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SUBJECT: LOAD Command - A new version

Purpose

The LOAD command has been reorganized in order to provide greater flexibility and speed in loading programs from various libraries. Programs and files may be loaded or searched as libraries in the user's file, Common files and several System files.

Implementation

The new version of LOAD is now available as LOAD SAVED in the public file. The complete new library, as explained in a separate bulletin, is not yet available. GSLIB may be used from the public file and people using CTEST8 version of MAD may use this new loader with MADLIB in the public file. When the new versions of LOAD, MAD and TSS library are put into effect as the standard commands, the message of the day and a corresponding CTSS bulletin will be issued.

In order to provide an easier transition, the new loader will temporarily provide the facility of using the old loader and the old library. This facility will be somewhat slower than the old loader.

LOAD (OLD)....

This will cause the old loader and the old library to be used instead of the new. LOAD may be LOADGO, NCLLOAD, or VLOAD. The old loader and library will not be actively maintained and may be discontinued or move to the public file at some later date.

Usage:

CALL REQUEST

CALL [arg₁] [arg₂] [arg₃] [arg₄]

arg₁ may be (JOB), (LOAD), (LINK) or (SYN).

(JOB) is optional and may appear anywhere in the list of arguments. (JOB) directs the loader to set the starting address to the lowest entry point of the next routine found. This allows the execution of a program without a MAIN routine or it allows the program to be started at some point other than the (MAIN) entry.

arg₂ may be a list of RIB files to be loaded from the current file-directory. Initially, the current file-directory is either the user's file-directory or a common file set by a CONSOLE command.

If any arg₁ is (LINK), the following arg₂ within the current file-directory is searched as a library. If an attempt to find any missing routines.

If any arg₁ is (SYN) the following arg₂ in the current file-directory is searched as a library.

If any arg₁ is (RIB), the system library will be searched for missing routines after the argument list has been processed. An argument of (RIB) succeeded (RIB).

Switch is an optional argument which references the location of the current file-directory into some other specified file-directory. Switch may be (OFF) where a is the center of the program file (JOB, LOAD, LINK).

The arg₁ are the same format as the...

There may be any number of arguments and each...

Once the argument list has been processed, the loader will use only TSLIB1, if allowed, to search for any missing subroutines.

The user is switched to his own file-directory during the NEED messages. Upon completion of the loading, the current file-directory is switched back to its initial status.

Library

The new library will consist of 3 or more files instead of a single file. These files will be searched separately, thus speeding up the loading process.

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TSLIB2 BSS is the "DEBUG" library which contains FLEXPM, STRACE and FAPDBG.

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Modifications and Corrections

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