

I/O DEFAULTS

MYARC Advanced BASIC includes several features to simplify the direction of input and output to certain devices. These devices are your main storage device (typically DSK1), your main printer (typically PIO). These defaults are set from the operating system defaults when BASIC is initially started.

The following names are used for reassigning a particular default device:

NAME	DEVICE
LPT	Default printing device
CHDIR	Default disk drive or directory

These commands can not be used in a program as a program statement.

The following can be used as a program statement for reassigning a particular device.

KEY(11)="string-expression"	Changes working directory or drive.
KEY(12)="string-expression"	Changes the printing device.

These are the only uses for these keys and should not be confused with the KEY command.

To change a default, type the command and follow it by the desired device name. For example, the LLIST command prints the program in memory to the main printer port. If your printer is connected to the RS232 port and not the PIO port you would need to redirect the output from LLIST. To do this type from the prompt LPT RS232[.BA=4800.....]

To change drives or directory, from the prompt type CHDIR "path.[directory.]"

You may also check to see what a particular default is set for at any time. To do this, type any of the following commands and BASIC will list what that device is set for:

COMMAND	DEVICE
PPT	Lists the default printer
PWD	Lists the default working directory
KEY LIST	Lists both of the above and the default of FCTN keys 1-10.