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Identification

RQASCI

Request off-line printing of ASCII files.  
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Purpose

RQASCI is a CTSS command which enables MULTICS programmers to obtain off-line print-outs of CTSS files in the ASCII character set, by use of a specially equipped 1401.

Usage

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RQASCI n1 n2 n3 n4 ...
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where n1 n2, n3 n4. are the names of files to be printed.

A link to a file named ASCII RQUEST must exist in the file directory of the user. If the link is not found or is incorrect, the command will give instructions for making the correct link.

If any of the files requested are not present in the current directory, the message:

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N1 N2 NOT FOUND. DO YOU WANT REQUEST?
```

will be printed, and the program will expect a "yes" or "no" answer.

If ASCII RQUEST is being used by another user, the message:

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ASCII RQUEST BUSY. TRY LATER.
```

will be printed, and no requests will be accepted.

The command writes an entry into ASCII RQUEST for each file to be printed. Some time later, the ASCII Output Routine will read the file and prepare a tape for printing at the 1401. Printed output will eventually turn up in the user's folder on the Ninth Floor at Project MAC.

The files to be printed should not, of course, be deleted or renamed until after the output routine has been run.

The print-out of each requested file will have an identifying line of the following form prefixed to it:

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PROB PROG D1 T1 N1 N2 X WDS CREATED D2 T2 IN FD1 FD2 BY A
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where:

D1, T1 are the date and time of the output run;  
D2, T2 are the date and time the file was created;  
X is the length of the file in words;  
A is the author number of the file;  
FD1, FD2 is the directory in which the entry resides.