MULTICS SYSTEM-PROGRAMMERS MANUAL

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Identification

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- passim Error return label arguments are no longer used. In all cases in which they appeared, they are replaced by non-zero values in the error code arguments if errors arose in the called procedures. A zero value in an error code indicates successful completion.
- p.3 The second sentence of step 1, currently ending "and `validation level'", should end

return location (from oldsp/20), and "validation level".

- p.3 References to the Segment Housekeeping Module should be taken as references to the Segment Management Module.
- p.3 The last two sentences of step 1 should be replaced by

Each entry in <rtn_stk> is of variable length, in order to allow the Fault Interceptor to use it for secure storage of machine conditions; a diagram of <rtn_stk> is to be found in Figure 6. The index of the last (most recent) entry is kept in <rtn_stk>|0; this index is known as the "invocation number" (see BD.9.00).

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The portion of step 2 at the top of the page should read

where <u>address</u> is a pointer to the location being transferred to, <u>ring</u> is the ring number of the faulting procedure, new_ring is a return argument which will be set to the ring number of the target procedure, <u>type</u> is a return argument which indicates whether <u>address</u> is a gate or a door (cf. BD.9.00, BD.9.05)

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and err_code is a return argument which will be set to a non-zero value if the attempted crossing is illegal - the specific value indicating the specific kind of illegality. (After determining that the ring relationships are permissible, get_ring also checks that the specific transfer at hand is directed at a legitimate entry point - or "gate". The file system maintains lists of gates for segments; see also BG.9.00.)

p.5 The following should be appended to the first paragraph of step c:

However, in order to prevent an access fault during the return sequence when the bases are restored, the old stack pointer must not be preserved in the new frame. (It points to a segment which will in general be inaccessible from the new ring.) Therefore, newsp[6 and newsp[7 are overwritten, the new value being newsp.

- p.11 An updated calling sequence for <u>appendb</u> will be found in BG.8.02.
- p.11 In the first line of the last paragraph on the page, "set to 8" should be "set to point to <stack_n> |8".
- p.17 Add Figure 6, attached.

<rtn_stk> 0 last entry length validation level oldring Its oldsp its return location machine conditions length machine conditions

Figure 6: Structure of <rtn_stk>