MULTICS SYSTEM-PROGRAMMERS MANUAL

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Identification

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(Note that the following is an Abstract, which should be replaced by a full description at a later time.)

Function of Entry:

Interfaces the file system with the firehose drum. A circular queue is used with each slot in that queue corresponding to a sector time on the drum. The queue is long enough so that 10 requests for the same sector time may be accepted. When a request for I/O is finished a call is made to page\$done or fsstat\$switch is set to zero.

Calling Sequence for Entry:

call drum_control\$drum_read(did, p);

drum_control\$drum_write(did, p);

drum_control\$drum_run(did);

Declaration of Arguments:

dcl did fixed,

/* device id */

1 arg based (p),

2 drum_addr bit (18),

2 core_addr bit (18),

2 postsw bit (1),

2 null bit (8),

2 param bit (27);

/* sector address on drum */

/* page address in core */

/* if on call page\$done,
else switch = 0 */

/* given to page\$done */

Description of Arguments: