Identification

JOIN SAVED -- join two or more ASCII files
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Purpose

An ASCII file in CTSS has its end indicated by the ASCII
character ETX (octal 003). Thus combining two ASCII files
with the CTSS command COMBIN (AH.6.01 of the CTSS Programmers's
Guide) will not produce a satisfactory result, since any
program reading the resultant file will stop at the first
ETX. JOIN circumvents this difficulty.

Usage

Issuing the command

        R JOIN PRINAM SECNAM NAME1 -NAME2- . . .

will create (ASCII) file PRINAM SECNAM by adjoining the
files NAME1 SECNAM, NAME2 SECNAM, etc. All characters
of each file are joined up to but not including the first
ETX. Characters appearing after the first ETX in any
input file will be ignored.

Operation

JOIN creates its output in a temporary file (INPUT FILE)
which it renames to PRINAM SECNAM on completion, so PRINAM
may be the same as one of the NAMEi. Before deleting
any existing file, JOIN asks the user's permission.

Miscellaneous

JOIN SAVED will be found in T269 CMFL01.

Acknowledgement

The program JOIN was written long ago by Robert Morris
of BTL. The present author contributes nothing but a
description.