. The key number must be in the range of zero through twenty-three. Only as many characters as will fit in the menu area softkey label are displayed from the label.

If the label begins with a CLR LN key ([CHR\\$\(255\) & "#"](#)), only the characters after the CLR LN will be displayed. If the label begins with a CONTINUE key, the two characters ([CHR\\$\(255\) & "C"](#)) will be replaced with the string "CONTINUE". If the label begins with a RUN key, the two characters ([CHR\\$\(255\) & "R"](#)) will be replaced with the string "RUN".

Executing a new **ON KEY** while another **ON KEY** for the same softkey is still in effect will override the previous [LABEL](#) and definition. If the **ON KEY** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON KEY** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON KEY is canceled by [OFF KEY](#), disabled by [DISABLE](#) and temporarily disabled by an [LINPUT](#), [INPUT](#), or [ENTER KBD](#) statement. A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON KEY** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF KEY](#), [SET KEY](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON KNOB

Defines an event branch for when the **KNOB** is turned.

Syntax: ON KNOB seconds [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON KNOB 1 GOTO 500
ON KNOB Seconds,Priority Call Sub
ON KNOB 1/2,4 GOSUB Label

Description:

ON KNOB specifies the time interval in seconds for which movement of the **KNOB** is sampled. Nothing happens, however, until the first time the **KNOB** is moved after the **ON KNOB** statement has been executed. Once initial movement of the **KNOB** is detected, a timer begins for the specified interval. When the interval has expired, [KNOBX](#) and [KNOBY](#) are set to the distance the **KNOB** moved during the interval. A **KNOB** event is then generated. The value of seconds can range from 0.01 to 2.55 but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer.

The [KNOBX](#) and [KNOBY](#) functions are read to determine the number of increments the **KNOB** has been moved in the x and the y directions during the interval.

Executing a new **ON KNOB** while another **ON KNOB** is still in effect overrides the previous **ON KNOB** definition. If the **ON KNOB** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON KNOB** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON KNOB is canceled by [OFF KNOB](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

While the syntax of this statement specifies a knob, typically a mouse is used instead; the syntax remains what it is for compatibility with older versions of HP BASIC.

More information about **ON KNOB** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF KNOB](#), [KNOBX](#), [KNOBY](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON SIGNAL

Defines an event branch for **SIGNAL** statement.

Syntax: ON SIGNAL signal-number [,priority] action

where: action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON SIGNAL Selector,Priority CALL Sub2
ON SIGNAL RECOVER Trap
ON SIGNAL 8 GOTO 770

Description:

ON SIGNAL enables an event branch which occurs when a [SIGNAL](#) statement is executed using the same signal-number. The signal-number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer with a range of zero through fifteen.

Executing **ON SIGNAL** while another **ON SIGNAL** is still in effect for that same signal number overrides the previous **ON SIGNAL** definition. If the **ON SIGNAL** is executed in a different program context the original **ON SIGNAL** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context.

ON SIGNAL is canceled by [OFF SIGNAL](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON SIGNAL** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF SIGNAL](#), [SIGNAL](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

ON TIME

Defines a single event branch for a specific time.

Syntax: ON TIME time [,priority] action

where: time = numeric expression in range 0 to 86,399.99.
action = { GOTO|GOSUB|RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON TIME Hour*3600,T_pri CALL Explode
ON TIME (TIMEDATE+3600) MOD 86400 GOTO 2000

Description:

ON TIME defines an event branch to occur when the real-time-clock reaches a specified time. The time is specified as the number of seconds since midnight. The time specified is rounded to the resolution of the computer clock.

There is only one **TIME** timer. Executing a new **ON TIME** while another **ON TIME** is still in effect will cause the **TIME** timer to use the new value. If the **ON TIME** is executed in a different program context, the original **ON TIME** definition is restored when control returns to the calling context. The old **TIME** value is not restored, however.

ON TIME is canceled by [OFF TIME](#) and disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

More information about **ON TIME** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON CYCLE](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[ENABLE](#), [DISABLE](#), [OFF TIME](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#), [TIME\\$](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

ON TIMEOUT

Defines an event branch for an I/O timeout.

Syntax: ON TIMEOUT interface-select-code, seconds action

where: action = { GOTO | GOSUB | RECOVER } line | CALL subprogram
LINE = line-number | line-label

Sample:
ON TIMEOUT 4,5 GOTO 2000
ON TIMEOUT Printer,Sec GOSUB Message
ON TIMEOUT 4,1/2 RECOVER Line

Description:

ON TIMEOUT defines an event branch to take when an I/O operation on the specified interface fails to respond within the specified number of seconds. The value of seconds can range from 0.001 to 32.767 but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer. The **ON TIMEOUT** statement must be executed before the I/O statement. If an **ON TIMEOUT** is not specified for a particular interface and a device does not respond to an I/O action, the computer will wait forever. Pressing the CLR I/O key will abort such an infinite wait.

TIMEOUTs work with the [ENTER](#), [OUTPUT](#), [PRINTALL IS](#), [PRINTER IS](#) and [PLOTTER IS](#) statements, but not with the [CONTROL](#), [STATUS](#), [READIO](#) or [WRITEIO](#) statements or with the [CRT](#) or [KBD](#) interfaces or with files.

ON TIMEOUT is canceled by [OFF TIMEOUT](#) but is not disabled by [DISABLE](#). A [SUBEXIT](#), [SUBEND](#), or [RETURN](#) from the defining subprogram also cancels it.

When returning from a [CALL](#) or [GOSUB](#) execution continues with the line following the line causing the timeout.

More information about **ON TIMEOUT** can be found under the "Common Information" heading of the [ON END](#) manual entry.

See Also:

[OFF TIMEOUT](#), [ON END](#), [ON ERROR](#)

OPTION BASE

Sets the default lower bound of array subscripts.

Syntax: OPTION BASE {0 | 1}

Sample: OPTION BASE 0
 OPTION BASE 1

Description:

The default array subscript lower bound may be specified in each program context with the **OPTION BASE** statement. It must appear in the program context before any [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#) or [REAL](#) statements. There may be only one **OPTION BASE** statement in any program context. If there is no **OPTION BASE** statement then the default lower bound is zero.

See Also:

[BASE](#), [COM](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [REAL](#)

OR

Returns the logical inclusive OR of two expressions.

Syntax: numeric-expression OR numeric-expression

Sample:

```
A=1 OR 0
IF ProcA OR ProcB THEN Next
IF A=B OR X>Y THEN 1000
X=N+4*(J=1 OR K=2)
```

Description:

The result of A **OR** B is zero only if both A and B are zero. If either or both A and B are non-zero, the result is one.

See Also:

[AND](#), [NOT](#), [EXOR](#)

OUT and OUTW

Outputs a byte or word to an I/O Port.

Syntax: OUT port-address, byte-value
 OUTW port-address, word-value

where: port-address = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
 byte-value = numeric-expression rounded to an integer in
 the range 0 to 255
 word-value = numeric-expression rounded to an integer

Sample: OUT &H300,64+16
 OUTW Base+3,&HF001

Description:

The **OUT** statement outputs a byte to the specified I/O port. It is equivalent to [WRITEIO](#) 8080,Port;Byte. The **OUTW** statement outputs a word to the specified I/O port. It is equivalent to [WRITEIO](#) -8080,Port;Word. These statements are useful for doing I/O with devices, data acquisition boards, etc. for which there is no device driver available.

Some operating systems protect I/O ports; applications are not allowed to read or write them. Under such operating systems, these functions are not allowed. Windows NT and UNIX are two such operating systems.

Porting to HP BASIC

OUT and **OUTW** are new HTBasic statements that are not available in HP BASIC. They should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[INP and INPW](#), [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#)

OUTPUT

Outputs items to a specified destination.

Syntax: OUTPUT dest [USING image] [; items [{,|;}] [END]]

where: dest = @io-path [,record-number] |
device-selector |
string-name\$ [(subscripts)]
items = item [{,|;} item [{,|;} item...]
item = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*) |
string-expression | string-array\$(*)
image = line-number | line label | string-expression
See IMAGE for image syntax.
subscripts = subscript [,subscript...]

Sample: OUTPUT @Test;Sarray(*)
OUTPUT @Sequence,4 USING SpecA;Part(3)
OUTPUT 10 USING "6A";V\$[2;6]
OUTPUT @Printer;Order;SSN;Work\$,END

Description:

Numeric data, array elements or character strings are output to the specified destination.

Unless USING is specified, numeric items are output in standard numeric format. If the absolute value is in the range 1E-4 to 1E+6, it is rounded to twelve digits and output in floating point form. Otherwise the number is output in scientific notation.

Full arrays are output in row major order, using the full array specifier, "(*)". Each element is an item and is separated by a comma or semicolon if one follows the array name.

Destinations:

File. An ASCII, BDAT or ordinary file may be used as the destination. The file must have been [ASSIGN](#)ed to an I/O path. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes to be used. With [FORMAT ON](#), BDAT and ordinary files are written as ASCII characters. With [FORMAT OFF](#), BDAT and ordinary files are written in internal format (explained below). An ASCII file is always written as ASCII characters. All files may be accessed serially and additionally, BDAT and ordinary files may be accessed randomly by including a record number.

Pipe. A pipe may be used as the destination. The pipe must be writable and have an associated I/O path. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes used. With [FORMAT ON](#), pipes are written as ASCII characters. With [FORMAT OFF](#), pipes are written in internal format (explained below). If [FORMAT OFF](#) is used, the process at the read end of the pipe must be able to understand the format. Pipes must be accessed serially.

String. A string may be used as the destination. **OUTPUT** begins at the beginning of the string and writes it serially.

Device. A device-selector or I/O path may be used to **OUTPUT** items to a device. The default system attributes are used with a device-selector. The [ASSIGN](#) statement determines the attributes used with an I/O path.

If the device selector is one, then the destination is the CRT. If the device selector is two, then the destination is the keyboard. This can be used to enter the keyboard function key sequences into the keyboard buffer. Each function sequence is two bytes, a [CHR\\$\(255\)](#)

followed by the function specifier.

Buffer. A buffer assigned to an I/O path may be used as the destination. The buffer fill pointer points to the buffer location to be written next and is updated as data is **OUTPUT**. If the empty pointer is encountered, an error is generated.

FORMAT

If the [FORMAT ON](#) attribute is specified in the [ASSIGN](#) statement, the output is sent in ASCII format and the punctuation following each item affects the output. A semicolon causes an item to be sent with nothing following it, a comma causes a string item to be sent with a CR/LF following it and a numeric item to be sent with a comma following it. If no punctuation follows the last **OUTPUT** item, the EOL sequence follows it and if punctuation follows the last **OUTPUT** item, the EOL sequence is not output.

A complex number is output in rectangular form, real part first, then a comma and finally, the imaginary part. If a semicolon follows the complex item then the comma is not output.

If the [FORMAT OFF](#) attribute is specified in the [ASSIGN](#) statement the output is sent in internal format (explained below) and the punctuation following each item has no effect on the output.

END

The optional **END** may be used after the last data item. If USING is not specified, then **END**: 1) suppresses the EOL sequence from being output after the last item, 2) sends an EOI signal with the last character of the last item sent to a IEEE-488 device and 3) truncates a file.

If USING is specified, then **END**: 1) suppresses the EOL sequence only when no data is output from the last output item, 2) sends EOI with the last character of the last item (unless no data is sent from the last item) and 3) truncates a file. A comma before **END** will output an item terminator (a comma for numeric items or a CR/LF for string items).

USING

See [IMAGE](#) for a complete explanation of the image list. The items specified in the image list are acted upon as they are encountered. Each image list item should have a matching output item. Processing of the image list stops when no matching output item is found. Conversely, the image list is reused starting at the beginning to provide matches for all remaining output items. [FORMAT ON](#) is used in connection with **OUTPUT USING**, even if [FORMAT OFF](#) has been specified.

OUTPUT USING is not allowed to ASCII files. Use **BDAT** or ordinary files or if necessary, do the **OUTPUT USING** to a string and then **OUTPUT** the string to the ASCII file.

Internal Format (FORMAT OFF)

The internal format for an [INTEGER](#) is a two byte, two's complement, binary integer. [LSB/MSB FIRST](#) (see [ASSIGN](#)) can be used to specify the order in which the two bytes are sent or received. Internally, the order is stored in the form most natural to the computer's processor.

The internal format for [REAL](#) numbers is an eight byte, IEEE compatible floating point number (see *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*, ANSI/IEEE Std. 754-1985). As with integers, [LSB/MSB FIRST](#) can be used to determine the byte ordering during I/O statements.

A [COMPLEX](#) number is stored internally as two real numbers.

The internal format for strings depends on the source/destination of the I/O statement.

The string format for devices and **BDAT** files consists of a string length followed by the string contents. Specifically, a four byte integer is sent/received first. The integer specifies the length of the string. The actual string is then sent/received. An even number of bytes is always sent/received, therefore, if the string is odd in length an extra padding byte is sent/received. As with integers, [LSB/MSB FIRST](#) can be used to determine the byte ordering of the integer length.

For ordinary files, the internal format for strings is a null-terminated string. For ASCII files [FORMAT ON/OFF](#) has no affect. Data is always stored as ASCII strings proceeded by a two byte length and padded by a space if necessary to make the string length even. The string length is always stored with [MSB FIRST](#).

Records

When outputing to a file, you may specify a record number. The first record in the file is record 1. The record size for **BDAT** files is specified when the file is created and defaults to 256 bytes. For other file types the record size is 1; thus the record number is actually the offset into the file. The first byte of the file is at offset 1. When a record number is specified and the record size is not 1, if the **OUTPUT** produces more data than a single record, an End of Record error or event occurs.

OUTPUT KBD Porting

Three editor functions have been added to HTBasic and should not be used in programs that will be executed with HP BASIC: DEL LEFT, NEXT WORD and PREV WORD. Otherwise, all the two-character function key sequences ([CHR\\$\(255\)&CHR\\$\(X\)](#)) used by HP BASIC are compatible with HTBasic. If multiple statements are output in a single **OUTPUTKBD** statement, they are all executed before the next BASIC line. HP BASIC sometimes intermixes the execution with multiple BASIC lines, based on the presence or absence of "closure keys."

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#), [ENTER](#), [IMAGE](#), [INPUT](#), [PRINT](#)

PASS CONTROL

Passes Active Controller capability.

Syntax: PASS CONTROL {@io-path | device-selector}

Sample: PASS CONTROL 719
PASS CONTROL @Dev

Description:

If an io-path is specified, it must be assigned to a IEEE-488 device. If the computer is the active controller and a primary address is specified, control is passed to the addressed device. An error is generated if the computer is not the active controller or only an interface select code is specified. The specified device is talk addressed, a Take-Control-Message (TCT) is sent and the Attention line is set false. The computer then becomes a bus device, as opposed to a bus controller

See Also:

[ABORT](#) , [CLEAR](#) , [LOCAL](#) , [PPOLL](#) , [REMOTE](#) , [REQUEST](#) , [SEND](#) , [SPOLL](#) , [TRIGGER](#)

PAUSE

Pauses program execution.

Syntax: PAUSE

Sample: PAUSE

Description:

PAUSE stops program execution before the next program line. The values of the variables in the current program context may be examined and modified. The CONTINUE key or the [CONT](#) command will resume program execution. [RUN](#) must be used to restart program execution if a program is modified during **PAUSE**

See Also:

[CONT](#), [TRACE](#)

PDIR

Sets the rotation angle for **I**PLOT, **R**PLOT, **P**OLYGON and **R**ECTANGLE.

Syntax: PDIR angle

Sample: PDIR 45
IF Ready THEN PDIR Graphangle

Description:

The angle is a numeric-expression that specifies the direction and amount of rotation. It is measured in a counter-clockwise direction from the positive X-axis. Rotation is about the local point of origin. The current trigonometric mode ([RAD](#) or [DEG](#)) determines the units for angle. The default mode is [RAD](#).

See Also:

[DEG](#), [I](#)PLOT, [L](#)DIR, [P](#)IVOT, [P](#)OLYGON, [R](#)AD, [R](#)ECTANGLE, [R](#)PLOT

PEN

Sets the line color or physical pen.

Syntax: PEN pen-number

Sample:
PEN 3
PEN -1
PEN Feltpen

Description:

The **PEN** statement sets the color which will be used for line drawing. The pen can also be changed with [PLOT](#), [IPLLOT](#), [RPLOT](#) and [SYMBOL](#) arguments. See [COLOR](#) for a complete explanation of pen-numbers for the CRT.

For a plotter, the **PEN** statement selects one of the available pens. The **PEN** number is sent to the plotter without any range checking. You should specify only values that are legal on your plotter. Note that for HPGL plotters, a pen number of zero instructs the plotter to put away the pen.

Drawing Mode Table

The writing mode of the pen is specified by the current drawing mode and the sign of the pen number. [GESCAPE CRT,4](#) is used to change to normal drawing mode. [GESCAPE CRT,5](#) is used to change to alternate drawing mode. The following table defines the different writing modes available. P is a positive pen number, X is the present value of a pixel.

Statement	GESCAPE CRT,4 Normal	GESCAPE CRT,5 Alternate
PEN P	P	BINIOR(X,P)
PEN 0	BINCMP(X)*	0
PEN -P	BINAND(X,BINCMP(P))	BINEOR(X,P)

*PEN 0 in Normal Drawing Mode will do BINCMP(X) in non-color map mode and 0 in COLOR MAP mode.

See Also:

[AREA PEN](#), [COLOR](#), [SET PEN](#)

PENUP

Raises the **PEN** on the current plotting device.

Syntax: PENUP

Sample: PENUP

Description:

Raises the PEN on the current plotting device

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

PERMIT

Changes file protection permissions.

Syntax: PERMIT specifier [; protection [; protection...]]

where: specifier = file-specifier | path-specifier
protection = category : [permission [,permission...]]
category = OWNER | GROUP | OTHER
permission = READ | WRITE | SEARCH

Sample: PERMIT "/home/anita";OWNER : READ,WRITE,SEARCH
PERMIT "/dir/file";GROUP : READ;OTHER : READ;OWNER : READ
PERMIT "file2";OTHER ;;GROUP :

Description:

On operating systems which support file permissions, **PERMIT** changes the permissions assigned to a file. If the operating system does not support this feature or does not support some of the categories or codes you specify or if you do not have the proper privilege to change the permissions, an error is returned.

This statement is not used under DOS, Windows and NT. Use [PROTECT](#) instead.

UNIX Usage Notes

This statement is equivalent to the UNIX chmod command. Only the owner of a file or the super-user can change a file's permissions. (Under HP-UX, setprivgrp and ACL also affect who can use chmod or **PERMIT**.) See [CAT](#) for an explanation of file permissions.

If a type of user is not specified, the permissions for that type of user are unaffected (as opposed to HP BASIC/UX, which resets them to some default). When a type of user is specified, the permissions specified are given and the permissions not specified are taken away.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [CHOWN](#), [CHGRP](#), [CREATE](#), [PROTECT](#), [TIMEZONE IS](#)

PI

Returns the value **3.14159265358979**.

Syntax: PI

Sample: Theta=PI
Area=PI*Radius^2

Description:

The function **PI** returns an approximation of the value of the mathematical constant *Pi*, which is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [DEG](#), [RAD](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#)

PIVOT

Rotates the coordinates of all drawn lines.

Syntax: PIVOT angle

Sample: PIVOT 90
IF Adjust THEN PIVOT Lines

Description:

Angle is a numeric-expression that specifies the amount of rotation for all subsequently drawn lines. The rotation is done about the logical pen position when the **PIVOT** statement is executed. Positive values rotate counter-clockwise. Non-zero values of **PIVOT** cause the physical and logical pen positions to be different. Logical pen movement is unaffected. [LABELs](#) and [AXES](#) statements are unaffected.

The current trigonometric mode ([RAD](#) or [DEG](#)) determines the units for angle. The default mode is [RAD](#).

See Also:

[DEG](#), [IPLOT](#), [LDIR](#), [PDIR](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#), [RAD](#), [RECTANGLE](#), [RLOT](#)

PLOT

Moves the pen to the specified X and Y coordinates.

Syntax: PLOT x-position, y-position [,pen-control]
PLOT numeric-array(*) [,FILL] [,EDGE]

Sample: PLOT 25, 50
PLOT Xx, Yy, Pen
PLOT Array(*)
PLOT Picto(*), FILL, EDGE

Description:

The **PLOT** statement moves the pen to the specified X and Y position. You may specify when the pen is to be raised or lowered with the optional pen-control value. A two or three column array may be used to supply the coordinate and pen-control values.

If you specify a destination which is outside the clipping area, the logical position is set to that point but the pen is not moved. Only the portion of the vector which lies inside the clipping area is plotted.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **PLOT** statement.

Pen-control

The optional pen-control value controls whether the pen is moved up or down and whether the change occurs before or after the move:

Pen-control Value	Affect
zero and positive even	raise after move
positive odd	lowered after move
negative odd	lowered before move
negative even	raised before move

The default pen-control value, one, specifies the pen is lowered after a move.

Array

PLOT uses a two-dimensional two- or three-column array to plot polygons. The array specifies the polygon shape using column one for X coordinates and column two for Y coordinates. The optional third-column specifies the operation (pen-control, [AREA PEN](#), [AREA INTENSITY](#), [LINE TYPE](#), [PEN](#), [FILL](#) and [EDGE](#)) for each row of the array. If a two-column array is specified, the default operation on each row is one, pen down after move.

The table below shows the meaning of columns 1 and 2 for each of the operations specified in column 3. These operations apply to **PLOT**, [IPLOT](#), [RPLLOT](#) and [SYMBOL](#).

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 3 Meaning
X value	Y value	< -2	use even/odd pen control
X	Y	-2	Pen up before moving
X	Y	-1	Pen down before moving
X	Y	0	Pen up after moving
X	Y	1	Pen down after moving
X	Y	2	Pen up after moving
pen number	---	3	PEN
line type	repeat value	4	LINE TYPE
color	---	5	AREA INTENSITY
---	---	6	Start polygon mode w/FILL
---	---	7	End polygon mode
---	---	8	End of data for array
---	---	9	No operation, values ignored
---	---	10	Start polygon w/EDGE
---	---	11	Start polygon w/FILL & EDGE
---	---	12	Draw a FRAME
pen number	---	13	AREA PEN
red value	green value	14	AREA INTENSITY
blue value	---	15	AREA INTENSITY
---	---	> 15	No operation, values ignored

Select AREA R/G/B color

Operation **5** in column 3 selects the [AREA INTENSITY](#) color (see [COLOR](#) for an explanation of [AREA INTENSITY](#) colors). The column one value is divided into red, green and blue numbers, each five bits in length (the sixteenth bit of column one is ignored). Each five-bit number specifies a value in the range zero to sixteen. This number is subtracted from sixteen to calculate the intensity value for each of the colors: red, green, blue. Intensities range in value from zero (darkest) to sixteen (most intense).

For example, if column 1 is set to zero, then each of the three groups in column 1 is set to zero. Sixteen minus zero yields sixteen for all three groups. Sixteen is full intensity, therefore, the area fill color will be white.

The following equation calculates the value for column one given R, G, B values in the range zero to one.

$$\text{Column1} = 16 - 16 * R + \text{SHIFT}(16 - 16 * G, -5) + \text{SHIFT}(16 - 16 * B, -10)$$

Operations **14** and **15** can also be used to select the [AREA INTENSITY](#) red, green and blue values. The range of intensity is zero (no color) to 32,767 (full intensity). Operation 14 should be done before 15 and the operation takes effect when operation 15 is done.

FILL and EDGE

A polygon is formed from a line sequence of 2 or more points with the optional **FILL** or **EDGE** specifiers. A polygon is drawn by plotting the first point, each successive point and closed by drawing the final point back to the first point.

If **FILL** is specified, the polygon is filled with the current [AREA](#) fill color and if **EDGE** is specified, the polygon is edged with the current [PEN](#) color. The array pen-control instructions supersede any other instructions on pen movement, [LINE TYPE](#) and **FILL** and **EDGE** specifiers.

See Also:

[AREA](#), [CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IPLOT](#), [MOVE](#), [POLYLINE](#), [POLYGON](#), [RPLLOT](#)

PLOTTER IS

Specifies the graphics output device and language.

Syntax: PLOTTER IS destination, language [,hard-clip]
[; { APPEND|COLOR MAP }]

where: destination = file-specifier | device-selector |
pipe-specifier
language = string expression which resolves to the name
of a graphics driver and can include driver options
hard-clip = xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax - four numeric-expressions specifying
the size of the drawing surface

Sample: PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL";COLOR MAP
PLOTTER IS "| glterm","HPGL"
PLOTTER IS 10,"HPGL",2,268,0,190
PLOTTER IS "Pictfile","HPGL",5.75,250.50,7.25,136.875

Description:

The **PLOTTER IS** statement directs vector graphics to a device, file or pipe. (Use the [DUMP DEVICE IS](#) statement to print bit-mapped graphics from the screen to a device, file or pipe.) The default **PLOTTER IS** device is the CRT. Executing a **PLOTTER IS** statement directs all subsequent graphics output to the specified target.

The destination of the **PLOTTER IS** statement tells the graphic driver where to send output. Output can go to the display, device, file or pipe, although not every driver can send output to all the targets. For example, display drivers can only send output to the display and it doesn't make sense to send DXF output to anything but a file.

Display

To direct output to the [CRT](#), use the reserved word [CRT](#) as the destination or the interface select codes 1, 3 or 6. For most display drivers, the value affects how the driver handles text as explained below. If the display has a writable color map, the **COLOR MAP** option can be used to enable color map manipulation. See [COLOR](#) and [SET PEN](#) for an explanation of how to change the color map. If **COLOR MAP** is specified and the display type selected does not have a color map, an error is returned. The hard-clip units of a CRT are fixed so hard-clip values should not be specified. Example:

```
PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"
```

Some display drivers (such as the EGA and VGA drivers) are capable of two modes of operation, CRTA and CRTB. Specifying interface select code 3 in the **PLOTTER IS** statement selects CRTA mode. The CRTA mode uses a true text mode to display the [ALPHA](#) screen. Specifying 6 selects CRTB mode. The CRTB mode uses bits written into a graphics screen to display the [ALPHA](#) screen. Specifying 1 or [CRT](#) in the **PLOTTER IS** statement re-selects the last mode used. More information on these modes is given later in this entry. The following example selects the CRTA driver:

```
PLOTTER IS 3, "INTERNAL"
```

Devices

To specify a device such as a plotter or a printer capable of vector graphics, use the interface select code of the interface connecting the device. Use the device-selector if the device is on the IEEE-488 bus. If hard-clip limits are specified, they are given in the order "xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax" and are specified in millimeters. If the hard-clip limits are not specified, they are read from the device when this statement is executed. The specified

device must respond to this query or the computer will wait indefinitely for the response. Use the CLR-I/O key to stop the computer if it gets stuck in this state.

The following example sends HPGL commands to a LaserJet III printer. The first line resets the printer, starts landscape printing and switches into HPGL mode. The second line directs plotter output to LPT1 (interface select code 10) and sets the hard-clip units for an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper:

```
OUTPUT 10;CHR$(27) & "E" & CHR$(27) & "&110" & CHR$(27) & "%1B";  
PLOTTER IS 10, "HPGL", 2, 268, 0, 190
```

Files

To send graphics output to a file, the target should be replaced with the file name. The file must be an existing ordinary or BDAT file. The hard-clip limits may be specified or defaulted to ± 392.75 mm in the x axis and ± 251.5 mm in the y axis. The hard-clip limits are "xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax" and are specified in millimeters. If **APPEND** is not specified, the file is positioned to the beginning and truncated. The file is closed when another **PLOTTER IS**, **GINIT** or **SCRATCHA** statement is executed. Example:

```
CREATE "DRAW.PLT", 0  
PLOTTER IS "DRAW.PLT", "HPGL"
```

Pipes

If a pipe is specified, the pipe-specifier must begin with the "|" pipe character and is followed by a command to start the process that the output is sent to. Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not DOS. Hard-clip units are treated the same as for output to a file. Example:

```
PLOTTER IS "| pageview -", "PS", 26, 190, 26, 262
```

Language

HTBasic supports loadable graphics drivers. The language string expression specifies the name of a driver. The first time a driver is specified in a **PLOTTER IS** statement, the driver is loaded and graphics are directed to it. When the plotting language is subsequently specified, the driver is not loaded again, but graphics are again directed to it. The following table lists the drivers available at the time of this manual printing. (Not all drivers are available in all versions.)

Name	Type	Display Adapter
INTERNAL	CRT	Reuse last CRT driver specified
EGA	CRT	Enhanced Graphics Adapter
VGA	CRT	Video Graphics Array
SVGA16	CRT	16-color modes of some Super-VGA cards
SVGA16B	CRT	16-color modes of some Super-VGA cards
SVGA256	CRT	256-color modes of some Super-VGA cards
S3	CRT	S3 chip set graphics accelerator cards
VGAB	CRT	Suitable for 2-byte VGA like Japanese DOS/V
MGA	CRT	Multimode 640x400x2 (Super-CGA)
HGC	CRT	Hercules Graphics Card
CGA	CRT	Color Graphics Adapter
WIN	CRT	Microsoft Windows Display Driver
XWIN	CRT	The X Window System
HPGL	Graphic	Hewlett-Packard Graphic Language
HPGL2	Graphic	HPGL and HPGL2 (including LaserJet III)
DXF	Graphic	AutoCAD drawing interchange file format
PS	Graphic	PostScript printers, plotters, and files

"INTERNAL" is a special language string synonymous with the last CRT specified. The following examples illustrate use of the **PLOTTER IS** statement in selecting device drivers:

```
PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"  
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256"  
PLOTTER IS 712,"HPGL"  
PLOTTER IS "file.dxf";"DXF"
```

HTBasic automatically loads one display driver when it starts. If you specify the -CRT command line switch (see the *Installing and Using* manual), the driver specified is loaded and used. If no -CRT switch is present, HTBasic automatically loads the most appropriate display driver from the basic set. For the DOS version of HTBasic, the drivers in the basic set are the HGC, CGA, EGA and VGA drivers. The Windows version of HTBasic always uses the WIN driver and the UNIX versions always use the XWIN driver.

In some versions, drivers can only be loaded while in the MAIN subprogram. It is recommended that **PLOTTER IS** statements be included in your AUTOST file to load any necessary drivers. (Drivers can also be loaded in immediate mode when the BASIC [RUNLIGHT](#) is Idle.)

Driver Options

It is sometimes necessary to specify options for the graphic drivers. Options are included by appending a semicolon to the driver name, followed by the options. The syntax for specifying options in the **PLOTTER IS** statement or with the -CRT command line switch is:

```
HTB -CRT driver[;options]  
PLOTTER IS target,"driver[;options]"
```

The specific driver sections contain more details on these options.

EGA and VGA Drivers

The EGA and VGA drivers require the "MONO" option when used with a monochrome monitor:

```
C> HTB -CRT EGA;MONO  
C> HTB -CRT VGA;MONO
```

If the MONO option is not specified, then a color monitor is assumed. Sixteen colors are available. For example:

```
C> HTB -CRT EGA  
C> HTB -CRT VGA
```

SVGA16 and SVGA16B Drivers\$IDriver;SVGA16B>

Most VGA board clones have 16 color graphic modes that exceed the standard IBM resolution of 640x480x16. These boards are commonly called "Super-VGA" (SVGA) boards. To use SVGA resolutions, you must have a monitor capable of handling the high frequencies generated, and you sometimes must add more memory to your SVGA board. Consult the manufacturer's documentation for your board to find these requirements. (To use 256 color modes of SVGA cards, use the SVGA256 driver.)

The SVGA16 and SVGA16B CRT drivers are designed to support as many of the different Super VGA boards as possible. Because there is no pervasive Super VGA standard, higher resolutions are implemented in different ways by different manufacturers and not all modes of all boards will work with these drivers. In fact, the implementation

methods vary so drastically, that two drivers are required to support most boards.

Syntax

The syntax of options for the -CRT command line switch and for the PLOTTER IS statement is the same:

```
HTB -CRT driver;chipset,resolution[,mode-numbers]
PLOTTER IS CRT,"driver;chipset,resolution[,mode-number]"
```

Driver and *Chipset* are given in the following table. To find the chip set used by your VGA card, examine the names printed on the tops of the integrated circuits on the card.

Chip Set	Driver	Chipset Name
ATI Technologies	SVGA16B	ATI
Chips & Technologies	SVGA16	CHIPS
Genoa Systems	SVGA16	GENOA
Paradise/Western Digital	SVGA16	PARADISE
Trident	SVGA16	TRIDENT
Tseng Labs 3000	SVGA16	TSENG3
Tseng Labs 4000	SVGA16B	TSENG4
Video 7	SVGA16	VIDEO7

Resolution specifies the number of pixels in the horizontal and vertical directions, separated by an "x". For example,

```
C> HTB -CRT SVGA16B;TSENG4,1024x768
C> HTB -CRT SVGA16;TSENG3,1024x768
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA16B;ATI,1024x768"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA16;TRIDENT,800x600"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA16;TRIDENT,1024x768"
```

Resolutions of 640x480x16 and 800x600x16 require 256 KBytes of memory on the Super VGA card. The 1024x768x16 display resolution requires 512 KBytes of memory.

Short Cuts

If the desired resolution is 640x480, no options need to be specified. This mode is the standard IBM 640x480x16 mode and will work on all SVGA cards. Examples:

```
C> HTB -CRT SVGA16
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA16"
```

Mode Numbers

For most SVGA cards, you do not need to specify the mode numbers. Correct mode numbers can usually be inferred from the chipset. If your SVGA card does not work without specifying mode numbers, see the *Installing and Using the DOS Version* manual for more information.

SVGA256 Driver

Most VGA board clones have 256 color graphic modes that exceed the standard IBM resolution of 320x200x256. These boards are commonly called "Super-VGA" (SVGA) boards. To use SVGA resolutions, you must have a monitor capable of handling the high frequencies generated, and you sometimes must add more memory to your SVGA board. Consult the manufacturer's documentation for your board to find these requirements.

The Super VGA 256 color (SVGA256) CRT driver is designed to support as many of the different Super VGA boards as possible. Because there is no pervasive Super VGA standard, higher resolutions are implemented in different ways by different manufacturers

and not all modes of all boards will work with this driver.

The CRT driver provides support for a number of chip sets. They are the ATI, Chips & Technologies, Genoa, Paradise/Western Digital, Trident, Tseng 3000, Tseng 4000, and the Video 7. Your particular board may not work with this driver since each chip set may have a couple of revisions that are slightly different. Also, each company continues to make enhancements to their chips, which may make them incompatible with this driver.

Syntax

The syntax of options for the -CRT command line switch and for the PLOTTER IS statement is the same:

```
HTB -CRT SVGA256;chipset,resolution[,mode-numbers]
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256;chipset,resolution[,mode-numbers]"
```

Chipset is the chipset name from the following table. To find the chip set used by your VGA card, examine the names printed on the tops of the integrated circuits on the card.

Chip Set	Chipset Name
ATI Technologies	ATI
Chips & Technologies	CHIPS
Genoa Systems	GENOA
Paradise/Western Digital	PARADISE
Trident	TRIDENT
Tseng Labs 3000	TSENG3
Tseng Labs 4000	TSENG4
Video 7	VIDEO7

Resolution specifies the number of pixels in the horizontal and vertical directions, separated by an "x". For example,

```
C> HTB -CRT SVGA256;ATI,800x600
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256;TSENG3,800x600"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256;TRIDENT,800x600"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256;TRIDENT,1024x768"
```

Resolutions of 640x480x256 and 800x600x256 require 512 KBytes of memory on the Super VGA card. The 1024x768x256 display resolution requires 1 MByte of memory.

Short Cuts

The default resolution is 640x480 and doesn't need to be specified. Further, if the desired resolution is 640x480 and you also have a TSENG4 chipset, no options need to be specified. Examples:

```
C> HTB -CRT SVGA256;PARADISE
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256" !defaults to TSENG4,640x480
PLOTTER IS CRT,"SVGA256;TRIDENT" !defaults to 640x480
```

Mode Numbers

For most SVGA cards, you do not need to specify the *mode-numbers*. Correct mode numbers can usually be inferred from the chipset. If your SVGA card does not work without specifying mode numbers, see the *Installing and Using the DOS Version* manual for more information.

S3 CRT Driver

The S3 CRT driver supports many of the video boards which use one of the following S3 chipsets: 801, 805, 911, 924, and 928. The S3 chipset is a high performance graphical

user interface accelerator specifically designed to speed up graphical applications. Because of the large number of different chip sets and video board implementations, your particular board may not work with this driver. Please report video boards that do not operate as expected to HTBasic technical support.

Syntax

The syntax of options for the -CRT command line switch and for the PLOTTER IS statement is the same:

```
HTB -CRT S3;chipset,resolution[,mode-numbers]
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3;chipset,resolution[,mode-numbers]"
```

Chipset is the chipset name from the following table. To find the number of the chip set used by your video card, consult the video card documentation or examine the numbers printed on the tops of the integrated circuits on the video card.

Chip Set	Chipset Name
S3 801	C801
S3 805	C805
S3 911	C911
S3 924	C924
S3 928	C928

Resolution specifies the number of pixels in the horizontal and vertical directions, separated by an "x". It also is used to specify the number of colors. For example,

```
C> HTB -CRT S3;C924,800x600x16
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3;C911,800x600x16"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3;C928,800x600x256"
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3;C805,1024x768x16"
```

Short Cuts

The default resolution is 640x480x256 and doesn't need to be specified. Further, if the desired resolution is 640x480x256 and you also have a 924 chipset, no options need to be specified. Examples:

```
C> HTB -CRT S3;C911
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3" !defaults to 924,640x480x256
PLOTTER IS CRT,"S3;C928" !defaults to 640x480x256
```

VGAB Driver

The VGA BIOS (VGAB) CRT driver uses the BIOS on the video card to output characters, scroll the screen, and clear portions of the screen. This allows system software that intercept the BIOS calls to display correctly. Japanese DOS/V is one example. All other drawing functions still use the driver's internal code for speed purposes. The only graphic mode supported by the VGAB driver is the VGA 640x480 graphics mode with 16 colors.

In CRTB mode, the BIOS does not support character attributes. So, the key labels are not displayed in inverse video. By default, the driver will come up in CRTB mode. If you switch to CRTA mode, the labels will appear correctly until you perform a drawing function, which turns GRAPHICS ON. To switch back, use the ALPHA ON command or press the ALPHA key.

If some characters don't display correctly when you use the PRINT or LIST commands, it may be caused by conflicts with the attribute control characters in the range of 128 to 143. To move the attribute control characters down to the range 16 to 31, use the following command:

```
CONTROL CRT,100;1
```

The VGAB driver requires the "MONO" option when used with a monochrome monitor. If the MONO option is not specified, then a color monitor is assumed. Example:

```
HTB -CRT VGAB;MONO
```

MGA, HGC, and CGA Drivers

The MGA, HGC, and CGA drivers have no options. Load any of them by directly specifying the driver name:

```
C> HTB -CRT MGA
C> HTB -CRT HGC
C> HTB -CRT CGA
```

These drivers use the following modes. All graphic modes are monochrome.

Driver	Text Mode	Graphics Mode
MGA	80x25	640x400
HGC	80x25	720x348
CGA	80x25	640x200

WIN Driver

The WIN driver is a CRT driver that uses the Microsoft Windows display drivers.

For compatibility with HP BASIC/UX, options for the WIN driver are specified on the command line. Command line switches were explained in Chapter 1. These command line switches are passed to the WIN driver:

Switch	Effect
-colors	Number of Colors to Use
-cu	Specify how to use color maps
-fn	Use named font
-geometry	Specify initial size of HTBasic window
-gr	Graphics buffering
-title	Specify the window title

Window Resize

Resizing the HTBasic window using the mouse is supported, but has the following effects. If the number of text columns changes, any text present is discarded. If in edit mode, the screen is redrawn using the new size. If the HTBasic Window is made larger than the size of the extended output area buffer, the size change is ignored and the text screen will be justified in the upper-left corner of the HTBasic window. To prevent this from occurring, start HTBasic with a -geometry switch that specifies the largest window size desired or use the -buf switch to provide enough space in the extended output area buffer for the largest window size desired.

Any graphics present in the window are discarded. The current pen position is left undefined. The VIEWPORT, WINDOW and hard clip limits are unchanged, although GESCAPE CRT,3 returns the new window size. Use the GINIT statement to set the VIEWPORT, WINDOW and hard clip limits to the new window size. Or use the

```
PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"
```

statement to activate use of the new hard clip limits without the side effects of GINIT.

Limitations

The DUMP statement is affected by graphics buffering (see the -buf switch). When graphics buffering is off, parts of a window that are obscured or off the edge of the screen are not dumped correctly. If the window is minimized, a dump of the icon is returned. When graphics buffering is on, the window is correctly dumped in all cases.

Because Windows does not allow applications to use the entire color map, color combinations resulting from Normal and Alternate drawing modes are undefined. This same limitation, combined with Windows lack of support for plane oriented graphics, means SEPARATE ALPHA can not be implemented.

The standard windows VGA display driver does not allow applications to change the color map. If your computer has SVGA capabilities, change your Windows driver to a 256 color driver; this will allow color map operations.

XWIN Driver

The XWIN driver is a CRT driver which supports the X Window System. HTBasic is an X Version 11, Release 4 (X11.4) client. The computer or X terminal used for the HTBasic display must have X11.4 or later server capabilities. Because HTBasic emulates the Rocky Mountain BASIC user interface, it is window manager neutral. In other words, HTBasic works equally well with OpenWindows, HP VUE, Motif Window Manager, or other window managers.

For compatibility with HP BASIC/UX, options for the XWIN driver are specified on the command line. Command line switches were explained in Chapter 1. These command line switches are passed on to the XWIN driver:

Switch	Effect
-colors	Number of Colors to Use
-cu	Specify how to use X color maps
-display	Use named X display
-fn	Use named font
-geometry	Specify initial size of HTBasic window
-title	Specify the window title
-n	Specify icon name

Window Resize

Resizing the HTBasic window using the mouse is supported, but has the following effects. If the number of text columns changes, any text present is discarded. If in edit mode, the screen is redrawn using the new size. If the HTBasic Window is made larger than the size of the extended output area buffer, the size change is ignored and the text screen will be justified in the upper-left corner of the HTBasic window. To prevent this from occurring, start HTBasic with a -geometry switch that specifies the largest window size desired, or use the -buf switch to provide enough space in the extended output area buffer for the largest window size desired.

Any graphics present in the X window are discarded. The current pen position is left undefined. The VIEWPORT, WINDOW, and hard clip limits are unchanged, although GESCAPE CRT,3 returns the new window size. Use the GINIT statement to set the VIEWPORT, WINDOW, and hard clip limits to the new X window size. Or use the

```
PLOTTER IS CRT, "INTERNAL"
```

statement to activate use of the new hard clip limits without changing the present VIEWPORT or WINDOW.

HPGL Driver

The HPGL graphic output driver provides support for any output device that accepts

Hewlett Packard's HPGL language. The driver also can store the HPGL information into a file that can be imported into a number of graphics packages and word processors.

The minimum and maximum hard clip limits can be specified for either a device, file or pipe. This allows you to output HPGL information to a printer that can't return P points. If no hard clip units are specified for a device, P points are requested from the device. If no hard clip units are specified for a file, the default hard clip limits are -392.75, 392.75, -251.5, 251.5 (millimeters).

Polygons

The HPGL driver, for compatibility with HP BASIC, outputs polygon fills as separate lines. However, the driver can be instructed to output HPGL/2 polygon fill commands. This is useful if the plotter supports the polygon fill command or if an HPGL file is produced for import into another program that supports polygons. To enable polygon mode, use GESCPE code 104, operation number 1:

```
10  INTEGER Param(1)
20  Param(0)=1      ! HPGL Operation Number 1 is HPGL/2 Flag
30  Param(1)=1      ! Set HPGL/2 Flag to 1=enable, 0=disable
40  GESCPE Isc,104,Param(*)
```

If output is to a device, substitute the device ISC for Isc in line 40. If output is to a file, substitute 1 for Isc.

HPGL2 Driver

The HPGL2 plotter driver generates HP-GL language plots from HTBasic plotting commands. The driver supports most variations of HP-GL, including HP-GL/2 and the printer form of HP-GL/2 included in PCL-5. The HPGL2 plotter driver is loaded with a line like

```
PLOTTER IS device,"HPGL2[;options]",[p1x,p2x,p1y,p2y]
```

or

```
PLOTTER IS "file","HPGL2[;options]",[p1x,p2x,p1y,p2y]
```

In the above, *device* refers to an HTBasic device number. *file* refers to a file in the computer's file system or a pipe. The file must already exist when the PLOTTER IS statement is executed.

Plotting Area

The points (*p1x,p1y*) and (*p2x,p2y*) determine the lower left and the upper right corners of a rectangular area the driver will plot to. These points are specified in mm from the lower left corner of the paper. *P2x* and *p2y* must be larger than *p1x* and *p1y*, respectively. All of these coordinates must be positive or zero if the PCL5 option is used (see Options, below). If the plotting area is omitted, the driver reads the plot area from the plotter, if it is connected to a serial or IEEE-488 port. If output is directed to a file or pipe, the driver uses the default values from the table below.

PCL5 Option	Orientation	(P1x,P1y)	(P2x,P2y)
No	Landscape	(-393, -252)	(393, 252)
No	Portrait	(-252, -393)	(252, 393)
Yes	Landscape	(0,0)	(254, 184)
Yes	Portrait	(0,0)	(184, 254)

Options

The options are listed after the semicolon in the driver name, within the quotes. If more

than one option is specified, the option names are separated by commas. When no options are specified, the HPGL2 driver produces the same output as the HPGL driver. A table in the *Installing and Using* manual may help in choosing from the options. The options are as follows:

COLOR. This option tells the driver that the device used for plotting is a color printer with plotter functions, such as the Hewlett-Packard PaintJet XL-300. This option is ignored unless the PCL5 option is also specified.

FILL. This option tells the driver that the plotter being used can do area filling. Area filling produced by the plotter is generally much faster than that produced by the driver.

GRAY. This option causes the driver to produce grayscale plots when used with a printer. Each color that normally would be plotted is changed to a brightness using the method explained in the Pen Colors section, below, before plotting. Note that the brightness level is inverted unless the INVERT option is also used. The GRAY option need not be specified; it is the default. This option is ignored unless the PCL5 option is also used.

HPGL2. By default, the driver produces plots for an HP-GL plotter. This option allows the driver to produce plots for an HP-GL/2 plotter, such as the Hewlett-Packard DraftMaster. Since HP-GL/2 plotters can all do area filling, the HPGL2 option turns on the FILL option.

INVERT. By default, the driver reverses black and white on color plots and reverses all gray levels on grayscale plots when the plots are made on a printer. This is suitable for printers that use dark inks on white paper, but is the opposite of the colors normally shown on the computer screen. The INVERT option causes colors or gray levels to be represented as they are on the computer screen. This option is ignored unless the PCL5 option is also used.

PCL5. This option tells the driver that the plotter is a laser or electrostatic printer with built-in plotter emulation using the PCL-5 language. This causes the driver to send escape sequences at the beginning and end of plots to enable and disable the plotter emulation. When this option is used, a PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL" statement should be executed at the end of plotting to make the printer eject the page containing the plot. Since all PCL-5 devices use the HP-GL/2 plotter language, this option turns on the HPGL2 and FILL options.

PORTRAIT. The PORTRAIT option causes the driver to produce plots in portrait orientation, that is, with the long edge of the paper vertical. Without this option, the driver produces plots in landscape orientation, with the long edge of the paper horizontal.

Pen Colors

When the HPGL2 driver is used with a pen plotter, the HTBasic PEN command selects the indicated pen on the plotter. However, when the driver is used with a printer (as indicated by the PCL5 option), the effect of the PEN command is that described in the following text.

The colors or grayscales produced by each pen depend on the states of the COLOR and INVERT options used in loading the driver, as well as the state of the COLOR MAP option of the HTBasic CRT driver. If the COLOR MAP option is off, the following gray levels or colors are used:

PEN	GRAY	COLOR	GRAY INVERT	COLOR, INVERT
0	white	white	black	black
1	black	black	white	white
2	30% black	red	70% black	red
3	89% black	yellow	21% black	yellow
4	59% black	green	41% black	green
5	70% black	cyan	30% black	cyan
6	11% black	blue	89% black	blue
7	40% black	violet	60% black	violet
8	black	black	white	white
9	30% black	red	70% black	red
10	89% black	yellow	21% black	yellow
11	59% black	green	41% black	green
12	70% black	cyan	30% black	cyan
13	11% black	blue	89% black	blue
14	40% black	violet	60% black	violet
15	black	black	white	white

If the COLOR MAP option of the CRT driver is on, the plot is made using the colors in the HTBasic color map if the COLOR option is used. If the INVERT option is not used, black and white are reversed. If the COLOR option is not used, the colors in the HTBasic color map are converted to shades of gray using the NTSC equation:

$$\text{brightness} = 11\% \text{ blue} + 59\% \text{ green} + 30\% \text{ red}$$

If the INVERT option is not used, the brightness is inverted before plotting is done. With both pen plotters and printers, the sign of the pen is ignored; the absolute value determines the pen used.

Drawing Mode

When the PCL5 option is specified, the HTBasic statement GESCAPE CRT,5 sets alternate drawing mode for the driver. Normally, the driver replaces anything previously at a location with what is currently drawn. In the alternate drawing mode, the previous black or colored areas show through the white areas of the new plot. The HTBasic statement GESCAPE CRT,4 returns the driver to normal drawing mode.

Line Thickness

If the PCL5 option is specified, line thicknesses can be set in the driver. Lines default to 0.35 mm thick. The line thickness for all pens can be changed by the GESCAPE CRT,104 statement as in either of the examples below:

```
INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 10           ! line thickness code
Param(2) = thickness  ! desired thickness (in 1/100 GDU's)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send thickness
```

```
INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 11           ! line thickness code
Param(2) = thickness  ! desired thickness (in 1/100 mm)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send thickness
```

Line Caps and Joins

When the PCL5 option is specified, line cap and join styles can be specified. By default, the device driver uses round caps to end lines and round joins to connect lines, which simulates the round pens used on pen plotters. This can be changed with the following statements.

```

INTEGER Param(1:3)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 12           ! line thickness code
Param(2) = cap         ! desired line cap
Param(3) = join       ! desired line join
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! set cap and join

```

The values for *cap* and *join* can be selected from the following tables.

cap	meaning	join	meaning
1	butt cap	1	mitered join
2	square cap	2	mitered, beveled if too
long			
3	triangular cap	3	triangular join
4	round cap	4	round join
		5	beveled join
		6	no join

Note that many low-resolution PCL-5 devices use a butt cap and no join with lines less than 0.35 mm thick, regardless of the cap and join settings.

Crosshatching

The HPGL2 driver can crosshatch areas meant to be filled. This is its default behavior unless the FILL or PCL5 option is specified, in which case the default is to use solid fills.

If the FILL or PCL5 options are specified, the driver can be made to crosshatch filled areas with the following statements:

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 1           ! set fill type
Param(2) = state       ! turn solid filling on or off
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

State is 0 to use crosshatching and any other value to use solid filling. For compatibility with older drivers, if *state* is nonzero, this command turns on the FILL option if neither the FILL nor the PCL5 option was specified when the driver was loaded.

When crosshatching is turned on, the following sets of statements can be used to control the crosshatch parameters. If these statements are not executed, crosshatching is done with solid horizontal lines spaced 0.01 in. (0.25 mm) apart, which is useful on most devices for producing a solid fill.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 2           ! set crosshatch type
Param(2) = type
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

Type is 1 for single hatching, 2 for crosshatching.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 3           ! set hatch angle
Param(2) = angle       ! desired angle, degrees
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

Angle is the angle in degrees (regardless of the HTBasic RAD or DEG setting) for hatching. *Angle* is rounded to the nearest multiple of 45 degrees.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command

```

```

Param(1) = 4           ! set line spacing
Param(2) = spacing    ! desired spacing (in 1/100 GDU's)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)    ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 5           ! set line spacing
Param(2) = spacing    ! desired spacing (in 1/100 mm)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

The above commands are equivalent except that in the first command, *spacing* is expressed in 1/100 GDU and in the second in 1/100 mm.

```

INTEGER Param(1:3)    ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 6           ! set line type for hatching
Param(2) = type       ! desired line type for crosshatching
Param(3) = size       ! desired pattern repetition size
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

Type is the type of line, as listed in the LINE TYPE section of the *HTBasic Reference Manual*. *Size* is the pattern repetition length in 1/100 GDU's. This would be 100 times the pattern repetition length specified in a LINE TYPE statement.

Pages

The GCLEAR statement causes subsequent plotting to be done on a new page. If the PCL5 option is specified, the GCLEAR statement causes the printer to eject the old plot. Also, opening a file with

```
PLOTTER IS "file","HPGL";APPEND
```

causes the driver to append new pages of plot information to the current file if it exists already. Note that most word processor programs and other programs that can import files will probably superimpose the plots imported from a file containing more than one plot.

Ending Plots

If the PCL5 option is used, the HPGL2 driver will not eject a plot until a GCLEAR statement is executed, HTBasic is ended, or when the PLOTTER IS device is set to a different device. It is recommended that a statement like

```
PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"
```

be placed at the end of each program section that produces a plot using the PCL5 option driver.

DXF Driver

The Drawing Interchange File Format (DXF) graphics output driver generates files that can be imported into most CAD packages. The DXF file format was developed by AutoCAD for the purpose of sharing drawings with other CAD programs. The syntax to load the DXF graphics output driver is:

```
PLOTTER IS file-specifier,"DXF[;{size|resolution}]"
```

The file specified must already exist when the PLOTTER IS statement is executed and it should be an *ordinary file*. Otherwise the HTBasic file header will appear as bad data at the start of the file.

Size is "A", "B", "C", "D", or "E". If you need a different page size than the above

predefined sizes or you want to adjust the margins, the exact dimensions can be specified by using the *resolution* option. *Resolution* is "Xmin,Xmax,Ymin,Ymax", where each value is specified in hundredths of inches. If no options are specified, then the driver defaults to a B size page (11" x 17"). Either the size or resolution option can be specified, but not both. All lines drawn by HTBasic will stay within the hard clip limits specified. The following table gives the dimensions for the predefined page sizes.

Page Size	Dimension
A	11" x 8.5"
B	17" x 11"
C	22" x 17"
D	34" x 22"
E	44" x 34"

This sample program creates a DXF file:

```
10 CREATE "TMP.DXF",0
20 PLOTTER IS "TMP.DXF","DXF;50,800,50,1050"
30 !
40 FRAME
50 MOVE 0,0
60 DRAW 50,50
70 LABEL "HTBasic"
80 !
90 PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"
100 END
```

PostScript Driver

The PostScript graphics output driver generates PostScript-language files from HTBasic plotting commands. These files are suitable for printing on PostScript-language printers and photographic equipment and for importing into documents using the PostScript file format. The PostScript graphics output driver is loaded with the following statement:

```
PLOTTER IS destination,"PS[;options]",[p1x,p2x,p1y,p2y]
```

Destination refers to a device, file or pipe. If it is a file, the file must already exist when the PLOTTER IS statement is executed and it should be an *ordinary file*. Otherwise the HTBasic file header will appear as bad data at the start of the file.

The points (*p1x,p1y*) and (*p2x,p2y*) determine the lower left and the upper right corners of a rectangular area the driver will plot to. These points are specified in mm from the lower left corner of the paper. All of these coordinates must be positive or zero and *p2x* and *p2y* must be larger than *p1x* and *p1y*, respectively. If omitted, the driver uses (*p1x,p1y*) = (25.4 mm, 25.4 mm) and (*p2x,p2y*) = (262.7 mm, 190.5 mm) in landscape mode and (*p2x,p2y*) = (190.5 mm, 262.7 mm) in portrait mode, which produces a plot with adequate margins on US "A" or European A4 size paper. Note that most PostScript printers cannot print to the edges of the paper. Because of this, the points specified should include a small (about 1 cm) margin on each side when the driver is used with a printer.

Options

The options are listed after the semicolon in the driver name, within the quotes. If more than one option is specified, the option names are separated by commas. The options are as follows:

COLOR. This option causes the driver to produce color plots. Note that black and white are inverted from their values on the screen unless the INVERT option is also used. Color plots require a PostScript level 2 output device or a PostScript level 1 device with color

language extensions.

GRAY. This option causes the driver to produce grayscale plots. Each color that normally would be plotted is changed to a brightness using the method explained in the Pen Colors section, below, before plotting. Note that the brightness level is inverted unless the INVERT option is also used. The GRAY option need not be specified; it is the default.

INVERT. By default, the driver reverses black and white on color plots and reverses all gray levels on grayscale plots. This is suitable for printers that use dark inks on white paper, but is the opposite of the colors normally shown on the computer screen. The INVERT option causes colors or gray levels to be represented as they are on the computer screen.

PORTRAIT. The PORTRAIT option causes the driver to produce plots in portrait orientation, that is, with the long edge of the paper vertical. Without this option, the driver produces plots in landscape orientation, with the long edge of the paper horizontal.

Pen Colors

The colors or grayscales produced by each pen depend on the states of the COLOR and INVERT options used in loading the driver, as well as the state of the COLOR MAP option of the HTBasic CRT driver. If the COLOR MAP option is off, the following gray levels or colors are used:

PEN	GRAY	COLOR	GRAY INVERT	COLOR, INVERT
0	white	white	black	black
1	black	black	white	white
2	30% black	red	70% black	red
3	89% black	yellow	21% black	yellow
4	59% black	green	41% black	green
5	70% black	cyan	30% black	cyan
6	11% black	blue	89% black	blue
7	40% black	violet	60% black	violet
8	black	black	white	white
9	30% black	red	70% black	red
10	89% black	yellow	21% black	yellow
11	59% black	green	41% black	green
12	70% black	cyan	30% black	cyan
13	11% black	blue	89% black	blue
14	40% black	violet	60% black	violet
15	black	black	white	white

If the COLOR MAP option of the CRT driver is on, the plot is made using the colors in the HTBasic color map if the COLOR option is used. If the INVERT option is not used, black and white are reversed. If the COLOR option is not used, the colors in the HTBasic color map are converted to shades of gray using the HTSC equation:

$$\text{brightness} = 11\% \text{ blue} + 59\% \text{ green} + 30\% \text{ red}$$

If the INVERT option is not used, the brightness is inverted before plotting is done. GESCAPE codes 4 and 5 are ignored as is the sign of the PEN. Graphics always overwrite existing graphics.

Line Thickness

Lines default to 0.35 mm thick. The line thickness can be changed by the GESCAPE CRT,104 statement as in either of the examples below:

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 10           ! line thickness code
Param(2) = thickness   ! desired thickness (in 1/100 GDU's)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send thickness

```

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 11           ! line thickness code
Param(2) = thickness   ! desired thickness (in 1/100 mm)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send thickness

```

Line Caps and Joins

By default, the device driver uses round caps to end lines and round joins to end lines, which simulates the round pens used on pen plotters. This can be changed with the following statements.

```

INTEGER Param(1:3)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 12           ! set line cap and join
Param(2) = cap         ! desired line cap
Param(3) = join        ! desired line join
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! set cap and join

```

The values for *cap* and *join* can be selected from the following tables.

cap	meaning	join	meaning
1	butt cap	1,2	mitered join, beveled if too
long			
2	square cap	3,4	round join
3,4	round cap	5,6	beveled join

Crosshatching

By default, the PostScript plotter driver fills areas with shades of gray or color (if the COLOR option has been specified). The driver can be made to crosshatch filled areas with the following statements.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 1           ! set fill type
Param(2) = state       ! turn solid filling on or off
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

State is 0 to use crosshatching and any other value to use solid filling.

When crosshatching is turned on, the following sets of statements can be used to control the crosshatch parameters. If these statements are not executed, crosshatching is done with solid horizontal lines spaced 0.01 in. (0.4 mm) apart.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 2           ! set crosshatch type
Param(2) = type
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

Type is 1 for single hatching, 2 for crosshatching.

```

INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 3           ! set crosshatch angle
Param(2) = angle       ! desired angle, degrees
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command

```

Angle is the angle in degrees (regardless of the HTBasic RAD or DEG setting) for hatching. *Angle* is rounded to the nearest integer.

```
INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 4            ! set line spacing
Param(2) = spacing     ! desired spacing (in 1/100 GDU's)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command
```

```
INTEGER Param(1:2)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 5            ! set line spacing
Param(2) = spacing     ! desired spacing (in 1/100 mm)
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command
```

The above commands are equivalent except that in the first command, spacing is expressed in 1/100 GDU and in the second in 1/100 mm.

```
INTEGER Param(1:3)      ! an array for the command
Param(1) = 6            ! set line type for hatching
Param(2) = type        ! desired line type
Param(3) = size        ! desired pattern repetition size
GESCAPE CRT,104,Param(*) ! send command
```

Type is the type of line, as listed under the LINE TYPE topic in the *HTBasic Reference Manual*. *Size* is the pattern repetition length in 1/100 GDU's. This would be 100 times the pattern repetition length specified in a LINE TYPE command.

Pages

The GCLEAR statement causes subsequent plotting to be done on a new page. The driver inserts a PostScript "%%Page" comment at the beginning of each page. The comments are used by some print spooling software. Also, opening a file with

```
PLOTTER IS "file","PS";APPEND
```

causes the driver to append new pages of plot information to the current file if it exists already. Since the driver doesn't know how many pages are already in the file, it begins its "%%Page" comments with page 1. This may cause problems with some print spooling software.

Ending Plots

The PostScript language requires information at the end of a plot to cause the plot to be printed. This information is output when the GCLEAR statement is executed, HTBasic is exited, or when the PLOTTER IS device is set to a different device. It is recommended that a statement like

```
PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL"
```

be placed at the end of each program section that produces a plot using the PostScript driver.

Dual Monitors (DOS Version)

HTBasic can support two monitors and switch back and forth between them. One of the displays needs to be monochrome and the other color. This eliminates any conflicts with the display memory on each video card. The PLOTTER IS statement is used to switch between the two monitors. Each time that a switch is made the new display is initialized, causing a loss of any text and graphics.

If an EGA or VGA is present, it will be favored as the default display when HTBasic starts.

If no EGA/VGA is present, the default display will be the current DOS display. MODE MONO and MODE CO80 are the DOS commands to switch between the displays.

The following example shows how to switch between a VGA & HGC display.

```
10 PLOTTER IS CRT, "VGA"  
20 FRAME  
30 DRAW 50, 50  
40 PLOTTER IS CRT, "HGC"  
50 FRAME  
60 DRAW 50, 50  
70 PLOTTER IS CRT, "VGA"  
80 END
```

CRTA and CRTB Modes

Some CRT drivers (such as the EGA and VGA drivers) are capable of two modes of operation, CRTA and CRTB. Specifying interface select code 3 in the PLOTTER IS statement selects CRTA mode. The CRTA mode uses a true text mode to display the ALPHA screen. Specifying 6 selects CRTB mode. The CRTB mode uses bits written into a graphics screen to display the ALPHA screen. Specifying 1 or CRT in the PLOTTER IS statement reselects the last mode used.

The XWIN driver only supports CRTB mode. If you use CRTA mode on the PC or a series 200 BASIC workstation, this limitation may be confusing. Please read the material in Chapter 2, "Porting HP BASIC Programs to HTBasic," of the *HTBasic User's Guide*. Briefly, CRTA mode uses a true text mode to display the ALPHA screen. The CRTB mode uses bits written into a graphics screen to display the ALPHA screen.

CRTB Mode

On an EGA or VGA display adapter HTBasic uses the CRTB driver by default. Use **PLOTTER IS 6** and [SEPARATE ALPHA](#) to emulate a 9836C program that uses both alpha and graphics output. Use **PLOTTER IS 6** with [MERGE ALPHA](#) to emulate the default state of a Series 300 bit-mapped display. [MERGE](#) and [SEPARATE](#) can be used with the CRTB driver as explained in the entries for those statements in this manual. [MERGE ALPHA](#) is the default for the CRTB driver.

CRTA Mode

On a CGA or HGC display adapter HTBasic can only use the CRTA driver. The CRTB driver cannot be used on these adapters because only one graphics plane is present. Use **PLOTTER IS 3** to emulate a 9836C program that uses only alpha output. **PLOTTER IS 3** can also be used to speed up Series 300 programs that only use alpha output.

Unfortunately, the hardware of the CGA and HGC display adapters does not support complete CRTA emulation. Unlike the 9836, which has fully independent [ALPHA](#) and [GRAPHICS](#) display capabilities, these display adapters use the same display memory for both text and graphics modes. When in a text mode, the display hardware maps the display memory as characters. When in a graphics mode, the display hardware re-maps the same display memory as pixels. This means that whenever a switch is made between modes, the contents of the other screen are lost.

The CRTA driver tries to overcome these hardware deficiencies in the following manner: in the graphics mode both [GRAPHICS](#) and [ALPHA](#) text are written into the graphics bitmap. The graphics image is lost when switching from graphics mode to text mode and back again. The [ALPHA](#) text is not lost, but is re-written into display memory after each mode switch. Because of these deficiencies, if you have an EGA or VGA display adapter, the CRTB driver is used by default. Use the [SEPARATE ALPHA](#) command with the CRTB driver to give the best 9836C emulation.

Driver Loading

Up to ten graphic and dump drivers can be loaded at a time. It is recommended that for each driver needed, **PLOTTER IS** statements be included in your AUTOST file to load them.

DOS Version

Under DOS, drivers can only be loaded while in the MAIN subprogram. (Drivers also can be loaded in immediate mode when the BASIC [RUNLIGHT](#) is Idle.) To find the driver file, HTBasic takes the language specified in the **PLOTTER IS** statement and performs several operations upon it in order to find the correct driver file. Under the DOS version, ".D36" is appended to the name. Then the following three locations are searched, in the following order:

1. The directory specified by the HTB environment variable, if an HTB environment variable exists.
2. The current directory.
3. The directory containing the HTBasic executable.

Windows Version

Under Windows and NT, driver files can be loaded at any point. To find the driver file HTBasic takes the driver specified in the **PLOTTER IS** statement and performs several operations upon it to find the correct file. ".DW6" is appended to the name. Then the following locations are searched, in the specified order:

1. The directory containing the HTBasic executable.
2. The current directory.
3. The Windows system directory (such as \WINNT\SYSTEM32).
4. The Windows directory.
5. The directories listed in the PATH environment variable.

UNIX Versions

Under UNIX, driver files are linked into the HTBasic executable. The **PLOTTER IS** statement can be executed at any time.

Porting Issues

Both HP BASIC and HTBasic do an implicit **PLOTTER IS** assignment for you if you attempt to use graphic statements before an explicit **PLOTTER IS**. The difference is that HTBasic does the implicit **PLOTTER IS** as soon as HTBasic is started and HP BASIC waits until the first graphic statement is executed. The only known effect of the different approaches is that under HP BASIC, a [SYSTEM\\$](#)("PLOTTER IS") returns "0" until the first graphic statement is executed and HTBasic returns the correct value anytime.

HP BASIC supports only "INTERNAL" and "HPGL" graphic languages. HTBasic supports loadable graphic device drivers so it is not limited to these two choices. HTBasic also allows clip-limits to be specified when output is directed to a device, allowing use of plotters or printers that are incapable of returning p-points. Do not use HTBasic extensions if you wish to execute the same program with HP BASIC.

See Also:

[COLOR](#), [CONFIGURE DUMP](#), [DUMP DEVICE IS](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [SET PEN](#)

POLYGON

Draws a closed regular polygon, circle, or ellipse.

Syntax: POLYGON radius [,total-chords [,draw-chords]] [,FILL] [,EDGE]

Sample:
POLYGON Radius, Totside, Drawside
POLYGON -Figure, 7, FILL, EDGE
POLYGON 30, 65, 50

Description:

The **POLYGON** statement generates variable sided polygons or circles. The pen starts and ends a **POLYGON** execution in the same position and after execution the pen is up. The radius is the distance between the logical pen position and the polygon vertices where the first vertex is in the positive X axis direction. A negative radius will rotate the **POLYGON** 180 degrees.

The total number of chords is rounded to an integer and must be in the range 3 to 32,767. If not specified, sixty chords are drawn.

The optional number of chords to draw is rounded to an integer and must be in the range of one to 32,767. If not specified all chords are drawn.

If the number of chords drawn are less than the specified total number of chords, the polygon closure is affected. If the pen is up when the **POLYGON** statement is executed, the polygon is closed by drawing the last vertex to the first vertex. If pen is down, the polygon is closed by drawing the last vertex to the center of the polygon and then drawing from the center to the first vertex.

The polygon can be filled with the current [AREA](#) color and edged with the current [PEN](#) color and [LINE TYPE](#). If neither are specified **EDGE** is assumed.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **POLYGON** statement.

See Also:

[MOVE](#), [DRAW](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYLINE](#), [RECTANGLE](#)

POLYLINE

Draws an open regular polygon.

Syntax: POLYLINE radius [,total-chords [,draw chords]]

Sample:
POLYLINE 65,50,45
POLYLINE Radius,Chordtot,Chord
POLYLINE -Size,5

Description:

The **POLYLINE** statement generates variable sided polygons or circles. The pen starts and ends a **POLYLINE** execution in the same position and after execution the pen is up.

The radius is the distance between the logical pen position and the polygon vertices where the first vertex is in the positive X-axis direction. A negative radius will rotate the [POLYGON](#) 180 degrees.

The total number of chords is rounded to an integer and must be in the range 3 to 32,767. If not specified, sixty chords are drawn.

The optional number of chords to draw is rounded to an integer and must be in the range of one to 32,767. If not specified all chords are drawn.

If the number of chords drawn are less than the specified total number of chords, the polygon is not closed. If the pen is up when the **POLYLINE** statement was executed, the first vertex is on the perimeter. If the pen is down when the **POLYLINE** statement was executed, the first point (logical pen position) is drawn to the first point on the perimeter.

The [PIVOT](#) statement affects the **POLYLINE** statement.

See Also:

[MOVE](#), [DRAW](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [RECTANGLE](#)

POS

Returns the position of one string within another.

Syntax: POS(search-string, match-string)

where: search-string and match-string = string-expressions.

Sample:

```
I=POS(A$,B$)
IF POS(A$,B$(5)) THEN Start
P=POS(A$,"PN")
Hyphen=POS(Txt$,"-")
ON POS(Fk$,Key$) GOSUB 1000,2000,3000
```

Description:

The **POS** function returns the character position in the search-string of a match-string. A value of zero is returned if the match-string is not found in the search-string or if the match-string has a zero length.

If a sub-string is specified for the search-string, the position returned is the position from the beginning of the sub-string not from the beginning of the full string.

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [NUM](#), [REV\\$](#), [RPT\\$](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

PPOLL

Conducts an IEEE-488 Parallel Poll and returns status.

Syntax: PPOLL({@io-path | interface-select-code})

Sample:
PPOLL(8)
PPOLL(@Gpib)
IF BIT (PPOLL(10),3) THEN Start

Description:

A IEEE-488 parallel poll is performed and an 8-bit status message from the IEEE-488 bus is returned. If the computer is not the active controller an error is generated. The I/O path or interface select code must refer to the IEEE-488 interface.

The bus action is as follows: ATN and EOI are set for ≥ 25 microsec., one byte of data is read from the bus, EOI is released, and ATN is restored to its previous state.

See Also:

[ABORT](#) , [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#),
[SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

PPOLL CONFIGURE

Configures remote IEEE-488 device parallel poll response.

Syntax: PPOLL CONFIGURE {@io-path | device-selector} ; configure-byte

Sample:
PPOLL CONFIGURE 701;1
PPOLL CONFIGURE 702;3
PPOLL CONFIGURE @Dev;Sense

Description:

The device specified by the I/O path or the device selector is configured for a parallel poll response. If the computer is not the active controller an error is generated. The I/O path or device selector must refer to one or more IEEE-488 devices.

The configure byte is a numeric-expression rounded to an integer in the range zero to fifteen. The three least significant bits of its binary representation select the data bus line and the fourth bit selects the logical sense of the response.

The bus action is as follows: ATN, MTA, UNL, LAG, PPC, PPE.

See Also:

[ABORT](#) , [CLEAR](#) , [LOCAL](#) , [PASS CONTROL](#) , [PPOLL](#) , [REMOTE](#) , [REQUEST](#) , [SEND](#) , [SPOLL](#) , [TRIGGER](#)

PPOLL RESPONSE

Configures local IEEE-488 device parallel poll response.

Syntax: PPOLL RESPONSE {@io-path | interface-select-code} ; service

Sample:
PPOLL RESPONSE Isc;Answer
PPOLL RESPONSE @Gpib;1

Description:

This statement enables or disables this device to respond to a parallel poll request from the IEEE-488 bus active controller. If an I/O path is specified, it must refer to the IEEE-488 interface. A service value of zero disables the parallel poll response, whereas a value of one enables the parallel poll response. The device must be configured for a parallel poll response with the [PPOLL CONFIGURE](#) command. It specifies which bus data bit to respond on and the logical sense of the response.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

PPOLL UNCONFIGURE

Disables the parallel poll response of a specified device or devices.

Syntax: PPOLL UNCONFIGURE {@io-path | device-selector}

Sample: PPOLL UNCONFIGURE 5
PPOLL UNCONFIGURE @Dev

Description:

The device specified by the I/O path or the device selector is unconfigured for a parallel poll response. If the computer is not the active controller an error is generated. The I/O path or device selector must refer to one or more IEEE-488 devices.

If a primary device address is specified the bus action is: ATN, MTA, UNL, LAG, PPC, PPD; otherwise the bus action is: ATN, PPU.

See Also:

[CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

PRINT

Outputs data to the **PRINTER IS** device.

Syntax: PRINT [items [{,;}]]
PRINT USING image [;items]

where: items = item [{,;} item [{,;} item...]
item = numeric-expression | numeric-array(*) |
string-expression | string-array\$(*) |
TAB(crt-column) | TABXY(crt-column,crt-row)
image = line-number | line label | string-expression
See IMAGE for image syntax.

Sample: PRINT "Test Number ";N;
PRINT Values(*)
PRINT String\$[1,8],TAB(12),Result
PRINT TABXY(1,1),Title\$,TABXY(Col,3),Par\$
PRINT USING 1040;R1,R2,R3
PRINT USING Fmt;Ssn,Item\$,Weight

Description:

PRINT sends numeric data, array elements or character strings to the [PRINTER IS](#) device. The default [PRINTER IS](#) device is the CRT. The output may optionally be formatted with the [USING](#) image.

Unless **USING** is specified, numeric items are printed in standard numeric format. If the absolute value is in the range 1E-4 to 1E+6, it is rounded to twelve digits and printed in floating point form. Otherwise the number is printed in scientific notation.

If **USING** is not specified, then the punctuation following the item determines the item's print field width and suppresses the automatic EOL sequence. The compact field is used if a semicolon follows the item; and the default print field is used if a comma follows the item.

In both compact and default print form, numeric numbers are printed with one leading blank for positive numbers or the minus sign for negative numbers. In compact field form numeric items are printed with one trailing blank and string items are printed with no leading or trailing blanks. The default print field form prints items with trailing blanks to fill to the beginning of the next ten character field.

A complex number is printed in rectangular form, first the real part, then an extra space and finally the imaginary part.

Arrays

A full array may be printed in row-major order using the full array specifier, "(*)". If a semicolon follows an array then the array elements are printed in compact fields. If a comma follows an array then default print fields are used. Additionally the automatic EOL sequence will be suppressed if either a semi-colon or a comma is used.

TAB/TABXY

The **TAB** function positions the next print character on the print line using the following equation: **TAB** column_position = ((column - 1) [MOD](#) screenwidth) + 1. The **TABXY** function positions the next print character on the CRT with X (column) and Y (row) coordinates. **TABXY**(1,1) specifies the upper-left of the CRT. A zero value for either argument specifies the current value for that argument.

If the CRT is not the [PRINTER IS](#) device, **TABXY** is ignored. **TAB** and **TABXY** can not be used with **USING**.

End-Of-Line

At the end of the list of items to **PRINT**, an EOL is sent to the [PRINTER IS](#) device. This can be suppressed by using trailing punctuation. EOL is also sent when the print position reaches the **WIDTH** of the printer. **WIDTH** and the EOL characters can be defined with the [PRINTER IS](#) command. The default **WIDTH** is the width of the screen or window, and the default EOL is CR/LF ([CHR\\$\(13\)](#) & [CHR\\$\(10\)](#)).

Control Characters

The following control characters have a special meaning when used in **PRINT** statements when the CRT is the [PRINTER IS](#) device:

Character	Meaning
CHR\$(7)	Ring the bell.
CHR\$(8)	Moves print cursor back one space.
CHR\$(10)	Moves print cursor down one line.
CHR\$(12)	Prints two line-feeds, scrolls output area buffer so next item goes to the top of the CRT.
CHR\$(13)	Moves print cursor to column one.

Character	Meaning
CHR\$(128)	All enhancements off.
CHR\$(129)	Inverse mode on.
CHR\$(130)	Blinking mode on.
CHR\$(131)	Inverse and Blinking modes on.
CHR\$(132)	Underline mode on.
CHR\$(133)	Underline and Inverse modes on.
CHR\$(134)	Underline and Blinking modes on.
CHR\$(135)	Underline, Inverse, & Blinking modes on.

Character	Meaning
CHR\$(136)	White
CHR\$(137)	Red
CHR\$(138)	Yellow
CHR\$(139)	Green
CHR\$(140)	Cyan
CHR\$(141)	Blue
CHR\$(142)	Magenta
CHR\$(143)	Black

All other characters less than [CHR\\$\(32\)](#) are ignored. To print, rather than ignore, the characters in this range, use [DISPLAY FUNCTIONS](#).

If some characters don't display correctly when you use the **PRINT** or [LIST](#) commands, it may be caused by conflicts with the attribute control characters in the range of 128 to 143. To move the attribute control characters from the range 128 to 143 down to the range 16 to 31, use the following command:

```
CONTROL CRT,100;1
```

With USING

See [IMAGE](#) for a complete explanation of the image list. The items specified in the image list are acted upon as they are encountered. Each image list item should have a matching print item. Processing of the image list stops when no matching print item is found. Conversely, the image list is reused starting at the beginning to provide matches for all

remaining print items. [FORMAT ON](#) is used in connection with **PRINT USING**, even if [FORMAT OFF](#) has been specified.

Porting to HP BASIC

[CONTROL CRT](#), 100 is a new HTBasic feature that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[ALPHA](#), [IMAGE](#), [INPUT](#), [OUTPUT](#), [READ](#)

PRINT LABEL

Assigns a name to a data storage volume.

Syntax: PRINT LABEL volume-label [TO volume-specifier]

Sample:
PRINT LABEL "Officevol" TO "A:"
PRINT LABEL Vlabel\$ TO Vol\$

Description:

The volume label string is written to the specified device as the new label, overriding any previous volume label

Under DOS, Windows and NT this command is not supported. Use the DOS/NT LABEL command instead. The following example labels the floppy disk in drive A:

```
EXECUTE "LABEL A: WORKDISK"
```

Under UNIX, this command is not supported.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [INITIALIZE](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PROTECT](#), [PURGE](#), [READ LABEL](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

PRINT PEN

Selects the pen color used for the output area and DISP line.

Syntax: PRINT PEN pen-number

Sample:
PRINT PEN Value
PRINT PEN 1
IF Green THEN PRINT PEN 2

Description:

This statement overrides any [ALPHA PEN](#) statement that may be in effect. The pen-number is a numeric expression rounded to an integer. If you are using CRTB, the bit-mapped display driver mode, legal values are from 0 to 15. (HP BASIC supports values to 255.) If you are using CRTA, the non-bit-mapped display driver mode, legal values are from 136 to 143. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,15;pen-number](#).

See Also:

[COLOR](#), [ALPHA PEN](#), [KBD LINE PEN](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#)

PRINTALL IS

Assigns a logging device for operator interaction and error messages.

Syntax: PRINTALL IS destination [;attributes]

where: destination = device-selector | file-specifier | pipe-specifier
attributes = attribute [,attribute ...]
attribute = WIDTH {OFF|line-width} |
EOL end-of-line [END] [DELAY seconds] | EOL OFF |
APPEND
end-of-line = string-expression, evaluating to a string
of eight characters or less.
seconds = numeric-expression, rounded to the timing
precision of the computer clock
line-width = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer

Sample:
PRINTALL IS Centronix
PRINTALL IS PRT;EOL CHR\$(10) & CHR\$(13) DELAY .5
PRINTALL IS Dev;WIDTH 120,EOL A\$ END

Description:

PRINTALL IS defines where to send output from print-all mode. When print-all mode is on, all messages output to the screen (including output area, [DISP](#) line, keyboard line and message line) are also output to the **PRINTALL** device. When print-all mode is off, output appears only in the normal places, and no information is sent to the **PRINTALL** target. The **PRINTALL** device is the CRT after start-up and [SCRATCH.A](#).

The print-all mode is toggled between on and off each time the PRT ALL key is pressed. [STATUS\(KBD,1\)](#) returns a 1 if print-all mode is on and 0 if it is off. A program can turn print-all mode on with [CONTROL KBD,1;1](#) and off with [CONTROL KBD,1;0](#).

Print-all is a powerful debugging tool. Use it in connection with [TRACE](#) to print [TRACE](#) messages about program execution. Also, certain error conditions can produce more than one line of output. Only the last message is visible on the message line. With print-all on, all the messages can be read on the **PRINTALL** device.

Destinations

The output can be sent to a device (usually a printer), a file or a pipe. If the destination is a file, it must be an existing ordinary file or a BDAT file.

Sent to a printer, **PRINTALL** allows permanent logging of output.

Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not DOS. A pipe-specifier must begin with the "|" pipe character and is followed by a command to start the process that receives the output.

Attributes

The **EOL** attribute specifies a new end-of-line string of up to eight characters. The **END** attribute specifies an EOI to be sent with the last character of the EOL string. The **DELAY** attribute specifies a time to wait after sending the EOL string and before continuing with program execution. The delay is in seconds and should be in the range 0.001 to 32.767 but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer. The **OFF** attribute returns the EOL string to the default CR/LF, no EOI and no **DELAY**.

The **WIDTH** attribute specifies the maximum number of characters sent to the printing device before an automatic EOL sequence is sent. If **WIDTH OFF** is specified, the width

is set to infinity. **WIDTH OFF** is the default.

If **APPEND** is specified and output is to a file, the file position is moved to the end-of-file before any data is sent to the file. If **APPEND** is not specified, the file contents are replaced with new data.

See Also:

[CAUSE_ERROR](#), [CLEAR_ERROR](#), [ERRL](#), [ERRLN](#), [ERRM\\$](#), [ERRN](#), [ERROR_RETURN](#), [ERROR_SUBEXIT](#), [TRACE](#), [XREF](#)

PRINTER IS

Specifies the system printing device.

Syntax: PRINTER IS destination [;attributes]

where: destination = device-selector | file-specifier | pipe-specifier
attributes = attribute [,attribute ...]
attribute = WIDTH {OFF|line-width} |
EOL end-of-line [END] [DELAY seconds] | EOL OFF |
APPEND
end-of-line = string-expression, evaluating to a string
of eight characters or less.
seconds = numeric-expression, rounded to the timing
precision of the computer clock
line-width = numeric-expression, rounded to an integer

Sample:
PRINTER IS 701
PRINTER IS "Myfile";WIDTH 80
PRINTER IS 12;EOL A\$ DELAY .5
PRINTER IS Dev;WIDTH 120,EOL My\$ END

Description:

PRINTER IS specifies the destination for all [PRINT](#), [CAT](#) and [LIST](#) statements which do not specify a destination. The **PRINTER** device is the [CRT](#) at start-up and after [SCRATCH A](#).

Destinations

The output can be sent to a device (usually a printer), a file or a pipe. If the destination is a file, it must be an existing ordinary file or a BDAT file. If a file is specified, it is positioned to the beginning (unless **APPEND** is specified) and closed when another **PRINTER IS** or [SCRATCH A](#) statement is executed.

Pipes are supported under UNIX, but not DOS. A pipe-specifier must begin with the "|" pipe character and is followed by a command to start the process that receives the output.

Attributes

The **EOL** attribute specifies a new end-of-line string of up to eight characters. The **END** attribute specifies an EOI to be sent with the last character of the EOL string. The **DELAY** attribute specifies a time to wait after sending the EOL string and before continuing with program execution. The delay is in seconds and should be in the range 0.001 to 32.767, but is rounded to the timing resolution of the computer. The **OFF** attribute returns the EOL string to the default CR/LF, no EOI and no **DELAY**.

The **WIDTH** attribute specifies the maximum number of characters sent to the printing device before an automatic EOL sequence is sent. If **WIDTH OFF** is specified, the width is set to infinity. If **WIDTH** is not specified, it defaults to the width of the screen.

If **APPEND** is specified and output is to a file, the file position is moved to the end-of-file before any data is sent to the file. If **APPEND** is not specified, the file contents are replaced with new data.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [IMAGE](#), [LIST](#), [PRINT](#)

PROTECT

Changes file attributes.

Syntax: PROTECT file-specifier,protect-code

Sample: PROTECT Mine\$, "H"
PROTECT Name\$, "R"

Description:

The **PROTECT** command differs from HP BASIC's **PROTECT** command. Under operating systems, like DOS, which do not support file passwords, the protect code is an operating system dependent string giving the file protections to be assigned to the file.

DOS (FAT) File System

For versions that use the DOS (FAT) file system, **PROTECT** is used to set file attributes. Three attributes are supported: read-only, system and hidden. The protect-code should be a numeric expression which contains zero, one or more of the characters "R", "S" and "H". Any attributes specified are turned on, any attributes not specified are turned off. For example:

```
PROTECT "file1","", " " ! turn off all attributes
PROTECT "file2","S" ! System, but not R or H
```

UNIX Usage Notes

This statement is not used under UNIX. Use [PERMIT](#).

See Also:

[CAT](#), [CHECKREAD](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [INITIALIZE](#), [MSI](#), [PRINT LABEL PURGE](#), [READ LABEL](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

PROUND

Rounds the argument to the specified power of ten.

Syntax: PROUND(numeric-expression, power-of-ten)

Sample: Logic=PROUND(Express,-2)
PRINT PROUND(Amount,Degree)

Description:

The power-of-ten is a numeric expression, which is rounded to an integer. It specifies the digit position where the number should be rounded. Positive values are to the left of the decimal point and negative values are to the right. For example, **PROUND**(PI,0) rounds to the nearest integer (10^0) and **PROUND**(PI,-2) rounds to the nearest hundredth (10^{-2}).

See Also:

[CINT](#), [DROUND](#), [FIX](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [REAL](#)

PRT

Returns the default device selector for the printer.

Syntax: PRT

Sample:
PRINTER IS PRT
PRINT "Default PRT is",PRT

Description:

The **PRT** function returns a constant representing the conventional printer interface select code. **PRT** exists to provide a useful mnemonic for the most common device selector for a printer. While **PRT** returns the conventional device selector for a printer, any legal device selector may be used in place of **PRT** in the [PRINTER IS](#) command (see [PRINTER IS](#)). The following are several common examples:

```
PRINTER IS 9      !serial printer
PRINTER IS CRT   !the display
PRINTER IS 70102 !2 IEEE-488 printers
```

DOS, Windows and NT

Under DOS and Windows, **PRT** returns the constant 10. This is different from HP BASIC, which returns the constant 701. On the PC, most printers are connected to the parallel printer port, making 10 the most common printer device selector. With HP BASIC, most printers are connected to the HP-IB interface and have a primary address of 1, making 701 the most common printer device selector. To provide compatibility with existing software, the HTBasic **PRT** can be redefined to 701 (or any other value) with the [CONFIGURE PRT](#) statement.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, the default value of **PRT** is 701.

See Also:

[CONFIGURE PRT](#), [CRT](#), [KBD](#), [PRINTER IS](#)

PURGE

Deletes a file or a directory on a mass storage media.

Syntax: PURGE { file-specifier | path-specifier }

Sample:
PURGE "Work"
PURGE "ADir/BDir/Cdir"

Description:

The **PURGE** statement is used to delete a file or a directory. All data in the file is lost when the file is purged. **PURGE** will not delete a directory unless there are no files in that directory (except "." and ".."). The directory can not be the root directory and it can not be the current directory.

DOS Usage Notes

Under DOS, a file can not be deleted if it has the read-only attribute. Use the [PROTECT](#) statement to clear the attribute before deleting the file. A directory can be deleted, even if it is read-only.

DOS does not have a documented behavior for deletion of an open file. In several tests, DOS 5.0 allowed the deletion, but created lost allocation clusters as a side-effect. DOS allowed subsequent file operations on the purged, open file, but returned an error when the file was closed. To avoid this behavior, include the DOS SHARE command in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. When SHARE is installed, DOS returns an error if an attempt is made to delete an open file.

Windows and NT

If the Windows Version of HTBasic is executed by Windows running on DOS, the previous comments about DOS apply. If the Windows version is executed by Windows NT, the following comments apply. Neither a file nor a directory can be deleted if it has the read-only attribute. Use the [PROTECT](#) statement to clear the attribute before deleting the file. Windows NT does not allow an open file to be deleted.

To delete a file or directory from an NTFS or HPFS file system, you must have the proper permissions.

UNIX Usage Notes

Under UNIX, **PURGE** removes the directory entry for the file or directory whose name is given and decrements the link count of the file or directory referred to by that entry. If the entry is the last [LINK](#) and no process has it open, then all resources associated with the file or directory are reclaimed. If the file is open in any process, the actual resource reclamation is delayed until it is closed, even though the directory entry has disappeared. If the directory is open in any process, the "." and ".." entries are removed and no new entries may be created in the directory, but the directory is not removed until all references to the directory have been closed.

To delete a file or directory you must have write permission in the parent directory and search permission in all directories in the path of the file or directory.

Under HP-UX, getprivgrp and Access Control Lists (ACLs) capabilities can affect execution of this statement as well. See the proper manuals for information.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [INITIALIZE](#), [LINK](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PRINT LABEL](#), [PROTECT](#), [READ LABEL](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

QUIT

Quits BASIC and returns to the operating system.

Syntax: QUIT

Sample: QUIT

Description:

QUIT is used to leave the BASIC programming environment and return to the computer's operating system. If the program is in a paused state a [STOP](#) is automatically executed to close any open files before quitting.

Most operating systems allow the use of a batch file, command file, or shell script. Also, most operating systems allow such a file to be executed automatically when the power is turned on. Using this feature, your computer can be set up to run HTBasic automatically when you turn the power on or log in to your computer. **QUIT**, used in connection with your operating system provides an enormous amount of flexibility. Please read your operating system manuals for an explanation of batch, command or script files.

See Also:

[EXECUTE](#)

RAD

Sets the trigonometric mode to radians.

Syntax: RAD

Sample: RAD

Description:

All angle arguments and functions that return an angle measurement use the current trigonometric mode which can be either radians or degrees. **RAD** sets the trigonometric mode to radians. The default trigonometric mode at start-up or after a [SCRATCHA](#) is radians. A subprogram will use the same trigonometric mode as its caller unless it executes a **RAD** or [DEG](#) statement. Upon returning to the caller the previous trigonometric mode is restored.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [DEG](#), [RAD](#), [SIN](#), [TAN](#)

RANDOMIZE

Selects a seed for the RND function.

Syntax: RANDOMIZE [seed]

Sample: RANDOMIZE
 RANDOMIZE Seed*PI

Description:

The random number generator starting point is set to the user specified value. If no value is specified, the starting point is chosen at random. The seed value is a numeric expression rounded to an integer. If it is less than one, a value of one is used. If it is less than $2^{31}-2$, its value is used. If it is larger, then $2^{31}-2$ is used. The seed is reset to 37,480,660 at start-up, [SCRATCHA](#), [SCRATCH](#), and program prerun.

See Also:

[RND](#)

RANK

Returns the number of dimensions in an array.

Syntax: RANK(array-name[\$])

Sample:
RANK(Color)
RANK(File\$)
IF RANK(A)=2 THEN PRINT "Two Dims"

Description:

RANK returns an [INTEGER](#) value from one to six that specifies the number of dimensions that are defined for the array.

See Also:

[BASE](#), [DIM](#), [MAXLEN](#), [SIZE](#)

RATIO

Returns the ratio of X to Y hard-clip limits for the PLOTTER IS device.

Syntax: RATIO

Sample:
WINDOW 0,RATIO,-1,1
Xmax=100*MAX(1,RATIO)
Ymax=100*MAX(1,1/RATIO)

Description:

RATIO is useful for [VIEWPORT](#) and [WINDOW](#) calculations and for knowing the shape of the graphic screen or plotter paper.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

READ

Reads values from **DATA** statements.

Syntax: READ variable [,variable ...]

where: variable = variable-name[\$] [(*)] |
variable-name [(subscripts)] |
string-name\$ [(subscripts)] [sub-string]
subscripts = subscript [,subscript...]

Sample:
READ Line,A\$
READ Answer\$(N) [20;5]
READ A,B,C(I,J)
READ Array(*)

Description:

READ and [DATA](#) statements can conveniently initialize multiple variables from data embedded in the program. An array may be read in row-major order using the full array specifier, "(*)". [DATA](#) statements are stored as strings and the [VAL](#) function is used to read numeric values. The value is rounded to an integer if an integer variable is specified.

The first **READ** statement in a context reads the first [DATA](#) statement in that context. Each **READ** statement thereafter maintains a [DATA](#) pointer that moves to the next item after each is read from the [DATA](#) statement. The [DATA](#) pointer can be reset to the beginning of any [DATA](#) statement in the context with the [RESTORE](#) statement.

Complex numbers are read in rectangular form, the real part first, followed by the imaginary part. The two parts should be separated by a comma.

See Also:

[DATA](#), [RESTORE](#)

READ KEY

Returns one or more softkey macro definitions.

Syntax: READ KEY key-number, string-name\$ [(subscripts)] [sub-string]
 READ KEY key-number, string-array\$(*)

Sample: READ KEY 2,Keytwo\$
 READ KEY First_key,Several_keys\$(*)

Description:

Softkey macros defined with [EDIT](#), [LOAD](#) or [SET KEY](#) can be read with this statement. The key-number is a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and should be in the range zero through twenty-three. If a simple string or array element is specified, then only one key is returned. If a string array is specified, then successive keys, starting with the key-number specified, are returned into the elements of the string array.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [RE-STORE KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#)

READ LABEL

Reads a volume label.

Syntax: READ LABEL string-name\$ [FROM volume-specifier]

Sample:
READ LABEL Id\$
READ LABEL Name\$ FROM Vol\$

Description:

The volume label on the specified media is read and returned into the string variable. If no mass storage unit specifier is given, the [MSI](#) device is used.

Under UNIX, "No Label" is always returned for the label.

See Also:

[PRINT LABEL](#)

READ LOCATOR

Reads the locator device without waiting for a digitize operation.

Syntax: READ LOCATOR x-variable,y-variable [,string-name\$]

Sample:
READ LOCATOR X,Y
READ LOCATOR Xcoor,Ycoor,Position\$

Description:

The locator device position is read into the X and Y variables without waiting for a digitize operation. The current [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device coordinates are in default units or the units defined in a [WINDOW](#) or [SHOW](#) statement. The optional string variable will receive the 8 byte status message defined as follows:

Byte	Meaning
1	Button Status - Status of the digitizing button on the locator. If the character is a "1", then the button is pressed; if it is a "0", then the button is not pressed.
2	Comma delimiter character.
3	Clip Indicator - If the character is a "0", then the point is outside the hard-clip limits. If a "1", the point is inside the hard-clip limits, but outside the soft-clip limits (clipping rectangle - see CLIP). If a "2" then it's inside the soft-clip limits.
4	Comma delimiter character.
5	Tracking ON/OFF - If the character is a "0", then tracking is off; if a "1", then tracking is on.
6	Comma delimiter character.
7-8	Button Positions - If S\$ is the status string and B is the button number you wish to test, then BIT(VAL(S\$[7,8]), B-1) returns one if B is down and zero if B is up.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [SET ECHO](#), [SET LOCATOR](#), [TRACK](#), [WHERE](#)

READIO

Reads a hardware register or a memory byte/word.

Syntax: READIO(interface-select-code, hardware-register)
READIO(special-interface, address)
READIO(9827, simple-var)

where: hardware-register = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
special-interface = numeric-expression rounded to an integer,
legal values are explained in the text
address = numeric-expression rounded to a linear address
simple-var = numeric-name | numeric-array-element

Sample: Control=READIO(Centronix,2)
Shift_flag=READIO(9826,&H417)

Description:

Hardware Registers

The contents of a hardware interface register are read and returned on the specified interface. Do not mix **READIOWRITEIO** operations with **STATUS/CONTROL** operations. Do not attempt to use **READIOWRITEIO** registers unless you are very familiar with the hardware; use the **STATUS/CONTROL** registers instead. Consult the hardware manuals for your computer for complete documentation on interface hardware. The *User's Guide* lists the **READIOWRITEIO** registers for the interface device drivers included with HTBasic. For other device drivers, the documentation included with the driver lists the register definitions.

READIOWRITEIO registers in HTBasic are not compatible with HP BASIC **READIO/WRITEIO** registers when the interface hardware is not the same. TransEra's IEEE-488 and HP's HP-IB use the same IEEE-488 chip; therefore, the **READIOWRITEIO** registers are identical. The serial interface hardware registers differ not only if the UART chip is different, but also if the circuitry surrounding the chip is different. The TransEra GPIO is designed to be **READIOWRITEIO** compatible with HP's GPIO.

Special Interface Select codes

There are a number of special interface select codes which can be read with the **READIO** statement. The legal values for special-interface are given in the following paragraphs. For compatibility with earlier releases of HTBasic, **READIO(8080,L)** and **READIO(-8080,L)** are still supported but have been replaced with **INP** and **INPW**, respectively.

PEEK Memory

READIO(9826,L) and **READIO(-9826,L)** are used to "peek" at the contents of a memory byte or word, respectively. L specifies the address of the byte/word to peek. If peeking a word and L is odd, the even address L-1 is used.

Under the DOS Version, L specifies a linear process address, not a physical address. To peek into the first megabyte of physical memory, use 8452 instead of 9826. Note the warning below.

Under Windows and NT, L specifies an address within the HTBasic process.

Under UNIX, L specifies an address within the HTBasic process. The special interface select code 8452 should be used instead of 9826 to peek physical addresses rather than process addresses. Peeking physical memory is only possible if the /dev/mem device is readable by the HTBasic process. Note the following warning.

Warning: Peek should only be done on addresses returned by **READIO**(9827,I)! Peeking any other location can cause your system to crash, data to be lost and damage to your computer hardware. Use of this function for any other address is unsupported, and TransEra cannot be held responsible for any consequences.

Locating a Numeric Variable

READIO(9827,I) is used to locate the variable I. **READIO**(9827,A(0)) is used to locate the address of the first element of A. These operations are useful when a small assembly subroutine is stored in a variable and called with [WRITEIO](#).

See Also:

[CONTROL](#), [INP](#), [OUT](#), [STATUS](#), [WRITEIO](#)

REAL

Reserves storage for floating point variables and arrays.

Syntax: REAL variable [,variable...]

where: variable = numeric-name [(bounds) [BUFFER]]
bounds = [lower-bound :] upper-bound [,bounds]
lower and upper-bound = integer constant in the range -32767 to 32767.

Sample:
REAL X, Buf(500) BUFFER
REAL Volts(-10:10, 4)

Description:

REAL declares, dimensions and reserves memory for floating point variables and arrays. **REAL** variables use eight bytes of storage space. An array's maximum dimension is six and each dimension can hold a maximum of 32,767 elements. If a lower bound is not specified, the default is the [OPTION BASE](#) value (0 or 1). A **REAL** variable may be declared a buffer by specifying **BUFFER** after the variable name. **BUFFER** variables are used with the [TRANSFER](#) statement.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [DEF FN](#), [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [SUB](#), [TRANSFER](#)

REAL

Converts an **INTEGER** or **COMPLEX** number to **REAL**.

Syntax: REAL(numeric-expression)

Sample:
PRINT REAL(Z)
DRAW REAL(C), IMAG(C)

Description:

The real part of a complex number is returned with **REAL**, and the imaginary part with [IMAG](#). To express the parts of a complex number in polar form, use [ABS](#) and [ARG](#):

```
PRINT "Rectangular form: Real = ";REAL(Z),"Imag =";IMAG(Z)
```

```
PRINT "Polar form: Magnitude = ";ABS(Z),"Angle = ";ARG(Z)
```

See Also:

[ABS](#), [ARG](#), [CMLPX](#), [CONJG](#), [IMAG](#)

RECTANGLE

Draws and optionally fills and edges rectangles.

Syntax: RECTANGLE width,height [,FILL] [,EDGE]

where: width and height = numeric-expressions

Sample: RECTANGLE 10,25
 RECTANGLE 8,-10,FILL,EDGE

Description:

A rectangle is a polygon described by its width and height displacement from the current pen position.

The signs of the width and height determine the position of the rectangle relative to the current pen position. If the width is positive, the pen position is on a left corner of the rectangle. If the width is negative, the pen position is on a right corner of the rectangle. If the height is positive, the pen position is on a lower corner of the rectangle. And if the height is negative, the pen position is on an upper corner.

The rectangle can be filled with the current [AREA](#) color and edged with the current [PEN](#) color and [LINE TYPE](#). If neither are specified, **EDGE** is assumed.

The [PIVOT](#) and [PDIR](#) statements affect the **RECTANGLE** statement.

See Also:

[LINE TYPE](#), [PDIR](#), [PEN](#), [PIVOT](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#)

REDIM

Redimensions an array by changing the subscript ranges.

Syntax: REDIM array-name[\$](bounds) [,array-name[\$](bounds)...]

where: bounds = [lower-bound:] upper-bound [,bounds]
lower and upper-bound = numeric-expressions rounded to integers

Sample:
REDIM Array (Lowbnd:Upbnd)
REDIM Myarray\$ (I, J, K, L)

Description:

An array can only be redimensioned if the number of dimensions is the same as in the original [DIM](#) statement and the total number of elements does not exceed the total in the [DIM](#) statement. Also, to redimension an array declared in a [COM](#) statement, the [COM](#) declaration must include subscript information (as opposed to a full array specifier, "(*)").

REDIM does not change the values presently stored in memory, but because the number of elements in each dimension might change, the values in each element may appear to "move" to another element.

See Also:

[ALLOCATE](#), [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [REAL](#)

REM

Begins a REMark or comment line for program documentation.

Syntax: REM *any text*
 program statement ! *any text*

Sample: REM This statement is not executed
 Info=0 ! Clear flag byte

Description:

A **REM** statement is used to insert comments into programs. The **REM** statement may contain any text you wish. It is useful in explaining what the program is doing. A comment tail, "!", is similar to the **REM** statement, however, the comment tail may appear on the same line as a program statement. Any text may appear to the right of the comment tail and is ignored when the line is executed. When an [INDENT](#) command is given, the position of a comment tail is left unchanged.

See Also:

[EDIT](#), [INDENT](#), [REN](#)

REMOTE

Sets the remote state on a IEEE-488 device.

Syntax: REMOTE {@io-path | device-selector}

Sample: REMOTE Dev
 REMOTE @Pwsply

Description:

The IEEE-488 bus remote line is asserted. If the computer is the active controller and primary addresses are specified, it listen addresses the devices to switch them to remote mode. The remote line is asserted if the computer is the system controller and ISC select code is specified. The io-path or device-selector must refer to one or more IEEE-488 devices or to the IEEE-488 interface select code.

If the computer is not the system controller or it is not the active controller and primary addresses are specified, an error is generated.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

REN

Renumbers program lines.

Syntax: REN [start-number [,increment]] [IN begin-line [,end-line]]

where: line = line-number | line-label
increment = integer constant

Sample:

```
REN 1000 IN 100,800
REN 1200
REN 100,5
REN 150,1 IN 140,Mark
```

Description:

This statement renumbers program statements, including the line references in all program statements such as [GOSUB](#) and [GOTO](#) to coincide with the new line numbers.

You can optionally specify the starting position, the increment between lines or a range of lines to renumber. The default value for both the start line number and the increment is ten.

Note: You cannot specify a new starting line number that would cause the lines to change position with respect to other existing program lines. Use [MOVE LINES](#) or [COPY LINES](#) to do this.

See Also:

[COPY LINES](#), [MOVE LINES](#)

RENAME

Changes the name of a file.

Syntax: RENAME old-file-specifier TO new-file-specifier

Sample:
XT=RENAME "PROG.DAT" TO "CURVE.DAT"
RENAME "X" TO "Xcalc"
RENAME Volume\$&Old\$ TO New\$

Description:

RENAME changes the name of a file. Both the old and the new names may be specified as string expressions. The new name must not already exist on the mass storage device.

Under DOS, Windows and UNIX, if you are using **RENAME** to move a file from one place in a hierarchical file system to another, the HTBasic **RENAME** requires that both file specifiers be complete and both directories be on the same mass storage device. NT does not require that the destination be on the same mass storage device.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [COPY](#), [CREATE](#), [INITIALIZE](#), [MASS STORAGE IS](#), [PRINT LABEL](#), [PROTECT](#), [PURGE](#), [READ LABEL](#), [RENAME](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("MSI"\)](#)

REPEAT ... UNTIL

Defines a loop that is repeated UNTIL a condition is satisfied.

Syntax: REPEAT
statements
UNTIL numeric-expression

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements

Sample:

```
770 REPEAT
780   CALL Test (X)
790   X=X+Next
800 UNTIL X=Last
```

Description:

The statements between the **REPEAT** and **UNTIL** are first executed. When the **UNTIL** statement is reached, the expression is evaluated. If the expression is false (zero), the statements between the **REPEAT** and **UNTIL** are executed again. If the expression is true (non-zero), execution continues with the statement following the **UNTIL**.

See Also:

[FOR](#), [LOOP](#), [SELECT](#), [WHILE](#)

REQUEST

Sends a Service Request SRQ on the IEEE-488.

Syntax: REQUEST {@io-path | interface-select-code} ; response-value

where: io-path = I/O path assigned to the IEEE-488 interface.
 response-value = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: REQUEST @Gpib;Serialpoll
 REQUEST ISc;BINIOR(Bit3,64)

Description:

A Service Request, SRQ, is sent by a non-active controller on the IEEE-488 bus. If the computer is the active controller or if the device-selector or the io-path specifies address information, an error is generated.

To request service, the response value must have bit six set. The SRQ line will remain set until polled by the active controller or another **REQUEST** statement is executed with bit six clear.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#),
[TRIGGER](#)

RE-SAVE

Copies the program into the specified ASCII file.

Syntax: RE-SAVE file-specifier [,start-line [,end-line]]

where: line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
RE-SAVE "Story"
RE-SAVE "CALPROG", 1000, 2000
RE-SAVE "TREE\BRANCH\FILE", Label1

Description:

RE-SAVE outputs any range of program lines to an ASCII file. The resulting program can be re-entered with the [GET](#) statement.

If the specified file already exists, the old contents are discarded before the [SAVE](#) takes place. The program is then stored out in the same format, ASCII (LIF ASCII) or ordinary (DOS ASCII, UNIX ASCII, etc.), as the previous file. If it does not exist, a new file is created whose type depends on the setting of [CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII](#).

See Also:

[CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII](#), [GET](#), [LIST](#), [LOAD](#), [RE-STORE](#), [SAVE](#), [STORE](#)

RES

Returns the result of the last numeric keyboard calculation.

Syntax: RES

Sample: Sum=RES+Sum
PRINT "User Response: ";RES

Description:

Typing in a numeric or string expression and pressing ENTER causes the computer to evaluate the expression and print the result on the message line. This is called "calculator mode" and allows you to use your computer as you would a hand calculator. If the result is numeric, it is saved for later recall by using the **RES** function.

RESET

Resets an interface or file or buffer pointers.

Syntax: RESET {@io-path | interface-select-code}

Sample: RESET 9
 RESET Gpib
 RESET @Buff

Description:

The **RESET** statement directed to an interface performs an interface reset. When directed to a file it sets the file position pointer to the beginning of the file. When directed to a buffer it sets all buffer control entries to their initial values with the empty and fill pointers set to one and all other entries set to zero.

RESTORE

Specifies which **DATA** statement to use for the next **READ** operation.

Syntax: RESTORE [{line-number | line-label}]

Sample: RESTORE
 RESTORE 950
 RESTORE Star

Description:

The next [READ](#) statement gets its data from the current data pointer. **RESTORE** sets the data pointer to the specified program line. If that line is not a [DATA](#) statement the next higher numbered [DATA](#) statement will be used for the next [READ](#) statement. If no line is specified, the data pointer is set to the first [DATA](#) statement in the current context.

See Also:

[DATA](#), [READ](#)

RE-STORE

Stores the **BASIC** program in a file.

Syntax: RE-STORE file-specifier

Sample: RE-STORE "FFT"
RE-STORE Volume\$&Myfile\$

Description:

The program currently in memory is STOREd in the file in binary form. If the file already exists, it must be a PROG file. The old contents are discarded and the file is replaced with the current program in memory. If it does not exist, a new PROG file is created.

See Also:

[GET](#), [LIST](#), [LOAD](#), [RE-SAVE](#), [RE-STORE KEY](#), [SAVE](#), [STORE](#)

RE-STORE KEY

Stores the **KEY** definitions in a file.

Syntax: RE-STORE KEY file-specifier

Sample: RE-STORE KEY "Definition"
RE-STORE KEY "A:KEYS"

Description:

Softkey macro definitions are stored into the specified file. If the file already exists, the old contents are discarded and the present key definitions are stored. If it does not exist, a new BDAT file is created.

Using [FORMAT OFF](#), the definition for each defined softkey is written to the file by outputting two items. The first item is an integer, specifying the key number. The second item is a string, giving the key definition.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#)

RESUME INTERACTIVE

Restores the normal functions of program control keys.

Syntax: RESUME INTERACTIVE

Sample: RESUME INTERACTIVE

Description:

The normal functions of the program control keys CLR I/O, ENTER, PAUSE, RESET, STEP and STOP are enabled. These keys are disabled by [SUSPEND INTERACTIVE](#).

See Also:

[SUSPEND INTERACTIVE](#)

RETURN

Returns to the program line following the last GOSUB line.

Syntax: RETURN

Sample:

```
200 GOSUB 300
...
299 STOP
300 PRINT A, B, C
310 RETURN
```

Description:

The [GOSUB](#) statement transfers control to a subroutine; the **RETURN** statement transfers control back to the next statement following the [GOSUB](#). You can have many [GOSUBs](#) to the same subroutine and a **RETURN** occurring in that subroutine returns control to the statement following the specific [GOSUB](#) used to get to the subroutine. You can only enter a subroutine by using [GOSUB](#). If you don't use [GOSUB](#), the **RETURN** statement causes an error when executed.

The **RETURN** keyword is also used to return values from user-defined functions. See [DEF FN](#) for an explanation of **RETURN** used in this way.

See Also:

[DEF FN](#), [GOSUB](#)

REV\$

Reverses the sequence of characters in a string.

Syntax: REV\$(string-expression)

Sample: Backward\$=REV\$(Forward\$)
Print REV\$("radaR")

Description:

A string that contains the reverse sequence of characters of its argument is returned. This can help when searching for the last occurrence of a string

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [NUM](#), [RPT\\$](#), [POS](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

RND

Returns a pseudo-random number.

Syntax: RND

Sample: IF RND>0.25 THEN GOTO Start
Percent=RND*100

Description:

A pseudo-random number greater-than zero and less-than one is returned. A seed value determines the starting point in the series. The seed can be modified using the [RANDOMIZE](#) statement. The default seed at start-up, [SCRATCH](#), [SCRATCH A](#) and prerun is 37,480,660. The series of numbers returned is not guaranteed to be the same on different versions of HTBasic

See Also:

[RANDOMIZE](#)

ROTATE

Shifts a 16 bit binary value with wraparound.

Syntax: ROTATE(numeric-expression, distance)

where: distance = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: B1=ROTATE (B2, 5)
Word=ROTATE (Word, Places)

Description:

The numeric expression is rounded to an integer. The resulting integer, in binary form, is rotated the specified distance. The distance must be in the range 0 to ± 15 . If the distance is positive, then bits are moved to the right. Any bits moved out of the right-most bit (the least significant bit) are moved into the left-most bit (the most significant bit). If the distance is negative, then bits are moved to the left. Any bits moved out of the left-most bit are moved into the right-most bit.

For **ROTATE**(100,5) the number 100 is treated as a binary number and is rotated right five bits as follows:

100	=	0000000001100100
ROTATE(100,5)	=	0010000000000011

The result is returned as the decimal integer, 8195.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [SHIFT](#)

RPLOT

Moves the pen relative to the current graphic location.

Syntax: RPLOT x-displacement, y-displacement [,pen-control]
RPLOT numeric-array(*) [,FILL] [,EDGE]

Sample: RPLOT 5,2
RPLOT 5,-2,-1
RPLOT Array(*)
RPLOT Vector(*),FILL,EDGE

Description:

RPLOT is the same as [IPLOT](#) except that it moves the pen relative to the local origin. The local origin is the logical pen position after one of the following statements: [AXES](#), [DRAW](#), [FRAME](#), [GINIT](#), [GRID](#), [IDRAW](#), [IMOVE](#), [IPLOT](#), [LABEL](#), [MOVE](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#), [RECTANGLE](#) and [SYMBOL](#). See [PLOT](#) for a full explanation of **RPLOT** arguments.

The [PIVOT](#) and [PDIR](#) statements affect the **RPLOT** statement.

See Also:

[AREA](#), [CLIP](#), [DRAW](#), [IPLOT](#), [MOVE](#), [PLOT](#), [POLYGON](#), [POLYLINE](#)

RPT\$

Returns a string replicated a specified number of times.

Syntax: RPT\$(string-expression, repeat-count)

Sample:

```
A$=RPT$("!",100)
PRINT RPT$("*",50)
PRINT RPT$(" ",(Centervalue/2))
```

Description:

The repeat count is a numeric expression rounded to an integer value. If it is zero, a zero length string is returned. If it is negative or the resulting string would be greater than 32,767 characters, an error is generated

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [NUM](#), [REV\\$](#), [POS](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

RUN

Starts program execution.

Syntax: RUN [line-number | line-label]

Sample:
RUN
RUN 1000
RUN Next

Description:

RUN is executed in two parts, prerun initialization and program execution.

The prerun part reserves memory space for variables declared in [DIM](#), [REAL](#), [INTEGER](#), [COMPLEX](#) and [COM](#) statements or implied in the program context. Numeric variables are set to zero and string variables are set to zero length strings. Prerun also checks for multi-line syntax errors such as illegal program structure, array references and mismatched [COM](#) statements. If prerun detects any errors, they are reported to the user and the program halts.

If prerun detects no errors, the MAIN program is run starting at the beginning or if a program line or label is specified, it starts execution at the specified line. The program line or label must be in the MAIN context. The program runs normally until it encounters a [PAUSE](#), a [STOP](#) or [END](#) statement, an error or a [TRACE PAUSE](#) line.

See Also:

[CONT](#), [END](#), [LOAD](#), [PAUSE](#), [SCRATCH](#), [STOP](#)

RUNLIGHT

Controls the display of the pseudo runlight on the display.

Syntax: RUNLIGHT { ON | OFF }

Sample: RUNLIGHT OFF

Description:

The pseudo **RUNLIGHT** is a single character in the lower right-hand corner of the display which indicates the state of HTBasic. By default, it is displayed. When doing screen dumps, the character can be unsightly so it is best to do a **RUNLIGHT OFF** before doing the dump. The meanings of the pseudo runlight characters are given in the following table.

Character	Meaning
?	Input
H	Help
*	Immediate command
R	Running
C	Change
F	Find
E	Edit
S	SUBs
-	Paused
(none)	Idle

See Also:

[CLEAR LINE](#), [CLEAR SCREEN](#), [KEY LABELS](#)

SAVE

Saves the current program into an ASCII file.

Syntax: SAVE file-specifier [,start-line [,end-line]]

where: line = line-number | line-label

Sample:
SAVE "DRAFTER"
SAVE "Pennies",100,Sort
SAVE "A:MYPROG"

Description:

SAVE outputs any range of program lines to an ASCII file. Depending on the setting of [CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII](#), the file type will either be ASCII (LIF ASCII) or ordinary (DOS ASCII, UNIX ASCII, etc.). The resulting program can be re-entered with the [GET](#) statement.

[CONFIGURE SAVE ASCII](#) sets the file type **SAVE** uses when saving a file to disk. The default setting, **ON**, produces a LIF ASCII file. This type of file is useful for exchanging programs with HP Workstations and for saving programs with string literals that contain embedded control characters such as carriage-returns or line-feeds in string literals since [GET](#) will interpret them as end-of-line indicators.

If the specified file already exists, **SAVE** generates an error message; whereas [RE-SAVE](#) will reuse an existing file.

See Also:

[GET](#), [LIST](#), [LOAD](#), [RE-SAVE](#), [RE-STORE](#), [STORE](#)

SBYTE

Checks for second byte of a two byte character.

Syntax: SBYTE(string)

Sample: PRINT SBYTE(A\$)
IF SBYTE(A\$[I]) THEN PRINT "Two Bytes"

Description:

SBYTE is used with [FBYTE](#) to determine whether a character is one or two bytes long. FBYTE returns a one if the first byte of the string argument is in the valid range for the second byte of a two byte character.

This function is only available and enabled in specific versions of HTBasic.

See Also:

[CVT\\$](#), [FBYTE](#)

SC

Returns the interface select code associated with an I/O path name.

Syntax: SC(@io-path)

Sample: Code=SC (@Dev)

Description:

Only the interface code is returned if the io-path is assigned to a device-selector with primary addressing specified. A zero is returned if the io-path name is assigned to a buffer

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#)

SCRATCH

Clears user memory.

Syntax: SCRATCH [A|ALL | B|BIN | C|COM | KEY [key-number] |
R|RECALL]

Sample: SCRATCH
SCRATCH KEY 2
SCRATCH C

Description:

SCRATCH allows you to clear the BASIC program, program variables, [COM](#) variables, softkey macro definitions and the recall buffer. The following paragraphs explain each variation of **SCRATCH**

SCRATCH

Deletes the current BASIC program, if any and any variables not in [COM](#).

SCRATCH A or ALL

SCRATCH A clears the BASIC program, all variables, including those in [COM](#) and all softkey macro definitions. Internal parameters are set to their default, start-up values. **SCRATCH ALL** is synonymous with **SCRATCH A**

SCRATCH B or BIN

In HTBasic, **SCRATCH B** is equivalent to **SCRATCH A**. In HP BASIC, it deletes all **BIN**s except the CRT driver in use. In HTBasic, **BIN**s are used for device drivers which can't be **SCRATCHED**. **SCRATCH B** is synonymous with **SCRATCH BIN**

SCRATCH C or COM

SCRATCH C clears all variables including those in [COM](#), but leaves the BASIC program and the softkey macro definitions intact. **SCRATCH COM** is synonymous with **SCRATCH C**.

SCRATCH KEY [key-number]

Without the optional key number, this command clears all the softkey macro definitions. With the key number, only the specified key is cleared. The key-number may be a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and must be in the range zero through twenty-three.

SCRATCH R or RECALL

SCRATCH R clears the keyboard **RECALL** buffer. **SCRATCH RECALL** is synonymous with **SCRATCH R**

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [RE-STORE KEY](#), [SET KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#)

SECURE

Protects programs lines.

Syntax: SECURE [start-line-number [,end-line-number]]

where: line-number = integer constant

Sample:
SECURE
SECURE Payrolla,Payrollb

Description:

The **SECURE** command protects programs lines so they cannot be listed. Secured lines are listed as a line number followed by an asterisk "*" character. If no program lines are specified, all program lines are secured. If no end-line is specified, only the start-line is secured.

Warning: Once a line has been secured it can not be un-secured! Make sure that you have another copy of the program before you use the **SECURE** command.

See Also:

[EDIT](#), [LIST](#)

SELECT ... CASE

Defines a **CASE** block structure.

Syntax: SELECT string-or-numeric-expression
 CASE case-expression
 statements
 [CASE ELSE]
 statements
 END SELECT

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements
 including additional CASE statements
 case-expression = [relation] value [,case-expression]
 relation = { < | <= | = | >= | > | <> | value TO }
 value = string-or-numeric-expression

Sample:

```
10  SELECT Option$
20  CASE "B"
30    A=1
40  CASE "0" TO "9", "y", "n"
50    A=2
60  CASE ELSE
70    A=0
80  END SELECT
```

Description:

The **SELECT** and **END SELECT** statements enclose a **SELECT** structure. The **SELECT** statement specifies a numeric or string expression. Within the **SELECT** structure, **CASE** statements introduce alternative program sections to be executed based on the value of the **SELECT** statement expression. Each **CASE** statement type must match the type of expression in the **SELECT** statement. If a case-expression contains multiple values, the values are tested from left to right until a match is found. Any remaining expressions are not tested.

The **SELECT** expression value is used to test against each **CASE** statement value or range of values. The program statements following the first **CASE** statement to match are executed. Execution then continues at the line following the **END SELECT** statement. If none of the **CASE** statements match and there is an optional **CASE ELSE** statement, the program statements following the **CASE ELSE** will be executed, otherwise the entire **SELECT** structure is skipped.

While doing so is not encouraged, jumping into a **SELECT** structure with a [GOTO](#) is legal. Program statements are executed normally until a **CASE** statement is encountered. Execution then continues at the line following the **END SELECT** statement.

If there is an expression evaluation error in either the **SELECT** statement or one of the **CASE** statements the **SELECT** statement line number is reported with the error value.

Implementing ELSE IF

Although HTBasic does not have an explicit ELSE IF statement, it is possible to accomplish the same thing using a **SELECT** statement. Suppose you wish an ELSE IF construct like this:

```
10  IF X<-1 THEN
20    !do something here
30  ELSE IF Z=0 THEN
```

```
40     !do something else here
50 ELSE
60     !and something else here
70 END IF
```

This example can be accomplish using the **SELECT** statement as follows:

```
5     SELECT 1
10    CASE X<-1
20     !do something here
30    CASE Z=0
40     !do something else here
50    CASE ELSE
60     !and something else here
70 END SELECT
```

Line 5 states that the first case which evaluates to one will be executed. Since the result of a logical operator is 0 or 1, the first case with a logical expression that evaluates true will be executed.

See Also:

[FOR](#), [IF](#), [LOOP](#), [REPEAT](#), [WHILE](#)

SEND

Sends messages on the IEEE-488 bus.

Syntax: SEND dest ;message [message ...]

where: dest = {@io-path | interface-select-code}
io-path = I/O path assigned to the IEEE-488 interface
message = MTA | MLA | UNT | UNL |
CMD [expression-list] |
DATA [expression-list [END]] |
TALK primary-address |
LISTEN address-list |
SEC address-list
address-list = address [,address...]
address = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
expression-list = expression [,expression...]
expression = numeric-expression | string-expression

Sample: SEND 7;UNL MTA LISTEN 2 DATA "Bye" END
SEND @Gpib;UNL MLA TALK Primary CMD 24+128

Description:

The **SEND** statement sends low level IEEE-488 commands and data bytes. IEEE-488 commands are sent with the ATN line asserted; whereas data bytes are sent without the ATN line asserted. The computer must be the active controller to use **CMD**, **TALK**, **UNT**, **LISTEN**, **UNL**, **SEC**, **MTA** or **MLA**. Any talk addressed device may send **DATA**.

Message	Action Taken
CMD	Sends the expression values as command bytes. CMD with no items asserts the ATN line.
DATA	Sends the expression values as data bytes. If END is added, EOI is set on the last data byte.
LISTEN	Sends the expression values as listen address commands.
MLA	Sends the Interface's Listen Address command.
MTA	Sends the Interface's Talk Address command.
SEC	Sends the expression values as secondary address commands.
TALK	Sends the expression value as a talk address command.
UNL	Sends the unlisten command.
UNT	Sends the untalk command.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SPOLL](#), [TRIGGER](#)

SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS

On a bit-mapped display, simulates 9836 style alpha/graphics hardware.

Syntax: SEPARATE ALPHA [FROM GRAPHICS]

Sample: IF Display=8 THEN SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS

Description:

This statement should only be used with the CRTB screen driver (see [PLOTTER IS](#)), since the CRTA driver uses separate alpha and graphics hardware. **SEPARATE ALPHA** is the opposite of [MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#). When separate, one or more bit plane is reserved for alpha text and the remaining planes are reserved for graphic output. The alpha and graphic planes can then be turned on or off or [DUMPed](#) independently. However, [ALPHA](#) text color and graphic pens are limited as shown in the table below. At the time of this manual printing, this statement was not supported by the Windows version of HTBasic.

Because this statement turns off [COLOR MAP](#) mode, it should be executed before any [PLOTTER IS CRT](#), "INTERNAL";[COLOR MAP](#) statement.

The following table shows the colors available when **SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS** is used, depending on the total number of colors available.

Total Colors	Graph Pens	Black Alpha	White Alpha	Brown Alpha	Cyan Alpha
16	0-7	0	8	-	-
32	0-15	0	16	-	-
64	0-15	0	16	32	48
128	0-31	0	32	64	96
256	0-63	0	64	128	192

Porting Issues

On a PC with an EGA or VGA screen adaptor, [PLOTTER IS](#) 6 and **SEPARATE ALPHA** are the best way to simulate a 9836C display for programs that use both alpha and graphic screens.

HP BASIC assigns green to the first pen; HTBasic assigns white. If you prefer green or some other color, you must explicitly set a range of pen values to the color desired. The range starts with the white alpha pen value from the table above and continues to one less than the value of the brown alpha pen value. For 16 and 32 color systems, the last value should be 15 and 31, respectively. For example, the following code changes the alpha pen from white to green on a 16 color display:

```
10 SEPARATE ALPHA FROM GRAPHICS
20 PLOTTER IS CRT, "INTERNAL";COLOR MAP
30 FOR I=8 TO 15
40     SET PEN I INTENSITY 0,1,0
50 NEXT I
60 END
```

See Also:

[MERGE ALPHA WITH GRAPHICS](#)

SET ALPHA MASK

Determines which plane(s) can be modified by ALPHA display operations.

Syntax: SET ALPHA MASK numeric-expression

Sample:

```
SET ALPHA MASK Frame
SET ALPHA MASK 2
SET ALPHA MASK IVAL("1010",2)
IF Frame=5 THEN SET ALPHA MASK 3
```

Description:

The numeric expression value specifies which display bit planes are modified by alpha display operations. This statement does not affect monochrome displays. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,18](#).

At the time of this manual printing, this statement was not supported by any versions of HTBasic. Try [MERGE ALPHA](#) or [SEPARATE ALPHA](#).

See Also:

[ALPHA HEIGHT](#), [ALPHA PEN](#), [CLEAR SCREEN](#), [MERGE ALPHA](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA](#), [SET DISPLAY MASK](#)

SET CHR

Defines the bit-patterns for one or more characters.

Syntax: SET CHR first-character, integer-array(*)

where: first-character = string-expression

Sample:

```
ALLOCATE INTEGER Onechar(1:CHRY,1:CHRX)
SET CHR 65,Onechar(*)
ALLOCATE INTEGER Several(1:5;1:CHRY,1,:CHRX)
SET CHR 66,Several(*)
```

Description:

This command can be used to redefine the appearance of one or more characters. The computer display must support redefinition of alpha characters or an error will be returned.

At the time of this manual printing, this statement was not supported by any versions of HTBasic.

See Also:

[CHRX](#), [CHRY](#), [SYMBOL](#)

SET DISPLAY MASK

Specifies which planes can be seen on the alpha display.

Syntax: SET DISPLAY MASK numeric-expression

Sample: SET DISPLAY MASK Visible
SET DISPLAY MASK IVAL("1010",2)

Description:

The numeric expression value specifies which display bit planes are displayed. This statement does not affect monochrome displays. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL CRT,20;m](#).

At the time of this manual printing, this statement was not supported by any versions of HTBasic. Try [MERGE ALPHA](#) or [SEPARATE ALPHA](#).

See Also:

[ALPHA HEIGHT](#), [ALPHA PEN](#), [CLEAR SCREEN](#), [MERGE ALPHA](#), [SEPARATE ALPHA](#), [SET ALPHA MASK](#)

SET ECHO

Sets the echo location on the **PLOTTER IS** device.

Syntax: SET ECHO x-coordinate,y-coordinate

Sample: SET ECHO Xx, Yy
SET ECHO 120, 240

Description:

The **SET ECHO** statement specifies a location for the [PLOTTER IS](#) echo indicator. If the [PLOTTER IS](#) device is a display, the echo is a cross-hair. If the [PLOTTER IS](#) device is a plotter, the echo is the pen or device pointer.

The cross-hair is displayed at the specified location if it is within the device limits. If the specified location is outside the device limits the cross-hair is not displayed. Thus, to turn off the cross-hair, specify a position off screen.

The plotter pen is moved (with the pen up) to the specified location if it is within the clip limits. If the specified location is outside the clip limits the pen is moved to and then along the clip limit.

The location returned by the [READ LOCATOR](#) statement can be used with the **SET ECHO** statement to cause the echo to track the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) location.

Use [SET LOCATOR](#) to specify a new [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) location.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [SET LOCATOR](#), [TRACK](#), [WHERE](#)

SET KEY

Defines one or more softkey macros.

Syntax: SET KEY key-number, {string-expression | string-array\$(*)}

Sample:
SET KEY 2,Keytwo\$
SET KEY First_key,Several_keys\$(*)

Description:

Softkey macros may be defined with the **SET KEY** statement. The key-number is a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and should be in the range zero through twenty-three. If a string expression is specified, then only one key is defined. If a string array is specified, then successive keys, starting with the key-number specified, are defined from the elements of the string array.

Once defined, the key definition is displayed in the softkey menu. Pressing the softkey (when no [ON KEY](#) is defined for that key) will type the characters specified in the definition, just as if they had been typed on the keyboard. The definition can include function keys, such as CLEAR SCR.

If the definition begins with a CLR LN key ([CHR\\$\(255\)](#) & "#"), only the characters after the CLR LN will be displayed. If the definition begins with a CONTINUE key, the two characters ([CHR\\$\(255\)](#) & "C") will be replaced with the string "CONTINUE". If the definition begins with a RUN key, the two characters ([CHR\\$\(255\)](#) & "R") will be replaced with the string "RUN".

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [SCRATCH KEY](#), [STORE KEY](#)

SET LOCATOR

Sets a new graphic locator position on the **GRAPHICS INPUT IS** device.

Syntax: SET LOCATOR x-position,y-position

Sample: SET LOCATOR 20,30
SET LOCATOR Xx,Yy

Description:

The **SET LOCATOR** statement specifies the current location for the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device. Subsequent movement of the [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device will be relative to the new location specified. **SET LOCATOR** only works with graphic input devices that use relative locators (i.e. mouse, arrow-keys) and not with those that use absolute locators (i.e. tablets).

Use [SET ECHO](#) to specify a new [PLOTTER IS](#) echo location.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [SET ECHO](#), [TRACK](#), [WHERE](#)

SET PEN

Defines part or all of the color map.

Syntax: SET PEN pen-number COLOR { h, s, l | numeric-array(*) }
SET PEN pen-number INTENSITY { r, g, b | numeric-array(*) }

where: h,s,l, r,g,b = numeric-expressions in the range zero to one.

Sample:
SET PEN Num COLOR H, S, L
SET PEN Crayons COLOR Hslarray(*)
SET PEN Name INTENSITY Red, Green, Blue
SET PEN 1 INTENSITY 3/15, 5/15, 9/15

Description:

The **SET PEN** statement changes the color map values used for each available pen number. This statement only works if the [COLOR MAP](#) mode is active. If it is not active, this statement is ignored and no error is returned.

A color may be specified in either RGB or HSL color space (see [COLOR](#) for an explanation about RGB and HSL color spaces). Redefine multiple pens using the array specifier or redefine individual pens by specifying one HSL or RGB color value. In either case, the pen-number specifies the first entry in the color map to be defined. The pen-number is a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and should be in the range 0 to n-1, where n is the number of colors.

The closest possible color will be used if the computer display cannot display the color you select. When drawing an area in a certain color, it may be possible to produce the color more accurately by specifying **SET PEN** followed by [AREA PEN](#), rather than specifying [AREA COLOR](#) or [AREA INTENSITY](#).

Any pixels already drawn with the specified pen are changed to the new color (unless the color map usage method is ReadOnly). All **SET PEN** statements take effect immediately upon execution. The effects of all **SET PEN** statements last until the next **SET PEN** statement of the same type, or until [GINIT](#) or [QUIT](#). In cases where dithering is used, changing the color map changes the colors available to the dithering process.

Array

If an array is used to set more than one pen, the array must be 2-dimensional and have 3 columns. The number of rows determines the number of pens set. For example,

```
1!RE-SAVE"WINCLR.BAS"
10 PLOTTER IS CRT,"INTERNAL";COLOR MAP
20 DATA .5,.5,.5 ! 8 = dark grey
30 DATA .75,.75,.75 ! 9 = light grey
40 DATA .5, 0, 0 ! 10 = dark red
50 DATA .5,.5, 0 ! 11 = dark yellow
60 DATA 0,.5, 0 ! 12 = dark green
70 DATA 0,.5,.5 ! 13 = dark cyan
80 DATA 0, 0,.5 ! 14 = dark blue
90 DATA .5, 0,.5 ! 15 = dark magenta
180 !
190 DIM Palette(8:15,1:3)
200 READ Palette(*)
210 SET PEN 8 INTENSITY Palette(*)
220 END
```

See Also:

[AREA PEN](#), [COLOR](#), [PEN](#), [PLOTTER IS](#)

SET TIME

Sets the time of day clock.

Syntax: SET TIME seconds

Sample: SET TIME 43200
SET TIME Hrs*3600+Min*60

Description:

This command sets the time, but not the date. The seconds value is a numeric expression which specifies the number of seconds past midnight. If it includes a fraction, the fraction is rounded to match the clock hardware of the system you are using.

DOS and Windows

Under DOS and Windows, the time can be specified to the nearest hundredth of a second, although the PC clock is only accurate to 1/18th of a second.

NT Usage Notes

To set the time, you must have the "Change the system time" user right or belong to a group that has this right. Usually the Administrators and Power Users groups have this right.

UNIX Usage Notes

To set the time, you must be the super-user. Note that HTBasic is different from HP BASIC/UX, which keeps its own time separate from the operating system. HTBasic time statements are integrated with UNIX and can be used in place of the UNIX date command for those who don't want to learn another syntax. HP BASIC/UX uses the **SET TIME** statement, specified without any value, to synchronize the BASIC time with the UNIX time. Under HTBasic, this particular syntax is accepted, but does nothing.

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

SET TIMEDATE

Sets the date and time of the computer's clock.

Syntax: SET TIMEDATE time-value

Sample:

```
SET TIMEDATE TIMEDATE+3600
SET TIMEDATE DATE("6 Nov 1959")
SET TIMEDATE DATE("17 Sep 1987")+TIME("10:00:00")
```

Description:

The time-value is a numeric expression and represents a time and date. Use the [DATE](#) and [TIME](#) functions to convert a time expressed in the familiar formats to the time-value required by this command. If the [DATE](#) function is used and the [TIME](#) function is not, the time is set to midnight of that date. The date must be within the legal range supported by your operating system. The time may include a fraction, in which case it is rounded to match the clock hardware of the system you are using.

DOS and Windows

Under DOS and Windows, the time can be specified to the nearest hundredth of a second, although the PC clock is only accurate to 1/18th of a second. The legal range of dates is 1 Jan 1980 to 31 Dec 2099.

NT Usage Notes

To set the time, you must have the "Change the system time" user right or belong to a group that has this right. Usually the Administrators and Power Users groups have this right.

UNIX Usage Notes

To set the time, you must be the super-user. Note that HTBasic is different from HP BASIC/UX, which keeps its own time separate from the operating system. HTBasic time statements are integrated with UNIX and can be used in place of the UNIX date command for those who don't want to learn another syntax. HP BASIC/UX uses the **SET TIMEDATE** statement, specified without any value, to synchronize the BASIC time with the UNIX time. Under HTBasic, this particular syntax is accepted, but does nothing. The legal range of dates is 1 Jan 1970 to 19 Jan 2048, Greenwich Mean Time.

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [SET TIME](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

SGN

Returns the arithmetic sign of an expression.

Syntax: SGN (numeric-expression)

Sample: Xsgn=SGN(X)
Discriminate=SGN(B*B-4*A*C)

Description:

SGN returns a value of 1 if the numeric expression is positive, a value of -1 if it is negative and 0 if it is zero.

See Also:

[ABS](#), [FRACT](#), [INT](#), [MAXREAL](#), [MINREAL](#), [MOD](#), [MODULO](#)

SHIFT

Shifts a 16 bit binary value.

Syntax: SHIFT(numeric-expression, distance)

where: distance = numeric-expression rounded to an integer.

Sample: Check=SHIFT(Word1, Place)
K=SHIFT(100, -6)

Description:

The numeric expression is rounded to an integer. The resulting integer, in binary form, is shifted the specified distance. The distance must be in the range ± 15 . If the distance is positive, bits are moved to the right. Any bits moved out of the right-most bit (the least significant bit) are discarded and zero bits are shifted into the left-most bit (the most significant bit). If the distance is negative, bits are moved to the left. Any bits moved out of the left-most bit are discarded and zero bits are shifted into the right-most bit.

For **SHIFT(100,5)** the number 100 is treated as a binary number and is shifted right five bits as follows:

100	=	0000000001100100
SHIFT(100,5)	=	0000000000000011

The result is returned as the decimal integer, 3.

See Also:

[BINAND](#), [BINCMP](#), [BINEOR](#), [BINEQV](#), [BINIMP](#), [BINIOR](#), [BIT](#), [ROTATE](#)

SHOW

Defines the **graphics unit-of-measure isotropically**.

Syntax: SHOW left,right,bottom,top

Sample: SHOW -10,20,0,75
SHOW Left,Right,Bottom,Top

Description:

SHOW, like [WINDOW](#), specifies the values to be displayed within the [VIEWPORT](#) or the hard-clip boundaries. They can be any units of measure you wish to work with (inches, miles, years, etc.).

The **SHOW** and [WINDOW](#) statements differ in how they map data onto the viewport. **SHOW** uses isotropic units (the X and Y units are of equal length); whereas [WINDOW](#) may use non-isotropic units (the X and Y units are of different lengths).

A **SHOW** image can be "mirrored" about the X or Y axes by reversing the order of the limits for each dimension by specifying the high value before the low value.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [VIEWPORT](#), [WINDOW](#)

SIGNAL

Initiates a software interrupt.

Syntax: SIGNAL signal-number

Sample: SIGNAL Post
SIGNAL 15

Description:

The signal number may be a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and should be in the range of zero through fifteen. If an [ON SIGNAL](#) statement has defined a branch for this signal number and the priority allows, the branch is executed.

See Also:

[DISABLE](#), [ENABLE](#), [OFF SIGNAL](#), [ON SIGNAL](#)

SIN

Returns the **sine of the argument**.

Syntax: SIN(numeric-expression)

Sample: A=SIN(B)
Sine=SIN(Angle)

Description:

The range of the sine function is -1 to 1 inclusive. The numeric expression is treated as an angle in the current trigonometric mode: [RAD](#)ians or [DEG](#)rees. The default trigonometric mode is radians.

COMPLEX Arguments

SIN accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **SIN(Z)** are calculated (using real arithmetic) as:

$$\text{REAL}(\text{SIN}(Z)) = \text{SIN}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{COSH}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

$$\text{IMAG}(\text{SIN}(Z)) = \text{COS}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{SINH}(\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [TAN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

SINH

Returns the hyperbolic sine of an expression.

Syntax: `SINH(numeric-expression)`

Sample: `I=SINH (Z)`
 `Hsine=SINH (Angle)`

Description:

SINH accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. The argument must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **SINH(Z)** are calculated (using real arithmetic) as:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{REAL}(\text{SINH}(Z)) &= \text{SINH}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{COS}(\text{IMAG}(Z)) \\ \text{IMAG}(\text{SINH}(Z)) &= \text{COSH}(\text{REAL}(Z)) * \text{SIN}(\text{IMAG}(Z))\end{aligned}$$

Notice that intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACSH](#), [ASNH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [TANH](#)

SIZE

Returns the number of elements of an array dimension.

Syntax: SIZE(array-name[\$],dimension)

where: dimension = integer between 1 and 6, \leq RANK of array

Sample: SIZE(A\$,X)
 Total=SIZE(S\$,1)
 Upper=BASE(Z,2)+SIZE(Z,2)-1

Description:

The **SIZE** is the difference between the upper and lower bounds plus one. The dimension argument may be a numeric expression which is rounded to an integer and should be in the range of one through six. If the array does not have as many dimensions as the dimension you specify, an error will be generated.

See Also:

[BASE](#), [DIM](#), [MAXLEN](#), [RANK](#)

SOUND

Produces tones on the computer speaker.

Syntax: SOUND numeric-array(*)
SOUND voice-number, frequency, volume, duration

where: voice-number, frequency, volume, duration = numeric-expressions

Sample: SOUND Voice, Freq, Vol, Dur
SOUND 2, 440, 10, 0.70
SOUND Maryhadalittle(*)

Description:

On computers which support sound generation, this command can be used to control the sound voices. Single or multiple tones can be specified. At the time of this manual printing, no versions of HTBasic supported this statement

See Also:

[BEEP](#)

SPOLL

Performs a serial poll of a IEEE-488 device.

Syntax: SPOLL({@io-path | device-selector})

Sample: Stat=SPOLL(712)
SPOLL(@Dev)

Description:

The **SPOLL** function returns the integer serial poll response of the specified IEEE-488 device. The computer must be the active controller and a primary device address must be specified. One secondary address may be specified.

The IEEE-488 bus action is: ATN, UNL, MLA, TAD, SPE not-ATN, Read data byte, ATN, SPD, UNT.

See Also:

[ABORT](#) , [CLEAR](#) , [LOCAL](#) , [PASS CONTROL](#) , [PPOLL](#) , [REMOTE](#) , [REQUEST](#) , [SEND](#) , [TRIGGER](#)

SQRT

Returns the square root of an expression.

Syntax: SQRT(numeric-expression)
 SQR(numeric-expression)

Sample: Root=SQRT(10*X)
 PRINT "Square Root of";Y;"=";SQR(Y)

Description:

The square root function may be entered as either **SQRT** or **SQR**.

COMPLEX Arguments

SQRT accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. **SQRT**(Z) returns the principal value, defined (in real arithmetic) as:

$$\text{REAL}(\text{SQRT}(Z)) = \text{SQRT}((\text{SQRT}(\text{REAL}(Z)^2 + \text{IMAG}(Z)^2) + \text{REAL}(Z))/2)$$

$$\text{IMAG}(\text{SQRT}(Z)) = \text{SGN}(\text{Y}) * \text{SQRT}((\text{SQRT}(\text{REAL}(Z)^2 + \text{IMAG}(Z)^2) - \text{REAL}(Z))/2)$$

which returns a real part = 0. The domain of **SQRT** includes all points in the complex plane. However, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can also cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[EXP](#), [LOG](#), [LGT](#)

STATUS

Returns control information from an interface or I/O path.

Syntax: STATUS source [,register] ;variable [,variable...]
STATUS(source, register)

where: source = @io-path | interface-select-code
register = numeric-expression rounded to an integer
variable = numeric-name [(*)]

Sample:

```
STATUS CRT;Col,Row
STATUS @Io,1;Type
IF STATUS(CRT,6) THEN ALPHA OFF
PRINT "Baud rate is ";STATUS(9,3)
STATUS 1801,19;Gains(*)
```

Description:

The I/O path or interface register contents are copied into the numeric variables, starting at the specified register number and continuing until the variable list is exhausted. The default register number is zero.

The range of legal registers and the meaning of values read from them differ for each interface. The *User's Guide* describes the [CONTROL](#) and **STATUS** registers for each interface and for I/O paths. Typically, registers return integer values and if you specify real values, they are rounded to integers. However, drivers can return real values or even arrays, so the documentation should be consulted.

The function form of **STATUS** complements the **STATUS** statement. It allows immediate access to a single register without need for a temporary variable or separate **STATUS** statement. However, the **STATUS** function can only return one value at a time, while the **STATUS** statement can return multiple registers in a single statement.

Porting to HP BASIC

STATUS @Iopath,2 always returns a 4. **STATUS @File,3** returns the current length, not the [CREATE](#) length. This is because files are extendible under DOS, Windows, NT and UNIX.

The **STATUS()** function is an addition to HTBasic. Any **STATUS** or [CONTROL](#) registers greater than 99 are also additions. As in HP BASIC, **STATUS** register 0 of interface cards contains the card ID. Interface cards that are available on a PC, but not on an HP BASIC Workstation are identified with ID numbers greater than or equal to 300. These new features should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[CONTROL](#), [READIO](#), [WRITEIO](#)

STOP

Terminates program execution.

Syntax: STOP

Sample: STOP
IF Finis THEN STOP

Description:

When **STOP** is encountered, the program quits execution, I/O paths not in [COM](#) are closed and all variables are discarded. [CONT](#) cannot be used after **STOP**. To restart the program you must use the [RUN](#) statement. Use [PAUSE](#) to temporarily halt program execution and [CONT](#) to resume program execution.

See Also:

[CONT](#), [PAUSE](#), [RUN](#)

STORE

Stores the **BASIC** program in a file.

Syntax: STORE file-specifier

Sample: STORE Vol\$&Name\$
STORE "Fullprg"

Description:

A new file of type PROG is created and the BASIC program currently in memory is written to the file in binary form. If the file already exists, an error is reported. Use [RE-STORE](#) to update an existing file. Use [LOAD](#) to re-enter the program into the computer.

Porting to HP BASIC

HP BASIC PROG files and HTBasic PROG files are not compatible. To move programs between the two environments, use ASCII program files.

See Also:

[GET](#), [LIST](#), [LOAD](#), [RE-SAVE](#), [RE-STORE](#), [SAVE](#), [STORE KEY](#)

STORE KEY

Stores the softkey definitions in a file.

Syntax: STORE KEY file-specifier

Sample: STORE KEY Path\$&"MACROS.HTB"
STORE KEY "/usr/htb/keys"

Description:

A new file of type **BDAT** is created with the name specified. If the file already exists, an error is reported. Use [RE-STORE](#) to update an existing file.

Using [FORMAT OFF](#), the definition for any defined softkey is written to the file by outputting two items. The first item is an integer, specifying the key number. The second item is a string, giving the key definition. Use [LOAD KEY](#) to re-enter the softkey macros into the computer.

[FORMAT MSB FIRST](#) is used to write the file. This makes key definitions compatible with HP Workstations and can easily be used with HP BASIC.

See Also:

[EDIT KEY](#), [LIST KEY](#), [LOAD KEY](#), [READ KEY](#), [RE-STORE KEY](#), [SCRATCH KEY](#), [SET KEY](#)

STORE SYSTEM

Stores BASIC and loaded BINs into a file.

Syntax: STORE SYSTEM file-specifier

Sample: STORE SYSTEM "Full"

Description:

In HP BASIC, this statement stores a copy of the operating system with all loaded BINs already linked in. Under HTBasic, this statement is not used. Use the HTBasic AUTOST file to load HTBasic device drivers.

SUB

Defines a subprogram and specifies formal parameters.

Syntax: SUB subprogram-name [(parameter-list)]
statements
[SUBEXIT]
statements
SUBEND

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements including additional SUBEXIT statements.
parameter-list = [param [,param...]] [,] [OPTIONAL param [,param...]]
[,] = the optional comma is only needed when items occur on both sides of it.
param = [REAL|INTEGER|COMPLEX] numeric-name [(*)[BUFFER]] | string-name\$ [(*) | BUFFER] | @io-path

Sample:

```
SUB Unit1
SUB Link(String$)
SUB Procm(INTEGER Array(*), OPTIONAL @Lpr, Name$)
SUB Plot(Buff$ BUFFER, Coord)
```

Description:

SUB subprograms must follow the MAIN program's [END](#) statement. The first line must be a **SUB** statement and the last line a **SUBEND** statement. The lines between **SUB** and **SUBEND** statements define a subprogram which can be called by other parts of the program with the [CALL](#) statement.

Unless the **OPTIONAL** keyword is specified, the number of [CALL](#) arguments must match the number of **SUB** parameters; each argument must be of the same type (numeric or string) as the corresponding parameter. Any parameters to the right of the **OPTIONAL** keyword are optional in the [CALL](#) statement. [NPAR](#) returns the number of arguments in the current [CALL](#) statement. All variables defined in a subprogram that are not [COM](#) variables are local to the subprogram. Upon each entry to the subprogram they are set to zero.

A [CALL](#) to a subprogram, transfers control to the first statement of that subprogram and starts executing from there. Execution proceeds normally until either a **SUBEND** or **SUBEXIT** statement is executed, at which point control returns to the statement after the [CALL](#). The **SUBEXIT** statement allows a return from the subprogram at points other than the **SUBEND**. Multiple **SUBEXIT**s are allowed in a subprogram. **SUBEXIT** may appear in an [IF](#) statement, **SUBEND** can not.

See Also:

[CALL](#), [DEF FN](#), [FN](#)

SUM

Returns the sum of all elements in a numeric array.

Syntax: SUM(numeric-array)

Sample: S1=SUM(A2)
PRINT SUM(Array)

Description:

If the array has type REAL, then **SUM** returns a REAL value. If the array has type INTEGER, then **SUM** returns an INTEGER value and the possibility of INTEGER overflow exists during the summing of the array.

See Also:

CSUM, RSUM

SUSPEND INTERACTIVE

Deactivates program control keys.

Syntax: SUSPEND INTERACTIVE [,RESET]

Sample: SUSPEND INTERACTIVE,RESET

Description:

The normal functions of the program control keys CLR I/O, ENTER, PAUSE, STEP and STOP, are disabled. The RESET key may also be disabled by specifying the optional **RESET** keyword. The keys are only disabled while the program is running.

[RESUME INTERACTIVE](#), [END](#), [GET](#), [LOAD](#), [RUN](#), [SCRATCH](#) or [STOP](#) will re-enable the program control keys as well as the RESET key.

See Also:

[RESUME INTERACTIVE](#)

SYMBOL

Allows the user to define label symbols.

Syntax: SYMBOL numeric-array(*) [,FILL] [,EDGE]

Sample: SYMBOL Code(*)
SYMBOL Hieroglyph(*) , FILL, EDGE

Description:

SYMBOL uses a two-dimensional two-column or three-column array to plot a User-defined symbol. They are created with moves and draws in the [LABEL](#) font coordinate system, an area nine units wide and fifteen units high. Unlike [LABEL](#), **SYMBOL** allows coordinates outside the character cell.

The symbol is drawn using the current pen control and line type and will be clipped at the clip boundary. A move is always done to the first point and the current pen position is left at the last X,Y position specified in the array and is not updated to the next character position. The [CSIZE](#), [LDIR](#) and [LORG](#) statements affect the **SYMBOL** statement.

See [PLOT](#) for an explanation of **FILL**, **EDGE**, and array operations supported by **SYMBOL**. See the *User's Guide* for more information about the **SYMBOL** coordinate system.

Porting to HP BASIC

[LORG](#) 5 moves the symbol origin from (0,0) to (5,8). In HP BASIC it moves the origin to (4.5,7.5).

See Also:

[CSIZE](#), [LABEL](#), [LDIR](#), [LORG](#), [PEN](#), [PLOT](#), [SET CHR](#)

SYSBOOT

Reboots the computer.

Syntax: SYSBOOT

Sample: SYSBOOT

Description:

HTBasic does not support **SYSBOOT**, which under HP BASIC reboots the computer. Since HTBasic runs as a guest of an operating system, it is considered inappropriate to reboot the computer. Under some operating systems, rebooting the computer inappropriately can cause loss of data. To terminate HTBasic, use the [QUIT](#) statement.

See Also:

[EXECUTE](#), [QUIT](#)

SYSTEM KEYS

Displays the System Softkeys Menu.

Syntax: SYSTEM KEYS

Sample: SYSTEM KEYS
IF Menu THEN SYSTEM KEYS

Description:

This statement has no effect if [KBD CMODE](#) is on. This statement is equivalent to [CONTROL KBD,2;0](#).

See Also:

[KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [USER KEYS](#)

SYSTEM PRIORITY

Sets the system priority to a specified level.

Syntax: SYSTEM PRIORITY priority

Sample: SYSTEM PRIORITY Degree
SYSTEM PRIORITY 2

Description:

The priority may be a numeric expression and is rounded to an integer in the range of zero (the lowest priority) through fifteen (the highest priority). The default priority is zero. [ON END](#), [ON ERROR](#), and [ON TIMEOUT](#) have higher priorities than the highest user **SYSTEM PRIORITY**.

Any events defined at an equal or lower priority will be logged and not executed until the system priority is lowered.

If the system priority is changed within a subprogram, it will be restored when the subprogram ends.

See Also:

[ON](#), [SYSTEM\\$\("SYSTEM PRIORITY"\)](#)

SYSTEM\$

Returns system status and configuration information.

Syntax: SYSTEM\$(information)

where: information = a string-expression containing one of the strings from the table below.

Sample:
M=VAL(SYSTEM\$("AVAILABLE MEMORY"))
PRINT "Version "&SYSTEM\$("VERSION:HTBasic")

Description:

SYSTEM\$ returns system information in a string. The information returned depends on which of the following strings is specified in the **SYSTEM\$** command.

Porting to HP BASIC. Minor differences in some **SYSTEM\$** responses exist where appropriate to reflect hardware or operating system differences.

AVAILABLE MEMORY

Returns the available memory in bytes. In most cases the [FRE](#) function is easier to use. The amount of available memory when HTBasic is started can be specified with a command line switch. See [FRE](#).

CRT ID

Returns a twelve character CRT identification string. A space in a position indicates that capability is not present.

Bytes	Meaning
1	always "6".
2	always ":".
3-5	CRT width, for example " 80".
6	"H" if at least one display enhancement is supported, i.e. inverse, blink, underline. Not all CRTs support all enhancements.
7	"C" if colors are available in at least one screen mode.
8	"G" if graphics are available.
9	"B" if the display is bit-mapped.
10-12	Maximum value for ALPHA PEN .

DISP LINE

The present content of the display line is returned. This allows you to write subroutines that temporarily save off the display line content, [DISP](#) something else and then restore the display line.

SYSTEM\$("DISP LINE") is a new HTBasic function that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

DUMP DEVICE IS

Returns a string specifying the current [DUMP DEVICE](#).

GRAPHICS INPUT IS

Returns a string specifying the current [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) device.

KBD LINE

Returns a string whose content is the same as the current keyboard input line.

KEYBOARD LANGUAGE

Returns a string identifying foreign language keyboards. On some computers, it is not possible for HTBasic to know the keyboard type. On these systems "ASCII" is returned regardless of the actual keyboard.

LEXICAL ORDER IS

Returns the current language set by the [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#) command. "ASCII" is the default.

MASS MEMORY

Returns a sixteen character string identifying types and numbers of mass storage devices attached. On some computers, this information is not available to HTBasic. On these systems, "0" is returned for each device type. If the number of devices of any type exceeds nine, "*" is returned in that byte position.

Bytes	Meaning
1	number of internal disk drives.
2-4	not assigned.
5	number of initialized EPROM cards (always 0).
6	number of bubble memory cards (always 0).
7-16	not assigned.

For the DOS version, the number of internal disk drives is taken from the "Equipment Determination" BIOS call. For Windows and UNIX, the value is always 0.

MASS STORAGE IS or MSI

Returns the current device and directory. **MSI** is an abbreviation for [MASS STORAGE IS](#) and returns the same information.

PLOTTER IS

Returns a string specifying the current [PLOTTER IS](#) device.

PRINTALL IS

Returns a string specifying the current [PRINTALL IS](#) device.

PRINTER IS

Returns a string specifying the current [PRINTER IS](#) device.

PROCESS ID

Under multitasking operating systems such as UNIX, this call returns the process ID of HTBasic. Under single-tasking operating systems such as DOS, this call always returns "0".

SERIAL NUMBER

Returns a string containing the serial number. The number is unique for that class of hardware. On a PC, the serial number is an eleven character string read from the ID Module connected to the parallel port. If the serial number can not be found, the string "11111111111" is returned.

SYSTEM ID

A string identifying the hardware system is returned. The DOS Version of HTBasic uses the IBM PC System ID byte located at F000:FFFE to determine what seven character string should be returned. The following table gives the responses generated:

ID Byte	Computer	SYSTEM\$("SYSTEM ID")
F8	PS/2 Model 80	"PS/2 80"
F9	PC Convertible	"PC Conv"
FA	PS/2 Model 30	"PS/2 30"
FB	PC/XT	"PC/XT "
FC	PC/AT, PS/2 Models 50/60	"PC/AT "
FD	PC Jr	"PCjr "
FE	PC/XT	"PC/XT "
FF	PC	"PC "
other	Unknown	"PC "

Under Windows and NT, three numbers are returned, separated by commas. The first number is the processor type, the second is the number of processors and the third is the machine OEM ID, if it has one.

Under UNIX, HTBasic uses the machine name returned by "uname -m", which may not be seven characters long.

SYSTEM PRIORITY

Returns a string containing the current system priority. Use VAL(SYSTEM\$("SYSTEM PRIORITY")) to retrieve the priority as a numeric value.

TIMEZONE IS

Under operating systems like DOS, which store the local time in the real time clock, this call always returns "0". Under operating systems like UNIX, which store Greenwich Mean Time in the real time clock, this call returns the number of seconds difference between your local time and GMT. Negative values represent timezones west of Greenwich.

TRIG MODE

Returns the current trigonometric mode, "DEG" for degrees and "RAD" for radians.

VERSION: BASIC

Returns a string containing the HP BASIC version number emulated, i.e., "5.1", "6.2", etc.

VERSION: HTB

Returns a string containing HTBasic version information. This is the same information printed on the first line of the CRT when HTBasic starts.

This function can be useful for programs that run on both HP BASIC and HTBasic systems, enabling them to determine which system they are currently running on. The following example sets a variable according to the system running the program:

```

10 SUB Which_system
20   COM /Which_system/Htbasic,Hpbasic
30   IF SYSTEM$("VERSION:HTB")="0" THEN
40     Hpbasic=1
50   ELSE
60     Htbasic=1
70   END IF
80 SUBEND

```

VERSION: OS

Returns a string containing operating system revision information. Under DOS, the string is of the form "x.yy DOS" where x is the major revision and yy is the minor revision.

Under Windows, the string is of the form "x.yy Windows/DOS" and under NT it is "x.yy Windows NT". X is the major revision and yy is the minor revision.

Under UNIX, the string is of the form "x y", where x is the revision number returned by "uname -r" (which may not begin with a numeric character) and y is the system name returned by "uname -s". For example, "4.1.1 SunOS". Use the UNIX command "man uname" for more information about uname.

VERSION:*bin-name*

Returns a string containing the version number of the binary named. Replace *bin-name* with the name of the binary of interest. [LIST BIN](#) can be used to see the version numbers for all loaded binaries.

WILDCARDS

Returns "OFF:" if wildcarding is turned off. Under UNIX if wildcarding is turned on, this function returns "UX:e", where "e" is the escape character. Under DOS, Windows and NT this function always returns "ON:". See [WILDCARDS](#).

WINDOW SYSTEM

Returns "Console" under most versions of HTBasic. Under some versions it returns the name of the current screen driver. See [PLOTTER IS](#) for an explanation of screen drivers.

See Also:

[DEG](#), [DUMP DEVICE IS](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [LEXICAL ORDER IS](#), [MSI](#), [PRINTALL IS](#), [PRINTER IS](#), [RAD](#), [SYSTEM PRIORITY](#)

TAN

Returns the tangent of an expression.

Syntax: TAN(numeric-expression)

Sample:
A=TAN (B)
Tangent=TAN (X)
PRINT "Tangent of";Angle;"=";TAN (Angle)

Description:

The tangent of an angle is the sine of the angle divided by the cosine of the angle. The numeric expression is treated as an angle in the current trigonometric mode: [RAD](#)ians or [DEG](#)rees. The default units are radians. **TAN** is defined for all real numbers except $\pm\pi/2$ (± 90 degrees) and other odd multiples of $\pi/2$ (90 degrees).

COMPLEX Arguments

TAN accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. For [COMPLEX](#) arguments the angle must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **TAN**(Z) are calculated (using real arithmetic) as:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{REAL}(\text{TAN}(Z)) &= \text{SIN}(2*\text{REAL}(Z))/D \\ \text{IMAG}(\text{TAN}(Z)) &= \text{SINH}(2*\text{IMAG}(Z))/D\end{aligned}$$

where:

$$D = \text{COS}(2*\text{REAL}(Z))+\text{COSH}(2*\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

The domain of [TANH](#) includes all points in the complex plane except [CMPLX](#)($\pi/2,0$) and other odd multiples of $\pi/2$. Also, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can also cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACS](#), [ASN](#), [ATN](#), [COS](#), [SIN](#), [ASNH](#), [ACSH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#), [TANH](#), [DEG](#), [PI](#), [RAD](#)

TANH

Returns the hyperbolic tangent of an expression.

Syntax: TANH(numeric-expression)

Sample:
A=TANH (B)
Htangent=TANH (X)
PRINT "Hyperbolic Tangent of";Angle;"=";TANH (Angle)

Description:

TANH accepts either a [COMPLEX](#) or [REAL](#) argument and returns a value of the same type. The argument must be specified in radians, regardless of the current trigonometric mode. The real and imaginary parts of **TANH**(Z) are calculated (using real arithmetic) as

$$\text{REAL}(\text{TANH}(Z)) = \text{SINH}(2*\text{REAL}(Z))/D$$

$$\text{IMAG}(\text{TANH}(Z)) = \text{SIN}(2*\text{IMAG}(Z))/D$$

where:

$$D = \text{COSH}(2*\text{REAL}(Z))+\text{COS}(2*\text{IMAG}(Z))$$

The domain of **TANH** includes all points except [CMPLX](#)(0,[PI](#)/2+[PI](#)*K), where K can be any integer. However, intermediate values generated during the calculation of the function can cause over or underflow errors for very large or small values of Z.

See Also:

[ACSH](#), [ASNH](#), [ATNH](#), [COSH](#), [SINH](#)

TIME

Converts a time-of-day string to seconds after midnight.

Syntax: TIME(string-expression)

Sample: Seconds=TIME(Clock\$)
SET TIME TIME("3:56:30")
ON TIME TIME("17:00") RECOVER Athome

Description:

A string expression in the form HH:MM[:SS] is converted into an equivalent number of seconds past midnight in the range 0 through 86,399. Leading blanks and non-numeric characters are ignored.

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME\\$](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

TIME\$

Returns a formatted time of day string.

Syntax: TIME\$(numeric-expression)

Sample: PRINT TIME\$(TIMEDATE)
Later\$=TIME\$(Sec+3600)

Description:

TIME\$ takes a numeric-expression representing seconds past midnight and forms a time of day string with the format HH:MM:SS. If [TIMEDATE](#) is used as the argument, then **TIME\$** returns the current time of day.

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

TIMEDATE

Returns the current time and date from the clock.

Syntax: TIMEDATE

Sample:

```
PRINT "The operation took ";TIMEDATE-Start;" seconds"
DISP TIME$(TIMEDATE),DATE$(TIMEDATE)
DISP "Seconds since midnight = ";TIMEDATE MOD 86400
```

Description:

A real number, representing the present time and date is returned. To convert the number to the familiar date and time formats, use [TIME\\$](#) and [DATE\\$](#). The value returned is loosely based on the Julian Period, which began in 4713 B.C. To return the current Julian Day, use the following function. Remember that the Julian Day changes at noon.

```
10 DEF FNJd_now
20   RETURN ((TIMEDATE-4300) DIV 86400)-1
30 FNEND
```

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#)

TIMEZONE IS

Corrects between GMT and local time for HP BASIC/WS.

Syntax: TIMEZONE IS seconds

where: seconds = numeric-expression

Sample: IF California THEN TIMEZONE IS -8*3600

Description:

HTBasic does not require this statement and will return an error if an attempt is made to execute it. The editor will allow it to be entered and the syntax checker will check it for correctness to allow you to develop programs and run them under HP BASIC. HP BASIC requires this statement for two reasons: 1) HP BASIC/UX keeps a time clock independent of the UNIX time and 2) it is possible to boot HP BASIC/WS on a computer whose real-time clock is set to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

On UNIX systems the system clock is set to GMT and some means is employed to tell the system the difference between GMT and local time. This is usually an environment variable, TZ or TZNAME. When your computer was first installed, your system administrator set the timezone. HTBasic automatically uses the timezone being used by UNIX.

[SYSTEM\\$](#)("TIMEZONE IS") returns the value currently in effect. The offset specifies the difference in seconds between GMT and local time. Negative values specify timezones west of GMT, positive values specify timezones east of GMT. The following table gives offsets in hours for standard time. Multiply the hours given by 3600 before comparing to values returned by [SYSTEM\\$](#)("TIMEZONE IS").

Timezone	Hours
Eastern European	2
Middle European	1
Western European	0
Atlantic	-4
Eastern	-5
Central	-6
Mountain	-7
Pacific	-8

See Also:

[DATE](#), [DATE\\$](#), [TIME](#), [TIME\\$](#), [SET TIME](#), [SET TIMEDATE](#), [TIMEDATE](#)

TRACE

Controls the display of information about a running program.

Syntax: TRACE ALL [start-line [,end-line]]
TRACE OFF
TRACE PAUSE [line]

where: line = line-number | line-label

Sample: TRACE ALL 1000,1200
TRACE OFF
TRACE PAUSE 250

Description:

TRACE ALL traces program flow and variable assignments. Either the entire program or just a range of program lines may be traced. The trace output is sent to the message line and displays the program line numbers and any modified simple numeric or string variable and its new value. If a full array is modified the entire array is not displayed. If print-all mode is on, then the trace output is also sent to the [PRINTALL IS](#) device.

TRACE OFF turns off all tracing functions.

TRACE PAUSE will [PAUSE](#) program execution before the specified line and will display the next program line to be executed. If no line is specified, the program pauses before the next line is executed and the current **TRACE PAUSE** line is deactivated. Tracing slows program execution.

See Also:

[CAUSE ERROR](#), [CLEAR ERROR](#), [PRINTALL IS](#), [XREF](#)

TRACK

Enables or disables tracking of the locator position on the display device.

Syntax: TRACK device-selector IS {ON | OFF}

Sample: TRACK Plot IS ON
TRACK 702 IS OFF

Description:

ON enables tracking of the current locator on the [PLOTTER IS](#) device during [DIGITIZE](#) statements. Tracking stops when a point is digitized and the echo is left at the location of the digitized point. When the display device is a plotter, the pen position tracks the locator. When the CRT is the display device, a crosshair tracks the locator. **OFF** disables tracking of the current locator. To turn off the crosshair, use [SET ECHO](#) with coordinates that are off screen

The current locator is defined by a [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#) statement and the current display device is defined by a [PLOTTER IS](#) statement. If the device-specifier is not the same as the current [PLOTTER IS](#) device, an error is generated.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [SET ECHO](#), [SET LOCATOR](#), [WHERE](#)

TRANSFER

Performs an unformatted I/O transfer.

Syntax: TRANSFER @source-io-path TO @dest-io-path [; parameters]

where: parameters = [eot-term-list] [,] [EOR(eor-term-list)] [,] [type]
[,] = the optional comma is only needed when items occur on both sides of it.
eot-term-list = eot-term [,eot-term...]
eot-term = COUNT bytes |
DELIM character |
END |
RECORDS number
eor-term-list = eor-term [,eor-term...]
eor-term = COUNT bytes | DELIM character | END
type = { CONT | WAIT } [, type]
bytes, number = numeric-expressions, rounded to integers
character = string-expression, zero or one character

Sample: TRANSFER @Device TO @Buffer
TRANSFER @Buff TO @Logger;CONT
TRANSFER @Rs232 TO @Buff;DELIM CHR\$(13)
TRANSFER @Path TO @Buff;RECORDS 16,EOR(END)

Description:

The **TRANSFER** statement sets up unformatted data transfers between memory and a device. The data transfer normally occurs in the "background." That is, the BASIC program continues to run in the "foreground" simultaneously with the background transfer. Optionally, the **TRANSFER** statement can wait until the transfer is complete before continuing.

TRANSFER is not supported on all interfaces or by all versions of HTBasic. The interface hardware must have the necessary circuitry and the device driver must have the proper software support.

Buffers

The transfer operation must be between a buffer and a device. A buffer must be declared as the source for an outbound transfer or as the destination of an inbound transfer. One buffer can simultaneously be used for an outbound transfer and an inbound transfer. A transfer directly between two devices is not supported.

Buffers may be unnamed or named. An unnamed buffer is created, assigned an I/O path and given its size by the [ASSIGN](#) statement. A named buffer is a previously declared [REAL](#), [INTEGER](#) or [COMPLEX](#) array or a string scalar (declared in a [COM](#), [DIM](#), [INTEGER](#), [REAL](#) or [COMPLEX](#) statement) which has been [ASSIGN](#)ed to an I/O path. Unnamed buffers are usually preferred because the size can be as large as available memory and no side-affects are possible by accessing the buffer through its variable name.

Buffers are circular; each buffer has a fill and empty pointer as well as a count. The fill pointer is used by an inbound transfer to identify the next location for data to be stored (inserted). The empty pointer is used by an outbound transfer and points to the next location for data to be output (removed). A value of one for either pointer means the first byte of the buffer. When the fill and empty pointers have the same value, the count can be examined to determine whether the buffer is empty or full.

The I/O path assigned to the buffer is called the buffer-I/O path. The I/O path assigned to the device is called the non-buffer-I/O path. The buffer should be accessed only with the buffer-I/O path. The count, fill and empty pointers can be examined using **STATUS** on the buffer-I/O path. **OUTPUT @buf** or an inbound transfer are used to place data into a buffer. **ENTER @buf** or an outbound transfer are used to read and remove data from a buffer. The variable name of a named buffer should generally not be used to access the data in the buffer since the data in the buffer is unformatted and may even have the wrong byte order.

Transfer Type

The type of the transfer can be specified as **CONT**, **WAIT**, or left unspecified.

If **WAIT** is specified, the transfer executes in foreground mode. Program execution does not proceed beyond the **TRANSFER** statement until the transfer terminates. If an error occurs, it is reported with the line number of the **TRANSFER** statement. If **WAIT** is not specified, execution continues past the **TRANSFER** statement and the transfer takes place in the background. Then if an error occurs, the error is not reported until the non-buffer-I/O path is referenced. The error line reported is not that of the **TRANSFER**, but of the statement where the non-buffer-I/O path was referenced.

If **CONT** is specified, **TRANSFER** executes continuously. For an inbound transfer, execution pauses when the buffer is full and continues when space is available in the buffer. For an outbound transfer, execution pauses when the buffer is empty and continues when the buffer has data available. If **CONT** is not specified, the end-of-transfer occurs when an outbound transfer empties the buffer or an in-bound transfer fills the buffer. Or if a termination method has been specified as explained below, the transfer terminates when the condition occurs.

Both **WAIT** and **CONT** can be specified together if a transfer is already active for the buffer in the opposite direction. The transfer will be continuous, but will run in the foreground.

If neither **WAIT** nor **CONT** is specified, the transfer occurs in the background. The end-of-transfer occurs when an outbound transfer empties the buffer or an in-bound transfer fills the buffer. Or if a termination method has been specified as explained below, the transfer terminates when the condition occurs.

Transfer Method

A couple of methods are available for accomplishing the transfer: DMA (direct memory access) and interrupts. DMA is the fastest method and will be used automatically, if possible. A DMA channel must be available, the interface must have the necessary hardware and **DELIM** can not have been specified. If DMA can't be used, interrupts are used.

Transfer Termination

An *eot-term-list* can be used to specify a list of conditions which cause the transfer to end. The following end-of-transfer termination conditions, *eot-term*, can be used:

If **COUNT** is specified, the transfer terminates after the specified number of bytes has been transferred.

If **DELIM** is specified for an inbound transfer, then the transfer is terminated after the specified character is detected. **DELIM** is not allowed with outbound transfers. If the delimiter string is zero length, delimiter checking is disabled. **DELIM** prevents DMA from being used; interrupts will be used instead.

If **END** is specified for an inbound transfer, the transfer terminates when the device

dependent signal is received. On the IEEE-488 interface, **END** is the EOI signal. When an inbound transfer is terminated in this way, bit 3 of register 10 is set. For an outbound transfer, **END** does not specify a termination condition, but rather specifies that the device dependent signal (EOI) is sent with the last byte sent.

If **RECORDS** is specified, the transfer terminates when the specified number of records has been transferred. An *eor-term-list* must be specified, defining what will be considered a record for the purpose of this particular transfer. For inbound transfers the legal end-of-record termination conditions, *eor-term*, are **COUNT**, **DELIM** and **END** or some combination of these three. For outbound transfers only **COUNT** can be used to define a record, although **END** can be used to specify that the device dependent signal (EOI) is sent with the last byte of each record.

The [ON EOR](#) and [ON EOT](#) statements can be used to generate an event when an end-of-record or end-of-transfer occurs. The [WAIT FOR EOR](#) and [WAIT FOR EOT](#) statements can be used to stop further statement execution until an end-of-record or end-of-transfer occurs.

To terminate a **CONT**, continuous mode, outbound transfer without leaving data in the buffer, use the following sequence of statements:

```
CONTROL @Buff,8;0  
WAIT FOR EOT @Non_buff
```

Hanging and Premature Termination

HTBasic will not enter a stopped state until all transfers are completed. Likewise, HTBasic will not exit a program context until transfers started in that context are finished. The following statements also cause the computer to "hang" until all transfers complete: [GET](#), [LOAD](#), [RETURN](#), [STOP](#), [SUBEND](#), [SUBEXIT](#) or modifying a program line.

The [ABORTIO](#) statement can be used to prematurely terminate a transfer and free the computer. The RESET key will also terminate any active transfers, but [ABORTIO](#) is preferred.

Outbound TRANSFER

An outbound transfer has the form:

```
TRANSFER @Buff TO @Non_buff
```

If another outbound **TRANSFER** statement is executed while an outbound **TRANSFER** is occurring, HTBasic waits for completion of the first before starting the second. Any EOT/EOR events caused by the first transfer will then be logged and may be serviced before the next program line.

Inbound TRANSFER

An inbound transfer has the form:

```
TRANSFER @Non_buff TO @Buff
```

If another inbound **TRANSFER** statement is executed while an inbound **TRANSFER** is occurring, HTBasic waits for completion of the first before starting the second. Any EOT/EOR events caused by the first transfer will then be logged and may be serviced before the next program line.

See Also:

[ABORTIO](#), [ASSIGN](#), [ENTER](#), [ON EOR](#), [ON EOT](#), [OUTPUT](#), [RESET](#), [STATUS](#), [WAIT](#)

TRIGGER

Sends a trigger message to all or selected devices on the IEEE-488.

Syntax: TRIGGER {@io-path | device-selector}

Sample:
TRIGGER @Gpib
TRIGGER 712
TRIGGER Dev

Description:

TRIGGER sends a trigger message to a specified device or to all LISTEN addressed devices on the IEEE-488 bus. The computer must be the active controller. If an I/O path is specified, it must be assigned to the IEEE-488 interface or to one or more IEEE-488 devices.

If primary device addresses are specified bus action is: ATN, UNL, LAG, GET. If only an interface select code is specified the bus action is: ATN, GET.

See Also:

[ABORT](#), [CLEAR](#), [INTR](#), [LOCAL](#), [PASS CONTROL](#), [PPOLL](#), [REMOTE](#), [REQUEST](#), [SEND](#), [SPOLL](#)

TRIM\$

Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string.

Syntax: TRIM\$(string-expression)

Sample: A\$=TRIM\$(B\$)
Heading\$=TRIM\$(" Title ")

Description:

The **TRIM\$** string function removes leading and trailing spaces from a string. The embedded spaces are not affected.

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [NUM](#), [REV\\$](#), [POS](#), [RPT\\$](#), [UPC\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

UNLOCK

Removes exclusive access protection from a LOCKed file.

Syntax: UNLOCK @io-path

where: io-path = name assigned to a file.

Sample:
UNLOCK @Proprietary
IF Unsecure THEN UNLOCK @File

Description:

File locking capabilities depend on the operating system HTBasic is running on. If the operating system does not support it, this command is ignored. An [ASSIGN @PathTO](#) * will **UNLOCK** and then close the file.

A file can have multiple locks on it. The file remains locked until a corresponding number of **UNLOCK** statements have been executed. [LOCK](#)ing a file should be a temporary action of short duration so that fair access to the file is provided to all users.

Under DOS or Windows, SHARE may need to be loaded in order to share, lock and unlock files. Consult the manufacturer's documentation for your system. If SHARE is necessary, but not currently installed, the [LOCK](#) will fail with an error number 1.

See Also:

[ASSIGN](#), [LOCK](#)

UPC\$

Converts characters in a string to uppercase characters.

Syntax: UPC\$(string-expression)

Sample: A\$=UPC\$(B\$)
Capital\$=UPC\$(Names\$)

Description:

[LEXICAL ORDER IS](#) determines the lowercase to uppercase correspondence. If the lexical order is a user-defined table and the optional upper and lowercase conversion rules were not specified, the upper to lowercase correspondence is determined by the standard lexical order

See Also:

[CHR\\$](#), [LWC\\$](#), [NUM](#), [POS](#), [REV\\$](#), [RPT\\$](#), [TRIM\\$](#), [VAL](#), [VAL\\$](#)

USER KEYS

Displays the specified User Softkey Menu.

Syntax: USER menu-number KEYS

Sample: USER Menu KEYS
IF Two THEN USER 2 KEYS

Description:

The menu number may be a numeric expression and is rounded to an integer. It should be in the range one to three.

See Also:

[KBD CMODE](#), [KEY LABELS](#), [KEY LABELS PEN](#), [SYSTEM KEYS](#)

VAL

Converts a string into a numeric value.

Syntax: VAL(string-expression)

Sample: I=VAL(Response\$)
IF VAL(SYSTEM\$("VERSION:OS"))<3 THEN CALL Alternate

Description:

There must be a digit, a plus or minus sign or a decimal point as the first non-blank character of the string. The remaining characters are scanned until a non-numeric character is seen. If an E is present the characters must form a valid number in scientific notation format. **VAL** is the opposite of the [VAL\\$](#) function.

See Also:

[DVAL](#), [DVAL\\$](#), [IVAL](#), [IVAL\\$](#), [NUM](#), [POS](#), [VAL\\$](#)

VAL\$

Converts a number into its string representation.

Syntax: VAL\$(numeric-expression)

Sample: A\$=VAL\$(12345)
CREATE "DATA."&VAL\$(Version)

Description:

The returned string is in default print format, except that no trailing blanks are attached to the string and no leading blank is attached to positive numbers. **VAL\$** is the opposite of the [VAL](#) function.

See Also:

[DVAL](#), [DVAL\\$](#), [IVAL](#), [IVAL\\$](#), [NUM](#), [POS](#), [VAL](#)

VIEWPORT

Defines the area of the graphic device used for output.

Syntax: VIEWPORT left,right,bottom,top

Sample: VIEWPORT Left,Right,Bottom,Top
VIEWPORT 0,75,10,30

Description:

VIEWPORT selects the area of the screen (or device) to be used for graphics output and sets the soft-clip boundary limits. The coordinate system defined by [WINDOW](#) or [SHOW](#) will be mapped into this area. The left limit must be less than the right limit and the bottom limit must be less than the top limit. The default viewport is the entire surface.

By changing the **VIEWPORT** parameters, you change the proportions, size and position of the drawing surface. Graphic output is automatically scaled to fit this drawing surface. Changing the viewport does not affect any currently displayed graphics, only graphics that you subsequently generate.

Graphic Display Unit Parameters

VIEWPORT soft-clip boundary parameters are defined in GDUs (Graphic Display Units). GDUs are units that describe the physical bounds of the display area on the graphic output device. By definition, Graphic Display Units are 1/100 of the Y axis of a plotting device. A unit in the X direction and the Y direction is of the same length. The [RATIO](#) function returns the X to Y hard-clip limits ratio and can be used to determine the **VIEWPORT** soft-clip limits.

The **VIEWPORT** soft-clip limits should not exceed the hard-clip limits. By default the left limit is zero, the right limit is the X axis hard-clip limit, the bottom limit is zero and the top limit is the Y axis hard-clip limit.

Porting Issues

In HTBasic, GDUs are always 100 in the Y direction. In HP BASIC, if the ratio is less than 1, the X axis is 100 GDUs and the Y axis is (100*[RATIO](#)) GDUs long; if the ratio is greater than 1, the Y axis is 100 GDUs and the X axis is (100*[RATIO](#)) GDUs long.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [RATIO](#), [SHOW](#), [WINDOW](#)

WAIT

Waits a specified time or for **TRANSFER** events.

Syntax: WAIT seconds
 WAIT FOR {EOR|EOT} @io-path

where: seconds = numeric expression

Sample: WAIT Sec/7
 WAIT FOR EOR @Device WAIT FOR EOT @Non-buffer

Description:

If seconds are specified, the computer pauses execution for the length of time specified. The seconds argument must be in the range 0 to 2,147,483.648 seconds. The number is rounded to the nearest millisecond, or to the resolution of the computer clock.

The **WAIT FOR EOR** statement waits until an end-of-record event occurs during a [TRANSFER](#). Similarly, the **WAIT FOR EOT** statement waits until any [TRANSFER](#) active on the I/O path is complete. The I/O path must be the I/O path used in the [TRANSFER](#) to specify the device. Using the I/O path assigned to the buffer will cause an error. If the I/O path is not involved in an active [TRANSFER](#), the statement has no effect.

See Also:

[ON DELAY](#), [PAUSE](#)

WHERE

Returns the logical pen position.

Syntax: WHERE x-variable, y-variable [,string-name\$]

Sample: WHERE X, Y
WHERE Time, Temp, Status\$

Description:

The **WHERE** statement returns the current logical pen position in the x and y numeric variables and pen status information in the optional string variable.

The optional string variable must be dimensioned to a length of at least three bytes. The three string characters are interpreted as follows:

Byte	Meaning
1	Pen Status - Up/Down status of the Pen. If the character is a "1" then pen is down; if it is a "0" then the pen is up.
2	Comma delimiter character.
3	Clip Indicator - If the character is a "0", then the point is outside the P1, P2 limits. If a "1", the point is inside the P1, P2 limits, but outside the viewport. If a "2" then it's inside the viewport.

See Also:

[DIGITIZE](#), [GRAPHICS INPUT IS](#), [PLOTTER IS](#), [READ LOCATOR](#), [SET ECHO](#), [SET LOCATOR](#), [TRACK](#)

WHILE

Repeats an action while a condition is true.

Syntax: WHILE numeric-expression
 statements
 END WHILE

where: statements = zero, one or more program statements

Sample: 100 WHILE X<1000
 . . .
 200 END WHILE

Description:

The **WHILE** expression is evaluated and if false (zero), execution continues with the statement following the **END WHILE**. If true (non-zero), then the statements in the **WHILE** loop are executed. When the **END WHILE** is reached, execution branches back to the **WHILE** statement where the expression is again evaluated.

See Also:

[FOR](#), [LOOP](#), [REPEAT](#)

WILDCARDS

Enables or disables wildcard support.

Syntax: WILDCARDS [OFF | DOS | UX; ESCAPE char]

where: char = string expression evaluating to "\", "" or ""

Sample:
WILDCARDS OFF
WILDCARDS DOS
WILDCARDS UX;ESCAPE "\"

Description:

Wildcards are characters which can be used in a filename as a template to select a group of files to be operated upon. A filename with wildcard characters in it will be compared with existing filenames using special rules and all filenames that "match" are acted upon. It is necessary in HP BASIC/WS to support wildcards in many commands since no operating system is available. Under HTBasic, wildcards can be used directly in operating system commands using the [EXECUTE](#) statement. However for convenience, wildcards are supported in the [CAT](#) statement.

DOS, Windows and NT

Under DOS and Windows NT, the question mark "?" and the asterisk "*" are the wildcard characters. If the **WILDCARDS** statement is executed it will return an error because wildcarding is always on. [SYSTEM\\$\("WILDCARDS" \)](#) always returns "ON:". Wildcarding never needs to be turned off because the wildcard characters are not legal filename characters.

These are the rules used to match an actual filename with wildcards:

1. The "?" character will match any one character in the same position of an actual filename. For example, the string "?AT" will match the strings "CAT", "BAT", "MAT" or any other string three letters long which has an "A" as the second letter and "T" as the third letter.
2. The "*" character will match zero or more characters. For example, "*" will match all filenames. "F*" will match all filenames starting with the letter "F". "*.BAS" will match all filenames which have the ".BAS" extension.

Under DOS and Windows 3.1, no character can follow "*" except ".". For example, "*ROB" matches all filenames under DOS and Windows 3.1, but only filenames ending with "ROB" under Windows 96 and Windows NT.

FAT file systems with long file names exhibit an unexpected behavior. If the wildcards match either the 8.3 name or the long name, the file is considered to match. The state of [CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES](#) has no effect.

UNIX Usage Notes

By default, wildcarding is ON in HTBasic and the **ESCAPE** character is the backslash, "\". The **ESCAPE** character can be set to a backslash or a forward apostrophe, "'". If an empty string is specified, then there will be no **ESCAPE** character.

The wildcard rules for HTBasic are similar, but slightly different from the rules used by the UNIX shells (i.e. sh, csh, etc.). For shell rules, see the proper UNIX manuals. The following rules apply to HTBasic:

1. The "?" character will match any one character in the same position of an actual filename. For example, the string "?AT" will match the strings "CAT", "BAT", "MAT" or any

other string three letters long which has an "A" as the second letter and "T" as the third letter.

2. The "*" character will match zero or more characters starting at that position. For example, "*" will match all filenames. "F*" will match all filenames starting with the letter "F". "*.BAS" will match all filenames which end with ".BAS". And "*ROB" will match all files ending with "ROB". Users familiar with DOS will note that "*ROB" is legal under UNIX, but not under DOS.

3. A set of characters can be specified to match at a particular character position. The set is specified in square brackets. Characters can be specified in the set by enumeration or by range. A range of characters is specified by giving the first and last characters in the range, separated by a minus sign, "-". An example set is "[CAE-G]", which specifies the set of five characters: A, C, E, F, G. When a range is specified, the NUM of the first character should be less than the NUM of the second. Any character whose NUM lies between these two characters is also included in the set. As an example of set usage, "[A-Z]*" matches all filenames which begin with an uppercase character. "[cbm]at" will only match the strings "cat", "bat", "mat".

4. A set of characters can be specified to **NOT** match at a particular position. If the first character in a set, as explained above, is an exclamation point, "!", then the character will match only if it is not one of the characters in the set. For example, "[!AEIOUaeiou]*" will match all filenames that don't begin with a vowel. "[!a-z]" will match all filenames that don't end with a lowercase letter.

5. Preceding any character with the **ESCAPE** character causes that character to be treated as a normal character even if it is a wildcard character. For example, suppose the **ESCAPE** character is the default "\" and suppose you wish to catalog all files starting with the "?" character. Specifying "?*" will not work; it will match every file. You must specify "\?*". The "?", "*", "[", and the **ESCAPE** character must be preceded by the **ESCAPE** character when used as a normal character. For example (assuming "\" is the current **ESCAPE** character), "\\?*\[A\B" will match one file named "\?*[AB".

6. By UNIX convention, files starting with a "." are hidden from normal catalogs. To see them, the "." must be specified explicitly. ".*" will match all files normally hidden.

Several warnings are in order for users moving from DOS to UNIX. DOS treats the period, "." as a special character, while UNIX does not. The directory separator character is "\" under DOS, but "/" under UNIX. The DOS "*" wildcard cannot be followed by any character besides ".". UNIX has no such restriction.

See Also:

[CAT](#), [SYSTEM\\$](#)

WINDOW

Sets the bounds for displayable graphics data in user defined units.

Syntax: WINDOW left,right,bottom,top

Sample:
WINDOW 0,X,-100,100*X*RATIO
WINDOW -10,10,0,50
WINDOW 10,-10,50,0

Description:

WINDOW defines the units to be displayed within the [VIEWPORT](#) or the hard-clip boundaries. They can be any units of measure you wish to work with (inches, miles, years, etc.). The default **WINDOW** setting is equal to the default [VIEWPORT](#) setting.

The **WINDOW** and [SHOW](#) statements differ in how they map data onto the viewport. **WINDOW** may use non-isotropic units (the X and Y units are of different lengths); whereas [SHOW](#) uses isotropic units (the X and Y units are of equal length).

An image can be "mirrored" about the X or Y axes by reversing the order of the limits for each dimension by specifying the high value before the low value.

See Also:

[CLIP](#), [SHOW](#), [VIEWPORT](#)

WRITEIO

Writes to a hardware register or a memory byte/word.

Syntax: WRITEIO interface-select-code, hardware-register; data
WRITEIO special-interface, address; data

where: hardware-register, data = numeric-expressions rounded to integers
special-interface = numeric-expression rounded to integer, legal values are explained in the description
address = numeric-expression rounded to a linear address

Sample:
WRITEIO Centronix,0;&HAA
WRITEIO -9826,Address;New_value
WRITEIO 8080,Ioadd;BINIOR(Oldata,&H80)

Description:

Hardware Registers

The specified data value is written to a hardware interface register. [READIO/WRITEIO](#) operations should not be mixed with [STATUS/CONTROL](#) operations. Do not attempt to use [READIO/WRITEIO](#) registers unless you are very familiar with the hardware. Use the [STATUS/CONTROL](#) registers instead. The hardware manuals for your computer should be consulted for complete documentation on the interface hardware. The *User's Guide* lists [READIO/WRITEIO](#) registers for the interface device drivers included with HTBasic. Optional interface device drivers include documentation for the registers.

[READIO/WRITEIO](#) registers in HTBasic are not compatible with HP BASIC [READIO/WRITEIO](#) registers when the interface hardware is not the same. TransEra's IEEE-488 card uses the same IEEE-488 chip as HP's HP-IB, therefore the [READIO/WRITEIO](#) registers are identical. The serial interface hardware registers differ not only if the UART chip is different, but also if the circuitry surrounding the chip is different. The TransEra GPIO interface is [READIO/WRITEIO](#) compatible with HP's GPIO.

Special Interface Select Codes

There are a number of special interface select codes which can be used with the **WRITEIO** statement. The legal values for special-interface are given in the following paragraphs. For compatibility with earlier releases of HTBasic, **WRITEIO** 8080,L and **WRITEIO** -8080,L are still supported but should be replaced with [OUT](#) and [OUTW](#), respectively.

POKE Memory

WRITEIO 9826,L;V and **WRITEIO** -9826,L;V are used to "poke" the value V into a byte or word of memory, respectively. L specifies the address of the byte/word to poke. If L is odd when doing a word operation, the even address L-1 is used.

Under the DOS Version, L specifies a linear process address, not a physical address. To poke into the first megabyte of physical memory, use 8452 instead of 9826.

Under Windows and NT, L specifies an address within the HTBasic process.

Under UNIX, L specifies an address within the HTBasic process. The special interface select code 8452 should be used instead of 9826 to poke physical addresses rather than process addresses. Poking physical memory is only possible if the /dev/mem device is writeable by the HTBasic process. Note the following warning.

Warning: Poke should only be done on addresses returned by [READIO](#)(9827,I)! Poking any other location can cause your system to crash, data to be lost and damage to your

computer hardware. Use of this function for any other address is unsupported, and TransEra cannot be held responsible for any consequences.

Calling Assembly Language Subroutines

WRITEIO *processor,L;V* can be used to call small assembly language subroutines which have been previously stored in an array. "processor" is an integer specifying the type of code stored in the array. On 68000 class computers, "processor" should be 9827. On 386/486 class computers running in protected mode (the DOS and Windows versions), "processor" should be 8386. V specifies a value to be placed in the main data register (i.e., d0, AX or EAX) before the subroutine is called. The assembly language routine should be terminated with an 'rts' statement on 68000 computers, and a 'retn' with the DOS Version.

Assembly language programming requires extensive knowledge and is not provided for the casual programmer. If you wish to program in assembly, be prepared to invest a large amount of time. Technical assistance will be provided at the regular consulting rates.

See Also:

[CONTROL](#), [INP](#), [OUT](#), [READIO](#), [STATUS](#)

XREF

Generates a cross reference of a program.

Syntax: XREF [[SUB] sub-name] [: option]
XREF [#device-selector [; [SUB] sub-name]] [: option]

where: sub-name = subprogram-name | FN function-name[\$] |
string-expression
option = CM | IO | LL | LN | NF | NV | SB | SF | SV | UN

Sample:
XREF
XREF Trigger:NV
XREF #701;Launch

Description:

XREF generates a cross reference list of line labels and numbers, io-path names, numeric and string variables, subprograms, functions and [COM](#) block names. It also lists the number of unused symbol table entries. The listing is sent to the [PRINTER IS](#) device unless a device selector is specified.

Optional parameters include:

Option	Meaning
CM	Common Block Names
IO	I/O Path Names
LL	Line Labels
LN	Line Numbers
NF	Numeric Functions
NV	Numeric Variables
SB	SUB Subprograms
SF	String Functions
SV	String Variables
UN	Unused Entries

If a reference is a [SUB](#) parameter, declared in a [COM](#), [COMPLEX](#), [DIM](#), [REAL](#) or [INTEGER](#) statement or a line label, it is marked by the "<-DEF" marker. After each program context, the number of unused symbol table entries is displayed. If the subprogram name is specified as MAIN, the MAIN context is cross-referenced.

Subprogram Pointer

If a string expression specify the subprogram name in the **XREF** statement, the string expression is called a subprogram pointer because it "points" to the subprogram rather than explicitly naming it. As the expression changes, the pointer points to different subprograms. The subprogram must be specified with the initial character in uppercase, and subsequent characters in lowercase. Subprogram pointers can also be used in [CALL](#), [DELSUB](#), [INMEM](#), and [LOADSUB](#) statements.

Porting to HP BASIC

The use of subprogram pointers in **XREF** is a new HTBasic feature that is not available in HP BASIC. It should not be used in programs that must be ported back to HP BASIC.

See Also:

[PRINTALL IS](#), [TRACE](#)

Error Codes

1 to 25

<u>Error 1</u>	Missing Option or Configuration Error.
<u>Error 2</u>	Memory Overflow.
<u>Error 3</u>	Line not Found in Current Context.
<u>Error 4</u>	Improper RETURN.
<u>Error 5</u>	Improper Context Terminator.
<u>Error 6</u>	Improper FOR/NEXT Matching.
<u>Error 7</u>	Undefined Function or Subprogram.
<u>Error 8</u>	Improper Parameter Matching.
<u>Error 9</u>	Improper Number of Parameters.
<u>Error 10</u>	String Type Required.
<u>Error 11</u>	Numeric Type Required.
<u>Error 12</u>	Attempt to Redeclare Variable.
<u>Error 13</u>	Array Dimensions not Specified.
<u>Error 14</u>	OPTION BASE not allowed here.
<u>Error 15</u>	Invalid bounds.
<u>Error 16</u>	Improper or Inconsistent Dimensions.
<u>Error 17</u>	Subscript out of Range.
<u>Error 18</u>	String Overflow or Sub-string Error.
<u>Error 19</u>	Improper Value or out of Range.
<u>Error 20</u>	INTEGER overflow.
<u>Error 22</u>	REAL overflow.
<u>Error 24</u>	Trig argument too large.
<u>Error 25</u>	Magnitude of ASN or ACS >> 1.0

Error Codes

26 to 49

<u>Error 26</u>	Zero to negative power.
<u>Error 27</u>	Negative base to non-integer power.
<u>Error 28</u>	LOG or LGT of a non-positive number.
<u>Error 29</u>	Illegal floating point number.
<u>Error 30</u>	SQR/SQRT of a negative number.
<u>Error 31</u>	Division (or MOD) by zero.
<u>Error 32</u>	String is not a valid number.
<u>Error 33</u>	Improper arg for NUM or RPT\$.
<u>Error 34</u>	Line not an IMAGE Statement.
<u>Error 35</u>	Improper IMAGE Statement.
<u>Error 36</u>	Out of data in READ.
<u>Error 38</u>	TAB or TABXY not allowed here.
<u>Error 40</u>	Improper COPYLINES, MOVELINES or renumber.
<u>Error 41</u>	First line number greater than second.
<u>Error 43</u>	Non-square Matrix.
<u>Error 44</u>	Result cannot be an operand.
<u>Error 46</u>	No program in memory.
<u>Error 47</u>	Incorrect or inconsistent COM declarations.
<u>Error 49</u>	Branch destination not Found.

Error Codes

50 to 99

<u>Error 51</u>	File not currently Assigned.
<u>Error 52</u>	Improper MSUS.
<u>Error 53</u>	Improper File Name.
<u>Error 54</u>	Duplicate File Name.
<u>Error 55</u>	Directory Overflow.
<u>Error 56</u>	File or Path not found.
<u>Error 58</u>	Improper File Type.
<u>Error 59</u>	End of File or Buffer.
<u>Error 60</u>	End of Record.
<u>Error 64</u>	Mass Storage Media Overflow.
<u>Error 65</u>	Incorrect Data Type.
<u>Error 67</u>	Illegal Mass Storage Parameter.
<u>Error 68</u>	Syntax Error during GET.
<u>Error 72</u>	Drive Not Found.
<u>Error 80</u>	Disk changed or not in Drive.
<u>Error 82</u>	Mass Storage unit not present.
<u>Error 83</u>	Write Protected.
<u>Error 84</u>	Sector not Found.
<u>Error 85</u>	Media not Initialized.
<u>Error 88</u>	READ Data Error.
<u>Error 89</u>	Checkread error.
<u>Error 90</u>	Mass storage system error.

Error Codes

100 to 149

<u>Error 100</u>	Numeric IMAGE field for String Item.
<u>Error 101</u>	String IMAGE field for Numeric Item.
<u>Error 102</u>	Numeric Field specifier is too Large.
<u>Error 103</u>	Data item has no corresponding IMAGE specifier.
<u>Error 105</u>	Numeric Field specifier is too Small.
<u>Error 106</u>	IMAGE exponent field too Small.
<u>Error 107</u>	IMAGE sign specifier missing.
<u>Error 117</u>	Too many nested structures.
<u>Error 118</u>	Too many structures in context.
<u>Error 120</u>	Not allowed while program running.
<u>Error 122</u>	Program is not Continuable.
<u>Error 128</u>	Line too long during GET or a CHANGE.
<u>Error 131</u>	Unrecognized Keycode.
<u>Error 133</u>	DELSUB of non-existent or busy subprogram.
<u>Error 134</u>	Improper Scratch Statement
<u>Error 136</u>	REAL underflow.
<u>Error 141</u>	Variable already allocated.
<u>Error 142</u>	Variable not Allocated.
<u>Error 143</u>	Reference to missing OPTIONAL Parameter.
<u>Error 145</u>	May not build COM at this time.
<u>Error 146</u>	Duplicate Line label in this Context.

Error Codes

150 to 299

<u>Error 150</u>	Bad select code or device specifier.
<u>Error 153</u>	Insufficient data for ENTER.
<u>Error 155</u>	Improper Interface Register number.
<u>Error 157</u>	No ENTER terminator found.
<u>Error 158</u>	Improper IMAGE specifier or nesting.
<u>Error 159</u>	Numeric data not received.
<u>Error 163</u>	Interface not present.
<u>Error 164</u>	Illegal BYTE/WORD operation.
<u>Error 167</u>	Interface Status Error.
<u>Error 168</u>	Device Timeout.
<u>Error 170</u>	I/O operation not allowed.
<u>Error 171</u>	Illegal I/O addressing sequence.
<u>Error 172</u>	Peripheral Error.
<u>Error 173</u>	Active or System Controller Required.
<u>Error 177</u>	Undefined I/O Path Name.
<u>Error 183</u>	Permission denied.
<u>Error 186</u>	Cannot open the specified directory.
<u>Error 187</u>	Cannot link across devices.
<u>Error 188</u>	Cannot rename with "." or "..".
<u>Error 189</u>	Too many open files.
<u>Error 190</u>	File size too big.
<u>Error 191</u>	Too many links to a file.
<u>Error 193</u>	Resource deadlock would occur.
<u>Error 194</u>	Operation would block.
<u>Error 195</u>	Too many levels of symbolic link.
<u>Error 196</u>	Target device busy.
<u>Error 290</u>	Invalid ESCAPE character

Error Codes

300 to 459

<u>Error 330</u>	LEXICAL ORDER IS array too small.
<u>Error 331</u>	Repeated subscript in REORDER vector.
<u>Error 332</u>	Non-existent dimension given.
<u>Error 333</u>	Improper subscript in REORDER vector.
<u>Error 334</u>	REORDER vector has wrong size.
<u>Error 335</u>	Indirection array is not a Vector.
<u>Error 338</u>	Key subscript out-of-range.
<u>Error 340</u>	Table Length Error.
<u>Error 341</u>	Order Table Lower Byte Error.
<u>Error 342</u>	Not a One-dimensional INTEGER Array.
<u>Error 343</u>	Special Case Index is Too Big.
<u>Error 344</u>	2-to-1 List Length Error.
<u>Error 346</u>	INDENT parameter out of range.
<u>Error 347</u>	Structures improperly matched.
<u>Error 401</u>	Bad system function argument.
<u>Error 427</u>	Priority may not be lowered.
<u>Error 435</u>	EXEC not allowed on this Binary.
<u>Error 453</u>	File in Use.
<u>Error 455</u>	Possibly corrupt file.
<u>Error 456</u>	Unsupported directory operation.
<u>Error 459</u>	Specified file is not a directory.

Error Codes

460 to 699

<u>Error 460</u>	Directory not empty.
<u>Error 462</u>	Invalid Password.
<u>Error 465</u>	Invalid rename across volumes.
<u>Error 471</u>	TRANSFER not supported by Interface.
<u>Error 481</u>	File locked or open Exclusively.
<u>Error 482</u>	Not allowed with a directory.
<u>Error 485</u>	Invalid Volume Copy.
<u>Error 511</u>	MAT INV result array must be REAL.
<u>Error 543</u>	Improper Dimensions for REDIM.
<u>Error 602</u>	Improper BUFFER Lifetime.
<u>Error 603</u>	Variable not declared BUFFER.
<u>Error 604</u>	Bad TRANSFER source or destination.
<u>Error 606</u>	Improper TRANSFER parameters.
<u>Error 609</u>	IVAL/DVAL result too large.
<u>Error 611</u>	Premature TRANSFER termination.
<u>Error 612</u>	BUFFER pointers in use.
<u>Error 620</u>	Complex value not allowed here.
<u>Error 623</u>	ATN is undefined at +/- i.
<u>Error 624</u>	ACSH/ATNH argument out of range.
<u>Error 625</u>	Bad SEARCH condition on Complex.

Error Codes

700 to 899

<u>Error 700</u>	Improper Plotter specifier.
<u>Error 704</u>	Upper bound not greater than lower bound.
<u>Error 705</u>	VIEWPORT/CLIP Beyond Hard Clip Limits.
<u>Error 708</u>	Device not initialized.
<u>Error 713</u>	Request not supported by device.
<u>Error 730</u>	Internal error occurred in library call.
<u>Error 733</u>	GESCAPE opcode not recognized.
<u>Error 810</u>	Feature not supported on this system.
<u>Error 815</u>	Cannot access system time.
<u>Error 826</u>	EXECUTE process status failure.
<u>Error 827</u>	String too long for EXECUTE.
<u>Error 831</u>	Write to a broken pipe.
<u>Error 832</u>	Cannot seek on a pipe.
<u>Error 833</u>	Wrong direction data transfer in pipe.
<u>Error 841</u>	CSUB run-time error.
<u>Error 863</u>	Not in a window system.
<u>Error 898</u>	Softkey Macro is too long.
<u>Error 899</u>	Key number out of range.

Error Codes

900 to 999

<u>Error 900</u>	Undefined softkey macro.
<u>Error 901</u>	Softkey Macro memory overflow.
<u>Error 902</u>	Must delete entire context.
<u>Error 903</u>	No line number room to renumber.
<u>Error 905</u>	CHANGED line too long.
<u>Error 906</u>	SUB or DEF FN not allowed here.
<u>Error 909</u>	May not replace SUB or DEF FN.
<u>Error 910</u>	Identifier not found in context.
<u>Error 935</u>	Identifier too long.
<u>Error 936</u>	Unrecognized Character.
<u>Error 937</u>	Invalid OPTION BASE.
<u>Error 940</u>	Duplicate formal parameter name.
<u>Error 949</u>	Syntax error at cursor.
<u>Error 951</u>	Incomplete Statement or Command.
<u>Error 956</u>	Source/destination mismatch.
<u>Error 962</u>	Programmable only.
<u>Error 963</u>	Command only.
<u>Error 977</u>	Statement or Command too complex.
<u>Error 980</u>	Too many symbols in context.
<u>Error 985</u>	Invalid Quoted String.
<u>Error 987</u>	Invalid Line Number.

Error Codes

2000 to 2099

- [Error 2000](#) Stack Overflow.
- [Error 2001](#) Too many Open Files.
- [Error 2002](#) HELP file not found.
- [Error 2003](#) Bad Device Driver number.
- [Error 2004](#) Bad Key Function number.
- [Error 2005](#) Illegal in Run-only Version.
- [Error 2006](#) Illegal DUMP device.
- [Error 2007](#) Wrong Object Type.
- [Error 2008](#) May not modify CSUB.
- [Error 2009](#) Wrong Revision.
- [Error 2010](#) May Not load driver Here.
- [Error 2011](#) Exceeded Graphics Driver Limit.
- [Error 2012](#) Illegal CALL in CSUB.

Error 1

Missing Option or Configuration Error

The operation you were attempting is not available in this version. Because of the limitations of some computer systems, not all statements and functions are available in every version of HTBasic. Under DOS, this error can also be caused if a file LOCK is attempted without first installing the DOS SHARE extensions.

When porting HP BASIC programs to HTBasic, if this error occurs, check the *Reference Manual* entry for more information.

Error 2

Memory Overflow

There is not enough free memory for the requested operation. The -w switch, explained in the *Installing and Using...* manual, may solve the problem.

Error 3

Line not Found in Current Context

The specified program line could not be found in this context.

Error 4

Improper RETURN

A RETURN or ERROR RETURN was executed while not inside a subroutine or a user defined function.

Error 5

Improper Context Terminator

No END statement was found for the MAIN context, SUBEND statement for a subprogram or RETURN and FNEND statements for a user defined function.

Error 6

Improper FOR/NEXT Matching

Either FOR...NEXT loops overlap or a FOR or NEXT statement is missing.

Error 7

Undefined Function or Subprogram

The specified user defined function or subprogram is not currently in memory or could not be found in the file.

Error 8

Improper Parameter Matching

The data type of an argument in a CALL/FN did not match the data type of the associated parameter in the SUB/DEF FN statement.

Error 9

Improper Number of Parameters

There are either too many or too few parameters in the CALL or FNxxx statement.

Error 10

String Type Required

A numeric value was specified in a place where a string value is required.

Error 11

Numeric Type Required

A string value was specified in a place where a numeric value is required.

Error 12

Attempt to Redeclare Variable

The variable has already appeared in an ALLOCATE, DIM, REAL, INTEGER, COM, SUB or DEF FN statement and cannot be redeclared.

Error 13

Array Dimensions not Specified

An attempt was made to use an array which is not dimensioned. Press the PRT ALL key and try the operation again to see the names of all arrays in the program which are not dimensioned.

Error 14

OPTION BASE not allowed here

A DIM, REAL, INTEGER, COM or OPTION BASE statement has already been processed. The OPTION BASE statement must appear before any of these statements. Only one OPTION BASE is allowed per context.

Error 15

Invalid bounds

The array bounds specified are not valid. The lower bound must be less than the upper bound. Each bound must be between -32768 and 32767. The size of a dimension cannot be larger than 32767.

Error 16

Improper or Inconsistent Dimensions

Several conditions return this error: The number of subscripts specified conflicts with the RANK of the array. The size of a dimension cannot be larger than 32767. The dimension specified in a function such as BASE is less than one or greater than the RANK of the array. This array has not been declared. The number of dimensions or elements in this array are not proper for the attempted operation.

If CONFIGURE DIM is OFF, this error also occurs if the variable has not been declared.

Error 17

Subscript out of Range

A subscript value is outside the specified dimension bounds.

Error 18

String Overflow or Sub-string Error

The string value is either too long to fit or the sub-string is incorrectly specified. An overflow can occur when a string becomes longer than 32767, longer than the declared length of the variable it is assigned to or when a string becomes too long for the internal buffers used in an operation.

Error 19

Improper Value or out of Range

The specified value is not within the valid range. Consult the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter for this operation to find the valid range of values.

Error 20

INTEGER overflow

The value calculated exceeds the range that an INTEGER variable can hold: -32768 through +32767.

Error 22

REAL overflow

The value calculated is too big to be represented by the REAL data type. See MINREAL and MAXREAL in the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter.

Error 24

Trig argument too large

If the argument to a trigonometric function gets too large, it can not be evaluated correctly. If you get this error, you may wish to examine your algorithm or use range reduction.

Error 25

Magnitude of ASN or ACS > 1.

The argument to the ASN and ACS functions must be less than one.

Error 26

Zero to negative power

The number zero can only be raised to positive powers or to the zeroth power.

Error 27

Negative base to non-integer power

An attempt was made to raise a negative number to a fractional power.

Error 28

LOG or LGT of a non-positive number

The argument to the LOG and LGT functions can not be negative or zero.

Error 29

Illegal floating point number

The number encountered was not a valid REAL number.

Error 30

SQR/SQRT of a negative number

You cannot take the square root of a negative number.

Error 31

Division (or MOD) by zero

The divisor specified was zero or an operation was attempted that resulted in a division by zero (for example, SHOW 1,1,1,1).

Error 32

String is not a valid number

The characters in the string do not represent a valid numeric value.

Error 33

Improper arg for NUM or RPT\$

The resultant string must be less than 32767 characters in length, and the original string must be greater than 0 characters in length.

Error 34

Line not an IMAGE Statement

The program line specified for the USING image was not an IMAGE statement.

Error 35

Improper IMAGE Statement

The IMAGE string or statement is zero length.

Error 36

Out of data in READ

There are no DATA statements that have not been read. Use the RESTORE statement if you wish to re-read existing DATA statements.

Error 38
TAB or TABXY not allowed here

The tab functions are not allowed in this statement.

Error 40

Improper COPYLINES, MOVELINES or renumber

The line numbers specified cannot be used for this operation because: the program sections overlap, line number is not in the range 1 to 65534, the renumber increment is zero, there is not enough room to renumber or a SUB/DEF statement is included and the destination is not the last program line.

Error 41

First line number greater than second

In a line number range the first line number must be smaller than the second.

Error 43

Non-square Matrix

The array specified does not have the same dimension size in the first and second dimensions, i.e., it is not "square."

Error 44

Result cannot be an operand

The result matrix is not allowed to be one of the operand matrices.

Error 46

No program in memory

There are no program lines in memory or in the range specified.

Error 47

Incorrect or inconsistent COM declarations

The COM statement specifies either a different number of variables or different dimensions than a previous COM statement specified.

Error 49

Branch destination not Found

The ON statement branch destination specified is not defined.

Error 51

File not currently Assigned

The I/O path involved in this operation must be ASSIGNED to a file.

Error 52

Improper MSUS

The Path Specifier (formerly Mass Storage Unit Specifier) is invalid.

Error 53

Improper File Name

The file name specified contains illegal characters or is not of the proper format for this operating system.

Error 54

Duplicate File Name

A file, directory or device, already exists with this name. If you are trying to save a program, use the RE-SAVE or RE-STORE statements to overwrite the existing file. Use the PURGE statement to remove the file.

Error 55

Directory Overflow

The specified mass storage device directory is full. You must either remove an existing file, PURGE or change the size of the directory.

Error 56

File or Path not found

No file or directory exists with this name. You may have forgotten to include the proper device or path specifiers. Use CREATE or CREATE DIR if you wish to create a new file or directory with this name.

Error 58

Improper File Type

The file type is incorrect for the requested operation or an attempt was made to LOAD an old revision PROG file.

Error 59

End of File or Buffer

The end-of-file or end-of-buffer was unexpectedly reached during this operation.

Error 60

End of Record

The end-of-record was unexpectedly reached during a random file operation. Either the record size specified in the CREATE BDAT was too small, or the program is attempting to write too much into one record.

Error 64

Mass Storage Media Overflow

The mass storage device is full. This error is also returned when accessing a device through its operating system name (rather than an interface select code) and the device refuses to accept output for any reason.

Error 65

Incorrect Data Type

The array data type is incorrect for this operation. Consult the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter to see if the required type is INTEGER, REAL, or string. Some versions of HTBasic require specific data formats for full-screen GLOADs. Refer to the *Installing and Using...* manual for your version.

Error 67

Illegal Mass Storage Parameter

A mass storage parameter, such as the record number, was illegal. Record numbers start at one, not zero.

Error 68

Syntax Error during GET

At least one of the incoming program lines has invalid syntax.

Error 72

Drive Not Found

The specified drive was not found. You must either specify a drive which is legal for your operating system or specify an HP style volume and define a translation for it using the CONFIGURE MSI statement.

Error 80

Disk changed or not in Drive

The disk drive is not ready. The disk drive door may be open or a disk has just been inserted and the drive is not yet ready.

Error 82

Mass Storage unit not present

The specified device is not available. Specifying a non-existent device can cause this error. The unit number is unknown.

Error 83

Write Protected

The disk, device, directory or file is write protected.

Error 84

Sector not Found

The disk may have been initialized in a non-standard way. If an attempt is made to use an HP LIF disk, this error will be returned in most cases, since the disk format is different. You must use disks which have been formatted (initialized) for your operating system (such as DOS).

Error 85

Media not Initialized

The disk drive was not able to find any format information at all on the disk. The disk has not been initialized or it was initialized on a system whose disk format is totally alien to your operating system. A "General Failure" reported by a DOS device driver will also cause this error.

Error 88

READ Data Error

The disk controller reported a READ error. This is usually caused by physical or magnetic damage to the data recorded on the disk.

Error 89

Checkread error

A verify check of the data on the disk failed. The disk may be physically or magnetically damaged.

Error 90

Mass storage system error

The operating system reported that it could not do the requested operation.

Error 100

Numeric IMAGE field for String Item

For example, PRINT USING "D";S\$.

Error 101

String IMAGE field for Numeric Item

For example, PRINT USING "A";X.

Error 102

Numeric Field specifier is too Large

The resulting number would be too long for the internal buffers to handle.

Error 103

Data item has no corresponding IMAGE specifier

For example, PRINT USING "X";PI.

Error 105

Numeric Field specifier is too Small

The number will not fit in the specified field width. For example, PRINT USING "D";12.

Error 106

IMAGE exponent field too Small

The exponent value will not fit in the specified field width. For example, PRINT USING "3DEE";1E200.

Error 107

IMAGE sign specifier missing

A negative data item corresponds to an IMAGE specifier that does not include a sign specifier. For example, PRINT USING "D";-1.

Error 117

Too many nested structures

There are too many nested program structures in the program.

Error 118

Too many structures in context

There are too many FOR/NEXT loops in the program context.

Error 120

Not allowed while program running

FIND, CHANGE, COPYLINES, MOVELINES, REN, RUN, CONT, SCRATCH, EDIT, and adding, deleting or changing a program line are not allowed while a program is running.

Error 122

Program is not Continuable

The program must be paused to be able to continue running.

Error 128

Line too long during GET or a CHANGE

Program lines are limited to 256 characters in a LIF ASCII input file or the result of a CHANGE makes the program line longer than 256 characters.

Error 131

Unrecognized Keycode

The specified keycode is not valid. The key pressed has not been assigned to a function or keycodes OUTPUT to the KBD device were illegal.

Error 133

DELSUB of non-existent or busy subprogram

The specified subprogram either does not exist in memory, has been called or is specified in an active ON statement.

Error 134

Improper Scratch Statemen

The second keyword was not A, ALL, B, BIN, C, COM, KEY, R or RECALL.

Error 136

REAL underflow

The value specified or calculated is too small to be represented by the REAL data type. MINREAL is the smallest absolute value representable by the REAL data type.

Error 141

Variable already allocated

This variable has already been ALLOCATED and cannot be ALLOCATED again until it is first DEALLOCATED.

Error 142

Variable not Allocated

This variable has not been allocated memory space. An ALLOCATE statement must be executed before this operation can be done.

Error 143

Reference to missing OPTIONAL Parameter

The CALL to the subprogram or function did not specify an argument for this parameter.

Error 145

May not build COM at this time

New COM blocks may not be built during a LOADSUB but must be specified in the MAIN context or a subprogram when the program is first run.

Error 146

Duplicate Line label in this Context

Two line labels have the same name in a context. Make one a different name.

Error 150

Bad select code or device specifier

The interface select code or device specifier is invalid.

Error 153

Insufficient data for ENTER

Not enough values were found in the input data before a terminator was found.

Error 155

Improper Interface Register number

This register number is not supported by this interface or I/O path.

Error 157

No ENTER terminator found

The proper termination was not received during the ENTER. Depending on the operation, terminators might be the line-feed character or the EOI signal. ENTER USING can be used to accept data from sources which do not use the default terminators.

Error 158

Improper IMAGE specifier or nesting

The IMAGE specifier is either invalid or incorrectly nested. See IMAGE in the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter for the correct syntax.

Error 159

Numeric data not received

No numeric value was found in the input data. Make sure that the device is sending ASCII digits before it sends an EOI.

Error 163

Interface not present

There is no interface with the interface select code specified. For some interfaces, a driver must be loaded with the LOAD BIN statement before the interface is available to HTBasic. Consult the *Installing and Using* manual for more information.

Error 164

Illegal BYTE/WORD operation

The specified operation is not allowed for a BYTE or WORD value.

Error 167

Interface Status Error

An error condition has occurred on the interface, such as a UART error on a serial interface.

Error 168

Device Timeout

The device did not respond to the I/O operation within the timeout specified.

Error 170

I/O operation not allowed

An attempt was made to do an illegal operation. The following are some problems to consider. The device may not support the operation. Or a primary address was specified and shouldn't be. Or the operation requires the controller to be or not be active/system controller. USING is not allowed with a LIF ASCII file. For more information, check the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter for the statement being executed and check the documentation for the device driver being accessed.

Error 171

Illegal I/O addressing sequence

IEEE-488 talk, listen and secondary addresses must be in the range 0 to 31.

Error 172

Peripheral Error

A hardware error occurred. Refer to the driver documentation for more information.

Error 173

Active or System Controller Required

The system must be the active or system controller for this operation.

Error 177

Undefined I/O Path Name

The I/O path name has not been ASSIGNED to a device, file or buffer.

Error 183

Permission denied

You do not have the correct permissions for the operation attempted. Common problems are: Search permission is denied for a component of the path. You do not have read/write permission for the file specified or for the directory the file/directory exists in. The first part of the file is locked so an ASSIGN statement can't complete.

Error 186

Cannot open the specified directory

An error was returned by the operating system when one of the specified directories was accessed.

Error 187

Cannot link across devices

The operating system requires that this type of LINK refer to a file that is on the same mass storage device. If you have multiple devices and are not sure where they are mounted in the directory tree, ask your system administrator.

Error 188

Cannot rename with "." or ".."

An attempt was made to rename "." or "..". These names are fixed and can not be renamed.

Error 189

Too many open files

The limit to the number of simultaneously open files has been reached. DOS allows this number to be changed with the FILES=xxx line in the CONFIG.SYS boot file, however no normal DOS process may have more than 20 open files. Error number 2001 used to be returned by HTBasic for this condition. Now that HP BASIC has added this error, HTBasic has been changed for compatibility.

Error 190

File size too big

The operating system has a maximum limit to the size of a file and that limit has been exceeded.

Error 191

Too many links to a file

The link count of the file/directory would exceed the maximum allowed. Under SunOS 4.x, see `pathconf(2V)`.

Error 193

Resource deadlock would occur

An attempt was made to lock a system resource that would have resulted in a deadlock situation.

Error 194

Operation would block

The device is in use. Attempting this operation at this time would suspend HTBasic.

Error 195

Too many levels of symbolic link

Too many symbolic links were encountered in translating the pathname specified.

Error 196

Target device busy

The file/directory could not be deleted or renamed because it is the mount point for a mounted file system, is being used by another process, or is the current directory, ".".

Error 290

Invalid ESCAPE characte

The set of valid wildcard escape characters is explained in the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter entry for WILDCARDS.

Error 330

LEXICAL ORDER IS array too small

The array specified in the LEXICAL ORDER statement must have at least 257 elements. If the length specified in the 257th element is not zero, there must be that many more elements in the array. Remember the OPTION BASE when figuring the number of elements.

Error 331

Repeated subscript in REORDER vector

The "MAT REORDER..BY X,D" statement requires that the subscripts specified in X be unique.

Error 332

Non-existent dimension given

The dimension specified in a BASE, SIZE or MAT REORDER statement is less than one or greater than the RANK of the array.

Error 333

Improper subscript in REORDER vector

The "MAT REORDER..BY X,Dim" statement requires that the subscripts specified in X be legal subscripts for the specified dimension (i.e., in range $\text{BASE}(\text{Dim})$ to $\text{BASE}(\text{Dim})+\text{SIZE}(\text{Dim})-1$).

Error 334

REORDER vector has wrong size

The MAT REORDER..BY X statement requires that the SIZE of X be the same as the SIZE of the array dimension being acted upon.

Error 335

Indirection array is not a Vector

The MAT REORDER..BY X and MAT SORT...TO X statements require that X be a vector.

Error 338

Key subscript out-of-range

In a MAT SORT key, the "*" must be present in the same dimension of each sort key.

Error 340

Table Length Error

The length of the Special Case Table, stored in the 257th element of the LEXICAL ORDER array, must be in the range zero to sixty-three.

Error 341

Order Table Lower Byte Error

In a LEXICAL ORDER array, the lower byte of the first 256 entries indicates a special case. Legal values are explained in the *User's Guide*.

Error 342

Not a One-dimensional INTEGER Array

The array specified in the LEXICAL ORDER statement must be INTEGER and must have a RANK of one.

Error 343

Special Case Index is Too Big

The index points past the end of the special case table, whose length is specified in the 257th element of the array.

Error 344

2-to-1 List Length Error

In the special case table, a 2-to-1 list must start with a length. The length gives the number of entries in the list. You will get this error if the length is negative, zero or longer than the special case table.

Error 346

INDENT parameter out of range

The values specified in the INDENT statement are not legal.

Error 347

Structures improperly matched

The FOR...NEXT, LOOP...END LOOP, REPEAT...UNTIL, SELECT...END SELECT, WHILE...END WHILE, program structures are either nested improperly or there is a missing structured statement.

Error 401

Bad system function argument

A value passed to a system function was out of range or otherwise illegal. See the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter for this function for a description of legal values.

Error 427

Priority may not be lowered

When executing an error handling routine, the priority cannot be changed.

Error 435
EXEC not allowed on this Binary

The file is not an executable file or is corrupt.

Error 453

File in Use

The file or device is in use and this operation can not occur at this time.

Error 455

Possibly corrupt file

The executable file specified by EXECUTE is corrupt or is not an executable file. Or the file was found to be locked in a situation where it shouldn't be. Or the operating system is no longer recognizing the file as a valid, ASSIGNED file.

Error 456

Unsupported directory operation

The directory was specified in an illegal way, usually involving "." or "..".

Error 459

Specified file is not a directory

The specifier must refer to a directory, not a regular file. Or if the specifier includes a path, one of the directories specified in the path is not a directory.

Error 460

Directory not empty

The directory could not be deleted because files or sub-directories still exist in it.

Error 462

Invalid Password

An HP LIF style file password was started with the "<" character but no ">" character was found.

Error 465

Invalid rename across volumes

RENAME can not be used to move a file from one disk to another. Under UNIX, use "mount" to see a list of mounted file systems.

Error 471

TRANSFER not supported by Interface

TRANSFER is only supported on some devices. It is not supported on CRT, KBD, parallel ports or with files. If the device or interface is supposed to support TRANSFER, make sure the device driver is the current revision.

Error 481

File locked or open Exclusively

The file has already been ASSIGNED by yourself or another user and the file or part of the file is LOCKED for exclusive access. You may want to write a loop which tries the operation several times, waiting in between for the file to be UNLOCKED. Or you may want to LOCK the file yourself so that no one else can deny your access to it.

Error 482

Not allowed with a directory

Under DOS, a directory can not be ASSIGNed.

Error 485

Invalid Volume Copy

The reasons for this error depend on your operating system. Copying a volume may not be supported on some systems.

Error 511
MAT INV result array must be REAL

The destination of a matrix invert operation must be a REAL array.

Error 543

Improper Dimensions for REDIM

The destination matrix could not be implicitly re-dimensioned by the MAT statement because the RANK of the destination matrix is not the same as the number of ranges specified in the array to the right of the equal sign.

Error 602

Improper BUFFER Lifetime

It is an error to ASSIGN an I/O Path to a BUFFER if the BUFFER can cease to exist before the I/O Path. If the I/O Path is local, the BUFFER's lifetime will always equal or exceed the I/O Path's. If the I/O Path is in a COM block, the BUFFER must be in the same COM. If the I/O Path is a parameter, then the BUFFER must be in a COM block or must be a parameter also.

Error 603

Variable not declared BUFFER

The variable specified in the ASSIGN...TO BUFFER statement must be declared with the BUFFER keyword following it in the DIM, INTEGER, REAL or COM statement. If the buffer variable is a parameter, it must be passed with the BUFFER keyword following it in the DEF or SUB statement.

Error 604

Bad TRANSFER source or destination

Either the source or the destination, but not both, must be a BUFFER. At the time of this manual printing, files and pipes do not support TRANSFER.

Error 606

Improper TRANSFER parameters

One of the following problems exists in the TRANSFER statement: DELIM can not be used on outbound transfers or if the I/O path has the WORD attribute. Or EOT was set to RECORD but no EOR was given to define a record.

Error 609

IVAL/DVAL result too large

The value in the string represents a number which is too large for the function to convert.

Error 611

Premature TRANSFER termination

An error occurred which caused the transfer to terminate abnormally.

Error 612

BUFFER pointers in use

The buffer pointer or count couldn't be changed because of an active transfer.

Error 620

Complex value not allowed here

This function does not handle complex values.

Error 623

ATN is undefined at +/- i

The ATN function is undefined at $\text{CMPLX}(0,1)$ and $\text{CMPLX}(0,-1)$.

Error 624

ACSH/ATNH argument out of range

The value specified is not within the legal range for the ACSH or ATNH functions.

Error 625

Bad SEARCH condition on Complex

This search condition is not allowed for complex arrays.

Error 700

Improper Plotter specifier

This plotter specifier is not supported or this interface is not legal for graphics output.

Error 704

Upper bound not greater than lower bound

The value of the upper clipping bound specified is lower than the value of the lower clipping bound.

Error 705

VIEWPORT/CLIP Beyond Hard Clip Limits

A value specified in the CLIP or VIEWPORT statement is too large or too small for the current graphic device.

Error 708

Device not initialized

The device is not the current PLOTTER IS or other active graphic device.

Error 713
Request not supported by device

This device does not support the requested operation.

Error 730

Internal error occurred in library call

A UNIX library or system call returned an unexpected error.

Error 733

GESCAPE opcode not recognized

The opcode specified is not supported on this device.

Error 810

Feature not supported on this system

This feature is not included in this release of this version of HTBasic.

Error 815

Cannot access system time

The UNIX call to read the system time failed unexpectedly.

Error 826

EXECUTE process status failure

The process no longer exists and can not be killed.

Error 827

String too long for EXECUTE

Shorten the string and try again.

Error 831

Write to a broken pipe

OUTPUT on this I/O path is no longer allowed because the pipe to the process has been broken. The process probably terminated.

Error 832

Cannot seek on a pipe

The use of a record number with this I/O path is not allowed because the path refers to a pipe.

Error 833

Wrong direction data transfer in pipe

You can not ENTER from a pipe unless the pipe-specifier ends with the pipe character, "|". You can not OUTPUT to a pipe unless the pipe-specifier starts with the pipe character.

Error 841

CSUB run-time error

The CSUB called at this line encountered an error. Contact the supplier of the CSUB for more information.

Error 863

Not in a window system

This statement is not supported unless HTBasic is executing under a windowing system.

Error 898

Softkey Macro is too long

The length of the string must be less than 256 characters and there must be enough available macro memory to store it. LIST KEY reports the current amount of available softkey macro memory.

Error 899

Key number out of range

The specified key number is outside the legal range. See the CONFIGURE KEY statement.

Error 900

Undefined softkey macro

The key which you pressed does not presently have a softkey macro definition.

Error 901

Softkey Macro memory overflow

The available memory reserved for user defined Softkey Macro definitions is full.

Error 902

Must delete entire context

To delete a subprogram context or the SUB or FN statement of a subprogram context, all program lines in the SUB or DEF context must be deleted.

Error 903

No line number room to renumber

A renumber operation would create line numbers larger than 65534. (Note: The HP BASIC limit is 32766.)

Error 905

CHANGEd line too long

The CHANGE operation could not be completed because it would have created a line which is longer than 255 characters.

Error 906

SUB or DEF FN not allowed here

A new SUB or DEF FN must be created with a line number greater than all existing program lines.

Error 909

May not replace SUB or DEF FN

The SUB or DEF FN line delimits a context and so the SUB or DEF FN keywords can not be changed. Create a new context at the end of the program if necessary and use MOVELINES to move program lines to another context.

Error 910

Identifier not found in context

The specified identifier was not found in the current context. This error can also occur if an attempt is made to access a main context variable after adding a program line. Adding a program line causes the values of all variables to be discarded.

Error 935

Identifier too long

An identifier may be up to 15 characters in length.

Error 936

Unrecognized Character

A character in the program line was not legal. You probably mistyped an option in the LOAD BIN statement or that particular BIN doesn't support the option specified.

Error 937

Invalid OPTION BASE

The value specified was not zero or one.

Error 940

Duplicate formal parameter name

The parameter appears more than once in the formal parameter list.

Error 949

Syntax error at cursor

The item pointed to by the cursor is not valid in this position for this statement. See the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter entry for the correct syntax.

Error 951

Incomplete Statement or Command

There are more required items for this statement. See the "Keyword Dictionary" chapter entry for the correct syntax.

Error 956

Source/destination mismatch

The number of array elements do not match in the source and destination arrays.

Error 962

Programmable only

This statement may not be executed from the keyboard. It may only be stored and executed in a program.

Error 963

Command only

This statement may be executed from the keyboard only. It may not be stored or executed in a program.

Error 977

Statement or Command too complex

An expression in the statement is too complex. Either simplify the expression or split it into two or more expressions.

Error 980

Too many symbols in context

There are too many variables, I/O Paths and labels in the program context. Break the program into two or more SUBs or DEF FNs.

Error 985

Invalid Quoted String

The closing quote character is missing.

Error 987

Invalid Line Number

The program line number is outside the range of 1 through 65534. (The HP BASIC limit is 32766.)

Error 2000

Stack Overflow

The processor stack has grown beyond the available memory. This is usually caused by user defined functions that are nested too deep.

Error 2001

Too many Open Files

HTBasic used to return 2001 for this condition. Now that HP BASIC has added error 189 for this condition, HTBasic has been changed to return 189 for compatibility.

Error 2002

HELP file not found

The HTB.HLP file was not found in the directory specified by the environment variable "HTB=xxx", in the current directory or in the same directory as HTB.EXE.

Error 2003

Bad Device Driver number

The CONFIGURE DEVICE statement, which returned this error, is no longer necessary and thus this error is not currently returned by HTBasic.

Error 2004

Bad Key Function number

The key function number specified is outside the legal range. See the CONFIGURE KEY statement.

Error 2005

Illegal in Run-only Version

This error is not currently returned by HTBasic.

Error 2006

Illegal DUMP device

This error is not currently returned by HTBasic. Error 56, "File Not Found," is returned when a CONFIGURE DUMP specifies a language for which no device driver file exists.

Error 2007

Wrong Object Type

An attempt was made to execute object code which is not suitable for the computer's processor. A DOS 386/486 Version CSUB or BIN can not execute with the DOS PC Version, etc.

Error 2008

May not modify CSUB

An attempt was made to change a CSUB definition.

Error 2009

Wrong Revision

The PROG or BIN file you attempted to LOAD, LOADSUB or CAT was created with an earlier release of HTBasic and is not compatible with the current release. For 1.x/2.x PROG files, use the HT2SAVE utility (explained in the *User's Guide* or *Installing and Using* manual) to convert your PROG files to the current format. This can also be done by LOADING and SAVEing the file with the old release of HTBasic and then GETting and STOREing the file with the new release. For old BIN files, you must contact the supplier of the BIN file for information about upgrading.

Error 2010

May Not load driver Here

You must load all drivers from the MAIN program or as an immediate command when HTBasic is in the Idle condition. It is recommended that PLOTTER IS, CONFIGURE DUMP and GRAPHICS INPUT IS statements to load drivers be duplicated in the AUTOST file to insure the proper drivers are loaded before your programs begin to execute. LOAD BIN statements should also be executed in the AUTOST file.

Error 2011

Exceeded Graphics Driver Limit

There is a limit to the number of device drivers which can be loaded with the CONFIGURE DUMP, GRAPHICS INPUT IS and PLOTTER IS statements. You have exceeded that limit. At the time of this manual printing, the limit was ten. Use LIST BIN to see a list of the currently loaded drivers.

Error 2012

Illegal CALL in CSUB

The CSUB attempted to CALL an interpreted SUB, which is not supported. Use "XREF sub-name : SB" to list the SUBs called by sub-name. Then make sure they are compiled or that no interpreted SUBs of the same name exist before the compiled SUBs.

Appendix B

ASCII Code Chart

Addressed Commands	Universal Commands	Listen Addresses	Talk Addresses	Secondary Addresses (PPE)	Secondary Addresses (PPD)		
0 00 HUL	16 10 DLE	32 20 SP 0	48 30 0 16	64 40 0 16	80 50 P 16	96 60 . 0	112 70 P 16
1 01 SOH	17 11 DCT	33 21 ! 1	49 31 1 17	65 41 A 1	81 51 Q 17	97 61 a 1	113 71 q 17
2 02 STX	18 12 DC2	34 22 " 2	50 32 2 18	66 42 B 2	82 52 R 18	98 62 b 2	114 72 r 18
3 03 ETX	19 13 DC3	35 23 # 3	51 33 3 19	67 43 C 3	83 53 S 19	99 63 c 3	115 73 s 19
4 04 EOT	20 14 DCL	36 24 \$ 4	52 34 4 20	68 44 D 4	84 54 T 20	100 64 d 4	116 74 t 20
5 05 ENQ	21 15 HAK	37 25 % 5	53 35 5 21	69 45 E 5	85 55 U 21	101 65 e 5	117 75 u 21
6 06 ACK	22 16 SYH	38 26 & 6	54 36 6 22	70 46 F 6	86 56 V 22	102 66 f 6	118 76 v 22
7 07 BEL	23 17 ETB	39 27 . 7	55 37 7 23	71 47 G 7	87 57 W 23	103 67 g 7	119 77 w 23
8 08 BS	24 18 CAN	40 28 (8	56 38 8 24	72 48 H 8	88 58 X 24	104 68 h 8	120 78 x 24
9 09 HT	25 19 EM	41 29) 9	57 39 9 25	73 49 I 9	89 59 Y 25	105 69 i 9	121 79 y 25
10 0A LF	26 1A SUB	42 2A : 10	58 3A : 26	74 4A J 10	90 5A Z 26	106 6A j 10	122 7A z 26
11 0B VT	27 1B ESC	43 2B + 11	59 3B ; 27	75 4B K 11	91 5B l 27	107 6B k 11	123 7B { 27
12 0C FF	28 1C FS	44 2C , 12	60 3C < 28	76 4C L 12	92 5C \ 28	108 6C l 12	124 7C 28
13 0D CR	29 1D GS	45 2D . 13	61 3D = 29	77 4D M 13	93 5D j 29	109 6D m 13	125 7D } 29
14 0E SO	30 1E RS	46 2E . 14	62 3E > 30	78 4E H 14	94 5E ^ 30	110 6E n 14	126 7E ~ 30
15 0F SI	31 1F US	47 2F : 15	63 3F ? UNL	79 4F O 15	95 5F - UNT	111 6F o 15	127 7F DEL

Legend:

Center - ASCII Glyph or Mnemonic

Upper-left - Decimal

Upper-right - IEEE-488 Command or Address

Lower-left - Hexadecimal

ERROR

Six manual entries exist for **ERROR**.

See:

[CAUSE ERROR](#)

Simulates a specified error.

[CLEAR ERROR](#)

Resets all error indicators.

[ERROR RETURN](#)

Returns program execution to the line following the most recent error.

[ERROR SUBEXIT](#)

Returns subprogram execution to the line following the most recent error.

[OFF ERROR](#)

Cancels event branches defined by ON ERROR.

[ON ERROR](#)

Defines an event branch for trappable errors.

KEY

Twelve manual entries exist for **KEY**.

See:

<u>CONFIGURE KEY</u>	Assigns editor functions to keyboard keys.
<u>EDIT KEY</u>	Puts you into softkey EDIT mode.
<u>KEY LABELS</u>	Controls the display of the softkey labels.
<u>KEY LABELS PEN</u>	Sets the color for the softkey labels.
<u>LIST KEY</u>	Lists the softkey macro definitions.
<u>LOAD KEY</u>	Loads softkey macro definitions into memory.
<u>OFF KEY</u>	Cancels event branches defined by ON KEY.
<u>ON KEY</u>	Defines an event branch for when a softkey is pressed.
<u>SET KEY</u>	Defines one or more softkey macros.
<u>READ KEY</u>	Returns one or more softkey macro definitions.
<u>RE-STORE KEY</u>	Stores the KEY definitions in a file.
<u>STORE KEY</u>	Stores the softkey definitions in a file.

CONFIGURE

Eleven manual entries exist for CONFIGURE.

See:

<u>CONFIGURE BDAT</u>	Specifies the byte order for CREATE BDAT.
<u>CONFIGURE CREATE</u>	Specifies the kind of file header used with typed files.
<u>CONFIGURE DIM</u>	Turns implicit variable dimensioning on or off.
<u>CONFIGURE DUMP</u>	Specifies what graphic printer language to use for DUMP.
<u>CONFIGURE KBD</u>	Defines keyboard mappings for character sets.
<u>CONFIGURE KEY</u>	Assigns editor functions to keyboard keys.
<u>CONFIGURE LABEL</u>	Defines characters for the LABEL statement.
<u>CONFIGURE LONGFILENAMES</u>	Specifies use of long filenames.
<u>CONFIGURE MSI</u>	Specifies HP style volume specifier translations.
<u>CONFIGURE PRT</u>	Specifies the value of PRT.
<u>CONFIGURE SAVE</u>	Sets the file type produced by SAVE.

REAL

Two manual entries exist for REAL.

See:

[REAL](#) - Reserve floating point variable and array storage.

[REAL](#) - Converts an INTEGER or COMPLEX number to REAL.

SET

Nine manual entries exist for SET.

See:

- SET ALPHA MASK Determines which plane(s) can be modified by ALPHA display operations.
- SET CHR Defines the bit-patterns for one or more characters.
- SET DISPLAY MASK Specifies which planes can be seen on the alpha display.
- SET ECHO Sets the echo location on the PLOTTER IS device.
- SET KEY Defines one or more softkey macros.
- SET LOCATOR Sets a new graphic locator position on the GRAPHICS INPUT IS device.
- SET PEN Defines part or all of the color map.
- SET TIME Sets the time of day clock.
- SET TIMEDATE Sets the date and time of the computer's clock.

OFF event

Manual entries document each event separately.

See:

[OFF CYCLE](#) - Cancels a repeating event branch.

[OFF DELAY](#) - Cancels a single event branch after a specified number of seconds.

[OFF END](#) - Cancels an event branch for end-of-file conditions.

[OFF EOR](#) - Cancels an event branch for end-of-record conditions.

[OFF EOT](#) - Cancels an event branch for end-of-transfer conditions.

[OFF ERROR](#) - Cancels an event branch for trappable errors.

[OFF INTR](#) - Cancels a hardware interrupt initiated branch.

[OFF KBD](#) - Cancels an event branch for when a key is pressed.

[OFF KEY](#) - Cancels an event branch for when a softkey is pressed.

[OFF KNOB](#) - Cancels an event branch for when the KNOB is turned.

[OFF SIGNAL](#) - Cancels an event branch for when a SIGNAL statement is executed.

[OFF TIME](#) - Cancels a single event branch for a specific time.

[OFF TIMEOUT](#) - Cancels an event branch for an I/O timeout.

ON event

Manual entries document each event separately.

See:

[ON](#) - Transfers control to one of a list of lines.

[ON CYCLE](#) - Defines a repeating event branch.

[ON DELAY](#) - Defines a single event branch after a specified number of seconds.

[ON END](#) - Defines an event branch for end-of-file conditions.

[ON EOR](#) - Defines an event branch for end-of-record conditions.

[ON EOT](#) - Defines an event branch for end-of-transfer conditions.

[ON ERROR](#) - Defines an event branch for trappable errors.

[ON INTR](#) - Defines a hardware interrupt initiated branch.

[ON KBD](#) - Defines an event branch for when a key is pressed.

[ON KEY](#) - Defines an event branch for when a softkey is pressed.

[ON KNOB](#) - Defines an event branch for when the KNOB is turned.

[ON SIGNAL](#) - Defines an event branch for when a SIGNAL statement is executed.

[ON TIME](#) - Defines a single event branch for a specific time.

[ON TIMEOUT](#) - Defines an event branch for an I/O timeout.

Chapter 3

Statement Summary

The following table lists all the HTBasic keywords and indicates which statements can be executed from the keyboard, stored in a program, and included in an IF...THEN statement.

Letter	Meaning
K	Keyboard executable
P	Programmable
I	Legal in an IF...THEN
ABORT	KPI
ABORTIO	KPI
ABS	KPI
ACS	KPI
ACSH	KPI
ALLOCATE	KPI
ALPHA	KPI
ALPHA HEIGHT	KPI
ALPHA PEN	KPI
AND	KPI
AREA	KPI
ARG	KPI
ASN	KPI
ASNH	KPI
ASSIGN	KPI
ATN	KPI
ATN2	KPI
ATNH	KPI
AXES	KPI
BASE	KPI
BEEP	KPI
BINAND	KPI
BINCMP	KPI
BINEOR	KPI
BINEQV	KPI
BINIMP	KPI
BINIOR	KPI
BIT	KPI
BREAK	KPI
CALL	KPI
CASE	-P-
CAT	KPI
CAUSE	KPI
CHANGE	K--
CHECKREAD	KPI
CHGRP	KPI
CHOWN	KPI
CHR\$	KPI
CHRX	KPI
CHRY	KPI
CINT	KPI
CLEAR	KPI

CLEAR ERROR	-PI
CLEAR LINE	KPI
CLEAR SCREEN	KPI
CLIP	KPI
CLS	KPI
CMLPX	KPI
COM	-P-
COMMAND\$	KPI
COMPLEX	-P-
CONFIGURE	KPI
CONJG	KPI
CONT	K--
CONTROL	KPI
COPY	KPI
COPYLINES	K--
COS	KPI
COSH	KPI
CREATE	KPI
CREATE ASCII	KPI
CREATE BDAT	KPI
CREATE DIR	KPI
CRT	KPI
CSIZE	KPI
CSUB	---
DATA	-P-
DATE	KPI
DATE\$	KPI
DEALLOCATE	KPI
DEF FN	-P-
DEG	KPI
DEL	K--
DELSUB	KPI
DET	KPI
DIGITIZE	KPI
DIM	-P-
DISABLE	KPI
DISABLE INTR	KPI
DISP	KPI
DISPLAY FUNCTIONS	KPI
DIV	KPI
DOT	KPI
DRAW	KPI
DROUND	KPI
DUMP	KPI
DUMP DEVICE IS	KPI
DVAL	KPI
DVAL\$	KPI
EDIT	K--
EDIT KEY	K--
ELSE	-P-
ENABLE	KPI
ENABLE INTR	KPI

END	-P-
ENTER	KPI
ENVIRON\$	KPI
ERRL	-PI
ERRLN	KPI
ERRM\$	KPI
ERRN	KPI
ERROR	-PI
EXECUTE string	KPI
EXIT IF	-P-
EXOR	KPI
EXP	KPI
FIND	K--
FIX	KPI
FN	KPI
FNEND	-P-
FOR	-P-
FRACT	KPI
FRAME	KPI
FRE	KPI
GCLEAR	KPI
GESCAPE	KPI
GET	KPI
GINIT	KPI
GLOAD	KPI
GOSUB	-PI
GOTO	-PI
GRAPHICS	KPI
GRAPHICS INPUT IS	KPI
GRID	KPI
GSEND	KPI
GSTORE	KPI
HELP	K--
IDRAW	KPI
IF	-P-
IMAG	KPI
IMAGE	-P-
IMOVE	KPI
INDENT	K--
INITIALIZE	KPI
INMEM	KPI
INP	KPI
INPUT	-PI
INPW	KPI
INT	KPI
INTEGER	-P-
IPLOT	KPI
IVAL	KPI
IVAL\$	KPI
KBD	KPI
KBD CMODE	KPI
KBD LINE PEN	KPI

KBD\$	KPI
KEY LABELS	KPI
KEY LABELS PEN	KPI
KNOBX	KPI
KNOBY	KPI
LABEL	KPI
LDIR	KPI
LEN	KPI
LET	KPI
LEXICAL ORDER IS	KPI
LGT	KPI
LINE TYPE	KPI
LINK	KPI
LINPUT	-PI
LIST	KPI
LIST BIN	KPI
LIST KEY	KPI
LOAD	KPI
LOAD BIN	KPI
LOAD KEY	KPI
LOADSUB	KPI
LOCAL	KPI
LOCAL LOCKOUT	KPI
LOCK	KPI
LOG	KPI
LOOP	-P-
LORG	KPI
LWC\$	KPI
MASS STORAGE IS	KPI
MAT	KPI
MAT REORDER	KPI
MAT SEARCH	KPI
MAT SORT	KPI
MAX	KPI
MAXLEN	KPI
MAXREAL	KPI
MERGE ALPHA	KPI
MIN	KPI
MINREAL	KPI
MOD	KPI
MODULO	KPI
MOVE	KPI
MOVELINES	K--
MSI	KPI
NEXT	-P-
NOT	KPI
NPAR	KPI
NUM	KPI
ON---GOTO/GOSUB	-PI
ON/OFF CDIAL	-PI
ON/OFF CYCLE	-PI
ON/OFF DELAY	-PI

ON/OFF END	-PI
ON/OFF EOR	-PI
ON/OFF EOT	-PI
ON/OFF ERROR	-PI
ON/OFF INTR	-PI
ON/OFF KBD	-PI
ON/OFF KEY	-PI
ON/OFF KNOB	-PI
ON/OFF SIGNAL	-PI
ON/OFF TIME	-PI
ON/OFF TIMEOUT	-PI
OPTION BASE	-P-
OR	KPI
OUT	KPI
OUTPUT	KPI
OUTW	KPI
PASS CONTROL	KPI
PAUSE	KPI
PDIR	KPI
PEN	KPI
PENUP	KPI
PERMIT	KPI
PI	KPI
PIVOT	KPI
PLOT	KPI
PLOTTER IS	KPI
POLYGON	KPI
POLYLINE	KPI
POS	KPI
PPOLL	KPI
PRINT	KPI
PRINT LABEL	KPI
PRINT PEN	KPI
PRINTALL IS	KPI
PRINTER IS	KPI
PROTECT	KPI
PROUND	KPI
PRT	KPI
PURGE	KPI
QUIT	KPI
RAD	KPI
RANDOMIZE	KPI
RANK	KPI
RATIO	KPI
RE-SAVE	KPI
RE-STORE	KPI
RE-STORE KEY	KPI
READ	KPI
READ KEY	KPI
READ LABEL	KPI
READ LOCATOR	KPI
READIO	KPI

REAL	-P-
REAL()	KPI
RECTANGLE	KPI
REDIM	KPI
REM	-P-
REMOTE	KPI
REN	K--
RENAME	KPI
REPEAT	-P-
REQUEST	KPI
RES	KP-
RESET	KPI
RESTORE	-PI
RESUME	KPI
RETURN	-PI
REV\$	KPI
RND	KPI
ROTATE	KPI
RPLOT	KPI
RPT\$	KPI
RUN	K--
RUNLIGHT	KPI
SAVE	KPI
SC	KPI
SCRATCH A/ALL	K--
SCRATCH B/BIN	K--
SCRATCH C/COM	K--
SCRATCH KEY	K--
SCRATCH R/RECALL	K--
SECURE	K--
SELECT	-P-
SEND	KPI
SEPARATE ALPHA	KPI
SET ALPHA MASK	KPI
SET CHR	KPI
SET DISPLAY MASK	KPI
SET ECHO	KPI
SET KEY	KPI
SET LOCATOR	KPI
SET PEN	KPI
SET TIME	KPI
SET TIMEDATE	KPI
SGN	KPI
SHIFT	KPI
SHOW	KPI
SIGNAL	KPI
SIN	KPI
SINH	KPI
SIZE	KPI
SOUND	KPI
SPOLL	KPI
SQR	KPI

SQRT	KPI
STATUS	KPI
STATUS()	KPI
STOP	KPI
STORE	KPI
STORE KEY	KPI
STORE SYSTEM	K--
SUB	-P-
SUBEND	-P-
SUBEXIT	-PI
SUM	KPI
SUSPEND	KPI
SYMBOL	KPI
SYSTEM KEYS	KPI
SYSTEM PRIORITY	KPI
SYSTEM\$	KPI
TAN	KPI
TANH	KPI
TIME	KPI
TIME\$	KPI
TIMEDATE	KPI
TIMEZONE IS	KPI
TRACE	KPI
TRACK	KPI
TRANSFER	KPI
TRIGGER	KPI
TRIM\$	KPI
UNLOCK	KPI
UNTIL	-P-
UPC\$	KPI
USER KEYS	KPI
VAL	KPI
VAL\$	KPI
VIEWPORT	KPI
WAIT	KPI
WAIT FOR EOR	KPI
WAIT FOR EOT	KPI
WHERE	KPI
WHILE	-P-
WILDCARDS	KPI
WINDOW	KPI
WRITEIO	KPI
XREF	K--

Default FORMAT Chart

Target	ASSIGN (no FORMAT option)	ASSIGN; FORMAT ON	ASSIGN; FORMAT OFF	ASSIGN; FORMAT LSB FIRST	ASSIGN; FORMAT MSB FIRST
Ordinary file	Ordinary * Binary	Ordinary ASCII	Ordinary * Binary	Ordinary LSB Binary	Ordinary MSB Binary
ASCII File	LIF ASCII	LIF ASCII	LIF ASCII	LIF ASCII	LIF ASCII
BDAT File	BDAT † Binary	BDAT ASCII	BDAT † Binary	BDAT LSB Binary	BDAT MSB Binary
Device	ASCII	ASCII	MSB Binary	LSB Binary	MSB Binary
BUFFER	ASCII	ASCII	* Binary	LSB Binary	MSB Binary
String ‡					

† The byte order used with a BDAT file is established when the file is created and FORMAT OFF should be used to specify binary data. CONFIGURE BDAT is used to set the byte order for CREATE BDAT.

‡ Although you can't ASSIGN to a non-BUFFER string, you can OUTPUT/ENTER to any string. In these cases, the format is always ASCII.

* The native byte order for the computer is used. Using the native byte order for a computer results in faster throughput.

