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Identification

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Purpose

A number of items in the PL/I language are implementation dependent. This section defines those items.

Implementation Dependent Items

The following items require implementation definitions.

- <u>The data character set will be the 128 character ASCII</u> set, stored right adjusted in 9-bit bytes as defined in BC.2.01.
- 2) <u>The internal representation</u> of data in PL/I for the GE 645 is described in BP.2.01.
- 3) <u>The defaults</u> and <u>maxima are</u>:

| Type | Defaults | Maximum |
|--|--|---|
| Float Binary Float Decimal Fixed Binary Fixed Decimal Bit String Character String | 27 bits 8 digits 17 bits 5 digits | 63 bits 18 digits 71 bits 21 digits 36*2**18 bits 4*2**18 characters |

4) <u>The options-list of the ENVIRONMENT option</u> is not yet specified.

5) The length of bit string assigned to v in UNSPEC (v) is:

<u>Declared Type</u> Fixed Binary (p) Fixed Decimal (p) Float Binary (p) Float Decimal (p) Character (p) Pointer Bit (p) Length

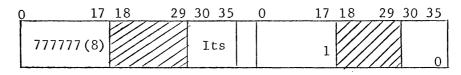
| ∫ 36 if | p | |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| 172 if | | |
| TRUNC | (10*p/3)+ | 1 |
| {36 if 72 if | p ≤ 27 | |
| 1 72 if | p > 27 | |
| ∫36 if | p ≤ 8 | |
| 1 72 if | p > 8 | |
| 9*p | | |
| 72 | | |
| D | | |

6) <u>The default LINESIZE</u> is 136 characters and the default pagesize is 54 lines. This gives a one inch margin top and bottom assuming 11 inch forms and 6 lines per inch.
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- 8) The categories and code for ONCODE are:
 - 1-69 Math Library (See Bennett Goldberg (GE) for further information)
 - 70-120 I/O (See Dwight Pfenning (BTL) for further information)
 - 150-170 Default ON CONDITIONS (see Dwight Pfenning (BTL) for further information)
 - 200-201 Master Mode operation violation (see Dwight Pfenning (BTL) for further information)
- 9) The null pointer value is:



The segment numbered 77777(8) is a dummy and if any attempt to access it is made a fault will occur which will be handled by the fault handler.

- 10) The permitted maximum exponent of a floating-point number (for OVERFLOW) is 127.
- 11) The permitted maximum fixed-point number for FIXED-OVERFLOW is $\pm (2**71 - 1)$.
- 12) The permitted minimum exponent of a floating-point number (for UNDERFLOW) is -128.
- 13) The subscript range is limited only by the limits on fixed point arithmetic. However, an aggregate is restricted to a single segment.
- 14) The default size for area is 1024 words and the maximum is 2**18. Both figures include the allocation overhead.
- 15) The default area for allocations begins at <free_>[[free_].
- 16) The standard input file SYSIN and output file SYSPRINT are defined to be the standard Multics input streams "user_input" and output stream "user_output" respectively.
- 17) During the execution of an <u>ON</u>-unit, the <u>ON</u>-unit current upon entry to the statically encompassing block at the time the ON was executed is reestablished. No specification is given for this situation in the PL/I manual.
- 18) The quantity N (page 32 of the PL/I manual) defined to be the largest number in the implementation is 71 bits.
- 19) The quantity S (page 34 of the PL/I manual) defined to be the precision of the result of bit string to arithmetic conversion is 73 bits.