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*Programming
DDS for printer files*



Note

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DDS for printer files

You can use data description specifications (DDS) to define printer files. This topic provides the information you need to code the positional and keyword entries that define these files.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the [“Code license and disclaimer information”](#) on page 148.

What's new for IBM i 7.2

Read about new or significantly changed information for the DDS for printer files topic collection.

Changes to the Bar Code (BARCODE) keyword

Several additional bar codes types and modifiers are now supported for the Bar Code (BARCODE) keyword. The new bar code types now supported include:

- QR Code
- Code 93
- USPS Intelligent Mail
- Royal Mail Red Tag
- GS1 Databar

Additional modifiers on previously supported bar code types add support for the following bar codes:

- UCC/EAN 128 (GS1-128)
- USPS intelligent Mail Container
- GS1 ITF-14



In addition, several other bar code changes have been made. See [“BARCODE \(Bar Code\) keyword in printer files”](#) on page 24

Changes to the Font name (FONTNAME) keyword

The font names of the TrueType and OpenType fonts provided in option 43 of the IBM® i have changed. Support for the use of the old names is provided. See [“FONTNAME \(Font name\) keyword in printer files”](#) on page 88.

How to see what's new or changed

To help you see where technical changes have been made, the information center uses:

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Related reference

Related information for [DDS for printer files](#)

Product manuals, Web sites, and other information center topic collections contain information that relates to the DDS for printer files topic collection. You can view or print any of the PDF files.

Defining a printer file

When defining a printer file using data description specifications (DDS), you should follow these rules for filling in positions 1 through 44 of the DDS form for printer files.

Specify the entries in the following order to define a printer file:

1. Optional: File-level entries
2. Record-level entries
3. Field-level entries

Specify at least one record format in each file. The maximum number of record formats in a printer file is 1024. The maximum number of fields in any one record format is 32 767. The maximum combined length of all named fields and indicators in a record format is 32 767 bytes.

Note: Specify the file name through the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command, not through DDS.

See [DDS concepts](#) for the following general information:

- An explanation of file level, record level, and field level in the overview topic.
- A complete printer file example in the examples topic.
- Syntax rules for specifying DDS keywords.

[Figure 1 on page 3](#) shows a printer file code example.

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```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A* PRINTER FILE CODING EXAMPLE
00020A*
00030A      R  TITLER                SKIPB(3)
00040A      FLD1                    40      47SPACEA(2) UNDERLINE
00050A  30  FLD2                    40      47SPACEA(2) UNDERLINE
00060A*
00070A      R  AUTHORR
00080A
00090A      FIELD1                  40      66'by'
00100A      50DFT('Task Force I')
00110A  31  SPACEA(1)
00120A  31  65'and'
00130A  31  FIELD2                  40      47
00140A*
00150A      R  PUBR                  SKIPB(58)
00160A      47'Published by Department'
00170A      DEPT                    3  0    +1
00180A      47DATE  EDTCDE(Y)
00190A      SPACEB(1)
00200A  N15
00210A  32  33  34
00220A      47TIME
          A      SPACEB(1)

```

Figure 1. Printer file code example

Related concepts

[Rules for DDS keywords and parameter values](#)

[Keyword entries for printer files \(positions 45 through 80\)](#)

These are valid keyword entries for defining printer files.

Related reference

[Examples: DDS coding](#)

Conventions and terminology for DDS information

The DDS information uses these conventions and terminology.

- A *keyword* is a name that identifies a function.
- A *parameter* is an argument that identifies a value or set of values you can use to tailor the function the keyword specifies. It is shown between the parentheses on a keyword.
- A *value* is an actual value that you can use for a parameter.
- In the keyword descriptions, *this field* or *this record format* means the field or record format that you are defining.
- The expression *use this file- or record-level keyword* means the keyword is valid only at the file or record level.
- *To specify a keyword* means to code the keyword in the DDS for a file. This contrasts with *to select a keyword* or *when a keyword is in effect*, both of which mean that any conditioning (such as one or more option indicators) is satisfied when an application program issues an input or output operation.
- *Current source* or *source you are defining* means the DDS that together make up the description of one file.
- In sample displays, character fields are shown as Xs and numeric fields are shown as Ns.
- The 5250 Work Station Feature is a feature of the OS/2 communications manager that allows the personal computer to perform like a 5250 display station and to use functions of the IBM i operating system.
- *Logical file* includes join logical files, simple logical files, and multiple-format logical files.

- *Page* means to move information up or down on the display. *Roll* means the same as *page*. *Paging keys* are the same as *roll keys*. The PAGEDOWN keyword is the same as the ROLLUP keyword. The PAGEUP keyword is the same as the ROLLDOWN keyword.

Positional entries for printer files (positions 1 through 44)

You specify positional entries for printer files in the first 44 positions of the data description specifications (DDS) form.

To code the remaining part of the form, see [“Keyword entries for printer files \(positions 45 through 80\)” on page 12.](#)

The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows some positional entries for printer files.

Sequence number for printer files (positions 1 through 5)

You can specify a sequence number in these positions for each line on the DDS form.

The sequence number is optional and for documentation purposes only.

Form type for printer files (position 6)

You can enter an A in this position to designate this form as a DDS form.

The form type is optional and for documentation purposes only.

Comment for printer files (position 7)

You can enter an asterisk (*) in this position to identify this line as a comment, and then use positions 8 through 80 for comment text.

A blank line (no characters specified in positions 7 through 80) is also treated as a comment. Comment lines can appear anywhere in DDS and are kept only in the source file. Comments appear on the source computer printout but not on the expanded source computer printout.

Condition for printer files (positions 7 through 16)

You use these positions to specify option indicators (2-digit numbers from 01 to 99). Then you can have your program set option indicators on (hexadecimal F1) or off (hexadecimal F0) to select a field or keyword.

By specifying two to nine indicators that must all be in effect (set off if N is specified; set on if N is not specified) before the field or the keyword is selected, you create an AND condition.

Note: You must specify the field or keyword on the same line as the last (or only) set of indicators you specified.

Specify up to nine indicators for each condition and nine conditions for each field or keyword. A maximum of 81 indicators can be specified for each keyword when nine indicators are used with nine conditions.

By specifying several conditions for a field or keyword, you create an OR relationship. If any one of the conditions is satisfied, the field or the keyword is selected.

Note: Conditions within the OR relationship can consist of one indicator or of several indicators joined by AND. Indicators can be joined by AND to form a condition; conditions can be joined by OR to give your program several ways to select the field or the keyword.

Specify the conditions by entering the following values:

Position 7 (AND)

If you need more than three indicators to form an AND condition, specify them in the same positions on the next line or lines of the DDS form. Specify A in position 7 on the following lines to designate the continuation of the AND condition, or leave it blank because A is the default.

Position 7 (OR)

If you specify several conditions that are to be joined by OR, each condition must start on a new line and each condition except the first must have an O in position 7. An O specified for the first condition produces a warning message, and that position is assumed to be blank.

Positions 8, 11, 14 (NOT)

If you want an indicator to be off instead of on to satisfy a condition, specify N in the position just preceding the indicator (position 8, 11, or 14).

Specifying a condition for more than one field or keyword in printer files

If you specify a condition for a field, the field name (or the constant) and the last (or only) indicator must be on the same line. If you specify one or more keywords for the field, the condition applies only to this field, not to the keywords. If the field is not selected for an output operation, no keywords specified for that field are in effect, regardless of how the condition for the keywords is specified. For example, if, in the printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#), indicator 30 is off, SPACEA and UNDERLINE are not in effect.

If you want to specify a condition for one or more keywords, specify the keywords and the last (or only) indicator on the same line. If the condition applies to keywords on multiple lines, keyword continuation must be used for the indicators to apply to all the keywords.

Type of name or specification for printer files (position 17)

The value in this position identifies the type of name in positions 19 through 28.

The valid entries for printer files are:

| Entry | Meaning |
|--------------|--------------------|
| R | Record format name |
| Blank | Field name |

The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows how to code the name type.

For more information about types of names, see [“Name for printer files \(positions 19 through 28\)” on page 5](#).

Reserved for printer files (position 18)

This position does not apply to any file type.

Leave this position blank unless you use it for comment text.

Name for printer files (positions 19 through 28)

You specify record format names and field names in these positions.

Name must begin in position 19.

The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows how to specify record format names and field names.

Related concepts

[Rules for DDS keywords and parameter values](#)

Record format name in printer files

When you specify an R in position 17, the name specified in positions 19 through 28 is a record format name.

You can specify more than one record format for a printer file, but each name must be unique within that file. You must also specify field names or constant fields to complete a record format in a printer file.

Field name in printer files

When position 17 is left blank, the name specified in positions 19 through 28 is a field name.

Field names must be unique within the record format.

Constant fields in printer files

Constant fields are unnamed fields (positions 19 through 28 must be blank), or fields with a special name (*NONE) when the POSITION keyword is used in the record.

The following rules apply when you specify a constant field:

- Positions 17 through 38 must be blank if you specify the location of the field in positions 39 through 44.
- Positions 17, 18, and 29 through 44 must be blank if you specify the POSITION keyword.
- The field can be conditioned using option indicators (positions 7 through 16).
- You can specify a constant field in a record format that has a BOX, ENDPAGE, GDF, LINE, OVERLAY, or PAGSEG keyword specified on the record, only if you have specified a POSITION keyword on the constant field.
- The constant itself is defined in positions 45 through 80 using one of the following constant field keywords:
 - Explicit DFT keyword (specify the value within apostrophes with the DFT keyword)
 - Implicit DFT keyword (specify the value within apostrophes without the DFT keyword)
 - DATE keyword (specify no value)
 - TIME keyword (specify no value)
 - PAGNBR keyword (specify no value)
 - MSGCON keyword (specify the message description, the message file, the library name, and the length of the message description)
- The EDTCDE or the EDTWRD keyword can be specified for constant fields only when DATE, TIME, or PAGNBR keywords are also specified.

When specifying a location (positions 39 through 44) for constant fields, you can specify the fields in any order if you use line numbers. If you do not use line numbers, you must specify the fields in the order in which they are to appear on the printed page.

When you specify the POSITION keyword with a constant field, the special name *NONE signifies the start of the field in the DDS source. Therefore, you must specify the POSITION keyword or any other keyword associated with the constant field, either on the same line as the constant field keyword or on a subsequent line.

Related concepts

DATE (Date) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to display the current date or the current system date as a constant field that is 6 or 8 bytes long.

Related reference

TIME (Time) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword prints the current system time as a constant field 6 bytes long.

PAGNBR (Page Number) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the location of an unnamed, 4-digit, zoned decimal field to contain the page number.

MSGCON (Message Constant) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to indicate that the text for a constant field is contained in a message description.

Reference for printer files (position 29)

You specify R in position 29 to copy the attributes of a previously defined, named field (the referenced field) to the field that you are defining. If you do not specify R, you must specify the field attributes.

For example, you might want to reference fields for an externally defined file to print a report from a database file.

When using the reference function, specify the referenced field name, even if it is the same as the referencing field. (The referenced field name can be in a previously created database file specified on the REF or REFFLD keywords.) The field attributes referenced are the length, data type, and decimal positions of the field, as well as the ALIAS, FLTPCN, TEXT, DATFMT, DATSEP, TIMFMT, TIMSEP, and editing keywords.

If the referenced field name is the same as the field that you are defining, specify R in position 29 and the name of the field that you are defining in positions 19 through 28. If the referenced field is different from the field that you are defining, specify the name of the referenced field with the REFFLD keyword.

Position 29 must be blank at the file and record levels.

You can specify the name of the file defining the referenced field as a parameter value with the REF or the REFFLD keyword.

If you do not want to copy all the attributes from the previously defined field, specify those attributes for the field that you are defining, as follows:

- To override editing keywords (EDTCDE or EDTWRD), specify EDTCDE or EDTWRD for the field that you are defining. To delete these keywords, specify DLTEDT for the field that you are defining.
- Validity checking keywords (CHECK, COMP, RANGE, VALUES), if specified for the referenced field, are ignored in the printer file.

When you override some specifications, others are affected:

- If you specify a value for data type, field length, or decimal positions for the field that you are defining, editing keywords are not copied from the referenced field.
- Packed decimal and binary fields are not supported for printer files. Therefore, when you reference fields of these types, the data type is converted to zoned decimal (S in position 35) in the printer file.

Note: After the printer file is created, the referenced file can be deleted or changed without affecting the field definitions in the printer file. To incorporate changes made in the referenced file, delete and re-create the printer file.

Related concepts

[When to specify REF and REFFLD keywords for DDS files](#)

[Length for printer files \(positions 30 through 34\)](#)

You must specify the field length in these positions for each named field (unless you copy the field length from a referenced field).

Related reference

[REFFLD \(Referenced Field\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this field-level keyword when referring to a field under one of these conditions.

Length for printer files (positions 30 through 34)

You must specify the field length in these positions for each named field (unless you copy the field length from a referenced field).

Your entry represents the number of bytes of data to be passed from your program when an output operation is done for this field. (If the field is to be edited, the associated edit code or edit word is used

to determine the printed length of the field.) The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows how to code the field length.

The maximum length of a zoned decimal field is 63. Data description specifications allow a maximum field length of 32 767 characters. If the field length causes the field to extend beyond the page size, a warning diagnostic appears. The maximum length of a single precision floating-point field is 9 digits; the maximum length of a double precision floating-point field is 17 digits.

If you use a referenced field, override the referenced length by specifying a new value or by specifying the increase or decrease in length. To increase the length, specify +n, where n is the increase. To decrease the length, specify -n, where n is the decrease. For example, an entry of +4 indicates that the field is to be 4 digits longer than the referenced field. The field length can be overridden without overriding the decimals.

If you specify length, it must be right-aligned; leading zeros are optional.

The following example shows correct and incorrect field-length specifications. FIELD1 shows the field length specified incorrectly. FIELD2 and FIELD3 show the field length specified correctly.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5
00010A          FIELD1      7
  A
00020A          FIELD2      7
  A
00030A          FIELD3    R  +7
```

For floating-point fields, 7 positions will be added to the length you specify in positions 30 through 34. The 7 extra positions are for the significant sign, the decimal point or comma, the exponent character, the exponent sign, and the exponent.

In some cases, if you specify a value for length, some keywords specified with the field in the database file are not included in the printer file.

Related concepts

[Reference for printer files \(position 29\)](#)

You specify R in position 29 to copy the attributes of a previously defined, named field (the referenced field) to the field that you are defining. If you do not specify R, you must specify the field attributes.

Data type for printer files (position 35)

You can use this position to specify the data type associated with a field.

The valid entries for this field for a printer file are:

| Entry | Meaning |
|-------|----------------|
| S | Zoned decimal |
| A | Character |
| F | Floating point |
| L | Date |
| T | Time |
| Z | Timestamp |

Note: The O (open) and G (graphic) support DDS printer files that use double-byte character set (DBCS). The G (graphic) data type also supports DDS printer files that use UTF-16 and UCS-2.

The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows how to code the data type.

If you do not specify a data type and do not duplicate one from a referenced field, the IBM i operating system assigns a default value as follows:

- A (character) if the decimal positions (36 and 37) are blank

- S (zoned decimal) if the decimal positions (36 and 37) contain a number in the range 0 through 63

Notes:

1. Specify 0 in position 37 to indicate an integer numeric field.
2. Specify F in position 35 for a single precision floating-point field. Use the FLTPCN keyword to specify double precision or to change the precision of an already specified floating-point field.
3. A floating-point value consists of five parts: (a) the significand sign, (b) the significand, (c) the exponent character (d) the exponent sign, and (e) the exponent.

The significand sign is not printed for a positive value. The number of digits in the significand is determined by the length specified (positions 30 through 34). The location of the decimal point or the comma is determined by the decimal positions specified (positions 36 and 37). The exponent character and the exponent sign are always printed. The exponent is always 3 digits.

The printed length for a floating-point field is 7 positions greater than the length specified in positions 30 through 34. The 7 extra positions are for (a) the significand sign, (b) the decimal point or comma, (c) the exponent character, (d) the exponent sign, and (e) the 3 exponent digits.

4. Date, Time, and Timestamp restrictions:

The field length (*DDS positions 30 and 34) for these data types must be blank. The field length is determined by the following rules:

- For Date (L), the format specified on the DATFMT keyword dictates the length of the field. If the DATFMT keyword is not specified, then the format is set to *ISO as default, which has a field length of 10.
- For Time (T), the format specified on the TIMFMT keyword dictates the length of the field. All formats for the TIMFMT keyword, including the default of *ISO when TIMFMT is not specified, has a field length of 8.
- For Timestamp (Z), the field length is 26.

Fields that specify these data types are treated as alphanumeric data when printed. It is up to the application program to provide the data in the correct format and length according to the data type and keywords specified for these fields.

Blank is the only supported value for decimal positions (DDS positions 36 and 37).

Zero suppression is not supported for these data types. EDTCDE and EDTWRD keywords are not valid and the operating system does not perform zero suppression by default as it does for signed-numeric fields.

The following field level keywords are not allowed with these data types.

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| BARCODE | FLTFIXDEC |
| BLKFOLD | FLTPCN |
| DATE | IGCCDEFNT |
| DFT | IGCCHRRTT |
| EDTCDE | MSGCON |
| EDTWRD | PAGNBR |
| | TIME |

Related concepts

Data type or keyboard shift (position 35)

You must type an O in this position to make a field a DBCS-open field.

Decimal positions for printer files (positions 36 and 37)

You use these positions to specify the decimal placement within a zoned decimal field and the data type of the field as it appears in your program.

If you leave these positions blank, the IBM i operating system assumes a data type of character for the field.

If you enter a number in these positions, the IBM i operating system assumes a data type of zoned decimal for the field. The number specified is the number of positions to the right of the decimal point. It must be less than or equal to the field length, with a maximum of 63. The printer file example in [“Defining a printer file” on page 2](#) shows how to code decimal positions.

If you use a referenced field, you do not need to specify decimal positions because the information is retrieved from the referenced file. You can override or change the decimal positions retrieved.

To override the decimal positions, specify the new value. To change the decimal positions, specify the amount by which you want to increase or decrease the field and precede the amount with either a + or -. For example, an entry of +4 indicates that there are 4 more digits to the right of the decimal point than in the referenced field.

Note: High-level languages can impose specific length and value restrictions on the decimal positions. Observe these restrictions for files used by those languages.

Usage for printer files (position 38)

You use this position to specify that a named field is an output-only or a program-to-system field. Do not make an entry in this position for a constant (unnamed) field.

The valid entries for printer files are:

- 0 or blank: Output only
- P: Program-to-system (special output field)

Output-only fields pass data from a program to the printer when the program prints a record.

A program-to-system field is a named, numeric, or alphanumeric output-only field used to pass data between the program and the system. It is not printed. A program can send data to the field with an output operation, but the data is not printed.

The following rules apply to program-to-system fields:

- The field is always named.
- Locations are not valid.
- Length, data type, and decimal positions are specified as for other named fields.
- If a program-to-system field is used in the record format, it must be specified as a parameter on a keyword within the same record format.
- Program-to-system fields must appear after all data fields.

Location for printer files (positions 39 through 44)

These positions specify where the beginning of the field that you are defining appears on the page. You specify the line in positions 39 through 41, and the position in positions 42 through 44.

The following conditions apply:

- When line numbers are specified, fields can appear in any order. They will be sequenced again into line-position order when placed in the printer file.
- When line numbers are not specified, the field order within the printer file is the same as that specified in the DDS.

- When fields or space/skip keywords are conditioned, the data description processor treats them as if they were selected when diagnosing overlapping fields.
- For a record format with several fields, when a field that has skip/space keywords is conditioned or a field-level skip/space keyword is conditioned, a warning message appears indicating that overlapping fields might occur and not be diagnosed.
- When the page size is exceeded because of field length, location, or associated skip/space keywords, or because of a combination of these, a warning message appears.
- The maximum that can be entered for line number is 255. The actual maximum for the page can be less, depending on the page-length value of the PAGESIZE parameter on the Create Printer file (CRTPRTF) command and on the lines per inch specified.
- The maximum value that can be entered for position number is 255. The actual maximum for the page depends on the page-width value of the PAGESIZE parameter on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command and on the characters per inch, either specified or implicit in the font being used.
- The overflow line (the last printed line on a page) depends on the values of OVRFLW and PAGESIZE parameters on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF), Change Printer File (CHGPRTF), and Override with Printer File (OVRPRTF) commands. For externally defined files, RPG cannot control page overflow.
- When externally defined files are used by high-level language compilers, the fields are sequenced in the output record area according to the DDS. Refer to the appropriate high-level language manual for specific information. If fields overlap, the printer overprints. See the expanded source in the compiler printout generated by the Create Printer File command for field lengths and output buffer positions.
- These positions must be blank if the POSITION keyword is specified.

Line (positions 39 through 41)

These positions specify the line on the page in which the field begins.

The entry must be right-aligned; leading zeros are optional. Line numbers can be specified for either named or unnamed fields within a record. If you specify a line number for one field within a record, you must specify either a line number in positions 39 through 41 or a plus value (+n) in positions 42 through 44 for all fields within that record.

Line numbers are not valid if one of the skip or space keywords has been specified at either the record level or field level. Line numbers are valid, however, if one of the skip keywords has been specified at the file level. (Space keywords are not valid at the file level.)

Position (positions 42 through 44)

These positions specify the starting position of the field.

The position you specify is based on the value of the characters per inch value for the printer file, which is either specified or implicit in the font being used. If the printer file uses *DEVDF for the font, a coded font, or a font character set, text fields are positioned using blanks (x'40') to position to the required columns. Non-text fields, such as barcodes, are positioned using an implied value of 10 CPI. If a proportional spaced font is being used, this might produce columns which do not line up. It is recommended that the Position keyword be used for this situation. The entry must be right-aligned; leading zeros are optional.

If you specify a location of a field in a record and the field is not ignored, you can specify the location of subsequent fields within that record by leaving the line number blank and specifying a plus value (+n) for 42 through 44 (position entry). The plus value indicates the number of spaces to be left between the end of the previous field and the beginning of the field that you are defining. The plus value must be in the range of 0 through 99. If you specify a plus value, the line number entry must be blank. If the plus value causes an implicit space operation and line numbers are not being used for the record format, then skip/space keywords must be used to cause spacing to occur.

The system uses the page width specified on the CRTPRTF command as the width limit when figuring field positions. For example, a user specifies the page width as 132. If the record format being created uses reference positioning instead of hard-coded positions, the fields will be wrapped at position 132. If a line number is specified on a field in the format, the overlapping fields are wrapped to the next line. If no line number is specified for the format, the data is wrapped over the data at the beginning of that same line.

After the positions are calculated, the real values are stored and treated as if they were hard-coded. Therefore, if a field was wrapped and now resides on line 1, position 5, that is where the field remains even if the page width is increased using the CHGPRTF command.

Figure 2 on page 12 illustrates this problem and two possible solutions (for a page width of 132 characters).

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```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A* POSITION PLUS VALUE CAUSES PRFLD1 TO OVERLAP PRFLD2
A*
A      R PRTOUT                SKIPB(1)
A      PRFLD1          130      1TEXT('START LOC 1,1 END LOC 1,130')
A      PRFLD2          130      +2TEXT('OVERLAPS PRFLD1')
A*
A* SOLUTION 1 TO PREVENT OVERLAP IS TO SPECIFY SPACEA OR SKIPA WITH PRFLD1
A*   OR TO SPECIFY SPACEB OR SKIPB WITH PRFLD2
A*
A      R PRTOUT2                SKIPB(1)
A      PRFLD1A          130      1
A      PRFLD2A          130      +2SPACEB(1)
A*
A* SOLUTION 2 PROVIDES A FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT NOT USING SKIP/SPACE
A*
A      R PRTOUT3
A      PRFLD1B          130      1  1
A      PRFLD2B          130      +2
A
```

Figure 2. Specifying the line and position location

If FOLD(*YES) is specified for the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command, any field that extends beyond the end of a line is continued on the next line. The break occurs at the end of the line but you can cause it to be folded at a blank by specifying the BLKFOLD keyword. If FOLD(*NO) is in effect, a field that extends beyond the end of a line is truncated.

The data description specifications determine which fields appear on the same print line. The data description processor diagnoses overlap at file creation time. Keywords or fields containing optional keywords are assumed to be selected. Therefore, no overlap check is made for the cases in which the keywords or fields are not selected. In Figure 3 on page 12, no fields will overlap unless indicator 01 is on, in which case F1, F3, and F4 will overlap. A diagnostic is sent for the format indicating that field selection or conditioning of space/skip keywords can cause fields to overlap at run time.

On some printers, printer throughput speed is better when fields on the same line are specified in the DDS in right-to-left order.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A* OVERLAPPING FIELDS ONLY IF IND 01 IS ON
A*
A      R REC1                SKIPB(1)
A      F1                  1      1
A N01   F2                  1      1SPACEB(1) SPACEA(1)
A      F3                  1      1
A      F4                  1      1
A N01   F4                  1      1SPACEB(1)
A
```

Figure 3. Overlapping fields

Keyword entries for printer files (positions 45 through 80)

These are valid keyword entries for defining printer files.

The keywords are entered in positions 45 through 80 (functions).

Related concepts

[Rules for DDS keywords and parameter values](#)

Related tasks

[Defining a printer file](#)

When defining a printer file using data description specifications (DDS), you should follow these rules for filling in positions 1 through 44 of the DDS form for printer files.

Keywords supported for printer file device type of *AFPDS.

Beginning with OS/400® V3R1, the Advanced Function Printing (AFP) subsystem was a separately orderable feature of the IBM i operating system, called Print Services Facility (PSF).

There are two separate subsystems in the IBM i operating system. The original IBM i printing subsystem continues to support line printers, ASCII printers, and a subset of IBM Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) printers and print functions. Full support for all IPDS printers is provided by the integrated AFP printing subsystem. The printing subsystem used to process application output is determined by the device description of the target printer. Only printers defined as DEVTYPE(*IPDS) and AFP(*YES) (both specified in the printer device description) are controlled by the AFP printing subsystem.

In order to print based on the values specified for certain keywords, PSF is required. For example, some spooled files generated with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) can only be printed by PSF. Most can also be printed on a printer configured to use Host Print Transform.

Here is a list of DDS keywords that are valid for printer files that have the printer device type (DEVTYPE) parameter value specified as *AFPDS. Restrictions on DDS keywords are contained in this list as well.

- AFPRSC
- ALIAS
- BARCODE
- BOX
- CDEFNT
- CHRID (Only applies to output printed using a printer resident font. If a coded font (CDEFNT) or a font character set and code page combination (FNTCHRSET) is specified, the CHRID keyword is ignored and a message issued.)
- CHRSIZ
- COLOR (Color is ignored if your printer does not support color printing.)
- CVTDTA
- DATE
- DATFMT
- DATSEP
- DFT
- DLTEDT
- DOCIDXTAG
- DRAWER
- DTASTMCMD
- DUPLEX
- EDTCDE
- EDTWORD
- ENDPAGE
- ENDPAGGRP
- FLTFIXDEC
- FLTPCN

- FONT
- FORCE
- FNTCHRSET
- GDF (only supported for printing by PSF)
- HIGHLIGHT (Only applies to output printed using a printer resident font. If a coded font (CDEFNT) or a font character set and code page combination (FNTCHRSET) is specified, the HIGHLIGHT keyword is ignored and a message issued.)
- IGCCDEFNT
- INDARA
- INDTXT
- INVMMAP
- LINE
- MSGCON
- OVERLAY
- OUTBIN
- PAGNBR
- PAGRTT
- PAGSEG
- POSITION
- PRTQLTY
- REF
- REFFLD
- SKIPA (Not allowed at the file level in a spooled file with printer device type *AFPDS.)
- SKIPB (Not allowed at the file level in a spooled file with printer device type *AFPDS.)
- STAPLE (only supported for printing by PSF)
- STRPAGGRP
- TEXT
- TIME
- TIMFMT
- TIMSEP
- TXTRTT
- UNDERLINE (When you create an AFPDS spooled file to be distributed to the IBM System z® platform, do not use the DDS UNDERLINE keyword because it does not print correctly.)
- UNISCRIP
- ZFOLD (only supported for printing by PSF)

Related information

[Overview of AFP printing](#)

AFPRSC (AFP Resource) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify an Advanced Function Printing (AFP) resource or a non-AFP resource stored in the integrated file system.

The AFPRSC keyword cannot be used to specify fonts, overlays, page segments, form definitions, or page definitions.

The format of the keyword is:

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```
AFPRSC ('resource-name' | &resource-name-field
object-type | object-comp-id | &object-type-field
position-down | &position-down-field
position-across | &position-across-field
[( *SIZE width | &width-field height | &height-field)]
[( *ROTATION rotation | &rotation-field-name)]
[( *PATH 'path-to-use' | *NONE | *CWD | &path-to-use-field-name)]
[( *MAPOPT mapping-option | &mapping-option-field-name)]
[( *COLORPRF color-profile | color-profile-comp-id | &color-profile-field-name)]
[( *SECRSC 'external-name' | &external-name-field
secondary-resource-type | sec-resource-comp-id | &sec-resource-type-field-name
'internal-name' | internal-name-hex-id | &internal-name-field
'secondary-resource-path' | *NONE | *CWD | &secondary-resource-path-field)])
```

Note: When you provide the resource-name, path-to-use, external-name, or secondary-resource-path as a literal value, the operating system assumes that it is specified in the coded character set identifier (CCSID) of the DDS source physical file. When you provide the resource-name, path-to-use, external-name, or secondary-resource-path as a program-to-system field, the operating system assumes that it is specified in the default job CCSID.

The resource-name is the name of the file in the integrated file system, including the file extension, if there is one. If the complete name is not specified, the resource will not be found. The maximum size of the quoted string is 250 bytes. The name cannot contain characters that can be interpreted as path name delimiters. To ensure portability across all AFP platforms, see the *MO:DCA Reference (SC31-6802)* book for a list of characters that are allowed in an external resource name.

The object-type describes the format of the data in the named file. Currently supported values are listed in the following table under the *Object type name* column. An object-comp-id value can be provided instead of the object-type. The corresponding object-comp-id values are listed in the following table under the *Component ID* column. The maximum size value allowed for an object-comp-id is 99999. The following table lists the currently supported object-types and the numeric value that identifies the type of the object:

| <i>Table 1. Object types supported on the AFPRSC keyword</i> | | |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Object type name | Component ID | Description |
| *JFIF | 23 | Commonly referred to as <i>JPG</i> |
| *PDFSPO | 25 | A PDF single-page object |
| *PDFSPOTR | 49 | A PDF single-page object with transparency |
| *PCLPO | 34 | A PCL page object |
| *BCOCA | – (see note) | An AFPDS BCOCA (bar code) object |
| *GOCA | – (see note) | An AFPDS GOCA (graphics) object |
| *IOCA | – (see note) | An AFPDS IOCA (image) object |
| *TIFF | 14 | Tag Image File Format |
| Note: The component ID for this object type is not used by the operating system. | | |

If you specify an object component ID value that is not supported by the device, the result will be unpredictable and will depend on the device to which the file is sent.

The position-down parameter defines the vertical starting point of the resource relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in).

The position-across parameter defines the horizontal starting point of the resource relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in).

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down and position-across parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

An error message is issued at print time if the resource does not fit on the page.

Use the optional width and height parameters to specify the size of the resource. They are specified as an expression of the form (*SIZE width height). If these parameters are omitted, then the size of the resource will not be changed (the resource will print with the size it was originally created with).

The optional width parameter defines the width of the resource. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in). If the width is specified, then the height parameter must also be specified.

The optional height parameter defines the height of the resource. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in). If the height is specified, then the width parameter must also be specified.

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the width and height parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

The optional rotation parameter allows you to specify a rotation value for the resource. Valid values are 0, 90, 180, and 270. It is specified as an expression of the form (*ROTATION rotation).

Consider the following additional points about the rotation parameter:

- If the rotation parameter is omitted, then AFP or non-AFP resources are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file.
- Verify that your printer supports this function.

Use the optional path-to-use parameter to further qualify the AFP resource. You should specify this parameter as an expression of the form (*PATH path-to-use). If you do not specify the path-to-use parameter, the environment variable `QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH` and the explicit path `/QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources` are used to search for the file. You can specify these values for the path-to-use parameter:

- *NONE. A path is not specified. *NONE has the same effect as if the path-to-use parameter is not supplied at all.
- *CWD. The current working directory for the job is specified.
- path-to-use. An absolute path name is specified. This must be a single directory. The value is a quoted string whose maximum length when the path name is provided in the DDS is 2000.

Note: When you reference a resource, if you specify (*PATH *NONE) or if you do not specify *PATH at all, the resource must be available through directories specified with the environment variable `QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH` or the explicit path `/QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources`.

See [“How the operating system searches for resources on the path-to-use or the secondary-resource-path parameter”](#) on page 20 for more information.

Use the optional mapping-option parameter to specify how the object should be mapped in the object placement area. It is specified as an expression of the form (*MAPOPT mapping-option).

The following table shows the available mapping options.

| Mapping option | DDS value | Description |
|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Position | *P | It specifies that the object is positioned at the upper left corner of the object placement area, as defined by the position-across and position-down parameters. Any portion of the object that falls outside the object placement area, as defined by the object's size, is not trimmed. If this occurs, the printer will report an error irrespective of the printer file's value for the FIDELITY parameter. |
| Position and trim | *PT | It specifies that the object is positioned at the upper left corner of the object placement area, as defined by the position-across and position-down parameters. Any portion of the object that falls outside the object placement area, as defined by the object's size, is trimmed. |
| Scale to fit | *ST | It specifies that the object is scaled to fit within the object placement area. The object is centered in the object placement area and it is scaled up or down to fit this area. Scaling is symmetrical. This option ensures that all of the data in the object is presented at the largest possible size and the object is not trimmed. |
| Center and trim | *CT | It specifies that the object is centered in the object placement area. Any portion of the object that falls outside the object placement area is trimmed. |
| Scale to fill | *SL | It specifies that the object is centered in the object placement area. The object is then scaled, so that it completely fills the object placement area. This might require that the object be asymmetrically scaled. |

Not all options are available for all types of objects. The following table shows which options are available. If you do not specify a mapping option, the default mapping option for the object type is used.

| Object type | Available mapping options |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| *BCOCA | *P (default) |
| *GOCA | *PT (default), *ST, *CT, *SL |
| *IOCA | *PT (default), *ST, *CT, *SL |
| All others | *PT (default), *P, *ST, *CT, *SL |

Use the optional color-profile parameter to specify a color profile, if it is required by the object. It is specified as an expression of the form (*COLORPRF color-profile). The color profile is resident within a printer. A PostScript level 1 file might contain color that is specific to a geography-based offset press standard, which defines the color rendering.

Note: The color-profile parameter requires device support, and should be used only when you are certain that the intended device supports the color profile that you want to specify. Specifying a color profile that is not supported by a device can produce unpredictable results.

The following table lists the color profiles that are supported in AFP environments, and the numeric value that identifies the color profile. The currently supported values for color-profile are defined in the *Color profile name* column; the equivalent values for color-profile-comp-id are listed in the *Component ID* column. The maximum size value for a color-profile-comp-id is 99999.

| Color profile name | Component ID | Description |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| *CMYKSWOP | 0 | CMYKSWOP (US) |
| *CMYKEURO | 1 | CMYK Euroscale (Europe) |

If you specify an unsupported color-profile-comp-id value, the result will depend on the printer to which the file is sent. Some printers do not support a color profile with certain object types. If you specify any of these unsupported combinations, the result will depend on the printer to which the file is sent.

Use the optional secondary resource parameter to specify up to 5 secondary resources for the named resource. It is specified as an expression of the form (*SECRSC external-name secondary-resource-type internal-name secondary-resource-path). A secondary resource is a resource that resides in the integrated file system and is referenced within the file identified by the resource-name (also called the primary resource).

Note: Use of this optional parameter requires device support. Use this parameter when the resource identified in the resource-name parameter requires one or more secondary resources. Support for secondary resources is device dependent. This option should be used only when it is known that the resource identified in the resource-name field requires a secondary resource and that the necessary device support exists. Otherwise, unpredictable results might occur.

The external-name is the name of the file, including the file extension, if there is one. If the complete name is not specified, the secondary resource cannot be found. The value is a quoted string whose maximum size is 250 bytes. The name cannot contain characters that can be interpreted as path name delimiters.

The secondary-resource-type identifies the type of the secondary resource. The following table lists the corresponding secondary-resource-types and the numeric value that identifies the type of the secondary resource. Currently supported values for the secondary-resource-type are listed in the *Resource type name* column; the equivalent values for sec-resource-comp-id are listed under the *Component ID* column. The maximum size value for a sec-resource-comp-id is 99999.

| Resource type name | Component ID | Description |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| *PDFRO | 26 | PDF resource object |
| *IOCAFS45RO | 47 | IOCA FS45 resource object |

If you specify an unsupported sec-resource-comp-id value, the result depends on the device to which the file is sent. Some devices do not support secondary resources with certain object types. Also, some devices do not support any secondary resource or object type combination. If you specify any of these unsupported combinations, the result depends on the device to which the file is sent.

The internal-name is the name of the secondary resource as it is referenced in the primary resource. The value is a quoted string or a HEX string (internal-name-hex-id). This value might be different than the external-name. You must obtain the internal-name from the person or application that generated the primary resource. The maximum length of a quoted string is 250 bytes. The format of the internal-name-hex-id is X'hhhh' where 'h' are hexadecimal characters. The maximum number of HEX characters is 500. Therefore, the maximum length of a HEX string is 503 bytes.

You can specify a path indicating where the resource is stored with the secondary-resource-path. The possible values are listed as follows:

- *NONE. A path is not specified.
- *CWD. The current working directory for the job is specified.
- Secondary-resource-path. An absolute path name is specified. This must be a single directory. The value is a quoted string whose maximum length when the path name is provided in the DDS is 2000.

Note: When referring to these resources, if you specify *NONE for the secondary resource path, the resource must be available through directories specified with environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH or the explicit path /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources.

See [“How the operating system searches for resources on the path-to-use or the secondary-resource-path parameter”](#) on page 20 for more information.

You can specify the resource-name, object-type, position-down, position-across, width, height, rotation, path-to-use, mapping-option, color-profile, external-name, secondary-resource-type, internal-name, and secondary-resource-path parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both. For example, the required parameters can be expressed in the following ways:

```
AFPRSC('Some resource name' *JFIF 10.2 11.2 ... )
AFPRSC(&field1 *JFIF 10.2 11.2 ... )
AFPRSC(&field1 &field2 10.2 11.2 ... )
AFPRSC(&field1 &field2 &field3 12.3 ... )
AFPRSC(&field1 *JFIF 10.3 &field3 ... )
AFPRSC(&field1 &field2 &field3 &field4 ... )
```

When you specify the resource-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length in the range 1 to 250, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the object-type as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system). If you provide a numeric component ID for the value of the field, assign a zoned decimal value, left-aligned in the field, and padded with blanks or HEX zeros. The maximum size of the numeric component ID value is 99999.

When you specify position-down or position-across as program-to-system fields, the fields must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. The fields must be defined as length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P.

When you specify the width or height fields as program-to-system fields, the fields must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. The fields must be defined as length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P.

A program-to-system field for rotation must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword, and it must be defined as length 3 with 0 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P.

When you specify path-to-use as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length in the range 1 to 5000, data type A (character), and usage P.

When you specify mapping-option as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined as length 3, data type A (character), and usage P.

When you specify color-profile as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined as length 9, data type A (character), and usage P. If you provide a numeric component ID for the value of the field, assign a zoned decimal value, left-aligned in the field, and padded with blanks or HEX zeros. The maximum size of the numeric component ID value is 99999.

When you specify external-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length in the range of 1 to 250, data type A (character), and usage P.

When you specify secondary-resource-type as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined as length 11, data type A (character), and usage P. If you provide a numeric component ID for the value of the field, assign a zoned decimal value, left-aligned in the field and padded with blanks or HEX zeros. The maximum size of the numeric component ID value is 99999.

When you specify internal-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length in the range of 3 to 252, data type A (character), and usage P. The first two bytes of the field's value must be a two byte binary length field. The value in the length field indicates the length of the name in the remainder of the program-to-system field.

When you specify secondary-resource-path as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the AFPRSC keyword. It must be defined with a length in the range of 1 to 5000, data type A (character), and usage P.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when AFPRSC is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

When the AFPRSC keyword is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the AFPRSC keyword is also specified.

Each resource-name can only be used to refer to a single AFP or non-AFP resource per page. Each external-name can be used only to refer to a single secondary resource per page. Multiple instances of the same resource are allowed on a page. Identical names that are specified with different paths are treated as different resources and will result in an error.

A maximum of 10 AFP or non-AFP resources can be used on a single page. Only one AFPRSC keyword can be used on a record.

AFP or non-AFP resources are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT keyword or the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file.

You cannot specify AFPRSC with the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

How the operating system searches for resources on the path-to-use or the secondary-resource-path parameter

The operating system searches for resources for the path-to-use parameter or the secondary-resource-path parameter in the following way:

- If you do not specify the path-to-use parameter for the primary resource path, or you specify (PATH *NONE), or if you specify *NONE for the secondary resource path:
 1. If Print Services Facility (PSF) is being used, the following is done:
 - The paths specified with the system-level value for environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH are searched for Data Object Resource Access Tables that specify the resource for which the search is being conducted. Independent disk pools are not included in the Resource Access Table (RAT) search. Subdirectories are not searched for a Data Object RAT. If the resource is specified in the RAT and one or more Color Management Resources (CMR) are associated with the resource, PSF will search for the CMRs.
 - If a Data Object RAT is not found or does not specify the resource, the /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory on the system ASP is searched for a Data Object RAT. Subdirectories are not searched for a Data Object RAT. If the resource is specified in the RAT and one or more CMRs are associated with the resource, PSF will search for the CMRs.
 2. The paths specified with the system-level value for environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH are searched, unless PSF is being used and the resource has been found.
 3. If the resource is not found, and the spooled file resides on an independent disk pool, the /<independent-disk-pool-name>/QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory, if it exists, is

searched. You are responsible for creating directory /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources on an independent disk pool. Subdirectories are not searched.

4. If the resource is not found or the spooled file resides on *SYSBAS, the /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory on the system ASP is searched. Subdirectories are not searched.
- If you specify (*PATH *CWD) for the primary resource path or *CWD for the secondary resource path:
 1. The current working directory for the job that generated the spooled file is searched.
 2. If the resource is not found, the paths specified with the system-level value for environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH are searched.
 3. If the resource is not found and the spooled file resides on an independent disk pool, the /<independent-disk-pool-name>/QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory, if it exists, is searched. You are responsible for creating directory /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources on an independent disk pool. Subdirectories are not searched.
 4. If the resource is not found or the spooled file resides on *SYSBAS, the /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory on the system ASP is searched. Subdirectories are not searched.
 5. If Print Services Facility (PSF) is being used and the resource has not been found then the following is done:
 - The paths specified with the system-level value for environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH are searched for Data Object Resource Access Tables (RAT) that specify the resource for which the search is being conducted. Independent disk pools are not included in the Data Object RAT search. If the resource is specified in the RAT and one or more CMRs are associated with the resource, PSF will search for the CMRs.
 - If a Data Object RAT is not found or does not specify the resource, the /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPresources directory on the system ASP is searched for a Data Object RAT. Subdirectories are not searched for a Data Object RAT. If the resource is specified in the RAT and one or more CMRs are associated with the resource, PSF will search for the CMRs.
 - If you specify a path name, the specified path, which must be absolute and a single directory, is searched. If the resource is not found, an error is reported. No further searching is performed.

When you specify a specific path name and send the spooled file to another IBM i model, that path must exist on the receiving system. If the path does not exist on the receiving system, an error is reported when searching for the resource.

When you specify *CWD or a specific path and send the spooled file to a system other than one running IBM i, the path information will be ignored by the receiving system.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the AFPRSC keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1                      AFPRSC('My_resource' *PDFSP0 1.234 +
A      14.62)
A*
A      R REC2                      AFPRSC(&RESN &RESTYP &POSD &POSA)
A      RESN                        125A P
A      RESTYP                      10A P
A      POSD                        5S 3P
A      POSA                        5S 3P
A*
A      R REC3                      AFPRSC('Some_resource' *IOCA +
A      4.332 5.661 (*SIZE 10.12 12.345) +
A      (*ROTATION 90) (*PATH *CWD))
A      R REC4                      AFPRSC(&RESN &RESTYP &POSD &POSA +
A      (*SIZE &WDTH &HGT) +
A      (*ROTATION &ROT) (*PATH &PATH))
A      RESN                        125A P
A      RESTYP                      10A P
A      POSD                        5S 3P
A      POSA                        5S 3P
A      WDTH                        5S 3P
A      HGT                         5S 3P

```

```

A          ROT          3S 0P
A          PATH        500A P
A          R REC5
A 10
A          AFPRSC('Optional_resource' +
A          *PDFSPO +
A          1.2 4.6 (*MAPOPT *P)(*COLORPRF +
A          *CMYKSWOP) +
A          (*SECRSC 'My_resource' 26 +
A          'Internal name' '/My/path')
A

```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values for the size and positioning parameters.

REC1 prints resource 'My_resource' found in either the environment variable QIBM_AFP_RESOURCES_PATH or the explicit path /QIBM/UserData/OS400/AFPResources. The resource is a PDFSPO resource. The resource prints 1.234 units down and 14.62 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command.

REC2 allows the application program to specify the resource name, resource type, the position down and the position across parameters by setting program variables at run time. The resource name is provided in variable RESN. The object type of the resource is provided in RESTYP. The resource is positioned by the values in POSD (position down) and POSA (position across).

REC3 uses optional keyword parameters. The resource named 'Some_resource' prints 4.332 units down and 5.661 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The resource is an IOCA object. It prints with a size of 10.12 units by 12.345 units. It is rotated 90 degrees and found in the user's current working directory.

REC4 uses program-to-system fields for all of the parameters for the keyword. Therefore, the values for the parameters are supplied at run time.

REC5 prints the resource named 'Optional resource' only if indicator 10 is on. REC5 also illustrates the use of additional optional parameters. The position mapping option is requested. A color profile of CMYKSWOP is requested. A secondary resource object 'My resource' whose secondary resource type is PDF resource object is provided; its internal name is 'Internal name' and it is found in path '/My/path'.

Example 2

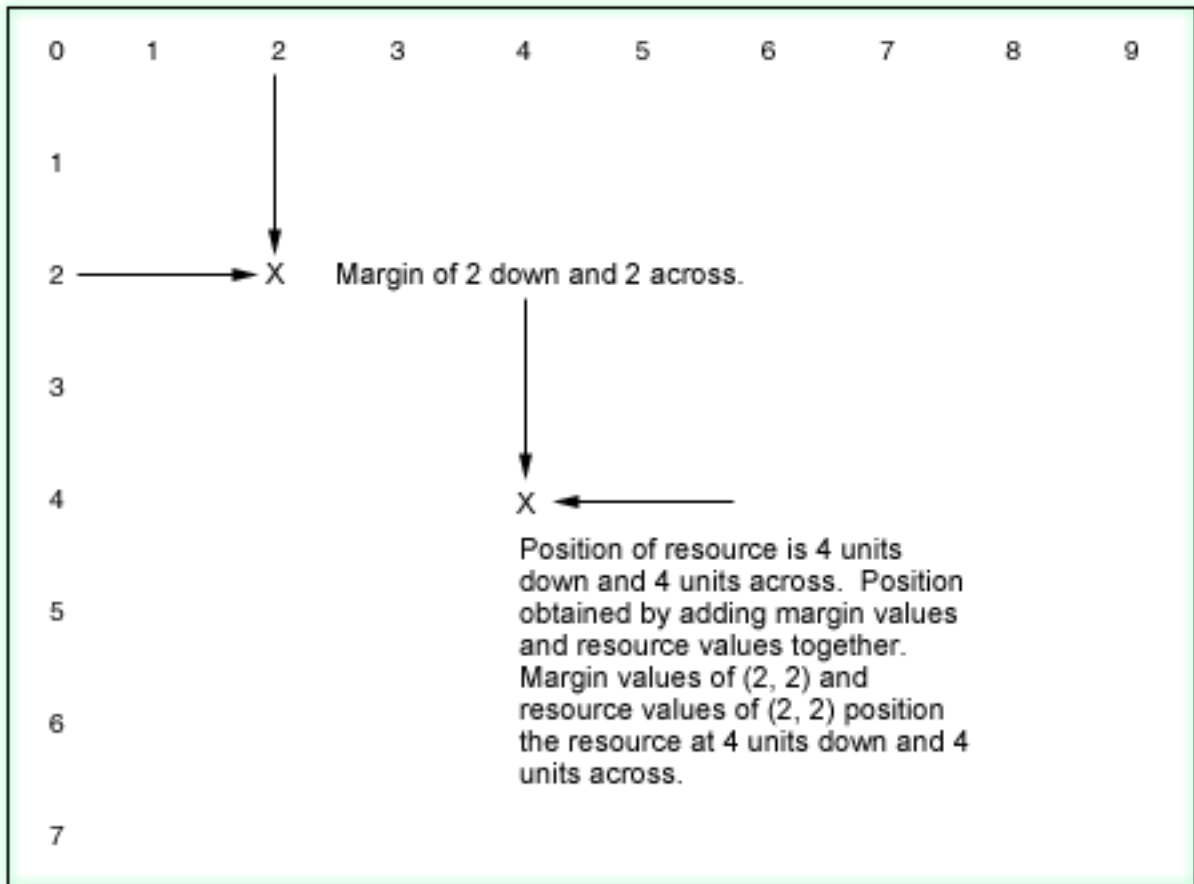
The second example uses DDS and P-fields.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
*          R REC1          AFPRSC(&RESN &OBJT &OFFD &OFFA)
*          RESN          10A P
*          OBJT          10A P
*          OFFD          5S 3P
*          OFFA          5S 3P

```

The following example illustrates the location of the resource using the previous DDS code. The application program specifies the resource name and object type by setting fields RESN and OBJT. The application program also sets a value of 2 in field OFFD and a value of 2 in field OFFA. Both the FRONTMGN and BACKMGN parameters on the CRTPRTF command are set to 2.



Related reference

POSITION (Position) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

Related information

[Page rotation \(PAGRRT\) parameter](#)

ALIAS (Alternative Name) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify an alternative name for a field.

When the program is compiled, the alternative name is brought into the program instead of the DDS field name. The high-level language compiler in use determines if the alternative name is used. Refer to the appropriate high-level language reference manual for information about ALIAS support for that language.

The format of the keyword is:

ALIAS(alternative-name)

The alternative-name parameter must be different from all other alternative names and from all DDS field names in the record format. If a duplicate name is found, an error appears on the field name or alternative name.

An alternative name cannot be used within DDS or any other IBM i function (for example, as a key field name, as the field name specified for the REFFLD keyword, or as a field name used in the Copy File (CPYF) command).

When you reference a field that has the ALIAS keyword, the ALIAS keyword is copied in unless the ALIAS keyword is explicitly specified on the referencing field.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the ALIAS keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8  
00070A      FIELDA      25A      1  2ALIAS(CUSTOMERNAME)  
  A
```

In this example, the alternative name for FIELDA is CUSTOMERNAME.

Related concepts

[Naming conventions](#)

BARCODE (Bar Code) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to print a field as a user-specified bar code. The BARCODE keyword is valid only for Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) and host print transform printers and only for printer files with device type *IPDS or *AFPDS specified.

The format of the keyword is:

```
BARCODE(bar-code-ID [height] [[*HRZ | *VRT  
[*HRI | *HRITOP | *NOHRI] [*AST | *NOAST]  
[modifier] [unit-width] [symbol-width]  
[wide/narrow-ratio]  
[PDF417 data]  
[Data Matrix data]  
[Maxicode data]  
[QR Code data]])
```

The bar-code-ID parameter is required. You can specify the bar-code-ID parameter as a special alphanumeric value up to 10 characters long, or as a numeric ID. Valid special values for the bar-code-ID are listed in [Table 2 on page 25](#). If you specify a numeric value for the bar-code-ID, then you also must specify the bar code modifier parameter. See the documentation for your printer for the bar-code-IDs and modifiers that it supports.

The height parameter is optional, but if you specify it, it must be the second parameter following the keyword. You can specify the height in one of two ways:

- Specify the height in number of print lines. Valid values for the bar code height are 1-9.
- Specify the height in inches or centimeters. When you specify the height in this way, the valid format is (height *UOM). Valid values are 0.25 to 25.40 cm (0.10 to 10.00 inches). For the PDF417 bar code type, valid values are 0.02 to 25.40 cm (0.01 to 10.00 inches). The UOM parameter on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command determines the unit of measure for the height.

The value you specify for the bar code height does not include the human readable interpretation below the bar code. If you do not specify the height parameter, the printer uses a default height.

Note: For some bar codes, the height is specified by the symbology so the height given here is ignored. For other bar codes such as the GS1 Databar bar code, some modifiers require the bar code height to be at least as tall as a certain multiplier of the module width. In those cases, the height is adjusted to match the requirements of the symbology.

You can specify the last 11 parameters (all optional) in any order. Using these parameters, you can specify that BARCODE:

- Print the bar code horizontally or vertically. The default is horizontal printing (*HRZ).
- Include or exclude the human readable interpretation of the bar code. The default is to include the human readable interpretation printed at the bottom of the bar code (*HRI).
- Indicate that the human readable interpretation is to be printed at the top (*HRITOP) of the bar code. (Check individual printer manuals for different bar code support of *HRITOP.)
- Include or exclude asterisks around the human readable interpretation for CODE3OF9 bar codes. The default is to exclude the asterisks (*NOAST).

- Select the bar code modifier. This modifier is a one-character hexadecimal value that cannot be hexadecimal FF.
- Specify the width (in inches) of the narrow bar/space. It is specified as an expression of the form (*WIDTH value). For more information about how to specify expressions, in the DDS Concepts information. The valid values for the parameter are 0.007 through 0.208.
- Specify the ratio of the wide bar/space to the narrow bar/space. It is specified as an expression of the form: (*RATIO value). The valid values for the parameter are 2.00 through 3.00.
- Specify the requested symbol width for the bar code in inches. It is specified as an expression of the form (*SWIDTH value). Printers that support this parameter attempt to create the widest bar code symbol that fits within the requested symbol width specified. For these printers, the module width is ignored. The valid values are 0.00 - 9.99. If a value of zero is specified or this parameter is not specified, the requested symbol width is ignored and the module width is used to determine the bar code size.
- Specify additional bar code information for the two-dimensional bar codes PDF417, Maxicode, Data Matrix, and QR Code. You can specify only one of these two-dimensional bar code data values. See [Specifying two-dimensional bar codes](#) for more information.

Note: The overall bar code width is dependent on:

- Ratio or width parameter in user DDS.
- Requested symbol width in user DDS.
- Actual customer data in the bar code.
- Limitations of printer hardware, such as PEL density, pins, and so on.

If you specify an optional parameter that does not apply to the bar-code-ID you have specified, the printer ignores the optional parameter.

If you attempt to print a bar code on a printer that does not support bar codes, the digits in the code are treated as text, and a diagnostic message results in stating that the bar code might not print.

The line and position you specify for the field is used as the upper left corner of the bar code. Because the line specified in the DDS is the base line (the imaginary line on which characters are printed) and this line is used as the upper edge of the bar code, the bar code appears to extend down from the bottom of the line you specify.

The following table describes valid data types, field lengths, and the numeric IDs for the BARCODE field.

| Bar Code ID | Data type | Field length | Numeric ID |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| MSI | S | 1 through 31 | 2 |
| UPCA | S | 11 | 3 |
| UPCE | S | 10 | 5 |
| UPC2 | S | 2 | 6 |
| UPC5 | S | 5 | 7 |
| EAN8 | S | 7 | 8 |
| EAN13 | S | 12 | 9 |
| EAN2 | S | 2 | 22 |
| EAN5 | S | 5 | 23 |
| CODEABAR | A | 1 through 50 | 13 |
| CODE128 | A | 1 through 50 | 17 |
| CODE3OF9 | A | 1 through 50 | 1 |

Table 2. Valid bar code definitions (continued)

| Bar Code ID | Data type | Field length | Numeric ID |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| INTERL2OF5 | S | 1 through 31 | 12 |
| INDUST2OF5 | S | 1 through 31 | 10 |
| MATRIX2OF5 | S | 1 through 31 | 11 |
| POSTNET | S | 1 through 31 | 24 |
| POSTNET (PLANET) ⁵ | S | 1 through 31 | 24 |
| RM4SCC | A | 1 through 50 | 26 |
| AP4SCC | A | 8 through 39 | 31 |
| DUTCHKIX | A | 1 through 50 | 26 |
| JPBC | A | 7 through 50 | 27 |
| PDF417 | A | 1 through 1850 | 30 |
| MAXICODE | A | 1 through 138 | 29 |
| DATAMATRIX | A | 1 through 3116 | 28 |
| QRCODE | A, O, G | 1 through 7089 | 32 |
| CODE93 | A | 1 through 50 | 33 |
| INTELMAIL | S | 1 through 31 | 34 |
| REDTAG | S | 1 through 21 | 35 |
| DATABAR | A | 1 through 74 | 36 |

The following table describes the supported bar codes.

Table 3. Bar codes supported by DDS

| BARCODE | Digits per code | Range of characters allowed | Valid bar code modifier |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| MSI (changed Plessey) | 31 ¹ | 0 through 9 | 01 through 09 |
| UPC-A | 11 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| UPC-E | 10 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| UPC-2 digit add on (must follow a UPC A or E bar code) | 2 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| UPC-5 digit add on (must follow a UPC A or E bar code) | 5 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| EAN-8 | 7 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| EAN-13 | 12 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| EAN-2 digit add on (must follow an EAN 8 or 13 bar code) | 2 | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| EAN-5 digit add on (must follow an EAN 8 or 13 bar code) | 5 | 0 through 9 | 00 |

Table 3. Bar codes supported by DDS (continued)

| BARCODE | Digits per code | Range of characters allowed | Valid bar code modifier |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| INDUST2OF5 or Industrial 2 of 5 | 31 | 0 through 9 | 01 02 |
| MATRIX2OF5 or Matrix 2 of 5 | 31 | 0 through 9 | 01 02 |
| INTERL2OF5 or Interleaved 2 of 5 | 31 | 0 through 9 | 01-04 ⁸ |
| CODEABAR | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9 A through D (begin/end only) - . \$ / + : | 01 02 |
| CODE128 | Up to 50 characters ⁷ | Refer to “CODE128 character set in DDS” on page 135 | 01 ² 02-05 ⁶ |
| CODE3OF9 or Code 3 of 9 | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9 A through Z (uppercase only) - . \$ / + % and blank | 01 02 |
| POSTNET | Up to 31 characters | 0 through 9 | Ignored |
| POSTNET (PLANET) ⁵ | Up to 31 characters | 0 through 9 | 04 |
| RM4SCC or Royal Mail | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9 A through Z | 00 |
| AP4SCC or Australia Post Bar Code | 13 through 39 | 0 through 9 A through Z a through z space, # | 01 through 08 |
| DUTCHKIX or Royal Mail Dutch KIX | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9 A through Z a through z | 01 |
| JPBC or Japan Postal Bar Code | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9, A through Z, and - | 00 01 ³ |
| PDF417 | Up to 1850 characters ⁴ | Any 1 byte character | 00 01 |
| MAXICODE or MaxiCode | Up to 138 characters ⁴ | Any 1 byte character | 00 |
| DATAMATRIX or Data Matrix | Up to 3116 characters ⁴ | Any 1 byte character | 00 |
| QR CODE or QR Code | Up to 7089 characters ⁴ | Any 1 byte character | 02 |

Table 3. Bar codes supported by DDS (continued)

| BARCODE | Digits per code | Range of characters allowed | Valid bar code modifier |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| CODE93 or Code 93 | Up to 50 characters | 0 through 9 A through Z (uppercase only) - . \$ / + % and blank a - representing shift 1 b - representing shift 2 c - representing shift 3 d - representing shift 4 | 00 |
| INTELMAIL or USPS Intelligent Mail (previously called USPS Four-State) | Up to 31 characters ⁷ | 0 through 9 | 00-03 |
| REDTAG or Royal Mail Red Tag | Up to 21 characters | 0 through 9 | 00 |
| DATABAR or GS1 DataBar | Up to 74 characters ⁷ | 0 through 9 A through Z a through z ! " % & ' () * + , - . / : ; < = > ? _ blank, and FNC1 | 00-04 11-1B |

Notes:

1. The 4234 Printer supports only 14 digits.
2. The value 01 for the bar code modifier is not valid for some printers.
3. The value 01 provides migration support for application programs that use an AFP font to print Japan Postal Bar Codes. Data written into the field must be valid characters in the AFP font. The application program must also write the start, stop, and bar code modifier characters.
4. For PDF417, up to 1850 text characters, or 1108 bytes of binary data, per symbol, depending on the security level; refer to the symbology specification. For Maxicode, up to 93 alphanumeric characters per symbol, depending on the encoding, or up to 138 numeric characters per symbol; refer to the symbology specification. For Data Matrix, up to 3116 characters, depending on whether the data is character or numeric; refer to the symbology specification. For QR Code, up to 7089 characters, depending on whether the data is character or numeric; refer to the symbology specification.
5. The PLANET bar code is selected by specifying the POSTNET bar-code-ID and a bar code modifier of 04.
6. The UCC/EAN 128 (or GS1-128) bar code can be selected by specifying the CODE128 bar-code-ID and a bar code modifier of 03 or 04. The USPS Intelligent Mail Container bar code can be selected by specifying the CODE128 bar-code-ID and a bar code modifier of 05.
7. Different modifiers have different requirements for the number of characters allowed and for the set of valid characters. Refer to the printer documentation or the symbology specification for each bar code to determine the valid values.
8. The GS1 ITF-14 bar code (Interleaved 2 of 5 with bearer bars) can be selected by specifying the INTERL2OF5 bar-code-ID and a bar code modifier of 03 or 04.

CODEABAR field data must begin with an A, B, C, or D and must end with an A, B, C, or D. For example, A11224455C or D33447799D.

Do not specify BARCODE in the same field with the CHRISZ, CHRID, CVTDTA, DATE, EDTCDE, EDTWRD, FONT, HIGHLIGHT, PAGNBR, TIME, or UNDERLINE keywords.

See the CVTDTA keyword for information about coding IPDS bar code commands.

If you specify CHRISZ at the record level, it applies to all fields in that record. If you specify BARCODE in one of those fields, the BARCODE keyword is not allowed.

You cannot specify BARCODE on the same record format with BLKFOLD, CPI, or DFNCHR.

When you specify BARCODE on a numeric field, the number of decimal positions must be zero.

When you specify BARCODE on a constant field, the only valid bar-code-IDs are CODEABAR, CODE128, and CODE3OF9, and you must also specify the DFT keyword either implicitly or explicitly.

Specify DEVTYPE (*IPDS) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when BARCODE is specified in the file.

BARCODE is allowed only on data types S and A (see [Table 3 on page 26](#) for restrictions) except for the QR Code bar code which is also allowed on O and G data types.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Japan Postal Bar Codes (bar-code-ID = JPBC) uses only the bar-code-ID parameter, the bar code print orientation parameter ([*HRZ | *VRT]), and the bar code modifier parameter. All other parameters have predetermined values, so any input for them is ignored.

User-specified bar code modifiers are not checked for their validity, and might cause bar code errors if they are not valid. The *Intelligent Printer Data Stream Reference* manual contains more information about bar codes and valid bar code modifiers.

Specifying two-dimensional bar codes

You can specify additional parameters for the two-dimensional bar codes PDF417, Maxicode, Data Matrix, and QR Code.

PDF417: The additional data is specified as an expression of the form:

```
(*PDF417 row-size number-rows security  
[escape-indicator] [*MACRO(&data-field-name)]  
[convert-indicator] [trim-indicator])
```

row-size

This required parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies the number of data symbol characters per row. Valid values are in the range of 1 through 30.

number-rows

This required parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies the number of rows. Valid values are in the range of 3 through 90. You can specify a special value of *MIN (minimum) to instruct the printer to generate the minimum number of rows that are necessary.

security

This required parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies the security level. Valid values are in the range of 0 through 8. Each higher security level causes more error correction code words to be added to the symbol. At a particular security level, a number of code words can be missing or erased, and the symbol can still be recovered.

escape-indicator

This optional parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies whether the backslash character within the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the PDF417 symbology specification. Escape characters (started with backslash) allow reader programming to be specified within the bar code data. Valid values for the escape-indicator are:

- *NOESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as a normal data character and therefore all escape sequences are ignored. Specify *NOESCAPE if the bar code data is an image or binary data. *NOESCAPE is the default value if no escape indicator is specified.
- *ESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the PDF417 symbology specification.

***MACRO(&data-field-name)**

This optional parameter allows PDF417 Control Block coding to be specified (as defined in section G.2 of the Uniform Symbology Specification PDF417). The macro-data must be specified as a program-to-system field. The field must exist in the same record format as the BARCODE keyword. The length of the macro data is limited by the rules for a record format; that is, the maximum combined length of all named fields and indicators in a record format is 32 767 bytes. The data type must be A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

convert-indicator

This optional parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies that the normal EBCDIC to ASCII conversion of the data is not to be done. The only valid value for the convert-indicator is *NOCONVERT. If *NOCONVERT is specified, the data is assumed to be in the default encoding (ASCII) and is not converted before the bar code is built. If this parameter is not specified, the normal translation from EBCDIC to ASCII takes place. See [“EBCDIC-to-ASCII translation of two-dimensional bar codes”](#) on page 35 for more information about the translation.

trim-indicator

This optional parameter for the PDF417 bar code specifies that trailing blanks in the bar code data should be trimmed and not sent to the printer. The only valid value for the trim-indicator is *TRIM. If *TRIM is specified, all blanks which follow the last non-blank character in the data will be removed and not passed on to the printer. If this parameter is not specified, trailing blanks will not be removed. If *NOCONVERT is specified with *TRIM, trailing ASCII blanks (X'20') will be trimmed. Otherwise, trailing EBCDIC blanks (X'40') will be trimmed.

Maxicode: The additional data is specified as an expression of the form:

```
(*MAXICODE symbol-mode [zipper-indicator] [escape-indicator]
      [sequence-data] [convert-indicator] [trim-indicator])
```

symbol-mode

This required parameter for the Maxicode bar code specifies the symbol-mode for the MaxiCode bar code. Valid values are in the range of 2 through 6:

- 2 – Structured Carrier Message, numeric postal code
- 3 – Structured Carrier Message, alphanumeric postal code
- 4 – Standard code
- 5 – Full ECC symbol
- 6 – Reader program, SEC. No data is transmitted.

zipper-indicator

This optional parameter for the Maxicode bar code specifies whether to print a zipper pattern and contrast block. The valid values for the zipper-indicator are:

- *NOZIPPER indicates that a zipper pattern is not to be printed with the bar code. *NOZIPPER is the default value if no zipper-indicator is specified.
- *ZIPPER indicates that a zipper pattern is to be printed with the bar code.

escape-indicator

This optional parameter specifies whether the backslash character within the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the Maxicode symbology specification. Escape characters (started with backslash) allow reader programming to be specified within the bar code data. Valid values for the escape-indicator are:

- *NOESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as a normal data character and therefore all escape sequences are ignored. Specify *NOESCAPE if the bar code data is an image or binary data. *NOESCAPE is the default value if no escape indicator is specified.
- *ESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the Maxicode symbology specification.

sequence-indicator

This optional parameter for the Maxicode bar code specifies whether this bar code is part of a structured append. The Maxicode bar code can be logically linked together to encode large amounts of data. The logically linked symbols can be presented on the same or different media and are logically recombined after they are scanned. The sequence data for the Maxicode consists of two parts of the following form:

```
*SEQUENCE(sequence-indicator total-symbols)
```

sequence-indicator specifies the structured append sequence indicator. Valid values are 0 - 8.

total-symbols specifies the total number of structured append symbols. Valid values are 2 - 8.

convert-indicator

This optional parameter for the Maxicode bar code specifies that the normal EBCDIC to ASCII conversion of the data should not be done. The only valid value for the convert-indicator is *NOCONVERT. If *NOCONVERT is specified, the data will be assumed to be in the default encoding (ASCII) and will not be converted before the bar code is built. If this parameter is not specified, the normal translation from EBCDIC to ASCII will take place. See [“EBCDIC-to-ASCII translation of two-dimensional bar codes”](#) on page 35 for more information about the translation.

trim-indicator

This optional parameter for the Maxicode bar code specifies that trailing blanks in the bar code data should be trimmed and not sent to the printer. The only valid value for the trim-indicator is *TRIM. If *TRIM is specified, all blanks which follow the last non-blank character in the data will be removed and not passed on to the printer. If this parameter is not specified, trailing blanks will not be removed. If *NOCONVERT is specified with *TRIM, trailing ASCII blanks (X'20') will be trimmed. Otherwise, trailing EBCDIC blanks (X'40') will be trimmed.

Data Matrix: The additional data is specified as an expression of the form:

```
(*DATAMATRIX row-size number-rows [alternate-data-type] [reader]  
[header-trailer] [escape-indicator] [sequence-indicator]  
[convert-indicator] [encoding-scheme] [trim-indicator])
```

You can specify the following parameters for the Data Matrix bar code, in the following order:

row-size

This required parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies the row size. Data Matrix bar codes are square symbols or rectangle symbols. The square symbols are 10 by 10 to 144 by 144 and the rectangle symbols are 8 by 18 to 16 by 48. A special value of *DFT can be specified to have the printer select the row size based on the amount of symbol data.

number-rows

This required parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies the number of rows. Data Matrix bar codes are square symbols or rectangle symbols. The square symbols are 10 by 10 to 144 by 144 and the rectangle symbols are 8 by 18 to 16 by 48. A special value of *DFT can be specified to have the printer select the number of rows based on the amount of symbol data.

alternate-data-type

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies the data type for the defined symbol. Valid values are:

- *USRDEF indicates that the symbol is a user-defined symbol. *USRDEF is the default value if no alternate-data-type is specified.
- *AIMSTD indicates that the symbol conforms to the specific industry standards as authorized by AIM international.
- *UCCEAN indicates that the symbol conforms to the UCC/EAN application identifier standard format.

reader

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies whether this bar code encodes a message used to program the reader system. Valid values are:

- *DATA indicates that bar code data is supplied. *DATA is the default value if no reader indicator is specified.
- *RDRPRG indicates that the symbol contains a message used to program the bar code reader.

header-trailer

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies whether header and trailers instructions to the bar code reader are to be included. Valid values are:

- *NO indicates that no header or trailers are to be inserted. *NO is the default value if no header-trailer value is specified.
- *HEADER5 indicates that the bar code reader will insert a 05 Macro code word.
- *HEADER6 indicates that the bar code reader will insert a 06 Macro code word.

escape-indicator

This optional parameter specifies whether the backslash character within the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the Data Matrix symbology specification. Escape characters (started with backslash) allow reader programming to be specified within the bar code data. Valid values for the escape-indicator are:

- *NOESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as a normal data character and therefore all escape sequences are ignored. Specify *NOESCAPE if the bar code data is an image or binary data. *NOESCAPE is the default value if no escape indicator is specified.
- *ESCAPE indicates that each backslash character found in the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the Data Matrix symbology specification.

sequence-indicator

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies whether this bar code is part of a structured append. The Data Matrix bar code can be logically linked together to encode large amounts of data. The logically linked symbols can be presented on the same or different media and are logically recombined after they are scanned. The sequence data for the Data Matrix consists of three parts of the following form:

```
*SEQUENCE(sequence-indicator total-symbols file-id)
```

sequence-indicator specifies the structured append sequence indicator. Valid values are in the range of 1 through 16.

total-symbols specifies the total number of symbols that is logically linked in a sequence of symbols. Valid values are in the range of 2 through 16.

file-id specifies a 2 byte unique file identification for a set of structured-append symbols. When specifying the file-id, the format is X'nnnn', where nnnn is the 2 byte file ID in hexadecimal.

convert-indicator

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies that the normal EBCDIC to ASCII conversion of the data should not be done. The only valid value for the convert-indicator is *NOCONVERT. If *NOCONVERT is specified, the data will be assumed to be in the default encoding (ASCII) and will not be converted before the bar code is built. If this parameter is not specified, the normal translation from EBCDIC to ASCII will take place. See [“EBCDIC-to-ASCII translation of two-dimensional bar codes” on page 35](#) for more information about the translation.

encoding-scheme

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies the encoding scheme used to produce the bar code symbol. Valid values are:

- *DEVDFD - this encoding scheme indicates that the BCOCA receiver uses a device-specific method of selecting and switching among encoding schemes. *DEVDFD is the default if no encoding-scheme is specified.

- *ASCII - this encoding scheme produces 4 bits per data character for double digit numerics, 8 bits per data character for ASCII values 0-127, and 16 bits per data character for Extended ASCII values 128-255.
- *C40 - this encoding scheme is used when the input data is primarily uppercase alphanumeric and produces 5.33 bits per data character.
- *TEXT - this encoding scheme is used when the input data is primarily lowercase alphanumeric and produces 5.33 bits per data character.
- *X12 - this encoding scheme is used when the input data is defined with the ANSI X12 EDI data set and produces 5.33 bits per data character.
- *EDIFACT - this encoding scheme is used when the input data is ASCII values 32-94 and produces 6 bits per data character.
- *BASE256 - this encoding scheme is used when the input data is binary (for example image or non-text data) and produces 8 bits per data character.
- *AUTO - this encoding scheme indicates that the BCOCA receiver starts with ASCII encoding and switches between encoding schemes as needed to produce the minimum symbol data characters.

trim-indicator

This optional parameter for the Data Matrix bar code specifies that trailing blanks in the bar code data should be trimmed and not sent to the printer. The only valid value for the trim-indicator is *TRIM. If *TRIM is specified, all blanks which follow the last non-blank character in the data will be removed and not passed on to the printer. If this parameter is not specified, trailing blanks will not be removed. If *NOCONVERT is specified with *TRIM, trailing ASCII blanks (X'20') will be trimmed. Otherwise, trailing EBCDIC blanks (X'40') will be trimmed.

Note: When a structured append is specified, you must specify *NO for the header and trailer, and you must specify *DATA for the reader. For valid combinations of row-size and number-rows, see the symbology specification.

QR Code: The additional data is specified as an expression of the form:

```
(*QRCODE version error-correction [alternate-data-type]
    [escape-indicator] [sequence-indicator]
    [convert-indicator] [trim-indicator])
```

You can specify the following parameters for the QR Code bar code, in the following order:

version

This required parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies the requested size of the symbol; each version specifies a particular number of modules per row and column with the size of each square module determined by the module width parameter. The valid values are 0 - 40. If 0 is specified for this parameter, an appropriate row/column size is used based on the amount of symbol data; the smallest symbol that can accommodate the amount of data is produced.

error-correction

This required parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies the level of error correction to be used for the symbol. Each higher level of error correction causes more error correction code words to be added to the symbol and therefore leaves fewer code words for symbol data. Refer to the QR Code symbology specification for more information about how many code words are available for symbol data for each version and error-correction level combination. Four different levels of Reed-Solomon error correction can be selected:

- 0 - Level L allows recovery of 7% of symbol code words
- 1 - Level M allows recovery of 15% of symbol code words
- 2 - Level Q allows recovery of 25% of symbol code words
- 3 - Level H allows recovery of 30% of symbol code words

alternate-data-type

This optional parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies the data type for the defined symbol. Valid values are:

- *USRDEF indicates that this symbol is user-defined. *USRDEF is the default value if no alternate-data-type is specified.
- *AIMSTD (application-indicator) indicates that the symbol conforms to the specific industry or application standards as authorized by AIM international. The application-indicator is a numeric value 0 - 255.
- *UCCEAN indicates that the symbol conforms to the UCC/EAN application identifier standard format.

escape-indicator

This optional parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies whether the X'5C' (¥) character within the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the QR Code symbology specification. Escape characters allow reader programming to be specified within the bar code data. Valid values for the escape-indicator are:

- *NOESCAPE indicates that each X'5C' (¥) character found in the bar code data is treated as a normal data character and therefore all escape sequences are ignored. Specify *NOESCAPE if the bar code data is an image or binary data. *NOESCAPE is the default value if no escape indicator is specified.
- *ESCAPE indicates that each X'5C' (¥) character found in the bar code data is treated as an escape character according to the QR Code symbology specification.

sequence-indicator

This optional parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies whether this bar code is part of a structured append. The QR Code bar code can be logically linked together to encode large amounts of data. The logically linked symbols can be presented on the same or different media and are logically recombined after they are scanned. The sequence data for the QR Code consists of three parts of the following form:

```
*SEQUENCE(sequence-indicator total-symbols parity-data)
```

sequence-indicator specifies the structured append sequence indicator. Valid values are in the range of 1 through 16.

total-symbols specifies the total number of symbols that is logically linked in a sequence of symbols. Valid values are in the range of 2 through 16.

parity-data specifies parity data for a structured-append symbol. The parity-data value must be calculated from the entire message that is broken into structured-append symbols; the parity-data value should be the same in each of the structured-append symbols. Valid values are in the range from 0 through 255.

convert-indicator

This optional parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies whether the BCOCA receiver is to translate the data from EBCDIC to ASCII or whether the data is already in ASCII. The valid values for the convert-indicator are:

- *NOCONVERT - The data will be assumed to be in the default encoding (ASCII) and will not be translated before the bar code is built.
- *CONVERT(conversion-type) - The data will be translated from EBCDIC to ASCII before the bar code symbol is produced. The translation that will be used will be based on the conversion-type value given. The valid values for the conversion-type are 1 through 9. For types 1-3, this translation will be done by the printer. These types are the only types supported by IPDS printers. For types 4-9, the translation to ASCII will be done by the system before the data is sent to the printer. See [“EBCDIC-to-ASCII translation of two-dimensional bar codes” on page 35](#) for more information about the translation. The values and their meanings are as follows:
 - 1 - convert from EBCDIC code page 500 to ASCII
 - 2 - convert from EBCDIC code page 290 to ASCII
 - 3 - convert from EBCDIC code page 1027 to ASCII
 - 4 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 5026 to ASCII CCSID 943
 - 5 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 1399 to ASCII CCSID 943

- 6 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 5026 to ASCII CCSID 932
- 7 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 1399 to ASCII CCSID 932
- 8 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 5026 to ASCII CCSID 942
- 9 - convert from EBCDIC CCSID 1399 to ASCII CCSID 942

If this parameter is not specified, the printer will translate from EBCDIC code page 500 to ASCII before producing the symbol as if *CONVERT(1) was specified.

trim-indicator

This optional parameter for the QR Code bar code specifies that trailing blanks in the bar code data should be trimmed and not sent to the printer. The only valid value for the trim-indicator is *TRIM. If *TRIM is specified, all blanks which follow the last non-blank character in the data will be removed and not passed on to the printer. If this parameter is not specified, trailing blanks will not be removed. If *NOCONVERT is specified with *TRIM, trailing ASCII blanks (X'20') will be trimmed. Otherwise, trailing EBCDIC blanks (X'40') will be trimmed.

EBCDIC-to-ASCII translation of two-dimensional bar codes

The two-dimensional bar codes PDF417, Maxicode, Data Matrix, and QR Code are ASCII bar codes. Unless the convert-indicator specified for these bar codes indicates that no conversion is to be done, the system will translate the data to an expected EBCDIC or ASCII code page. To do this translation, the system extracts the CCSID of the job that generated the spooled file and translates the EBCDIC data to code page 500 for PDF417, Maxicode, and Data Matrix bar codes. The printer then translates the data from code page 500 to the appropriate ASCII code page before producing the bar code symbol.

For QR Code bar codes, the system translates the data to various code pages depending on the conversion type specified. For conversion types 1 through 3, the system translates the data from the CCSID of the job to EBCDIC code pages 500, 290, or 1027. The printer then translates the data from those expected EBCDIC code pages to the appropriate ASCII code page before the bar code symbol is produced. For conversion types 4 through 9, the system assumes that the data is either in EBCDIC CCSID 5026 or 1399 and translates the data to ASCII CCSIDs 943, 932, or 942. The printer does no further translation before producing the bar code symbol.

When the printer creates the bar code symbol, Maxicode and Data Matrix bar codes are assumed to be in 8859-1 code page. The IBM equivalent is ASCII code page 819. ASCII code page 437 is used for PDF417 and ASCII code page 897 is used for QR Code conversion types 1-3.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the BARCODE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A      FIELD1      11S  0  2  4BARCODE(UPCA 6)
A      FIELD2      3A   0 10  6BARCODE(CODE30F9 4 *NOHRI-
A                                     *AST X'02')
A      FIELD3      10S  0  4  5BARCODE(UPCE 6 (*RATIO 2.75) *HRZ +
A      FIELD4      10A  0  5  5BARCODE(CODEABAR 1 (*RATIO 2.1) +
A      FIELD5      10A  0 12  5BARCODE(CODEABAR (2.0 *UOM))
A      FIELD6      10S  0 15  5BARCODE(10 X'01')
A      FIELD7      25A  0 24 45BARCODE(QRCODE 1 *HRZ +
A      X'02' (*WIDTH .05) (*SWIDTH 1.5) +
A      (*QRCODE 4 1 *CONVERT(1) +
A      *TRIM *AIMSTD(99))
```

Related tasks

[Rules for DDS keywords and parameter values](#)

BLKFOLD (Blank Fold) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword for named fields that overflow onto subsequent print lines. This keyword causes folding to occur at a blank rather than at the end of a line. If the BLKFOLD keyword is not specified, the line folds at the end of the physical print line.

This keyword has no parameters.

BLKFOLD has effect only if you specify FOLD(*YES) on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command. If you specify FOLD(*NO), BLKFOLD has no effect until a CHGPRTF or OVRPRTF command with FOLD(*YES) is issued.

When you use BLKFOLD, the field length is not increased; therefore, a portion of the output data might be truncated.

You cannot specify BLKFOLD on a floating-point field (F in position 35).

Use BLKFOLD only with SCS printers. A warning message results at creation time if BLKFOLD is specified in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). You cannot specify BLKFOLD on the same record format with IPDS printer keywords or keywords that support Advanced Function Printing (AFP). If any format in the file contains a combination of SCS and IPDS printer keywords or AFP-support keywords, the file is not created.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword. However, option indicators can be used to condition the field (whether named or constant) associated with this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the BLKFOLD keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      FIELD1      180A      10 20BLKFOLD
  A
```

BOX (Box) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to print a rectangle.

The format of the keyword is:

```
BOX(first-corner-down | &first-corner-down-field
first-corner-across | &first-corner-across-field
diagonal-corner-down | &diagonal-corner-down-field
diagonal-corner-across | &diagonal-corner-across-field
line-width | &line-width-field
[color value])
```

The first-corner-down, first-corner-across, diagonal-corner-down, and diagonal-corner-across parameters define the diagonal corners of the box. All are required parameters.

You can specify the corner position parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following lines:

- BOX(1.2 0.5 5.1 6.3 0.2)
- BOX(1.2 &field2 5.1 &field4 0.2)
- BOX(&field1 &field2 &field3 &field4 0.2)

The first-corner-down parameter defines the vertical starting point of the BOX relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter of the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

When you specify the first-corner-down parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the BOX keyword. It must be defined as length of 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

The first-corner-across parameter defines the horizontal starting point of the BOX relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter of the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

When you specify the first-corner-across parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the BOX keyword. It must be defined as length of 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

The diagonal-corner-down parameter defines the vertical end point of the BOX relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter of the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

When you specify the diagonal-corner-down parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the BOX keyword. It must be defined as length of 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

The diagonal-corner-across parameter defines the horizontal end point of the BOX relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter of the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

When you specify the diagonal-corner-across parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the BOX keyword. It must be defined as length of 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

The line-width parameter is required and defines the width of the lines. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.). The following special values can also be specified:

| Value | Line width |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| *NARROW | 12/1440 in. (0.008 in., 0.022 cm) |
| *MEDIUM | 24/1440 in. (0.017 in., 0.042 cm) |
| *WIDE | 36/1440 in. (0.025 in., 0.064 cm) |

When you specify the line-width parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the BOX keyword. It must be defined as length of 5 with 3 decimal spaces, data type S (character), and usage P (program-to-system). The special values of *NARROW, *MEDIUM, or *WIDE cannot be specified using a program-to-system field.

Notes:

1. The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the first-corner-down, first-corner-across, diagonal-corner-down, diagonal-corner-across, and line-width parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.
2. Depending on printer hardware, lines smaller than approximately 0.010 cm (0.004 in.) might not print because of printer resolution. No message is issued when this occurs.

The line width is drawn on the inside of the box.

Color

The optional color parameter lets you specify the color of the lines. Specify the color as an expression in one of the following forms:

- Color name method: (*COLOR color-name)
- RGB (red/green/blue) color model: (*COLOR *RGB rvalue gvalue bvalue)
- CMYK (cyan/magenta/yellow/black) color model: (*COLOR *CMYK cvalue mvalue yvalue kvalue)
- CIELAB color model: (*COLOR *CIELAB lvalue c1value c2value)
- Highlight color model: (*COLOR *HIGHLIGHT hvalue coverage)

Using the BOX keyword

When the BOX keyword is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the BOX keyword is also specified.

An error message is issued at application run time if the box extends beyond the page boundaries.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when BOX is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

You can specify this keyword multiple times on a record.

You cannot specify BOX with the SPACEA, SPACEB, SKIPA, or SKIPB keywords.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the BOX keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R BOX1      BOX(1.2 0.5 5.1 6.3 0.2)
A*
A      R BOX2      BOX(2 5 5.0 3.33 *WIDE)
A      BOX(0.5 0.1 2.1 2.0 0.09)
A*
A      R BOX3
A 01      BOX(0 0 8.5 11.0 0.5)
A*
A      R BOX4      BOX(2.5 0.5 5.1 6.3 0.2 +
A      (*COLOR *HIGHLIGHT 3 75)
A
```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

BOX1 prints a box with one corner located 1.2 units down and 0.5 units across from the location specified on the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The diagonal corner of this box is located 5.1 units down and 6.3 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. The edges of the box are 0.2 units wide.

BOX2 prints two boxes. The first box starts 2 units down and 5 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The diagonal corner of this box is located 5.0 units down and 3.33 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. The edges of the box are determined by the special value *WIDE.

The second box starts 0.5 units down and 0.1 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The diagonal corner of this box is located 2.1 units down and 2.0 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. The edges of the box are 0.09 units wide.

BOX3 prints only if indicator 01 is on.

BOX4 specifies to use highlight color 3 (which is determined by printer) with 75% coverage.

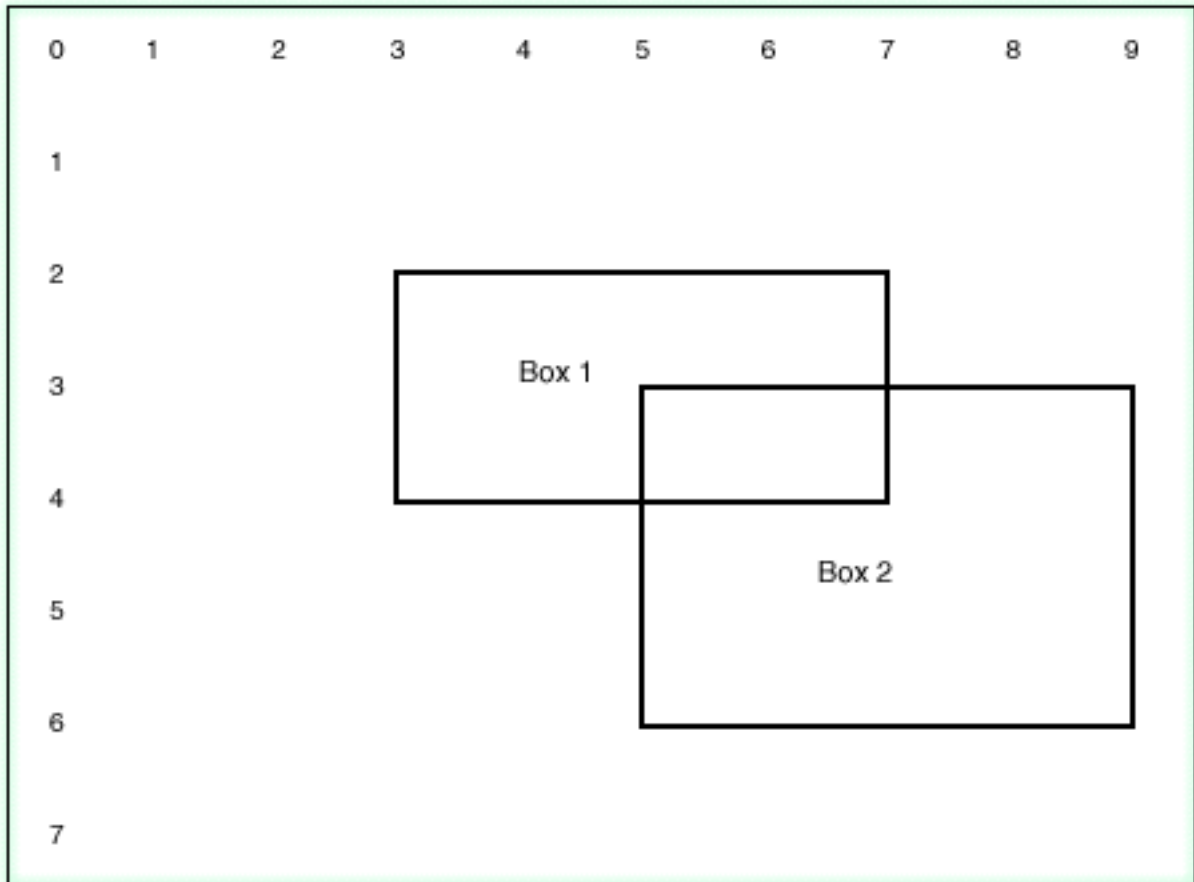
Example 2

The following example shows how to specify the BOX keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
*      R BOX1      BOX(2 3 4 7 0.2)
*      R BOX2      BOX(3 5 6 9 0.2)
```

*
*

The following example illustrates the location of the boxes using the DDS code in example 2. BOX1 spans columns 3 through 7 and rows 2 through 4. BOX2 spans columns 5 through 9 and rows 3 through 6.



Related concepts

[COLOR \(Color\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this field-level keyword to specify the color for a field.

Related reference

[POSITION \(Position\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

CDEFNT (Coded Font Name) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level or record-level keyword to specify the coded font for printing named or constant fields within a record.

The format of the keyword is:

```
CDEFNT([library-name/ | &library-name-field/  
coded-font-name | &coded-font-name-field  
[( *POINTSIZE height-value | &height-value-field  
width-value | &width-value-field)])
```

The coded-font-name parameter is required and can be up to 8 characters in length.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the coded font name. If you do not specify a library name, *LIBL is used to search for the coded font name at print time. If *LIBL is used, the system-supplied font libraries are added to the library list when searching for the requested font. To view

the IBM-supplied coded font names, you can use the Work with Font Resources (WRKFNTRSC) command and specify coded fonts. The IBM-supplied coded font names all start with the characters X0.

Using the library-name parameter allows the coded font name to be located more rapidly. However, the library list is still used to locate the character set and code page defined by the coded font name.

You can specify the library-name and coded-font-name as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]coded-font-name . . .
- [library-name/]&field1 . . .
- [&field2/]coded-font-name . . .

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the CDEFNT keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the coded-font-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the CDEFNT keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application creating the spooled file.

Use the optional point-size parameter to further define a numeric font that specifies a point size. Specify the point-size parameter as an expression in the following form:

```
(*POINTSIZ height-value width-value)
```

The height-value specifies the point size for the height of the font. The width-value specifies the point size for the width of the font. If the font is to be uniformly scaled (where the height and width are the same), then you can specify only the height-value. You cannot specify the width-value without the height-value. The valid values for this parameter are 0.1 through 999.9.

You can specify the point-size height and point-size width as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [(*POINTSIZ height-value &field1)]
- [(*POINTSIZ &field2 width-value)]

When you specify the point-size height-value or width-value as a program-to-system field, the fields must exist in the same record format as the CDEFNT keyword. They must be defined as length 4 with 1 decimal position, data type S, and usage P (program-to-system).

Notes:

1. For raster fonts, Print Services Facility (PSF) ignores the point size. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time, and it does not issue any error messages.
2. You must specify a point size for outline coded fonts. However, some outline coded fonts have a default point size specified with them. If you do not specify a point size for these coded fonts, then the default point size specified with the coded font is used.

If you do not specify a point size for an outline coded font that does not contain a default point size, then PSF cannot print the spooled file. The spooled file is held at print writer time. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time.

The coded font value is validated at print time. An error message is issued if it is not valid or when the resource cannot be located.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when CDEFNT is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

CDEFNT cannot be specified at the same level as the FONT or FNTCHRSET keywords.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the CDEFNT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A          R REC1
A          FLD1          8A    10 13CDEFNT(QFNTCPL/X0BRTR)
A*
A          FLD2          10A   11 13CDEFNT(QFNTCPL/X0BRTP +
A          (*POINTSIZ 10.1))
A          FLD3          10A   20 13CDEFNT(QFNTCPL/X0BRTP +
A          (*POINTSIZ 5.0 3.0))
```

FLD1 specifies coded font X0BRTR, which is found in library QFNTCPL. FLD2 specifies font X0BRTP from library QFNTCPL and a point size of 10.1 for that field. FLD3 specifies font X0BRTP with a vertical point size of 5.0 and a horizontal point size of 3.0.

CHRID (Character Identifier) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify that a graphic character set and code page other than the device default can be used for this field.

This can be important when extended alphabets (characters such as u with an umlaut or c with a cedilla) are to be printed.


This keyword has no parameters.

If you do not specify CHRID for a field, data printed in that field is printed in the character set of the printer device. How the data is printed depends on how code points used in the original code page correspond to the code page used on the device. For example, a slash (/) can be printed as a blank, because X'51' is an empty code point in the basic U.S. character set.

The CHRID keyword is not valid on constant fields or numeric fields (fields with decimal positions specified in positions 36 through 37).

The CHRID keyword is ignored for fields in printer files that specify *JOBCCSID for the CHRID parameter on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF), Change Printer File (CHGPRTF), or Override Printer File (OVRPRTF) commands. All printer data is assumed to be in the CCSID of the current job for these printer files.

In SCS printer files (DEVTYPE(*SCS) on the CRTPRTF command), you cannot specify CHRID on the same field as the TRNSPY keyword. In IPDS printer files (DEVTYPE(*IPDS) on the CRTPRTF command), you can specify CHRID on the same field as the TRNSPY keyword. However, a warning message results in stating that the DEVTYPE should not be changed to *SCS.

For printer files created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), CHRID applies only to files that use registered font IDs. If the file uses downloaded coded fonts or character set/code pages, the keyword is ignored and a message is issued. See the [IBM Infoprint Fonts: Font Summary](#)  book for a listing of font IDs.

If the DFNCHR keyword is specified for a record format, the CHRID keyword cannot be specified in that record format. If the DFNCHR keyword is specified at the file level, CHRID cannot be specified in that file.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword. However, option indicators can be used to condition the field associated with this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the CHRID keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          R RECORD1
```

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|----|-----------|
| 00020A A | TITLE | 40 | 1 20CHRID |
|-------------|-------|----|-----------|

The field TITLE is a named field. With CHRID specified, the printer attempts to print the appropriate characters.

Related concepts

IBM i globalization

Related information

[CHRID values supported](#)

CHRSIZ (Character Size) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to expand the width and height of a record or field. The CHRSIZ keyword is valid only for Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) printers and only for printer files with device type *IPDS or *AFPDS specified.

The format of the keyword is:

```
CHRSIZ(width height)
```

The valid values for the width and height parameters are 1.0 through 20.0.

Any formatting you choose, such as using a specific font or editing through the EDTCDE and EDTWRD keywords, is done before the expansion.

If you specify CHRSIZ on a record, it applies to all fields in that record for which you do not specify CHRSIZ at the field level. When you specify a numeric font (for example: 011–Courier 10 pitch) with CHRSIZ, the printer scales the hardware fonts (scaling with integer values only).

Graphics fonts can also be specified with CHRSIZ. When you specify a GDDM graphic font (for example: ADMMVSS) with CHRSIZ, the system scales the graphic font. You can use decimal values to scale graphic fonts.

It is recommended that you do not use FONT (*DEV D) (on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command) when using CHRSIZ. If you do use FONT (*DEV D), then fields specified with CHRSIZ are positioned on the page assuming that the font in the device description is a 10-pitch font.

In expanding a field, CHRSIZ uses the current font and lines-per-inch value. For example, if you specify FONT(011), a 10-pitch font, and lpi(6) for the printer file, specifying CHRSIZ (3 3) for a 10-character field expands the field to 3 inches wide (30 characters/10 characters per inch) and 1/2 inch high (3 lines/6 lines per inch).

Note: If the current font is a coded font or font character set/code page, 10-pitch is assumed when positioning the field.

If, however, you specified FONT(222), a 15-pitch font, and lpi(4) on a record format, the 10-character field mentioned previously expands to 2 inches wide (30 characters/15 characters per inch) and 3/4 inch high (3 lines/4 lines per inch).

You cannot specify a hardware font on the FONT keyword when a decimal value is specified on the CHRSIZ keyword. If both of these keywords apply to the same field (specified either at the record or field level), the file is not created.

Note: When you specify FONT(*VECTOR) with the CHRSIZ keyword, the 4234 printer uses a default code page.

The CHRSIZ keyword does not work if the specified font is a typographic font and the printer is either a 3812 or 3816 printer. Typographic fonts are not scalable on these printers. This is a limitation of the printer. The typographic fonts are as follows:

| | |
|------|------|
| 751 | 1351 |
| 1051 | 1653 |
| 1053 | 2103 |
| 1056 | |

Note: CHRSIZ is not supported on some printers due to printer limitations. For example, 3825, 3827, and 3900 only support downloaded fonts.

When you create a file, exceeding or overlapping the page length is not diagnosed for expanded height. It is diagnosed, however, for expanded width. The field length used is the DDS field length multiplied by the expansion width that you specify on CHRSIZ and rounded up to the integer value.

Valid data types for this keyword are A, F, and S.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the CHRSIZ keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R RECORD1                      CHRSIZ(3 3)
  A 02 03          FONT(222)
  A          FIELD1          3A          6 01
  A          FIELD2          6A          16 01CHRSIZ(2.5 2)
  A          FONT(ADMMVSS)
  A          FIELD3          6S 0 20 01CHRSIZ(1 1)
  A
```

In the example, FIELD1 is printed using CHRSIZ(3 3). FIELD2 is printed using CHRSIZ(2.5 2). Note that the decimal CHRSIZ is valid because the FONT specified for the field is not numeric. FIELD3 prints using CHRSIZ(1 1).

Related reference

[CHRSIZ \(Character Size\) keyword](#)

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to expand the printed characters to twice their normal width, their normal height, or their normal size (width and height).

COLOR (Color) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the color for a field.

This keyword can be used only with printers that provide support for it, such as the 4224 and the Infoprint Hi-Lite Color Printer, model 4005-HCI. If you do not specify COLOR or if the keyword is not valid for a printer device, black (the default value) is used.

The format of the keyword is:

```
COLOR(color-name | *RGB rvalue gvalue bvalue |
      *CMYK cvalue mvalue yvalue kvalue |
      *CIELAB lvalue c1value c2value |
      *HIGHLIGHT hvalue coverage)
```

You can specify color for a view by using one of five methods:

- Color name
- RGB (red/green/blue) color model
- CMYK (cyan/magenta/yellow/black) color model
- CIELAB color model
- Highlight color model

Color name model

For the color-name, you can specify one, and only one, of the following parameter values for COLOR:

| Parameter | Meaning |
|------------|-----------|
| BLK | Black |
| BLU | Blue |
| BRN | Brown |
| GRN | Green |
| PNK | Pink |
| RED | Red |
| TRQ | Turquoise |
| YLW | Yellow |

RGB color model

For the RGB color model, specify three RGB integer values in the following form:

```
COLOR (*RGB rvalue gvalue bvalue)
```

The rvalue represents a value for red; gvalue represents a value for green; and bvalue represents a value for blue. Specify each of the three integer values as a percentage from 0 to 100.

Note: An RGB specification of *RGB 0 0 0 is black. An RGB specification of *RGB 100 100 100 is white. Any other value is a color somewhere between black and white, depending on the output device.

CMYK color model

For the CMYK color model, specify four integer values in the following form:

```
COLOR (*CMYK cvalue mvalue yvalue kvalue)
```

The cvalue represents a value for cyan, mvalue represents a value for magenta, yvalue represents a value for yellow, and kvalue represents a value for black. Specify each of the four integer values as a percentage from 0 to 100.

CIELAB color model

For the CIELAB color model, specify three values in the following form:

```
COLOR (*CIELAB lvalue c1value c2value)
```

The lvalue specifies the luminance value. The valid range for the lvalue is 0.00 to 100.00. Use signed integers from -127 to 127 for the c1value and c2value to specify the chrominance differences.

Highlight color model

For the Highlight color model, specify two values in the following form:

```
COLOR (*HIGHLIGHT hvalue coverage)
```

Highlight colors are device-dependent. You can specify them for the IBM InfoPrint Hi-Lite Color Printer, Model 4005-HCI. You can specify an integer within the range of 0 to 65535 for the hvalue.

The coverage value indicates the amount of the highlight color that is to be used. Specify the coverage value as a percentage from 0 to 100. If you specify less than 100 percent, the remaining coverage is achieved with the specified color.

Notes:

1. An hvalue of 0 indicates that there is no default value defined. Therefore, the default color of the presentation device is used, and the remaining coverage is achieved with the default color.
2. The following monochrome IBM IPDS printers support gray scaling when you specify highlight color:
 - Infoprint 60
 - Infoprint 62
 - Infoprint 2000
 - Infoprint 3000
 - Infoprint 4000

These printers must be at ucode level 8.3 or later.

Using the COLOR keyword

If you use COLOR on the same record format with the BLKFOLD, CPI, or DFNCHR keyword, the file is not created.

COLOR is valid on IPDS and IPDS AFP(*YES) printers. If you specify DEVTYPE(*SCS) on the CRTPTF command, a warning message results but the file is created successfully.

Valid data types for this keyword are A, S, and F.

When you specify COLOR more than once for a field, you must specify option indicators each time you specify COLOR. If more than one COLOR is in effect when printing the field, the first one in effect is used. You cannot specify the same color more than once on the same field. The following example shows the effects of specifying COLOR for a field.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the COLOR keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A 99          1 3'PRINT RED TEXT'
A             COLOR(RED)
A             FIELD1      3A  12 01TEXT('PINK IF 02, +
A             YELLOW IF 07, +
A             BLACK IF NEITHER')
A 02          COLOR(PNK)
A 07          COLOR(YLW)
A             FIELD2      10A 20 01COLOR(*CIELAB 76.0 -25 65)
A

```

In the example, if indicator 99 is ON, the constant field 'PRINT RED TEXT' prints in red. FIELD1 prints in pink, yellow, or black, depending on the indicators 02 and 07. FIELD2 specifies to print using the CIELAB color model. The luminance value is 76.0; the c1value is -25; and the c2value is 65.

Related concepts

[BOX \(Box\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a rectangle.

Related reference

[LINE \(Line\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a horizontal or vertical line.

CPI (Characters Per Inch) keyword in printer files

This record-level or field-level keyword specifies the horizontal printing density for the record format or field that you are defining.

Use CPI to:

- Darken logos and other printed graphics that you create using the DFNCHR keyword
- Place more data in less space on printed forms
- Fit the appearance of a form to your needs

The format of the keyword is:

```
CPI (10 | 15)
```

10 or 15 specifies the number of characters per inch.

This keyword is valid only for the 5224 and 5225 SCS printers. If you do not specify CPI, the density is set by the CPI parameter on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF), Change Printer File (CHGPRTF), or Override with Printer File (OVRPRTF) command.

If you specify CPI at the record level, all fields in the record format are at the same density except those for which you specify CPI at the field level.

If you specify CPI at the field level, you can specify different densities for fields printed on the same line. The position you specify for each field (in positions 42 through 44) is based on the value of the CPI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command (see the following examples).

When you specify CPI at the field level, overlapping fields are not diagnosed.

A warning message results at creation time if you specify CPI in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). To change the CPI, you must specify the FONT keyword.

You cannot specify CPI on the same record format as the DRAWER keyword.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Examples

The following examples show how to specify the CPI keyword for a record format.

Example 1

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          R RECORD1
00020A  02          CPI(15)
00030A          FLD1          20      3  1
00040A          FLD2          5  0      +2
00050A          R RECORD2          SPACEB(1)
00060A          FLD3          1
      A
```

In this example, if option indicator 02 is set to on, both FLD1 and FLD2 in RECORD1 are printed at 15 characters per inch. If option indicator 02 is set to off, FLD1 and FLD2 are printed at the density specified for the CPI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command.

The printer spaces one line before printing RECORD2. FLD3 in RECORD2 is printed at the density specified for the CPI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command.

Example 2

The following example shows what happens when a field at 15 CPI is printed between fields printed at 10 CPI.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RCDA                      SPACEA(1)
00020A      FLD1                        10      1
00030A      FLD2                        10      11CPI(15) 1
00040A      FLD3                        10      21
      A
  
```

In this example, all positions entries **1** refer to columns measured at 10 CPI (as specified on the CRTPRTF, OVRPRTF, or CHGPRTF command). Therefore, RCDA is printed as follows:

```
11111111112222222222 3333333333
```

FLD2, being compressed at 15 CPI, uses less room than FLD1 or FLD3. To avoid the gap, specify FLD3 more to the left. To calculate the position of FLD3, add the length of FLD2 to the specified position of FLD2. To calculate the length of FLD2, use the following formula:

$\frac{\text{length specified} \times \text{file density}}{\text{density for the field}} = \text{printed length}$

or, for FLD2:

$$\frac{10 \times 10}{15} = \frac{10 \times 2}{3} = 6.67 \text{ (rounded up to 7)}$$

Add 7 to 11, the specified position of FLD2, as follows:

$$7 + 11 = 18$$

The resulting corrected DDS for Example 2 becomes:

```

R RCDA                      SPACEA(1)
FLD1      10      1
FLD2      10      11CPI(15)
FLD3      10      18
  
```

The record format then prints as follows:

```
11111111112222222222 3333333333
```

Example 3

The following example shows what happens when a field at 10 CPI is printed between fields printed at 15 CPI.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RCDB                      SPACEA(1)
00020A      FLD4                        10      1
00030A      FLD5                        10      11CPI(10) 1
00040A      FLD6                        10      21
      A
  
```

In this example, the positions entries **1** refer to positions measured at 15 CPI (as specified on the CRTPRTF, OVRPRTF, or CHGPRTF command). The system uses the following formula to calculate the beginning position of fields printed at 10 CPI within files printed at 15 CPI:

$$\frac{2(\text{specified position} - 1)}{3} + 1 = \text{printed position (truncated if fractional)}$$

or, for FLD5:

$$\frac{2(11-1)}{3} + 1 = 7.67 \text{ (truncated to 7)}$$

The truncation can cause overprinting of FLD4 by FLD5, as shown in the following example:

```
4444444444555555666666666666
```

To avoid the overprinting, specify FLD5 one more position to the right (position 12).

To calculate the position of FLD6, add the length of FLD5 to the position of FLD5. To calculate the length of FLD5, use the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{length specified X density for the file}}{\text{density for the field}} = \text{printed length}$$

or, for FLD5:

$$\frac{10 \times 15}{10} = 15 \text{ (rounded up if necessary)}$$

Add 15 to the (adjusted) position of FLD5:

$$15 + 12 = 27$$

The resulting corrected DDS for Example 3 becomes:

```
R RCDB          SPACEA(1)
FLD4           10          1
FLD5           10        12CPI(10)
FLD6           10          27
```

The record format then prints as follows:

```
4444444444 5555555555 6666666666
```

Example 4

The following example shows the effect of the CPI keyword on how the system truncates or folds fields at the right side of the printer form. This depends on the values of the FOLD and PAGESIZE parameters on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF commands.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          R RCDC          SPACEA(1)
00020A          FLD7           10          140
00030A          FLD8           10          150CPI(10)
      A
```

In this example, if the file is being printed at 15 CPI with a forms width of 160, FLD7 and FLD8 are printed as follows:

- FLD7 starts at position 140 for a print length of 10 at 15 CPI (16.9 mm or 0.667 inch).
- FLD8 starts at position 150 for a print length of 10 at 10 CPI (25.4 mm or one inch).

Printing FLD8 at position 150 calculated at 15 CPI causes FLD8 to extend beyond the right margin. Therefore, FLD8 is either truncated or folded onto the next line (depending on the FOLD parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command). To calculate the length of FLD8, use the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{length specified X density for the file}}{\text{density for the field}} = \text{printed length}$$

or, for FLD8:

$$\frac{10 \times 15}{10} = 15 \text{ (truncated to next lower integer if necessary)}$$

Note: When a file printed at 15 CPI contains fields printed at 10 CPI, the right margin of the form is adjusted for all fields according to the following formula:

$$\frac{2(\text{specified length of the field} - 1) + 1}{3} = \text{adjustment}$$

(truncated if fractional)

Related reference

FONT (Font) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to specify the font ID for printing named or constant fields within a record.

CVTDTA (Convert Data) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword converts character data to hexadecimal data when the field is passed to the printer.

You can use the CVTDTA keyword to define:

- Logos or emblems for a letterhead on your forms
- Alternative character sets or symbols (such as a copyright symbol)
- The appearance of a physical form (by adding vertical and horizontal lines that act as boundaries on the form or between positions on an invoice)
- IPDS bar-code commands

This keyword has no parameters.

In an SCS printer file (DEVTYPE(*SCS) on the CRTPRTF command), specify CVTDTA only when you use the DFNCHR keyword. Furthermore, use CVTDTA when you define characters for unassigned code points. A **code point** is one of the 256 values that you can assign a character in a character set. An **unassigned code point** is a code point to which no character is assigned. On the IBM i operating system, a code point is identified by a 2-digit hexadecimal number. For example, in the EBCDIC character set, code point hexadecimal C1 is assigned the character A; hexadecimal 51 is an unassigned code point.

CVTDTA is valid for the 5224, 5225, and IPDS printers. For IPDS printers, CVTDTA allows you to specify code points to be included in the data stream. These code points print as preassigned on the printer. Do not use the CVTDTA keyword with the TRNSPY and DFNCHR keywords for IPDS printers.

If you define characters for unassigned code points, perform one of the following tasks:

- Specify CVTDTA
- Work with hexadecimal data in your program

Specify CVTDTA only for named fields. For user-defined characters in constant fields, use the DFT and DFNCHR keywords.

In an SCS printer file (DEVTYPE(*SCS) on the CRTPRTF command), if you specify CVTDTA, you must also specify the TRNSPY keyword. In printer files created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command, if you specify CVTDTA, you do not need to specify the TRNSPY keyword. However, a warning message appears stating that the DEVTYPE should not be changed to *SCS.

If you specify CVTDTA on a field, the length of the field must be an even number. The printed length of the field is the length you specify, divided by two.

If you specify CVTDTA for a field, the character data that your program passes in the field must contain only valid hexadecimal characters (0 through 9 and A through F). Blanks, whether embedded or trailing, are not valid hexadecimal characters. If characters that are not valid are specified in the field at program run time, the IBM i operating system sends escape message CPF5234 to your program.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

The following rules apply to using DDS CVTDTA for bar-code commands:

- The support is only for printers with device type *IPDS.

- The support allows the following commands:

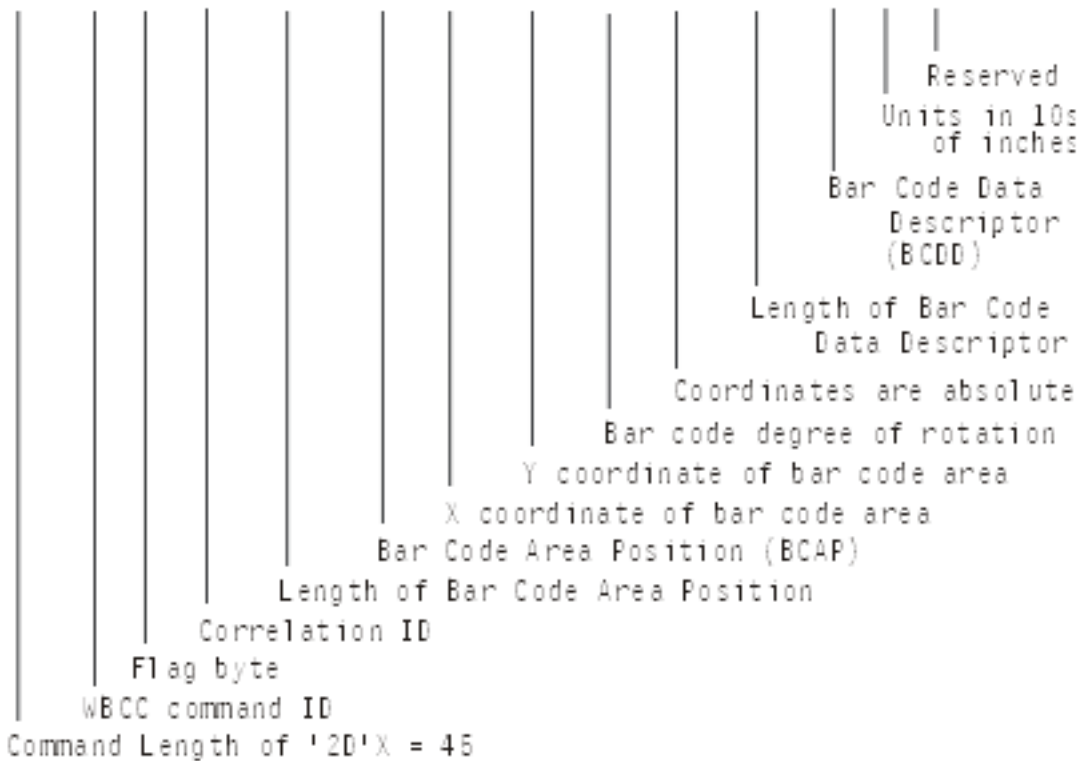
- WBCC (Write Bar-Code Control)
- WBC (Write Bar Code)
- END

All three commands must be in the same field. No other commands can be in that field.

- The length of the field must be exact.
- The length within each command must be exact.
- Optional - the file can contain a DDS BARCODE keyword on another record in the file. This record does not have to be used. It indicates to the IBM i operating system that bar codes can be expected when the file is used.
- Correlation IDs are not required on the IPDS commands.
- No validity checking is done on the user's bar-code data. Data that is not valid will cause the printer to report that the command is not valid.
- Examples of the commands are shown in [Figure 4 on page 51](#). Add the lengths of these commands in the example totals 69 ($45 + 17 + 7 = 69$). This will be multiplied by two to indicate the number of characters included in the CVTDTA field. This means the field with CVTDTA for this example requires a length of 138 ($69 \times 2 = 138$).
- See the *Intelligent printer data stream reference* manual for more information about bar-code commands.

WBCC

0020 0680 40 0001 000B AC6B 0000 0000 0000 00 001B A6EB 00 00 ...



... 3840 3840 FFFF FFFF 0000 01 01 FF 0000 FF 02D0 01 FFFF

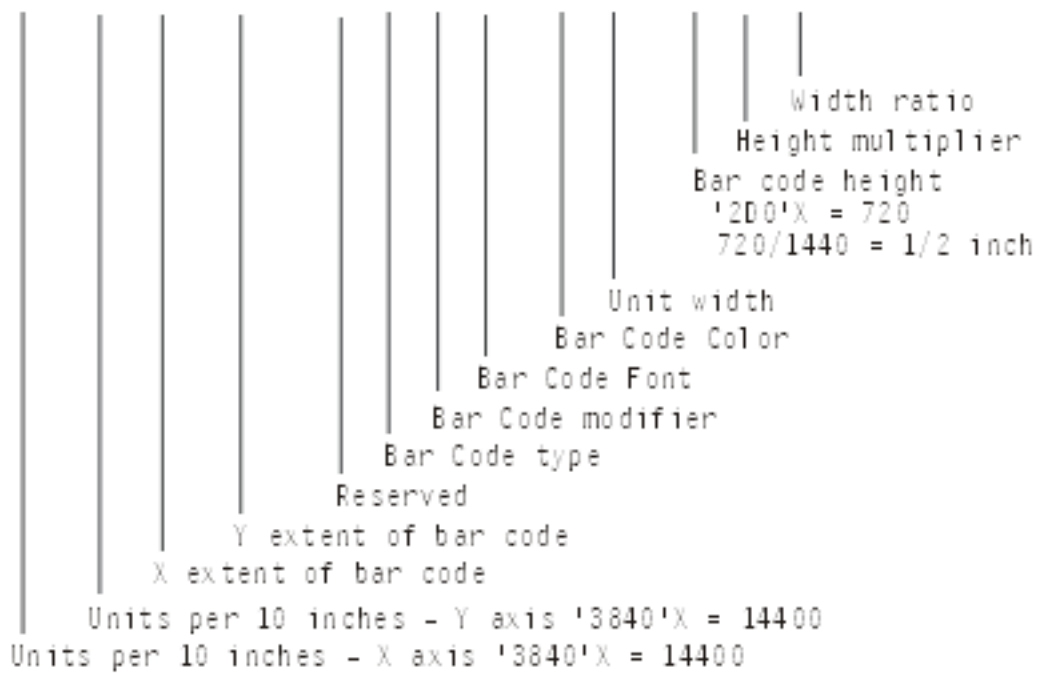
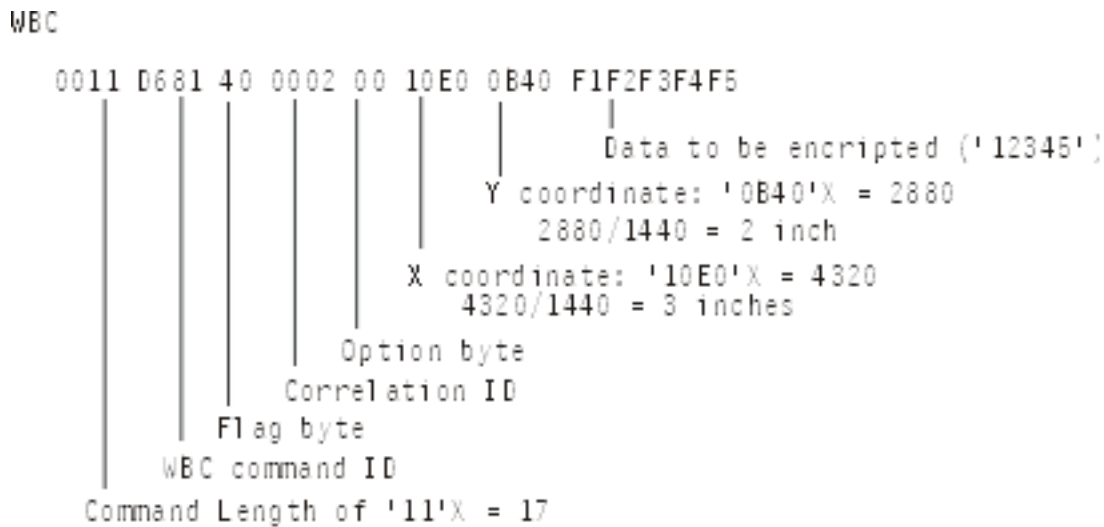


Figure 4. Command format for bar-code commands using CVTDTA (Part 1 of 2)



END

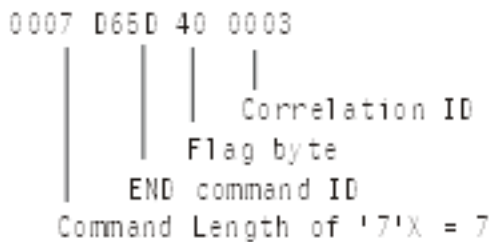


Figure 5. Command format for bar-code commands using CVTDTA (Part 2 of 2)

Related reference

TRANSPY (Transparency) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword prevents code points that you have redefined (using the DFNCHR keyword) from being interpreted as SCS printer control commands when your program sends an output operation that prints the field that you are defining.

DATE (Date) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to display the current date or the current system date as a constant field that is 6 or 8 bytes long.

You can specify the DATE keyword and the location of the field. Also, you can name the field with the special name *NONE, if the POSITION keyword is used in the record to specify the location of the fields. Optionally, you can specify the CDEFNT, CHRISZ, COLOR, EDTCDE, EDTWRD, FNTCHRSET, FONT, HIGHLIGHT, UNDERLINE, or TEXT keyword.

If the POSITION keyword is used, you must specify the name *NONE (positions 19 through 29). If POSITION keyword is not used, positions 17 through 38 must be blank.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DATE([*JOB | *SYS] [*Y]*YY])
```

The *JOB value causes the current job date to be printed. If you do not specify a parameter, *JOB is used. The *SYS parameter causes the current system date to be printed.

If you specify *Y, 2 digits represent the year in the date format that the DATFMT job attribute designates. If you specify *YY, 4 digits represent the year in the date format that the DATFMT job attribute designates. If you do not specify a parameter, *Y is specified by default.

The W edit code on the EDTCDE keyword returns a correctly formatted date only if a four digit year (*YY) is requested, and the job attribute DATFMT is YMD.

If you specify EDTCDE(Y) for a DATE field, separators are added according the date format of the DATFMT job attribute. For example, using EDTCDE(Y) when the DATFMT job attribute specifies *MDY changes the date from

```
mmdyy
```

to

```
mm/dd/yy
```

The slashes (/) represent the job attribute DATSEP at run time and the job attribute DATFMT determines the order of the month, day, and year. (DATFMT can be *SYSVAL, indicating that your program is to retrieve the date from the system value QDATFMT, or MDY, DMY, YMD, or JUL, where M=month, D=day, Y=year, and JUL=Julian.)

Field length depends on the following factors:

1. The format of the DATFMT job attribute.
2. Whether the date field includes separators. The EDTCDE keyword controls separators.
3. The number of digits that represent the year. The DATE keyword controls the number of year digits.

If the DATFMT specified for the job is *JUL (Julian), you cannot use the EDTWRD keyword to edit the result.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword. However, option indicators can be used to condition the field associated with this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DATE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R REC01
  A          1 56
  A          DATE
  A 21       2 56
  A          DATE(*JOB *Y)
  A 22       2 56
  A          DATE EDTCDE(Y)
  A 23       2 56
  A          DATE(*JOB) EDTCDE(Y)
  A 24       2 56
  A          DATE(*SYS)
  A 25       2 56
  A          DATE(*SYS *YY) EDTCDE(Y)
  A
```

The job date is printed without editing on line position 56.

The job date is also printed without editing if option indicator 21 is on. The job date is printed with editing, if either option indicator 22 or 23 is on. The system date is printed without editing, if option indicator 24 is on. The system date is printed with editing and a 4 digit year, if option indicator 25 is on.

Related concepts

[Constant fields in printer files](#)

Constant fields are unnamed fields (positions 19 through 28 must be blank), or fields with a special name (*NONE) when the POSITION keyword is used in the record.

DATFMT (Date Format) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the format of a date field. This keyword is valid only for date fields (data type L).

The format of the keyword is:

```
DATFMT(date-format)
```

The date-format parameter specifies the format of a date. The following table describes the valid date formats and their default separator values.

| Format name | Date-format parameter | Date format and separator | Field length | Example |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Job default | *JOB | | | |
| Month/day/year | *MDY | mm/dd/yy | 8 | 06/21/90 |
| Day/month/year | *DMY | dd/mm/yy | 8 | 21/06/90 |
| Year/month/day | *YMD | yy/mm/dd | 8 | 90/06/21 |
| Julian | *JUL | yy/ddd | 6 | 90/172 |
| International standards organization | *ISO | yyyy-mm-dd | 10 | 1990-06-21 |
| IBM USA standard | *USA | mm/dd/yyyy | 10 | 06/21/1990 |
| IBM European standard | *EUR | dd.mm.yyyy | 10 | 21.06.1990 |
| Japanese industrial standard Christian era | *JIS | yyyy-mm-dd | 10 | 1990-06-21 |

If you do not specify the DATFMT keyword, the default is *ISO.

If you specify *JOB, the high-level language and the application handle the format as *ISO. On output, the system converts the format to the format that the Date Format Job Definition Attribute specifies. On input, the system converts the format to *ISO before it passes control to the application. There are always 10 spaces reserved on the display screen for a Date field with DATFMT(*JOB), even though 8 characters in the case of *MDY, *DMY, and *YMD, or 6 characters in the case of *JUL are displayed.

If you specify the *ISO, *USA, *EUR, or *JIS value, you cannot specify the DATSEP keyword. These date formats have fixed separators.

The DATFMT keyword overrides the job attribute for a date field. It does not change the system default.

It is the responsibility of the high-level language and the application to format the date field according to the format specified on the DATFMT keyword and use the separators specified on the DATSEP keyword. The system does not format fields on output. The system validates the date field (L data type) on input according to the format that the DATFMT keyword specifies and the separator that the DATSEP keyword specifies.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword, although option indicators can be used to condition the field for which it is specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DATFMT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A          R RECORD
00030A          DATFLD1          L B 5 2DATFMT(*JUL)
00040A          DATFLD2          L B 5 22DATFMT(*EUR)
00050A          DATFLD3          L B 5 42DATFMT(*JOB)
A
```

If the date to be displayed is June 21, 1990, the date format defined in the Job Definition Attributes is *MDY and the date separator defined in the Job Definition Attributes is a slash (/), the following values will be displayed when RECORD is written.

```
DATFLD1      90/172
DATFLD2      21.06.1990
DATFLD3      06/21/90
```

DATSEP (Date Separator) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the separator character for a date field. This keyword is valid only for date fields (data type L).

The format of the keyword is:

```
DATSEP(*JOB | 'date-separator')
```

The date separator parameter specifies the separator character that appears between the year, month, and day. Valid values are a slash (/), dash (-), period (.), comma (,) or blank (). Single quotation marks must enclose the parameter.

If you specify the *ISO, *USA, *EUR, or *JIS date format value for the DATFMT keyword, you cannot specify the DATSEP keyword. These formats have fixed date separators.

If you do not specify the DATSEP keyword and the format that DATFMT specifies does not have a fixed date separator, DATSEP is set to *JOB as default.

If you specify *JOB or if DATSEP defaults to *JOB, the high-level language and the application will handle the separator as a slash (/). On output the system converts the separator that was specified by the Date Separator Job Definition Attribute. On input the system converts the separator to a slash (/) before it passes control to the application.

The DATSEP keyword overrides the job attribute. It does not change the system default.

It is the responsibility of the high-level language and the application to format the date field according to the format specified for the DATFMT keyword and to use the separators specified for the DATSEP keyword. The system does not format fields on output. The system validates the date field on input according to the format that the DATFMT keyword specifies and the separator that the DATSEP keyword specifies.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword, although option indicators can be used to condition the field for which it is specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DATSEP keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A          R RECORD1
00030A          DATFLD2          L B 5 2DATFMT(*DMY) DATSEP('-')
00040A          DATFLD4          L B 5 22DATFMT(*JUL) DATSEP(' ')
00050A          DATFLD6          L B 5 42DATFMT(*JOB) DATSEP(*JOB)
A
```

If you want to display the date June 21, 1990, the date format defined in the Job Definition Attributes is *MDY and the date separator defined in the Job Definition Attributes is /, the following values will be displayed when RECORD1 is written.

```
DATFLD2    21-06-90
DATFLD4    90 172
DATFLD6    06/21/90
```

DFNCHR (Define Character) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level or record-level keyword to define characters of your own design for the 5224 Printer and 5225 Printer.

With this keyword you can specify DFNCHR more than once at the file or record level, or as many as 50 characters each time you specify DFNCHR.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DFNCHR(X'code-point-1' X'dot-matrix-pattern-1'
[X'code-point-2' X'dot-matrix-pattern-2'...
[X'code-point-50' X'dot-matrix-pattern-50']])
```

Note: You cannot specify more than 5000 characters in a single DDS statement. If you need to specify more than 5000 characters in specifying DFNCHR several times together, start a new DDS statement by specifying an option indicator for the new DFNCHR keywords. To avoid having to set the indicators on, specify an N (for example, N50). This causes the conditioning to be on for the keyword with no program action.

User-defined characters can take up one print position (as in example 1) or more than one print position (as in examples 2 and 3). For each print position, specify a code point and a dot matrix pattern. In the EBCDIC character set, hexadecimal C1 is assigned the character A; hexadecimal 51 is an unassigned code point.

You define a dot matrix pattern in DDS by specifying nine 2-digit pairs of hexadecimal digits. You can specify only the characters 0 through 9 and A through F.

When your program sends an output operation to a record format for which DFNCHR defines code points different from those defined for the previous output operation, the IBM i operating system loads the new definitions, thereby changing the defined characters. This process can slow printing.

If, however, the same DFNCHR keywords are in effect for two output operations in a row, the IBM i operating system does not reload code points for the second output operation.

You can use DFNCHR only with SCS printers. It cannot be specified on the same record format with IPDS printer keywords, such as COLOR, LPI, and BARCODE. If any format in the file contains a combination of SCS and IPDS printer keywords, the file is not created.

If you specify DFNCHR in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), a warning message appears at creation time.

You cannot specify DFNCHR on the same record format as the DRAWER keyword. If any format in the file contains DFNCHR at the record-level and a DRAWER keyword, the file is not created.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Examples

The following examples show how to specify DFNCHR.

Example 1

The following example uses a single dot matrix to show how to specify DFNCHR at the record level so that hexadecimal 7C prints © instead of @.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
12
00010A          R RECORD          DFNCHR(X'7C' X'007E813CC324817E00')
00020A          58 4DFT(X'7C')    TRNSPY
00030A          +2DFT('1982')
```

This example redefines code point hexadecimal 7C1, normally @ in the EBCDIC character set, as a copyright mark. The copyright mark is printed as follows (on line 58 of a printer form):

```
© 1982
```

The hexadecimal digits 2 define the following dot matrix pattern:

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | • | | • | | • | | |
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Figure 6. Dot matrix pattern for example 1

Example 2

The following example uses a dot matrix for a large character. This example shows how to specify DFNCHR at the file level for a character two positions wide by two lines high.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
12
00010A          DFNCHR(X'51' X'000000FF00FF00E700' +
00020A          X'52' X'E700E700E700E10000' +
00030A          X'53' X'0000009C001F000700' +
00040A          X'54' X'07000700FF00FC0000' +
00050A          X'55' X'00000000FF00E700E7' +
00060A          X'56' X'00E700E700E3000000' +
00070A          X'57' X'000000001E00070007' +
00080A          X'58' X'0007000700FE000000')
00090A          R RECORD1
00100A          3 58 4DFT(X'5152') TRNSPY
00110A          58 4DFT(X'5556')    TRNSPY
00120A          59 4DFT(X'5354')    TRNSPY
00130A          59 4DFT(X'5758')    TRNSPY
A
```

Example 2 redefines eight code points (hexadecimal 51 through hexadecimal 58) 1. Each position of the two-by-two character is printed twice so that adjacent horizontal dots can print. The hexadecimal codes 2 define the dot matrix pattern.

The information marked 3 shows how the large character 5 looks when printed (using four print positions, two on line 58 and two on line 59 of a printer form):

Note: The file should be at 9 lpi to avoid a horizontal gap in the large character (LPI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command).

In the grid pattern, mark the dot patterns for as many as nine print columns (three across and three down), as shown in example 2.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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Figure 7. Specifying the grid pattern for example 2 (points 51 through 54)

Use Table: Hexadecimal digits for the bit patterns in “Specifying dots to be printed in the dot matrix” on page 64 to determine which hexadecimal digit to specify for each half-column in the grid pattern.

For each print position, complete one row of the grid pattern (one pair of hexadecimal digits to each box) as shown in Figure 8 on page 58 for code points 51 through 54.

Code
Points

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 51 | 00 | 00 | 00 | FF | 00 | FF | 00 | E7 | 00 |
| 52 | E7 | 00 | E7 | 00 | E7 | 00 | E1 | 00 | 00 |
| 53 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 9C | 00 | 1F | 00 | 07 | 00 |
| 54 | 07 | 00 | 07 | 00 | FF | 00 | FC | 00 | 00 |
| — | | | | | | | | | |
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Figure 8. Completing code points for example 2 (points 51 through 54)

Code
Points

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 55 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | FF | 00 | E7 | 00 | E7 |
| 56 | 00 | E7 | 00 | E7 | 00 | E3 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 57 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 1E | 00 | 07 | 00 | 07 |
| 58 | 00 | 07 | 00 | 07 | 00 | FE | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| — | | | | | | | | | |
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Figure 10. Completing the code points for example 2 (points 55 through 58)

Example 3

The following example uses a dot matrix for a large graphic to show how to specify DFNCHR at the file level for a large graphic three columns wide by two lines high.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A          12
00030A          DFNCHR(X' B1 ' X' FF00E000D000C800C4 ' +
00040A          X' B2 ' X' 00C200C100C100C200 ' +
00050A          X' B3 ' X' C400C800D000E000FF ' +
00060A          X' B4 ' X' FF0007000800130023 ' +
00070A          X' B5 ' X' 004300830083004300 ' +
00080A          X' B6 ' X' 230013000B000700FF ' +
00090A          X' B7 ' X' 00FF00F000D800CC00 ' +
00100A          X' B8 ' X' C600C100C100C100C6 ' +
00110A          X' B9 ' X' 00CC00D800F000FF00 ' +
00120A          X' BA ' X' 00FF000F001B003300 ' +
00130A          X' BB ' X' 630083008300830063 ' +
00140A          X' BC ' X' 0033001B000F00FF00 ' )
00150A          R RECORD1          CPI (15)
00160A          58 4DFT (X' B1B2B3 ' ) TRNSPY
00170A          58 4DFT (X' B7B8B9 ' ) TRNSPY
00180A          59 4DFT (X' B4B5B6 ' ) TRNSPY
A          59 4DFT (X' BABBBC ' ) TRNSPY

```

The example redefines 12 code points (hexadecimal B1 through hexadecimal BC) **1**. Each column of the three-by-two character prints twice so that adjacent horizontal dots can print. The hexadecimal codes **2** define the dot matrix pattern.

This example prints an X inside a grid using three print columns (on lines 58 and 59 on a printer form).

Note: The file should be at 9 lpi to avoid a horizontal gap in the large character (LPI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command).

Mark the dot patterns for as many as nine print columns (three across and three down) in the grid, as shown in the example.

Code
Points

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| B7 | 00 | FF | 00 | F0 | 00 | D8 | 00 | CC | 00 |
| B8 | C6 | 00 | C1 | 00 | C1 | 00 | C1 | 00 | C5 |
| B9 | 00 | CC | 00 | D8 | 00 | F0 | 00 | F0 | 00 |
| BA | 00 | FF | 00 | 0F | 00 | 1B | 00 | 33 | 00 |
| BB | 63 | 00 | 83 | 00 | 83 | 00 | 83 | 00 | 63 |
| BC | 00 | 33 | 00 | 1B | 00 | 0F | 00 | FF | 00 |
| — | | | | | | | | | |
| — | | | | | | | | | |

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Figure 14. Completing the code points for example 3 (points B7 through BC)

Selecting which code points to redefine

You can define any code point except hexadecimal 00.

When you define a code point, you can perform one of the following tasks:

- Redefine an existing character. If you then attempt to print that character, the alternate character is printed. Example 1 uses such a code point.
- Define a character for an unassigned code point (for which there is no existing character in your system character set). Example 2 uses such code points.

If you redefine an existing character, select which character to print (the existing character or the redefined character) by specifying option indicators for the DFNCHR keyword. If you select DFNCHR, the user-defined character is printed. If you do not select DFNCHR, the existing character is printed.

Note: Output operations run faster when you define an unassigned code point. An unassigned code point avoids the reloading of code points when your program selects different DFNCHR keywords.

Dot matrix

The dot matrix for the 5224 Printer and 5225 Printer is a matrix of 8 row by 9 column. All 8 rows and 9 columns are printed regardless of the CPI or LPI settings.

The vertical distance between dots is always 0.352 mm (0.014 inch) regardless of the LPI setting (LPI parameter on the CRTPRTF command). The LPI setting determines the space between lines, not the height of characters. At a setting of 9 lpi (2.82 mm or 0.111 inch for each line), there is no vertical space between lines if all rows of dots are used. However, the normal character set does not use the bottom row of dots (line 8) in the matrix, so that even at 9 lpi there is some space between lines. If you choose, use row 8 to define your own characters.

The horizontal distance between dots depends on the CPI setting. At 10 CPI, each column is spaced 0.262 mm (0.0111 inches) apart, giving each character 2.54 mm (0.1 inches). At 15 CPI, each column is spaced 0.188 mm (0.0074 inches) apart, giving each character 1.69 mm (0.0667 inches). The standard character set does not use columns 1 and 9 (to allow spacing between characters).

You can use columns 1 and 9 to define your own characters with one restriction: the 5224 Printer and 5225 Printer cannot print two adjacent horizontal dots. To print two adjacent horizontal dots (such as in a solid underline), the line must be printed twice. This can be done using a different set of code points on each pass, one to define the odd dots, and the other to define the even dots. Both passes occur during one output operation. If your program attempts to print two adjacent horizontal dots, no error message appears, but one of the dots is not printed. (The last position of dots in one character and the first position in the character to its right are considered adjacent dots.) There is no restriction on adjacent vertical dots.

On any one output operation, each code point represents a single eight-by-nine matrix. To print characters larger than this requires more than one eight-by-nine matrix, each one normally defined by a different code point. Overprinting is also required.

For example, to print a double-wide character, specify a code point for the left half of the character and another code point for the right half. Double-high characters require a code point for the top half of the character and another for the bottom half. On the first line, the top half of all characters are printed, and on the next line, the bottom half of all characters. You must specify lpi(9) on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command to avoid a space between the top and bottom halves. Using DDS, you can define two fields in one record format, one for the upper half and one for the lower half. Example 2 shows a character two wide by two high.

Specifying dots to be printed in the dot matrix

When you define a dot matrix pattern for a user-defined character, specify nine 2-digit pairs of hexadecimal digits.

Each 2-digit pair corresponds with a column in the matrix, the first pair with the first column, the second pair with the second column, and so forth. Specify the left character of each pair to control which dots are printed in the upper half of the column. Specify the right character to control the lower half.

Use the approach shown in [Figure 15 on page 64](#) to specify the dot matrix pattern for a copyright mark, which prints as ©. The binary equivalent is 0111 1110, which corresponds to the placement of dots in column 2.

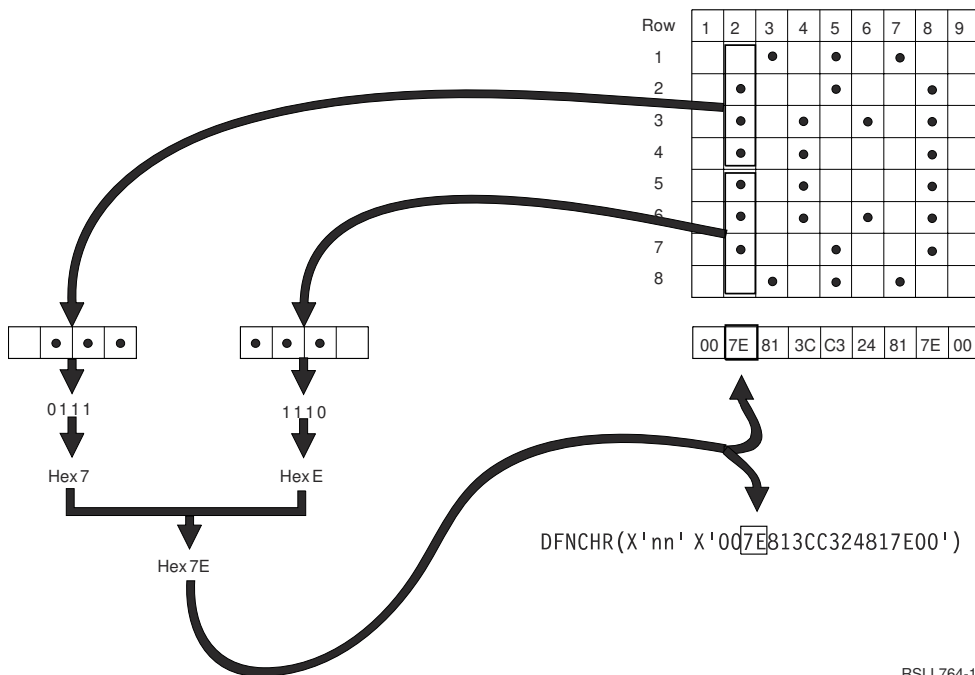


Figure 15. Specifying the dot matrix for a copyright mark

Use the form in [Figure 16 on page 65](#) to plan your dot patterns and specify the required hexadecimal digits for characters as large as three columns wide by three lines high. In this grid pattern, mark the dot patterns for as many as nine print positions (three across and three down).

For each print position, complete one row of the grid pattern, shown in [Figure 17 on page 66](#). There should be one pair of hexadecimal digits to each box.

Code
Points

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| — | | | | | | | | | |
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Figure 17. Completing the grid pattern

DFT (Default) keyword in printer files

You use the DFT keyword to specify constant values for constant fields.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DFT('value')
'value'
DFT(X'hexadecimal-value')
X'hexadecimal-value'
```

Constant values can be:

- A character value, in which each character prints as you specify it. The number of characters is equal to the printed length of the field. (Within the value, two adjacent single quotation marks are printed as one.) See [example 1](#).
- A hexadecimal value, in which two characters identify a code point in the character set. These characters print in this field (define alternate characters using DFNCHR). The printed length is half the number of characters you specify between single quotation marks. You must specify the TRNSPY keyword if you specify a hexadecimal value for DFT. See [example 2](#).

You can specify DFT implicitly by omitting DFT and the parentheses (this is true for both character and hexadecimal values). Specify the value within single quotation marks. For hexadecimal values, you must also precede the value with an X.

The EDTCDE and EDTWRD keywords cannot be specified with the DFT keyword.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword. However, they can be used to condition the constant field with which this keyword is specified, specifying the last option indicator on the same line as the field location.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify DFT using character values.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          R SUPPLIES
00020A          PENS           20      2  1
00030A          INK            20      3  1
00040A          PAPER          20      4  1
00050A          7 9DFT('ON')
00060A          8 9'ON'
00070A
00080A 01          12 1'Hotel name: 'Terrace Inn'
00100A
00110A 02          12 1'Hotel name: 'Riverview Inn'
A
```


The specifications DFT('ON') and 'ON' are equivalent and show the difference between specifying DFT explicitly and implicitly.

If indicator 01 is on, this prints:

```
Hotel name: 'Terrace Inn'
```

If indicator 02 is on and indicator 01 is off, this prints:

```
Hotel name: 'Riverview Inn'
```

Example 2

The following example shows how to specify DFT for a constant field containing an alternate character.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
12
00010A          R RECORD          DFNCHR(X'7C' X'007E813CC324817E00')
00020A          358 4DFT(X'7C') TRNSPY 4
00030A          +2DFT('1982')
      A
```

The constant field for which DFT is specified **1** appears on line 58, position 4. The character defined for hexadecimal 7C prints in this field. DFNCHR **2**, specified at the record level for this example, defines hexadecimal 7C as a copyright mark.

Here are some equivalent ways to specify the value as defined in this example **3**:

```
DFT(X'7C')
X'7C'
DFT('@')
'@'
```

The TRNSPY keyword **4** is required when hexadecimal values are specified for DFT.

DLTEDT (Delete Edit) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword lets the IBM i operating system ignore any EDTCDE or EDTWRD keyword that is specified for the referenced field. If a field description is referred to from a database file, DLTEDT prevents certain information from being referenced.

This keyword has no parameters.

This keyword is valid only when you specify R in position 29 for this field, and also specify either the REF or the REFFLD keyword.

If replacement edit information is needed, specify the EDTCDE or the EDTWRD for the field that you define. The new keyword overrides the editing from the referenced field. In this case, you do not need to specify DLTEDT.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DLTEDT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          AMT          R          5 20DLTEDT
      A
```

DOCIDXTAG (Document Index Tag) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to create an indexing tag in the document for use by presentation systems such as Advanced Function Printing (AFP), or for use by postprocessor applications such as Content Manager OnDemand.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DOCIDXTAG(attribute-name | &attribute-name-field
           attribute-value | &attribute-value-field
           tag-level      | &attribute-tag-level-field)
```

The attribute-name parameter is required and defines the name of the indexing attribute (for example, "Policy Number"). The maximum number of characters in the attribute name is 250. Blanks are allowed as part of the attribute name.

When you specify the attribute-name parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the DOCIDXTAG keyword. It must be defined as length of 1-250, type A (character) and usage P (program-to-system).

The attribute-value parameter is required and defines the value of the indexing attribute (for example, "43127"). The maximum number of characters in the attribute value is 250. Blanks are allowed as part of the attribute-value.

When you specify the attribute-value parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the DOCIDXTAG keyword. It must be defined as length of 1-250, type A (character) and usage P (program-to-system).

The tag-level parameter is required and defines the level of the indexing tag. There are two special values allowed for this parameter. GROUP and PAGE. GROUP specifies that the attribute name and value are attached to the current group.

Notes:

1. Group level tags are selectable using the SELECT GROUP function of the AFP Viewer. PAGE specifies that the attribute name and value are attached to the current page
2. Page level tags are selectable using the GO TO function of the AFP Viewer. Group level tags are selectable using the SELECT GROUP function of the AFP Viewer. PAGE specifies that the attribute name and value are attached to the current page.

When you specify the tag-level parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the DOCIDXTAG keyword. It must be defined as length of 5, type A (character) and usage P (program-to-system).

This keyword is valid with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword will be ignored and a warning message will be issued at print time.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
A
A          R RECORD1
A 02          DOCIDXTAG('Policy Number' '43127' +
A              GROUP)
A          R RECORD2          DOCIDXTAG( &ATTNAM &ATTVAL PAGE)
A          ATTNAM            20A P
A          ATTVAL           10A P
A
```

In the example, RECORD1 specifies an indexing attribute name of 'Policy Number' and an attribute value of '43127'. This is a group level tag. RECORD2 allows the application program to specify the attribute-name and attribute-value by specifying variables ATTNAM and ATTVAL. This is a page level tag.

DRAWER (Drawer) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify the drawer from which noncontinuous forms are selected.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DRAWER(drawer-number | &drawer-number)
```

Drawer-number specifies the drawer from which the paper or the envelope is to be fed. Valid values are 1 - 255 and *E1 as follows:

1

The paper is fed from the first drawer on the sheet-feed paper handler.

2

The paper is fed from the second drawer on the sheet-feed paper handler.

n

The paper is fed from the nth drawer on the sheet-feed paper handler.

***E1**

The envelope is fed from the envelope drawer on the sheet-feed paper handler.

You can specify the drawer number as a constant or a program-to-system field. When you specify the drawer number as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the DRAWER keyword. It must be defined as a length of 4, data type A and usage P.

If you do not specify the DRAWER keyword, the value specified on the DRAWER parameter of the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF or OVRPRTF command determines the paper source drawer.

DRAWER is ignored at run time if it is not specified on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary when no named or constant fields are processed for a page. As soon as a named or constant field is processed, the printer is no longer on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary again when a SKIP, SPACE, or ENDPAGE keyword is processed that causes the printer to move to a new page.

DRAWER, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB  
SPACEB  
DRAWER  
SPACEA  
SKIPA
```

DRAWER is in effect only for the record format specified. After records with the specified record format are processed, the paper-source drawer for the next record format (if the DRAWER keyword is not specified) is the drawer specified at the file level (CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command).

For files created with DEVTYPE(*SCS), if the DRAWER keyword is specified on a record format that spans several pages, it remains in effect only for the page on which it is specified.

You cannot specify DRAWER on the same record format with the CPI keyword or a record-level DFNCHR keyword. If any format in the file contains both DRAWER and either CPI or a record-level DFNCHR keyword, the file is not created.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: Only one drawer keyword for each record format is valid at any time. Even with option indicators, it is not valid to specify more than one drawer keyword per record format.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DRAWER keyword.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the [“Code license and disclaimer information”](#) on page 148.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RECORD1          SKIPB(3)
00020A      FIELD1           10     1SPACEA(1)
00030A      FIELD2            5     1SPACEA(1)
00040A
00050A      R RECORD2          DRAWER(2)
00060A      FIELD3            5     1
00070A      FIELD4            5     6SKIPA(1)
00080A
00090A      R RECORD3          DRAWER(2)
00100A      FIELD5           10     1SPACEA(1)
00110A      FIELD6           10     1SKIPA(1)
00120A      FIELD7           10     1SPACEA(1)
00130A      FIELD8           10     1SPACEA(1)
00140A
00150A      R RECORD4          DRAWER(2)
00160A      FIELD9           10     1SKIPB(30)
00170A      FIELD10          10     21
00180A      R RECORD5          SKIPB(3)
00190A      FIELD11          10     1SPACEA(1)
00200A      FIELD12          10     1SPACEA(1)
00210A      R RECORD6          SKIPB(1) DRAWER(&FIELD14)
00220A      FIELD13          10     1
00230A      FIELD14           4     P

```

The printer is not on a page boundary after record format RECORD1 is processed. When record format RECORD2 is processed, DRAWER is ignored and paper continues to come from the source drawer previously specified (file level). Because SKIPB(1) is specified for FIELD4 of RECORD2, the printer is on a page boundary after RECORD2 is processed. The paper for both pages of RECORD3 comes from drawer 2. The paper source for record formats RECORD4 and RECORD5 is the drawer specified at the file level (drawer 1 in this example). But because RECORD4 starts in the middle of a page, it prints on the same page as RECORD3 (drawer 2). Record format RECORD5 prints on a different page (SKIPB(3)) and prints on paper from drawer 1. RECORD6 allows the application program to specify the drawer-number by setting field FIELD14.

DTASTMCMC (Data Stream Command) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to store a data stream command or some other piece of information in a spooled file.

This command can be used to determine how to process a record or field on a particular page of the spooled file. DTASTMCMC is valid only for printer files with device type *AFPDS specified.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DTASTMCMC(text |&text-field);
```

The text must be enclosed in single quotation marks. If the length of the text is greater than 255 characters, an error message will be signaled at compile time.

The program-to-system field specified must exist in the same record format as the DTASTMCMC keyword. If the length of the program-to-system field is greater than 255 characters, an error message will be signaled at compile time.

User applications or user specified programs that need to know how to process a particular page in the spooled file can search the data stream and retrieve the data stream command. This will be enclosed in an AFPDS (MODCA) NOP command. The NOP will be built into the datastream before any printable data for the record or field containing the keyword. Since this information is just being stored, this keyword will not have a direct effect on the actual file. For more information about the NOP command, refer to the *MO:DCA Reference*, SC31-6802.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: You can specify this keyword only once for each record and once for each field.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DTASTMCMD keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R RECORD1          DTASTMCMD('TEXT(Record 1)')
  A          FIELD1            10A    5    5
  A 01          DTASTMCMD('TEXT(Field 1)')
  A          FIELD2            10A    10  5DTASTMCMD(&DATA);
  A          DATA             10A    P
  A
```

The data stream for the record RECORD1 has the text for DTASTMCMD as TEXT(Record 1). If indicator 01 is optioned on, the data stream for the field FIELD1 has the text for DTASTMCMD as TEXT(Field 1). If indicator 01 is optioned off, no data stream text is generated for DTASTMCMD on FIELD1. FIELD2 will use what is contained in DATA as the text for DTASTMCMD.

DUPLEX (Duplex) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify whether output is printed on one side or two sides of the paper.

The format of the keyword is:

```
DUPLEX(duplex-value | &duplex-value)
```

The possible values are:

*NO

The output is printed on one side of the paper.

*YES

The output is printed on both sides of the paper, with the top of each printed page at the same end of the sheet of paper. This is typically done for output that is bound at the side.

*TUMBLE

The output is printed on both sides of the paper, with the top of one printed page at the opposite end from the top of the other printed page. This is typically done for output that is bound at the top.

You can specify the duplex value as a constant or program-to-system field. When you specify the duplex value as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the DUPLEX keyword. The field must be defined as length 7 and type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when DUPLEX is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

If currently printing on the front side of the sheet, the current sheet will be ejected and a new sheet fed in. If you do not specify the DUPLEX keyword, the value specified on the DUPLEX parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command determines the duplex value.

DUPLEX is ignored at run time if it is not specified on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary when no named or constant fields are processed for a page. After a named or constant field is processed, the printer is no longer on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary again when a SKIP, SPACE, ENDPAGE, or INVMMAP keyword is processed that causes the printer to move to a new page, DUPLEX, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB
SPACEB
DUPLEX
SPACEA
SKIPPA
```

DUPLEX is in effect only for the record format specified. After records with the specified record format are processed, the duplex value for the next record format (if the DUPLEX keyword is not specified) is the duplex specified at the file level (CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF) command.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: Use of this DDS keyword will cause a spooled file to be generated that will not be correctly printed when sending the spooled file to MVS™. The spooled file will not print and will be held on the output queue by Print Services Facility (PSF)/MVS.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DUPLEX keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1          DUPLEX(*YES)
A      FLD1           5A   60 10
A*
```

Duplex printing is selected when record format REC1 prints.

EDTCDE (Edit Code) keyword in printer files

You use this keyword to edit output-capable numeric fields.

The format of the keyword is:

```
EDTCDE(edit-code [* | floating-currency-symbol])
```

Depending on which edit code you specify, you can change the appearance of the printed fields as follows:

- Leading zeros are suppressed.
- The field can be punctuated with commas and periods to show decimal position and to group digits by threes.
- Negative values can be printed with a minus sign or CR to the right.
- Zero values can be printed as zeros or blanks.
- Asterisks can be printed to the left of significant digits to provide asterisk protection.
- A currency symbol (corresponding to the system value QCURSYM) can be printed immediately to the left of the farthest- right significant digit (called a **floating-currency symbol**). For fixed-currency symbols, use the EDTWRD keyword.
- The field can be further edited using a user-defined edit code.

EDTCDE covers most editing requirements. Use the EDTWRD keyword when EDTCDE is not sufficient.

EDTCDE is valid only for fields with S or a blank in position 35 (Data Type).

You cannot specify EDTCDE and EDTWRD for the same field. If you specify EDTCDE for a field previously defined in a database file, you need not specify EDTCDE for the field that you are defining. Instead, specify R in column 29 to refer to the previously defined field. The editing specified for that field is included in the printer file. If you specify length, data type, or decimal columns for a printer file field, editing specified for the referenced field is not included in the printer file and you must specify editing again in the printer file.

The DFT keyword cannot be specified with the EDTCDE keyword.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

You can specify two kinds of edit codes: IBM i edit codes and user-defined edit codes.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the EDTCDE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00050A      PRICE      5 2 5 2EDTCDE(J *)
  A
```

Related concepts

[EDTCDE keyword for display files](#)

IBM i edit codes in printer files

This topic describes the definition and functions of edit codes.

The IBM i edit codes are:

1 through 4
A through D
J through Q
W through Z

Note: The IBM i hardware operates with a preferred sign of F, which is equivalent to using edit code X. If the DATE or TIME keyword is specified with edit code X, the separator character is not displayed.

Asterisk fill or floating currency symbol in printer files

You can optionally specify asterisk fill or floating currency symbol with edit codes 1 through 4, A through D, and J through Q.

When you specify asterisk fill, an asterisk (*) is written for each zero suppressed. A complete field of asterisks is printed for a zero-balance field.

When you specify floating-currency symbol, the symbol appears to the left of the first significant digit. It does not print on a zero balance when an edit code is used that suppresses the zero balance. The symbol you specify must match the system value for the currency symbol (QCURSYM). (The symbol must match when the file is created. It does not have to match when the file is used.)

Note: If an edit code is changed after a file is created, the new edit code is not used unless the file is re-created. Instead, the editing specified at the time the file was created continues to be used.

The following table summarizes the functions provided by IBM i edit codes.

| Edit codes | Commas ¹ printed | Decimal points ¹ printed | Signs printed when negative number | Blank value of QDECFMT system value | I value of QDECFMT system value | J value of QDECFMT system value | Leading zero suppressed |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Yes | Yes | No sign | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| 2 | Yes | Yes | No sign | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| 3 | | Yes | No sign | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| 4 | | Yes | No sign | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| A | Yes | Yes | CR | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| B | Yes | Yes | CR | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| C | | Yes | CR | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| D | | Yes | CR | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |

Table 5. Summary chart for IBM i edit codes (continued)

| Edit codes | Commas¹ printed | Decimal points¹ printed | Signs printed when negative number | Blank value of QDECFMT system value | I value of QDECFMT system value | J value of QDECFMT system value | Leading zero suppressed |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| J | Yes | Yes | -(Minus) | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| K | Yes | Yes | -(Minus) | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| L | | Yes | -(Minus) | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| M | | Yes | -(Minus) | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| N | Yes | Yes | -(Minus) | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| O | Yes | Yes | -(Minus) | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| P | | Yes | -(Minus) | .00 or 0 | ,00 or 0 | 0,00 or 0 | Yes |
| Q | | Yes | -(Minus) | Blanks | Blanks | Blanks | Yes |
| W ² | | | | | | | Yes |
| Y ³ | | | | | | | Yes |
| Z ⁴ | | | | | | | Yes |

Table 5. Summary chart for IBM i edit codes (continued)

| Edit codes | Commas ¹ printed | Decimal points ¹ printed | Signs printed when negative number | Blank value of QDECFMT system value | I value of QDECFMT system value | J value of QDECFMT system value | Leading zero suppressed |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|

Notes:

- The QDECFMT system value determines the decimal point character (period as used in the U.S.), the character used to separate groups of three digits (comma as used in the U.S.), and the type of zero suppression (depending on comma and period placement).
- The W edit code suppresses the farthest-left zero of a date field that is five digits long. It also suppresses the three farthest-left zeros of a field that is six to eight digits long. The W edit code also inserts slashes (/) between the month, day, and year according to the following pattern:
 - nn/nnn
 - nnnn/nn
 - nnnn/nnn
 - nnnn/nn/nn
- The Y edit code suppresses the farthest-left zero of a date field that is three to six digits long or eight digits long, and it suppresses the two farthest-left zeros of a field that is seven positions long. The Y edit code also inserts slashes (/) between the month, day, and year according to the following pattern:
 - nn/n
 - nn/nn
 - nn/nn/n
 - nn/nn/nn
 - nnn/nn/nn
 - nn/nn/nnnn

If the DATE keyword is specified with EDTCDE(Y), the separator character used is the job attribute, DATSEP at run time. If a separator character is not specified on the DATSEP job attribute, the system value, QDATSEP, is used (where slash (/) is the default value). If, at file creation time, DATFMT is JUL (Julian), the date is formatted as nnnnn. If EDTCDE(Y) is specified, the date is formatted as nn/nnn, where the slash (/) represents the job date separator.
- The Z edit code removes the sign (plus and minus) from a numeric field. The sign of the units column is changed to a hexadecimal F before the field is written.

Related concepts

[Systems management](#)

Related reference

[System values](#)

User-defined edit codes in printer files

Edit codes 5 through 9 are user-defined edit codes.

A user-defined edit code can do more editing than an IBM i edit code. For example, you might need to edit numbers that include hyphens (such as telephone numbers) or more than one decimal point. You can use user-defined edit codes for these functions. These edit codes are named QEDIT5, QEDIT6, QEDIT7, QEDIT8, and QEDIT9, and can be referred to in DDS or a high-level language program by number (5, 6, 7, 8, or 9).

A user-defined edit code is an IBM i object and must exist before printer file creation. It is created using the Create Edit Description (CRTEDTD) command. When you create a printer file in which a user-defined

edit code is specified, editing information is extracted from the previously created edit description. Changing a user-defined edit code after printer file creation does not affect the printer file unless the printer file is re-created.

The following table shows valid edit codes with examples of unedited source data and edited output. Zero suppression and decimal characters are determined by the system value QDECFMT. The date separator character is determined by the job attribute DATSEP. In this figure, QDECFMT is assumed to equal x (blank), and DATSEP is assumed to equal / (slash).

| Edit codes | Positive number with two decimal positions | Positive number with no decimal positions | Negative number with three decimal positions¹ | Negative number with no decimal positions | Zero balance with two decimal positions¹ | Zero balance with no decimal positions¹ |
|-------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Unedited | 1234567 | 1234567 | xxxx125- | xxxx125- | xxxxxx | xxxxxx |
| 1 | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125 | 125 | .00 | 0 |
| 2 | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125 | 125 | | |
| 3 | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125 | 125 | .00 | 0 |
| 4 | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125 | 125 | | |
| A | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125CR | 125CR | .00 | 0 |
| B | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125CR | 125CR | | |
| C | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125CR | 125CR | .00 | 0 |
| D | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125CR | 125CR | | |
| J | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125- | 125- | .00 | 0 |
| K | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | .125- | 125- | | |
| L | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125- | 125- | .00 | 0 |
| M | 12345.67 | 1234567 | .125- | 125- | | |
| N | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | -.125 | -125 | .00 | 0 |
| O | 12,345.67 | 1,234,567 | -.125 | -125 | | |
| P | 12345.67 | 1234567 | -.125 | -125 | .00 | 0 |
| Q | 12345.67 | 1234567 | -.125 | -125 | | |
| W ² | 1234/567 | 1234/567 | 0/125 | 0/125 | 0/000 | 0/000 |
| Y ³ | 123/45/67 | 123/45/67 | 0/01/25 | 0/01/25 | 0/00/00 | 0/00/00 |
| Z ⁴ | 1234567 | 1234567 | 125 | 125 | | |

Table 6. Valid edit codes, source data, and edited output (continued)

| Edit codes | Positive number with two decimal positions | Positive number with no decimal positions | Negative number with three decimal positions ¹ | Negative number with no decimal positions | Zero balance with two decimal positions ¹ | Zero balance with no decimal positions ¹ |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| Notes: | | | | | | |
| 1. The x represents a blank. | | | | | | |
| 2. The W edit code suppresses the farthest-left zero of a date field that is five digits long. It also suppresses the three farthest-left zeros of a field that is six to eight digits long. For more information, see the second footnote in Table: Summary chart for IBM i edit codes in “IBM i edit codes in printer files” on page 73. | | | | | | |
| 3. The Y edit code suppresses the farthest-left zero of a date field that is three to six digits long, and it suppresses the two farthest-left zeros of a field that is seven positions long. For more information, see the second footnote in Table: Summary chart for IBM i edit codes in “IBM i edit codes in printer files” on page 73. | | | | | | |
| 4. The Z edit code removes the sign (plus or minus) and suppresses leading zeros. | | | | | | |

EDTWRD (Edit Word) keyword in printer files

If you cannot accomplish the required editing by using the EDTCDE keyword, specify an edit word instead.

An edit word specifies the form in which the field values are to print and clarifies the data by inserting characters, such as decimal points, commas, floating- and fixed-currency symbols, and credit balance indicators. Also use it to suppress leading zeros and to provide asterisk fill protection.

The format of the keyword is:

```
EDTWRD('edit-word')
```

If you specify EDTWRD in a field previously defined in a database file, you need not specify EDTWRD for the field you are defining. Instead, specify R in column 29 to refer to the previously defined field. The editing specified for the referenced field is then included in the printer file. If, however, you specify length, data type, or decimal positions for a printer file field, editing specified for the referenced field is not included in the printer file, and you must specify editing in the printer file.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the EDTWRD keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          CRYCST          7 2 5 2EDTWRD(' $0. ')
  A
```

Figure 18 on page 78 shows sample edit words with the program value of the field and the printed value of the field (as edited).

number of blanks (plus one zero or an asterisk) it contains is equal to the number of digits of the data field to be edited.

The status positions display the sign (+ or -) of the data field. It continues to the right of the body and has either a CR (credit) or - (minus) symbol, which print only when the field is negative. Edit words without the CR or - symbol have no status columns.

The expansion positions are not changed by the edit operation. The expansion starts at the first position to the right of the status (or body, if status is not specified) and ends with the farthest-right character of the edit word.

Forming the body of an edit word in printer files

These characters have special meanings when used in the body of an edit word.

Blank

A blank is replaced with the character from the corresponding position of the data field. A blank position is referred to as a digit position.

Ampersand

An ampersand causes a blank in the edited field. The ampersand is not printed.

Zero

To stop zero suppression, place a zero in the farthest-right position where it is to stop. The zero is then replaced with the character from the corresponding position of the data field, unless that character is a zero. Any zeros in the data that appear to the right of the stop-zero-suppression character are printed. The stop-zero-suppression character is considered a digit position; however, when it is the first character, it can not represent the digit position. At least one leading zero is suppressed. Each zero that is suppressed is replaced by a blank.

Asterisk

Placing an asterisk in the farthest-right position where zero suppression is to stop, stops zero suppression and replaces the zeros with asterisks (asterisk protection). An asterisk preceding a zero is interpreted as representing asterisk protection. In this case, the zero prints as a constant. Any asterisks or zeros to the right of the stop-zero-suppression character are constants.

Currency symbol

A currency symbol coded immediately to the left of the zero suppression code causes the insertion of a currency symbol in the position to the left of the first significant digit. It is called the *floating-currency symbol* when used in this manner.

A currency symbol coded in the farthest-left column of the edit word is fixed and prints in the same location each time. When used in this manner, it is called the *fixed-currency symbol*.

The currency symbol is not considered a digit-replace position. This symbol must correspond to the system value QCURSYM.

Decimals and commas

Decimals and commas are printed in the same relative positions in which they are coded in the edit word unless they are to the left of the first significant digit. In that case, they are blanked out or replaced by an asterisk.

All other characters are printed if they are to the right of significant digits in the data field. If they are to the left of the high-order significant digits in the data, they are blanked out or replaced by asterisks if asterisk protection is being used.

Forming the status of an edit word in printer files

These characters have special meanings when used in the status of an edit word.

Ampersand

It causes a blank in the edited output field. An ampersand cannot be placed in the edited output field.

CR or minus symbol

If the sign in the edited output field is plus (+), these positions are blanked out. If the sign in the edited output field is minus (-), these positions remain undisturbed.

Formatting the expansion of an edit word in printer files

The characters in the expansion portion of an edit word are always written.

The expansion cannot contain blanks. If a blank is required in the edited output field, specify an ampersand in the body of the edit word.

Follow these guidelines when specifying a valid edit word:

- You cannot specify both EDTWRD and EDTCDE for the same field.
- You must enclose the edit word in apostrophes.
- The EDTWRD keyword is valid for numeric-only fields (S specified in position 35).
- The sum of the blanks and stop-zero-suppression characters (digit positions) in the edit word must equal the length of the field.
- If the stop-zero-suppression character is the first character in the edit word, the sum of the blanks can equal the length of the field or the length of the field minus one.
- If you use the floating-currency symbol, it is not counted as a digit position. For example, if you specify the floating-currency symbol for a field length of 7 and 2 decimal positions, the edit word is:

```
EDTWRD(' ____$0. __')
```

where _ represents a blank.

- If you want to show a negative sign with a negative number, include a sign in the edit word. Use either the minus sign (-) or the letters CR (credit) to the right of the last digit replacement character. These print only if the number is negative.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

The DFT keyword cannot be specified with the EDTWRD keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the EDTWRD keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8  
00010A          CRYCST          7 2 5 2EDTWRD('  $0.  ')  
  A
```

Figure 19 on page 81 shows sample edit words with the program value of the field and the printed value of the field (as edited).

| Edit Word | | | | | | Program Value | Printed As | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|---|------|-----------|--------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|--------|---------|-----|-------|
| ' | . | . | 0. | &CR**' | | 0000000005- | | | | .05 | CR* | | |
| ' | . | . | \$0 | CR**' | | 0000000005+ | | | | \$0.05 | * | | |
| ' | . | . | \$0. | CR**' | | 0034567890- | | | \$345,678.90 | CR** | | | |
| ' | \$ | . | 0. | ' | | 0000000000 | | \$ | | .00 | | | |
| ' | \$ | & | 0 | &-&GROSS' | | 1234567890- | | \$ | 12,345,678.90 | - | GROSS | | |
| ' | . | . | * | &.' | | 0000135792 | | *****1, | 357.92 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 0000135792 | | 0000 | 135792 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 0000135792- | | 0000 | 135792 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 0000000000 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 0000135678+ | | | 135678 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 0000135678- | | | 135678 | | | | |
| | | | 0' | | | 0000135678- | | | 135678 | | | | |
| ' | 0 | | | | | 0000135678+ | | 0001 | 35678 | | | | |
| ' | \$ | | | &-&NET' | | 0000135678+ | | \$ | 135678 | | NET | | |
| ' | \$ | | | &-&NET' | | 0000135678- | | \$ | 135678 | | - | NET | |
| ' | \$ | 0 | | -&NET' | | 0000135678 | | \$ | 000135678 | | NET | | |
| ' | | | \$0 | &CR**' | | 0000135678- | | | \$135678 | | CR* | | |
| ' | | | \$0 | &CR**' | | 1234567809- | | \$ | 1234567809 | | CR* | | |
| ' | | | * | &CR' | | 0000 | | ***** | | | CR | | |
| ' | | | * | &CR' | | 0000000000- | | ***** | 00 | | CR | | |
| ' | * | | | | | 0000135678- | | *000 | 135678 | | | | |
| ' | . | . | | &CR*&NET' | | 0000135678- | | | 1,356.78 | | CR* | | NET |
| ' | . | . | | &CR*&NET' | | 0000135678 | | | 1,356.78 | | * | | NET |
| ' | . | . | \$0. | ' | | 0000000005 | | | | | \$05 | | |
| ' | . | . | \$0. | CR' | | 0001356789- | | | \$13,567.89 | | CR | | |
| ' | . | . | * | *CR**' | | 0000135678+ | | *****1, | 356.78 | | ** | | |
| ' | . | . | | DOLLARS | CENTS' | 0000135678 | | | 1,356 | | DOLLARS | 78 | CENTS |
| ' | 0 | | | | | 095140036 | | | 95-14-0036 | | | | |
| ' | & | * | 0 | | | 0130579 | | ** | 130,579 | | | | |
| ' | - | - | | &LATER' | | 093076 | | | 9-30-76 | | LATER | | |
| ' | & | & | | &LATER' | | 093076 | | | 93076 | | LATER | | |
| ' | / | / | | | | 100176 | | | 10/01/76 | | | | |

Figure 19. Sample edit words

Related concepts

[EDTWRD](#) keyword for display files

ENDPAGE (End Page) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to eject the current page after the record is printed.

This keyword has no parameters.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when ENDPAGE is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the ENDPAGE keyword is also specified.

You cannot specify ENDPAGE with the following keywords:

SPACEA
SPACEB
SKIPPA
SKIPPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the ENDPAGE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A*
  A      R REC1          ENDPAGE
  A      FLD1          5A  66 10
  A*
  A      R REC2
  A 01    R REC2          ENDPAGE
  A      FLD1          5A      POSITION(8.5 10.2)
  A
```

A page eject always occurs after REC1 prints.

If indicator 01 is on when the application writes REC2, a page eject occurs after REC2 prints. If indicator 01 is off when the application writes REC2, no page eject occurs.

ENDPAGGRP (End Page Group) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to end a logical grouping of pages that were previously started with the STRPAGGRP keyword. If no group is active, this keyword is ignored.

The keyword has no parameters.

Notes:

1. Groups of pages cannot be nested or overlapped, each group must be ended before another can begin.
2. This keyword is valid with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword will be ignored and a warning message will be issued at print time.
3. To end the logical group of pages on the current page, the ENDPAGGRP keyword must be issued before skipping to a new page. If you use the ENDPAGE keyword to end a page, then the ENDPAGGRP keyword must be issued before the ENDPAGE keyword.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the ENDPAGGRP keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
  A
  A      R RECORD1      ENDPAGGRP
  A
```

In the example, RECORD1 ends a group that had been previously started with the STRPAGGRP keyword.

FLTFIXDEC (Floating-Point to Fixed Decimal) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to print a number in a floating-point field in fixed decimal notation.

This keyword has no parameters.

When you use FLTFIXDEC, the floating-point number is first converted to the equivalent number with an exponent of zero. If the resulting number (digits and exponent) fits in the field defined by the length and decimal positions values, the number is printed with the exponent suppressed and aligned at the decimal point. If the number does not fit in the field, the number prints in standard floating-point form, n.nnnnnnE+nnn. When the FLTFIXDEC keyword is specified, the length of the field is the DDS length plus two (the sign and the decimal point). The minimum length of the field is six.

When the number is too large or small for the fixed-point form, specified by the FLTFIXDEC keyword with the total digits and fractional digits specified for the field, a floating-point form prints that presents the significand as follows (the significand is the string of digits with the decimal point to the left of the exponent sign E):

- Total significand decimal digits: DDS total digits minus 5
- Fractional significand digits: DDS total digits minus 6

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FLTFIXDEC keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R RECFMT1
  A          FIELD1      10F 3  1  2FLTFIXDEC
  A                               FLTPCN(*DOUBLE)
  A
```

These output numbers are converted as follows:

| Output number | Printed as |
|------------------------|----------------|
| -4.99994321000000E-004 | '-4.0000E-004' |
| -5.00010000000000E-004 | '-0.001' |
| -2.69123400000000E-002 | '-0.027' |
| -0.00000000000000E+000 | '0.000' |
| 0.00000000000000E+000 | '0.000' |
| 2.71828182845900E+003 | '2718.282' |
| 3.14159000000000E-052 | '3.14163-052' |
| 9.87654321012345E+006 | '9876543.210' |
| 9.9999999960000E+006 | '1.0000E+007' |

FLTPCN (Floating-Point Precision) keyword in printer files

You use this keyword to specify the precision of a floating-point field.

The format of the keyword is:

```
FLTPCN(*SINGLE | *DOUBLE)
```

The *SINGLE parameter specifies single precision and the *DOUBLE parameter specifies double precision. This keyword is valid for floating-point fields only (data type F).

A single-precision field can be up to 9 digits; a double-precision field can be up to 17 digits. If you specify a field length greater than 9 (single precision) or 17 (double precision), an error message is issued and the file is not created.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FLTPCN keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8  
00090A      FIELDA      17F 4  2  3FLTPCN(*DOUBLE)  
  A
```

FIELDA is a floating-point field with double precision.

FNTCHRSET (Font Character Set) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level, record-level, or field-level keyword to specify the font for printing a named or constant field within a record.

The format of the keyword is:

```
FNTCHRSET([library-name/ | &library-name-field/  
font-character-set | &font-character-set-field  
[library-name/ | &library-name-field/  
code-page | &code-page-field  
[( *POINTSIZ height-value | &height-value-field  
width-value | &width-value-field)])
```

When a program-to-system field is described below for a FNTCHRSET parameter, the program-to-system field is allowed only when the keyword is used at the record or field level.

The font-character-set and code-page parameters are required. Both can be up to eight characters long.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the font character set or code page. If library-name is not specified, *LIBL is used to search for the font character set and code page. If *LIBL is used, the system-supplied font libraries are added to the library list when searching for the requested font. To view the IBM-supplied font character set names or code page names, you can use the Work with Font Resources (WRKFNTRSC) command and specify font character sets or code pages. The IBM-supplied font character set names all start with the characters C0 and the IBM-supplied code page names all start with T1.

You can specify the library-name and font-character-set as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]font-character-set...
- [library-name/]&field1
- [&field2/]font-character-set...

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FNTCHRSET keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the font-character-set as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FNTCHRSET keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

You can specify the library-name and code-page as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]code-page...
- [library-name/]&field1
- [&field2/]code-page...

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FNTCHRSET keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the code-page as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FNTCHRSET keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application creating the spooled file.

Use the optional point-size parameter to further define a numeric font that specifies a point size. Specify the point-size parameter as an expression of the following form:

```
(*POINTSIZ height-value width-value)
```

The height-value specifies the point size for the height of the font. The width-value specifies the point size for the width of the font. If the font is to be uniformly scaled (where the height and width are the same), then you can specify only the height-value. You cannot specify the width-value without the height-value. The valid values for this parameter are 0.1 through 999.9.

You can specify the point-size height and point-size width as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [(*POINTSIZ height-value &field1)]
- [(*POINTSIZ &field2 width-value)]

When you specify the point-size height-value or width-value as a program-to-system field, the fields must exist in the same record format as the FNTCHRSET keyword. They must be defined as length 4 with 1 decimal position, data type S, and usage P (program-to-system).

Notes:

1. For raster fonts, Print Services Facility (PSF) ignores the point size. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time, and it does not issue any error messages.
2. If you do not specify a point size for an outline font, then PSF cannot print the spooled file. The spooled file is held at print writer time. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time.

The font character set and code page values are validated at print time. An error message is issued if they are not valid.

Note: When a printer file is created and a character set and code page are specified for the font character set (FNTCHRSET) parameter, column spacing is done using this printer file-level parameter. Any fonts or code pages specified in the FNTCHRSET keyword are ignored and the font and code page specified in the printer file parameter FNTCHRSET is used.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when FNTCHRSET is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

FNTCHRSET cannot be specified at the same level as the FONT and CDEFNT keywords.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FNTCHRSET keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1
A      FLD1A          14A      3 8FNTCHRSET(C0S0CE12 T1L0PCHN)
A*
A      FLD2A          10A      5 8FNTCHRSET(USERLIB/FNTCHR +
A      USERLIB/CODEPG1 +
A      (*POINTSIZ 99.9))
A*
```

| | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|---|--|
| A | FLD3A | 10A | 5 | 8FNTCHRSET(FNTCHR CODEPG1 + (*POINTSIZE 5.0 3.0)) |
| A | | | | |

FLD1A specifies font character set COSOCE12 and code page T1LOPCHN. *LIBL is used to search for the font character set and code page. FLD2A specifies the font character set FNTCHR, which exists in library USERLIB, and code page CODEPG1, which exists in library USERLIB. FLD2A prints with a point size of 99.9. FLD3A specifies font character set FNTCHR and code page CODEPG1, with a vertical point size of 5.0 and a horizontal point size of 3.0.

FONT (Font) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to specify the font ID for printing named or constant fields within a record.

The format of the keyword is:

```
FONT(font-identifier | &font-identifier-field
      [( *POINTSIZE height-value | &height-value-field
        width-value | &width-value-field)])
```

The font-identifier is a required parameter and must be the first parameter following the keyword. Specify either a numeric font identifier or a graphic font name, or *VECTOR.

You can specify the font-identifier as a constant or program-to-system field as shown in the following examples:

- font-identifier...
- &field1...

When you specify the font-identifier as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONT keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

For scalable printer-resident fonts, you can use the optional point-size parameter to further define a numeric font that specifies a point size. Specify the point-size parameter as an expression of the following form:

```
(*POINTSIZE height-value width-value)
```

The height-value specifies the point size for the height of the font. The width-value specifies the point size for the width of the font. If the font is to be uniformly scaled (where the height and width are the same), then you can specify only the height-value. You cannot specify the width-value without the height-value. The valid values for this parameter are 0.1 through 999.9.

You can specify the point-size height and point-size width as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [(*POINTSIZE height-value &field1)]
- [(*POINTSIZE &field2 width-value)]

When you specify the point-size height-value or width-value as a program-to-system field, the fields must exist in the same record format as the FONT keyword. They must be defined as length 4 with 1 decimal position, data type S, and usage P (program-to-system).

For non-scalable printer-resident fonts, the point size parameter is ignored.

For DEVTYPE(*IPDS), the width parameter of the point size is ignored.

A warning message is issued at creation time if you specify the point-size parameter on the FONT keyword with a graphic font name, or *VECTOR. In that case, the point-size parameter is ignored.

If you do not specify this keyword, the font ID and point size are set by the font parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command. If you specify this keyword at the record level, all fields in the record format use the same font ID and point size except those for which you specify the FONT keyword at the field level.

You can specify graphic fonts (alphanumeric characters) or hardware fonts (numeric font identifiers). For graphic fonts, use graphic symbol sets (GSS) available with the IBM i operating system, GDDM, PGR, and BGU. Only vector symbols (where each character is built with a set of straight or curved lines) are supported. However, most of the vector symbol sets supplied by the operating system and GDDM are supported. Image symbols are not supported. In searching for the graphic symbol set, *LIBL is used for the qualified library name.

The name of a graphic font can consist of up to 10 alphanumeric characters.

The hardware font can consist of up to 10 digits and must be a registered font number. See the [IBM](#)

[Infoprint Fonts: Font Summary](#)  book for a listing of font IDs.

You can specify *VECTOR on the FONT keyword to take advantage of vector fonts on the 4234 IPDS printer. Vector fonts print expanded characters faster than they can be printed using the PRTQLTY(*DRAFT) keyword. Use the CHRISZ keyword to specify expanded characters.

Note: When you specify FONT(*VECTOR) with the CHRISZ keyword, the 4234 printer uses a default code page.

Vector fonts are valid only for the following characters:

- A through Z
- 0 through 9
- Special characters (. + \$ * - / % and a blank)

If the data to be printed contains any characters other than these, all characters are printed using a default font on the printer.

FONT(*VECTOR) has no effect on characters that have not been expanded. If FONT(*VECTOR) is specified on a record or field for which CHRISZ (1 1) applies or to which no CHRISZ keyword applies, a warning message is issued.

Note: If you use FONT(*VECTOR) on a 4224 or 3812 printer, the printer uses a default font and code page.

The font name or number and the point size values are not checked during file creation. If the specified font-id and point size values are not valid, a diagnostic is issued while the record prints and the keyword are not used.

When FONT is specified at the field level, overlapping fields are not diagnosed.

When you use a graphics font on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command, the font ID has an implied page code associated with it. To get the code you want, you must use the proper font ID; the code page specified on the CHRID parameter is not used.

If you specify OCR-A font with the CHRID keyword, the fonts require code pages 892. If you specify OCR-B font with the CHRID keyword, the fonts require code pages 893.

A warning message is issued at creation time if a FONT DDS keyword is specified in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS) and FONT(*DEV). For SCS printer files, the FONT keyword is ignored when the record or field is printed. For IPDS printers, the FONT keyword can be changed at the record or field level.

When printing a file that uses the FONT keyword to an IPDS AFP(*YES) printer that does not support registered fonts, a font substitution is performed.

When you specify FONT(*CPI) with either the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command to a device that uses font support, the host system selects a font with the pitch of the CPI for the current printer file.

FONT(graphic-font-name) and CHRID cannot apply to the same field. The CHRID keyword is ignored if:

- You specify FONT(graphic-font-name) and CHRID on the same field.
- You specify FONT(graphic-font-name) at the record level and a field in the record specifies CHRID but not a numeric FONT.

You cannot specify FONT at the same level as the CDEFNT and FNTCHRSET keywords.

You can specify this keyword only once for each record and once per field.

This keyword is valid for data types A, S, and F.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FONT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RECORD1
00020A  02 03      FONT(222)
00030A      FLD1      6A      16 01
00040A  01      FONT(ADMMVSS)
00050A      FLD2      6S      20 01
00060A      R RECORD2
00070A  04      FONT(16951 (*POINTSIZ 10))
00080A      FLD3      6A      16 01
00090A  05      FONT(16951 (*POINTSIZ 12))
00100A      FLD4      6S      20 01FONT(4919)
00110A
00120A      FLD5      10A     30 01FONT(416 +
00130A  05      (*POINTSIZ 5.0 3.0))
```

FLD1 uses the multinational vector symbol set (FONT(ADMMVSS)) if indicator 01 is on, or Gothic 15 (FONT(222)) if indicator 01 is off and indicators 02 and 03 are on. Otherwise, the font specified on the CRTPRTF command is used.

FLD2 uses Gothic 15 if indicators 02 and 03 are on. Otherwise, the font specified on the CRTPRTF command is used.

FLD3 uses Century Schoolbook** with a point size of 12 (FONT(16951 (*POINTSIZ 12))) if indicator 05 is on, or Century Schoolbook with a point size of 10 if indicator 05 is off and indicator 04 is on. Otherwise, the font specified on the CRTPRTF command is used.

FLD4 uses Goudy old style (FONT(4919)).

FLD5 specifies font 416 with a vertical point size of 5.0 and a horizontal point size of 3.0.

Related reference

[CPI \(Characters Per Inch\) keyword in printer files](#)

This record-level or field-level keyword specifies the horizontal printing density for the record format or field that you are defining.

FONTNAME (Font name) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level, record-level, or field-level keyword to specify the TrueType font name for printing named or constant fields within a record.

The format of the keyword is:

```
FONTNAME('font-name-string' | &font-name-field
(*POINTSIZ height-value | &height-value-field
width-value | &width-value-field)
[( *ROTATION rotation-value | &rotation-value-field)]
[( *CODEPAGE [library-name/ | &library-name-field/]
code-page-name | &code-page-name-field)]
[( *IGCCODEPAGE [library-name/ | &library-name-field/]
IGC-code-page-name | &IGC-code-page-name-field)])
```

When a program-to-system field is described for a FONTNAME parameter, the program-to-system field is allowed only when the keyword is used at the record or field level.

The font-name parameter is required. It can be up to 125 characters long.

You can specify the font-name as a constant string or as a program-to-system field, as shown in the following examples:

- ('font-name-string' ...
- (&field1...

When you specify the font-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as data type A (character), usage P (program-to-system), and its length must not exceed 125 characters.

For additional information about TrueType and OpenType fonts and a list of the fonts included in IBM i (installed with option 43 – Additional fonts), see [TrueType and OpenType fonts](#).

Use the point-size parameter to further define a TrueType font, which requires a point size. Specify the point-size parameter as an expression of the form (*POINTSIZESIZE height-value width-value). The height-value specifies the point size for the height of the font. The width-value specifies the point size for the width of the font. If the font is to be uniformly scaled (height and width the same), then you need specify the height value only. If you want to specify a width value, then you must also specify the height value. The valid values for the height and width parameters are 0.1 through 999.9.

If you omit the point-size parameter, unpredictable results occur when the file is printed.

You can specify the height-value and width-value as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- (*POINTSIZESIZE height-value width-value)...
- (*POINTSIZESIZE &field1 &field2)...
- (*POINTSIZESIZE &field1 width-value)...
- (*POINTSIZESIZE height-value &field2)...

When you specify the height-value or width-value as a program-to-system field, the fields must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. They must be defined as length 4 with one decimal position, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system).

Use the optional rotation parameter to specify the clockwise rotation, in degrees, for the printed characters. Specify the rotation parameter as an expression of the form

```
[(*ROTATION rotation-value | &rotation-value-field)]
```

Valid values are integers 0, 90, 180, and 270. To achieve vertical printing of a field, specify a rotation value of 270 and also specify the field-level TXTRTT keyword.

You can specify the rotation value as a constant or as a program-to-system field, as shown in the following examples:

- [(*ROTATION rotation)]...
- [(*ROTATION &field1)]...

When you specify the rotation value as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as length 3, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system).

Use the optional code-page-name parameter to print single-byte EBCDIC data with a TrueType font. If you do not specify either the optional code-page-name parameter or the optional igccode-page-name parameter, the print data must be Unicode-encoded. The code-page-name parameter can be up to eight characters in length. The single-byte code page must be a font resource (*FNTRSC) object with the code page (CDEPAG) attribute that reflects the encoding of the print data.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the code page. If library-name is not specified, *LIBL is used to search for the code page. If *LIBL is used, the system-supplied font libraries are added to the library list when searching for the requested code page.

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application which created the spooled file.

The code page is validated at print time. An error message is issued if it is not valid.

You can specify the library name and code page name as constants or as program-to-system fields, as shown in the following examples:

- [(***CODEPAGE** [library-name/] code-page-name)]...
- [(***CODEPAGE** [library-name/] &field1)]...
- [(***CODEPAGE** [&field2/] code-page-name)]...
- [(***CODEPAGE** [&field2/] &field1)]...

When you specify the library name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the code page name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

Use the optional igccode-page-name parameter to print double-byte EBCDIC data with a TrueType font. If you do not specify either the optional code-page-name parameter or the optional igccode-page-name parameter, the print data must be UCS-2 or UTF-16 encoded. The igccode-page-name parameter can be up to eight characters in length. The double-byte code page must be a font resource (***FNTRSC**) object with the code page (CDEPAG) attribute that reflects the encoding of the print data.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the double-byte code page. If library-name is not specified, ***LIBL** is used to search for the double-byte code page. If ***LIBL** is used, the system-supplied font libraries are added to the library list when searching for the requested double-byte code page.

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify ***LIBL** or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application which created the spooled file.

The double-byte code page is validated at print time. An error message is issued if it is not valid. You can specify the library name and double-byte code page name as constants or as program-to-system fields, as shown in the following examples:

- [(***IGCCODEPAGE** [library-name/] igccode-page-name)]...
- [(***IGCCODEPAGE** [library-name/] &field1)]...
- [(***IGCCODEPAGE** [&field2/] igccode-page-name)]...
- [(***IGCCODEPAGE** [&field2/] &field1)]...

When you specify the library name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the double-byte code page name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the FONTNAME keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

Note: When a printer file is created and a character set and code page are specified for the font character set (FNTCHRSET) parameter, column spacing is done using this printer file level parameter. Any fonts or code pages specified in the FONTNAME keyword are ignored and the font and code page specified in the printer file parameter FNTCHRSET is used.

Specify DEVTYPE(***AFPDS**) on the CRTPRTF command when FONTNAME is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than ***AFPDS**, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

FONTNAME with ***CODEPAGE** cannot be specified at the same level as the FONT, FNTCHRSET, or CDEFNT keyword, and it cannot be specified with the CCSID keyword.

FONTNAME with ***IGCCODEPAGE** cannot be specified at the same level as the IGCCDEFNT keyword and it cannot be specified with the CCSID keyword.

FONTNAME without *CODEPAGE or *IGCCODEPAGE cannot be specified at the same level as the FONT, FNTCHRSET, CDEFNT, or IGCCDEFNT keyword.

FONTNAME without *CODEPAGE or *IGCCODEPAGE can be specified only with the CCSID keyword (with the *NOCONVERT parameter). Use this combination to print Unicode data, using a field with data type G. If FONTNAME without *CODEPAGE or *IGCCODEPAGE is specified at the file level or record level, it is used to print the Unicode data, even if a FNTCHRSET keyword is used to specify an AFP Unicode migration font.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FONTNAME keyword.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the [“Code license and disclaimer information”](#) on page 148.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1      FONTNAME('WT SansDuo' +
A      (*POINTSIZ 15.1) +
A      (*CODEPAGE USERLIB/CDP1))
A*
A      FLD1A      14G      3 8FONTNAME('WT Sans' +
A      (*POINTSIZ 10.0)) +
A      CCSID(13488 *NOCONVERT)
A*
A      FLD2A      6A      4 8FONTNAME('WT SansDuo' +
A      (*POINTSIZ 99.9) +
A      (*CODEPAGE USERLIB/&DATA1))
A*
A      DATA1      8A      P
A      FLD3A      10G      5 8FONTNAME('WT Serif J' +
A      (*POINTSIZ 5.0 3.0) +
A      (*ROTATION 270) +
A      (*IGCCODEPAGE +
A      USERLIB/IGCCDP1))
A*
A      FLD4A      100      7 8FONTNAME('WT Serif J' +
A      (*POINTSIZ 7.0 5.0) +
A      (*ROTATION 270) +
A      (*CODEPAGE USERLIB/CDP2) +
A      (*IGCCODEPAGE +
A      USERLIB/IGCCDP2)) +
A      TXTRTT(90)
A*
A      FLD5A      8A      8 8
```

FLD1A is printed using a TrueType font called WT Sans, with Unicode data, a CCSID of 13488, and a point size of 10.0.

FLD2A is printed using a TrueType font called WT SansDuo. It allows the application program to specify the code page name by setting the field &DATA1. The code page exists in library USERLIB. The point size is 99.9.

FLD3A is printed using a TrueType font called WT Serif J, a double-byte code page IGCCDP1, which exists in library USERLIB, a vertical point size of 5.0 and a horizontal point size of 3.0. The individual characters are rotated 270 degrees in a clockwise direction.

FLD4A is printed using a TrueType font called WT Serif J, code page CDP2, which exists in library USERLIB, double-byte code page IGCCDP2, which exists in library USERLIB, a vertical point size of 7.0 and a horizontal point size of 5.0. The individual characters are rotated 90 degrees in a clockwise direction. The text is also rotated 270 degrees, resulting in vertical printing.

FLD5A is printed using a TrueType font called WT SansDuo, code page CDP1, which exists in library USERLIB, and a point size of 15.1.

FORCE (Force) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword for duplex printing to force a new sheet of paper to be fed before the record is printed.

This keyword has no parameters.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when FORCE is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

If currently printing on the front side of the sheet, then the current sheet will be ejected, and a new sheet fed in. This keyword is ignored for simplex printing.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: Use of this DDS keyword will cause a spooled file to be generated that will not be correctly printed when sending the spooled file to MVS. The spool file will not print and will be held on the output queue by PSF/MVS.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the FORCE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1                FORCE
A      FLD1                 5A   60 10
A*
```

A new sheet is always fed before REC1 prints.

GDF (Graphic Data File) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to print a graphic data file.

The format of the keyword is:

```
GDF(library-name | &library-name-field
graph-file | &graph-file-field
graph-member | &graph-member-field
position-down | &position-down-field
position-across | &position-across-field
graph-depth | &graph-depth-field
graph-width | &graph-width-field
graph-rotation | &graph-rotation-field);
```

The graph-file and graph-member parameters identify the chart to be printed. Both are required parameters.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the graphic data file and member. If you do not specify the library-name parameter, *LIBL is used to search for the graphic data file at print time.

You can specify the library-name, graph-file, graph-member, position-down, position-across, graph-depth, graph-width, and graph-rotation parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]graph-file graph-member...
- [library-name/]&field1 graph-member...
- [&field2/]graph-file &field3...
- [&field4/]&field5 &field6...

When you specify library-name, graph-file, or graph-member parameters as program-to-system fields, the fields must exist in the same record format as the GDF keyword. They must be defined as length 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the position-down, position-across, graphic-depth, or graphic-width parameters as program-to-system fields, the fields must be defined as length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P. When you specify the graphic-rotation parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must be defined as having a length of 3 with zero decimal positions.

The position-down parameter is required and defines the vertical starting point of the chart relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The position-across parameter is required and defines the horizontal starting point of the chart relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The graph-depth parameter is required and defines the depth of the chart. The chart is scaled to fit within the area specified by the graph-depth parameter. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.).

The graph-width parameter is required and defines the width of the chart. The chart is scaled to fit within the area specified by the graph-width parameter. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.).

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down, position-across, graph-depth, and graph-width parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

The graph-rotation parameter is required and defines the orientation of the chart with respect to the text on the page. Valid values are 0, 90, 180, and 270.

An error message is issued at print time if the chart is not positioned on the page.

Note: The graphic data file must conform to the IBM Graphic Object Content Architecture (GOCA) DR2 Subset, Version 0 (DR/2V0).

You can create graphics data format files with the Business Graphics Utility (BGU) licensed program or the Graphical Data Display Manager (GDDM), which is a function of the IBM i system. As soon as the objects exist, you can print them with the DDS graphics data format file (GDF) keyword to determine the location (library), identity (file and member name), position (down and across with a possibility of three decimal positions, for example, 1.001), size (width and depth), and rotation of the object.

You can use the Display Graphics Data File (DSPGDF) command to view the objects on a display station. Viewing the object before using the DDS GDF keyword to print it can help with selecting the position values required on the GDF keyword.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when GDF is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

When GDF is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the GDF keyword is also specified.

You can specify this keyword multiple times on a record.

You cannot specify GDF with the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the GDF keyword.

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```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A          R REC1          GDF(GRAPHLIB/GFILE MYGRAPH 1.557 +
A          2.831 7.0 4.5 90)
A*
A          R REC2          GDF(&GLIB/&GFILE &GRAF &POSD +
A          &POSA &GDEP &GWID &GROT);
A          GLIB            10A P
A          GFILE           10A P
A          GRAF            10A P
A          POSD            5S 3P
A          POSA            5S 3P
A          GDEP            5S 3P
A          GWID            5S 3P
A          GROT            3S 0P
A*
A          R REC3          GDF(GFILE MYGRAF 2.0 7.0 4.5 11.25 +
A          180)
A*
A          GDF(GFILE YOURGRAF 0.1 0.5 3.67 +
A          6.5 90)
A*
A          R REC4          GDF(YOURFILE THATGRAF 2.5 7.3 3.0 +
A 01          5.25 0)
A*
A*
```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

REC1 prints member MYGRAPH from file GFILE in library GRAPHLIB. The chart prints 1.557 units down and 2.831 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The chart is 7.0 units deep, 4.5 units wide, and is rotated 90 degrees.

REC2 allows the application program to specify the library by setting the field GLIB, specify the file by setting the field GFILE, and specify the graph names by setting GRAF. The application program also specifies the position-down value (POSD), the position-across value (POSA), the graph-depth value (GDEP), the graph-width value (GWID), and the graph-rotation value (GROT).

REC3 prints two charts. MYGRAF prints 2.0 units down and 7.0 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The chart is 4.5 units deep, 11.25 units wide, and is rotated 180 degrees. YOURGRAF prints 0.1 units down and 0.5 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. The chart is 3.67 units deep, 6.5 units wide, and is rotated 90 degrees. Both charts are located using *LIBL and file GFILE.

REC4 prints THATGRAF only if indicator 01 is on.

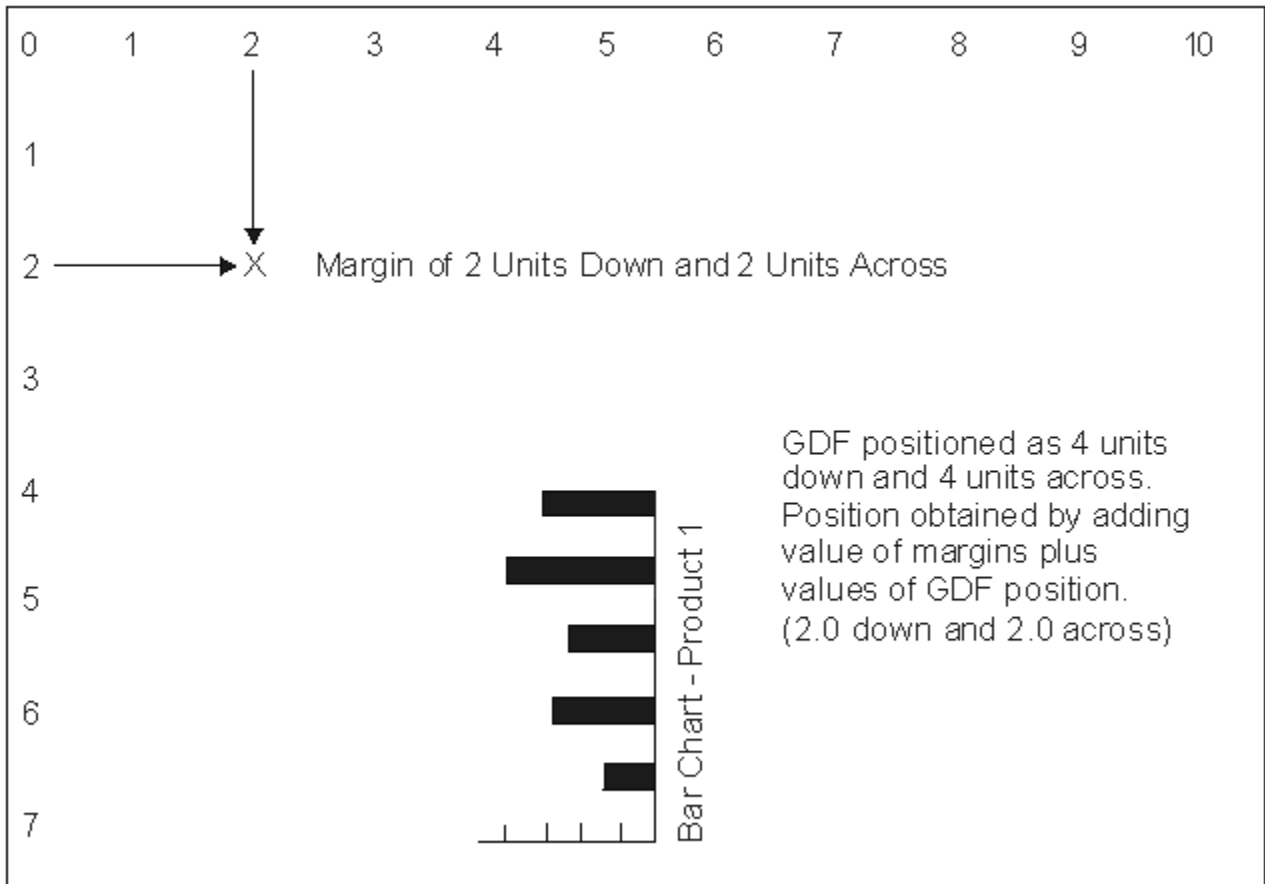
Example 2

In the following example, the library name is GRAPHLIB; the file name is GRFILE; and the member name is BARCHART.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
          R REC1          GDF(GRAPHLIB/GRFILE BARCHART +
          2.0 2.0 3.0 2.0 90)
*
*
```

The following diagram shows:

- The location of the margins (2 units down and 2 units across) as specified on the printer file being used.
- The starting position (2.0 units down and 2.0 units across from the location of the margins) of the member BARCHART.
- The depth (3.0 units) and the width (2.0 units) of the member called BARCHART.
- The rotation (90 degrees) of the member BARCHART.



Related reference

POSITION (Position) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.


HIGHLIGHT (Highlight) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to indicate that a field should be printed in bold letters.

This keyword has no parameters.

This keyword is valid for both IPDS and SCS printers.

For files created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), this keyword applies only to registered font IDs. If HIGHLIGHT is used with a coded font or character set and code page, a message is issued. See the IBM Infoprint Fonts:

Font Summary  book for a listing of font IDs.

If you specify HIGHLIGHT at the record level, the keyword applies to all fields in that record. Thus, if both the record- and field-level HIGHLIGHT keywords are specified and either indicator condition is met, the HIGHLIGHT keyword is used.

The HIGHLIGHT keyword might not apply during printing because of the font being used. Do not use HIGHLIGHT if a numeric font that does not support the highlight font is specified, or if a graphics font is specified.

The HIGHLIGHT keyword is valid on either named or constant fields.

This keyword is valid for data types A, S, and F. You can specify HIGHLIGHT only once for each record and once for each field.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the HIGHLIGHT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A
A      01          R RECORD1
A
A          FLD1          3A      4 01'HIGHLIGHT IF 01'
A          11 01TEXT('HIGHLIGHT IF 02N90 +
A          OR 01')
A 02N90          HIGHLIGHT
A
```

INDARA (Indicator Area) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level keyword to remove option indicators from the buffer (also called the record area) and to place them in a 99-byte separate indicator area.

This keyword has no parameters.

If you specify the INDARA keyword, some high-level languages require that you specify in your program that a separate indicator area is to be used. See the appropriate high-level language manual.

If you originally specified the INDARA keyword on a file, you can add, change, or delete option indicators in the DDS and re-create the file without having to re-create the high-level language program. You can do this because the field locations in the buffer have not changed and, therefore, the level check data has not changed. If the program is to take advantage of new indicators, however, change and re-create the program.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the INDARA keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A      R RCD          INDARA
00030A 41          SPACEB(1)
00040A      ACTNBR      10      2
A
```

If you specify the INDARA keyword, option indicator 41 is removed from the buffer for record format RCD and placed in the separate indicator area. Only ACTNBR, a named field, remains in the buffer for RCD.

INDTXT (Indicator Text) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level, record-level, or field-level keyword to associate a descriptive text (indicating intent or use) with a specific indicator. You can specify the INDTXT keyword once for each indicator.

The format of the keyword is:

```
INDTXT(indicator 'indicator-text')
```

If you specify the INDTXT keyword, indicator-text is a required parameter value. Indicator use text must be a character constant and must be enclosed in single quotation marks. If the length of the text is greater than 50 characters, the high-level language compiler only uses the first 50 characters.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Note: This specification by itself does not cause the specified indicator to appear in the output record area. The specification merely provides text to be associated with the indicator. If you do not specify the indicator elsewhere, the text is lost without a diagnostic. Also, after an indicator is given a textual assignment (either by this keyword or the response indicator text), no other textual assignment is made.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the INDTXT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A                                INDTXT(02 'Alternate month')
00020A          R MASTER
00030A          MTH                    2 10
00040A  02      ALTMTH                 2 10
00050A
A
```

The INDTXT keyword describes the use of option indicator 02. In a compiler listing for a high-level language, 'Alternate month' is printed as a comment with the description of indicator 02.

INVDTAMAP (Invoke Data Map) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify a data map that defines the layout of a formatted page.

A page definition is used to map the line data. Functions that can be done by different data maps in a page definition include multiple-up or rotated printing, changing fonts, and lines per inch.

The format of the keyword is:

```
INVDTAMAP(data-map-name | &data-map-name-field)
```

The data-map-name parameter is required and defines a data map in the page definition. This parameter is 8 characters. You can specify the data map name as a constant or program-to-system field.

When you specify the data-map-name parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the INVDTAMAP keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

This keyword is valid with DEVTYPE(*LINE) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDSLIN). Also, a page definition must be specified on the print file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *LINE or *AFPDSLIN, the keyword will be ignored and a warning message will be issued at print time.

The INVDTAMAP, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order. If you specify this keyword at the field level, skipping is performed before the field prints.

```
SKIPB
SPACEB
INVDTAMAP
SPACEA
SKIPA
```

Note: Feature Print Services Facility (PSF) is required to use this keyword. If PSF is not installed, you will not be able to print files by using this keyword, nor by specifying DEVTYPE(*LINE) or DEVTYPE(*AFPDSLIN).

The data map specified remains in effect for the remainder of the file unless changed by another INVDTAMAP keyword.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the INVDTAMAP keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
A
```

```

A          R RECORD1
A 02
A          R RECORD2          INVDTAMAP (MAP1)
A          MAP                8A P          INVDTAMAP (&MAP)
A

```

In the example, RECORD1 uses a new data map (MAP1). RECORD2 allows the application program to specify the name of data map by setting program variable MAP.

INVMMAP (Invoke Medium Map) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to call a new medium map.

Invoke medium map (IMM) specifies the name of the medium in a form definition. The medium map in the form definition allows the user to select or change print parameters, such as input drawer, page rotation, or overlays.

The format of the keyword is:

```
INVMMAP (medium-map-name | &medium-map-name-field);
```

The medium-map-name parameter is required and defines a medium map in the form definition. This parameter is 8 characters. You can specify the medium map name as a constant or program-to-system field.

When you specify the medium-map-name parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the INVMMAP keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

This keyword is valid with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) and also a form definition must be specified on the print file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword will be ignored and a warning message will be issued at print time.

The INVMMAP, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order. If you specify this keyword at the field level, skipping is performed before the field prints.

```

SKIPB
SPACEB
INVMMAP
SPACEA
SKIPPA

```

The medium map specified remains in effect for the remainder of the file unless changed by another INVMMAP keyword.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the INVMMAP keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A
A          R RECORD1
A 02
A          R RECORD2          INVMMAP (MAP1)
A          MAP                8A P          INVMMAP (&MAP)
A

```

In the example, RECORD1 uses a new medium map (MAP1). RECORD2 allows the application program to specify the name of medium map by setting program variable MAP.

LINE (Line) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to print a horizontal or vertical line.

The format of the keyword is:

```
LINE(position-down | &position-down-field  
position-across | &position-across-field  
line-length | &line-length-field  
line-direction  
line-width | &line-width-field  
[line-pad]  
[color value])
```

The position-down parameter is required and defines the vertical starting point of the line relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The position-across parameter is required and defines the horizontal starting point of the line relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

You can specify the position-down and position-across parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- LINE(0.5 7.1 ...)
- LINE(&field1 1.3 ...)
- LINE(2.75 &field2 ...)
- LINE(&field3 &field4 ...)

Field1, field2, field3, and field4 are the names of program-to-system fields. The fields must exist in the same record format as the LINE keyword and be defined as having length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system).

The line-length parameter is required and defines the length of the line. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.). The parameter can be a program-to-system field. The field must exist in the same record format as the LINE keyword and be defined as having length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system).

The line-width parameter is required and defines the width of the line. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.). The parameter can be a program-to-system field. The field must exist in the same record format as the LINE keyword and be defined as having length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system). Instead of a numeric value or program-to-system field, the following special values can also be specified:

| Value | Line width |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| *NARROW | 12/1440 in. (0.008 in., 0.022 cm) |
| *MEDIUM | 24/1440 in. (0.017 in., 0.042 cm) |
| *WIDE | 36/1440 in. (0.025 in., 0.064 cm) |

Notes:

1. The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down, position-across, line-length, and line-width parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.
2. Depending on printer hardware, lines smaller than approximately 0.004 in. (0.010 cm) might not print because of printer resolution. No message is issued when this occurs.

The line-direction parameter is required and can have a value of horizontal (*HRZ) or vertical (*VRT).

The line-pad parameter is optional. It specifies where the line-width value is placed in relationship to the actual line coordinates. For example, if line-width is 5 and line-pad is *TOP, the line extends above the

point identified by the position-across and position-down parameters. Valid values are *TOP and *BOT for *HRZ lines, and *LEFT and *RIGHT for *VRT lines. The defaults are *BOT for horizontal lines and *RIGHT for vertical lines.

The optional color parameter lets you specify the color of the line. Specify the color as an expression in one of the following forms:

- Color name method: (*COLOR color-name)
- RGB (red/green/blue) color model: (*COLOR *RGB rvalue gvalue bvalue)
- CMYK (cyan/magenta/yellow/black) color model: (*COLOR *CMYK cvalue mvalue yvalue kvalue)
- CIELAB color model: (*COLOR *CIELAB lvalue c1value c2value)
- Highlight color model: (*COLOR *HIGHLIGHT hvalue coverage)

When the LINE keyword is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the LINE keyword is also specified.

An error message is issued at print time if the line does not fit on the page.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when LINE is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

You can specify this keyword a maximum of 40 times on a record.

You cannot specify LINE with the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the LINE keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A          R REC1          LINE(1.5 3.0 4.25 *HRZ 0.2 *TOP)
A*
A          R REC2          LINE(2.1 1.5 7.5 *HRZ 0.05 *BOT)
A          LINE(&FLD1 &FLD2 4.25 *VRT 0.01 +
A          *LEFT)
A          FLD1          5S 3P
A          FLD2          5S 3P
A*
A          R REC3
A 02          LINE(1.0 1.1 6 *HRZ 1)
A*
A          R REC4          LINE(3.5 6.0 4.25 *HRZ 0.2 *TOP +
A*          (*COLOR *RGB 20 15 75))
A
A

```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

REC1 prints a horizontal line 4.25 units long. The line starts 1.5 units down and 3.0 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The line is 0.2 units wide. The extra width is added at the top of the line.

REC2 prints two lines. The first line, printed horizontally, starts 2.1 units down and 1.5 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. The line is 7.5 units long and 0.05 units wide. The extra width is added below the line.

The position of the second line is determined by the value assigned to program-to-system fields FLD1 and FLD2. The line, printed vertically, is 4.25 units long and 0.01 units wide. The extra width is added on the left side of the line.

REC3 prints a line only if indicator 02 is on. The extra width is added on the bottom of the line.

REC4 prints a line with the RGB color model and specifies color values of 20, 15, and 75.

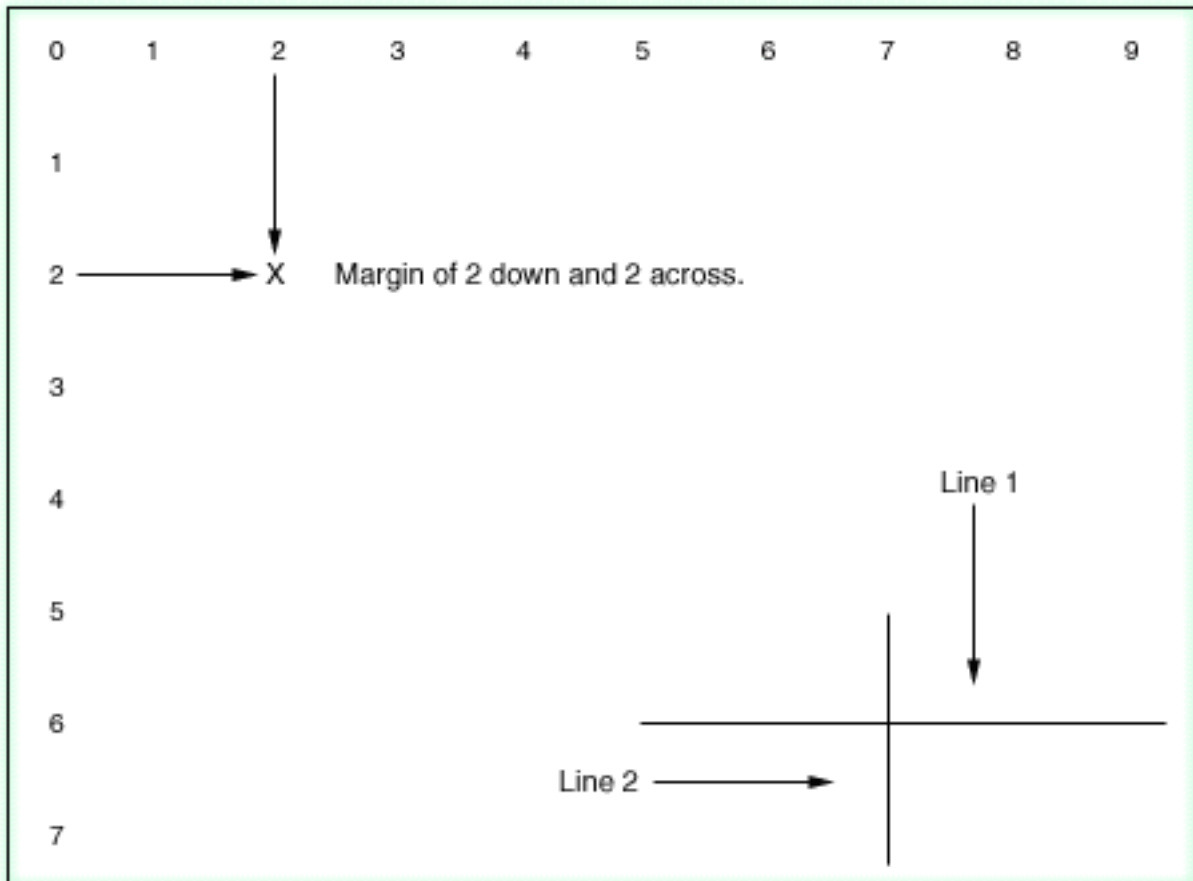
Example 2

The following example uses DDS and P-fields.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
      R REC1                                LINE(4 3 5 *HRZ .01)
                                           LINE(&FLD1&FLD2 2 *VRT .015 *RIGHT)

      FLD1                                5S 3P
      FLD2                                5S 3P
```

The following example illustrates the location of the lines using the previous DDS code, when the application assigns a numeric value of 3 to FLD1 and a numeric value of 5 to FLD2. Both the FRONTMGN and BACKMGN parameters on the CRTPRTF command are set to 2. Line 1 starts at 4 down and 3 across and its horizontal length is 5. Line 2 starts at 3 down and 5 across and its vertical length is 2.



Related concepts

[COLOR \(Color\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this field-level keyword to specify the color for a field.

Related reference

POSITION (Position) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

LPI (Lines Per Inch) keyword in printer files

You can use this record-level keyword to change lines per inch within a file.

If you do not specify LPI for a record, the LPI value is set from the LPI value on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command.

The format of the keyword is:

```
LPI( 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 12)
```

4, 6, 8, 9, and 12 are the valid parameter values.

When you use multiple LPI per page, all skip-to line numbers (on SKIPB, SKIPB) become absolute positions (fixed locations on the paper). For example, if the page length is 66 lines and the file LPI value is 6, then the forms are 11.0 inches long. If you indicate that it should skip to line number 48, it skips down 8 inches on the page and prints. If, in this example, you print 24 lines at 6 LPI (4 inches) and then print 24 lines at 8 LPI (3 inches), the 48th line is 7 inches down on the page.

In both of these examples, 48 lines are processed. If a SKIPB(55) keyword is used, the first example skips to line 55, based on 6 LPI (55/6 inch down the page). In the second example, a page eject occurs and printing starts on line 55, based on 8 LPI (55/8 inch down the page). A page eject occurs in the second example because 7 inches was printed down on the page. A skip to line 55, based on 8 LPI, is less than 7 inches. Therefore, to print on line 55, the current page must be ejected.

Data is processed in a sequential fashion based on location, not on line number. If you use a skip-to to go to a line number that is a location above the current location (even though the line number is greater than the current line number), a page eject occurs. Printing continues on the next page.

When using multiple LPI per page, all spacing (SPACEA and SPACEB) is done relative to the current position. For example, if you print 24 lines at 6 LPI (4 inches), and then print 24 lines at 8 LPI (3 inches), the 48th line is 7 inches down on the page. If you then do a SPACEA(4) (LPI is still 8 LPI), you will space down 1/2 inch from the last line and be a total of 7.5 inches down on the page. It is recommended that you use SPACEA and SPACEB keywords when you use the LPI keyword.

The LPI, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
LPI  
SKIPB  
SPACEB  
SPACEA  
SKIPB
```

Thus, the SPACE and SKIP keywords use the new LPI value. The LPI for the next and the following lines print at the LPI value specified on the LPI parameter. This parameter value remains in effect until the next record format processes. At the end of the record format, the LPI value changes back to the file level.

The LPI takes effect only on a line boundary. If you change the LPI within a line, the new value takes effect at the end of the line and no diagnostic appears.

You cannot specify this keyword on the same record format with BLKFOLD, CPI, or DFNCHR. If you use any of these keywords with LPI, the file is not created.

This keyword is valid for IPDS printers and printers capable of Advanced Function Printing support. A warning message is issued when you specify the LPI keyword in a file created with DEVTYPE(*SCS).

The overflow line number (OVRFLW parameter on the CRTPRTF command) is not converted to an absolute position (in inches) based on the file-level LPI value. The overflow condition signals when the overflow position (in inches) is reached.

Example: Page length = 66, LPI = 6, OVRFLW = 60 (10 inches).

- Print 36 lines at 6 LPI (6 inches).
- Print 16 lines at 4 LPI (4 inches).

After line 52 processes, the overflow condition is signaled.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the LPI keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R RECORD1          LPI(6)
  A          SPACEB(6)
  A
```

Regardless of the LPI you specify on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command, the printer device spaces down one inch before it prints the next line.

MSGCON (Message Constant) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to indicate that the text for a constant field is contained in a message description.

If the message description does not exist at DDS compilation time, the file is not created. If you change the message description, you must create the file again.

The format of the keyword is:

```
MSGCON(length message-ID [library-name/]message-file-name)
```

The length parameter specifies the maximum length of the message description. The length can be from 1 to 132 bytes. If the message description is less than the length specified, the remaining bytes are padded with blanks (hexadecimal 40). If the message description is longer than the length specified, the message description is truncated to the specified length and a warning message appears.

The message-ID parameter specifies the message description that contains the text to use as the value of the constant field.

The message-file-name parameter identifies the message file that contains the message description. The library-name parameter is optional.

You must explicitly specify the MSGCON keyword for the field. You can use the MSGCON keyword to initialize a named field, only if you use POSITION (Position) keyword in the record and use the special name *NONE.

The DFT and MSGCON keywords are functionally equivalent. If you specify the DFT and MSGCON keywords for the same field, the MSGCON keyword is ignored and the file is not created.

You cannot specify the DATE, DFT, EDTCDE, EDTWRD, and TIME keywords with the MSGCON keyword.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword. However, they can be used to condition the field with which this keyword is specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the MSGCON keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          R RECORD1
00020A          2 1MSGCON(10 MSG0001 MESSAGES/MSGF)
  A
```

MSG0001 in message file MSGF in library MESSAGES contains the message text.

Related concepts

Constant fields in printer files

Constant fields are unnamed fields (positions 19 through 28 must be blank), or fields with a special name (*NONE) when the POSITION keyword is used in the record.

OUTBIN (Output Bin) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify the destination of the output on printers capable of multiple output bins.

The format of the keyword is:

```
OUTBIN(output-bin number | &output-bin number)
```

The possible values are:

*DEV D

The destination of the output is the device default output bin.

output-bin

Specify the output bin for the destination of the output. Valid values range from 1 through 65535.

You can specify the output bin number as a constant or a program-to-system field. When you specify the output bin number as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the OUTBIN keyword. It must be defined as a length of 5 with 0 decimal positions, data type S and usage P.

If you do not specify the OUTBIN keyword, the value specified on the OUTBIN parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command determines the output bin value.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when OUTBIN is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

OUTBIN is ignored at run time if it is not specified on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary when no named or constant fields are processed for a page. As soon as a named or constant field is processed, the printer is no longer on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary again when a SKIP, SPACE, ENDPAGE, or INVMMAP keyword is processed, which causes the printer to move to a new page.

OUTBIN, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB
SPACEB
OUTBIN
SPACEA
SKIP A
```

OUTBIN is in effect only for the record format specified. After records with the specified record format are processed, the output bin for the next record format (if the OUTBIN keyword is not specified) is the outbin specified at the file level (CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF) command.

Job and file separator pages will only be placed into the output bin specified on the printer file.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: Using this DDS keyword can cause the system to generate a spooled file that cannot be correctly printed when sent to MVS. The spooled file does not print and is held on the output queue by PSF or MVS.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the OUTBIN keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A*
  A          R REC1          OUTBIN(2)
```

```
A          FLD1          5A    60 10
A*
```

When REC1 is printed, it is directed to output bin 2.

OVERLAY (Overlay) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to print an overlay.

The format of the keyword is:

```
OVERLAY([(library-name | &library-name-field)/overlay-name] |
        &overlay-name-field]
        position-down | &position-down-field
        position-across | &position-across-field
        [(*ROTATION rotation-field) | &rotation-field-name])
```

The overlay-name, position-down, and position-across parameters are required.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the overlay. If you do not specify the library-name parameter, *LIBL is used to search for the overlay at print time.

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application creating the spooled file.

You can specify the library-name, overlay-name, position-down, position-across, and rotation parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]overlay-name...
- [library-name/]&field1...
- [&field2/]overlay-name...
- [&field3/]&field4...

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the OVERLAY keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the overlay-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the OVERLAY keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the position-down or position-across as program-to-system fields, the fields must be defined as length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P. A program-to-system field for rotation must be defined as length 3 with 0 decimal positions, data type S and usage P.


The position-down parameter defines the vertical starting point of the overlay relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The position-across parameter defines the horizontal starting point of the overlay relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down and position-across parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

An error message is issued at print time if the overlay does not fit on the page.

The optional rotation parameter allows you to specify a rotation value for the overlay. Valid values are 0, 90, 180 and 270. It is specified as an expression of the form (*ROTATION rotation). Consider the following additional points about the rotation parameter:

- If the rotation parameter is omitted, then overlays are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file. See the [iSeries Guide to Output](#)  book for information about overlays.
- The following IBM printers support the rotation parameter:
 - Infoprint 60
 - Infoprint 2000
 - Infoprint 3000
 - Infoprint 4000
 - Infoprint Hi-Lite Color Printer, model 4005-HCI

These printers must be at ucode level 9.2 or later.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when OVERLAY is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

When the OVERLAY keyword is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the OVERLAY keyword is also specified.

You can specify this keyword multiple times on a record.

A maximum of 10 overlays can be used on a single page.

Overlays are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT keyword or the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file.

You cannot specify OVERLAY with the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the OVERLAY keyword.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the [#unique_91](#).

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1                OVERLAY(MYLIB/OVL04 1.234 14.62)
A*
A      R REC2                OVERLAY(&LIB/&OVL5 &POSD &POSA);
A      LIB                   10A P
A      OVLS                   8A P
A      POSD                   5S 3P
A      POSA                   5S 3P
A*
A      R REC3                OVERLAY(MYOVL 11.219 0.2)
A      OVERLAY(YOUROVL 7.3 9.27)
A*
A      R REC4                OVERLAY(MYLOGO 0.0 3.01)
A 01
A*
A      R REC5                OVERLAY(&LIB2/&OVL2 &POSD2 &POSA2 +
A      (*ROTATION 90))
A      LIB2                   10A P
A      OVL2                   8A P
A      POSD2                  5S 3P
A      POSA2                  5S 3P

```


A*
A

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

REC1 prints overlay OVL04 found in library MYLIB. The overlay prints 1.234 units down and 14.62 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command.

REC2 allows the application program to specify the library by setting program variables LIB and overlay name by setting program variables OVLS. The application specifies the overlay position at run time by setting POSD and POSA.

REC3 prints two overlays. MYOVL prints 11.219 units down and 0.2 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. YOUROVL prints 7.3 units down and 9.27 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. Both overlays are located using *LIBL.

REC4 prints MYLOGO only if indicator 01 is on.

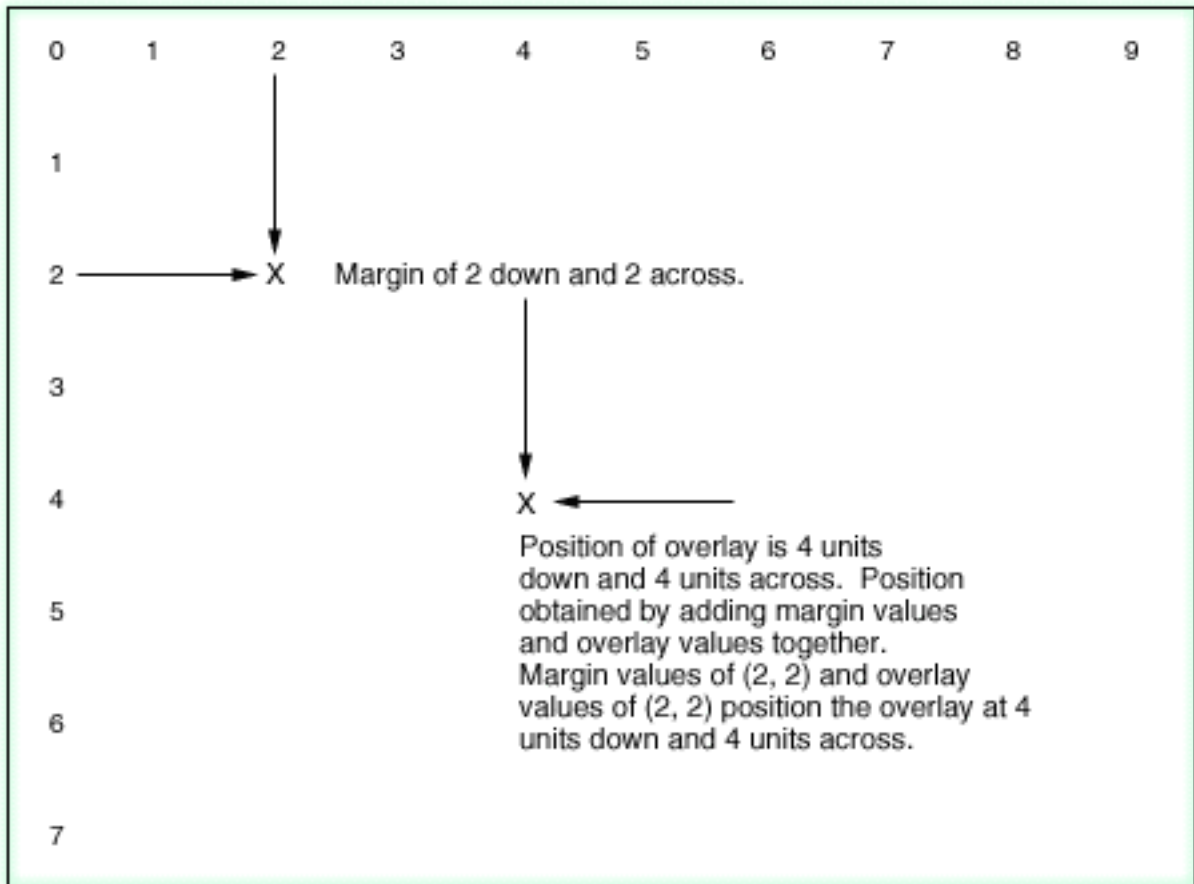
REC5 allows the application program to specify the library by setting field LIB2 and specify overlay name by setting field OVL2. The overlay position is specified by the application at run time by setting POSD2 and POSA2. The overlay rotation is set to a value of 90 degrees.

Example 2

The second example uses DDS and P-fields.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
      R REC1                                OVERLAY(&MYLIB/&MYOVL +
*                                     &OFFD &OFFA
      MYLIB                                10A P
      MYOVL                                8A P
      OFFD                                 5S 3P
      OFFA                                 5S 3P
```

The following example illustrates the location of the overlay using the previous DDS code. The application program specifies the library by setting field MYLIB and specifies overlay name by setting field MYOVL. The application program also sets a value of 2 in field OFFD and a value of 2 in field OFFA. Both the FRONTMGN and BACKMGN parameters on the CRTPRTF command are set to 2.



Related reference

POSITION (Position) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

Related information

[Page rotation \(PAGRRT\) parameter](#)

[Overlays](#)

PAGNBR (Page Number) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the location of an unnamed, 4-digit, zoned decimal field to contain the page number.

Specify only the PAGNBR keyword, the location of the field (the location of the field can be either position only, or line number and position), or name the field with the special name *NONE if the POSITION (Position) keyword is used in the record to specify the location of the fields. Optionally, you can specify the CHRISZ, COLOR, FONT, HIGHLIGHT, UNDERLINE, or TEXT keyword.

This keyword has no parameters.

When the printer file is opened, the IBM i operating system sets the page count to zero and increases it by one before it prints each new page. This is done even if you do not specify the PAGNBR keyword. The page number is printed each time any field for which the PAGNBR keyword is specified is printed. The page number does not increase beyond 9999; it stays 9999 until it is reset. To reset the page count, condition PAGNBR with option indicators. The IBM i operating system resets the page number when your program selects PAGNBR (see the following examples).

You can also specify EDTCDE or EDTWRD with the PAGNBR keyword.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

You can specify the field (location only) and the keyword on one line with no indicators or on separate lines with separate indicators. The following sections explain the differences.

Example 1: Specifying on one line with no indicators in printer files

The page number is always printed, and you cannot reset the page number to one, as shown in the following example.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00100A          R RECORD
00110A          1 60 'PAGE:'
00120A          +1PAGNBR
A
```

Note: On lines 110 and 120 two constant fields are specified: 'PAGE:' and the page number itself (location specified as +1).

Example 2: Specifying on separate lines with separate indicators in printer files

If the field indicator (01 in the following example) is off, the field is not printed, even if the keyword indicator (02 in the following example) is set on. If the field indicator is on, the field is printed. The page count is increased when the keyword indicator is off. The page count is reset to one when the keyword indicator is on. The page number prints whether the keyword indicator is off or on.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00100A          R RECORD
00110A  01          1 60 'PAGE:'
00120A  01          +1
00130A  02          PAGNBR
A
```

Related concepts

[Constant fields in printer files](#)

Constant fields are unnamed fields (positions 19 through 28 must be blank), or fields with a special name (*NONE) when the POSITION keyword is used in the record.

PAGRTT (Page Rotation) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify the degree of rotation of the text with respect to the way the page is loaded into the printer.

The PAGRTT keyword is valid only for the 3812, 3816, 3820, 3825, 3827, 3835, and 4028 printers. If you do not specify a PAGRTT keyword for a record, the page rotation is set from the value specified on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF), Change Printer File (CHGPRTF), or Override Printer File (OVRPRTF) commands.

The format of the keyword is:

```
PAGRTT(0 | 90 | 180 | 270)
```

The valid parameter values for the keyword are 0, 90, 180, and 270. Zero indicates no rotation. The other values specify the number of degrees rotation clockwise from the 0 degree rotation column.

Note: For the 3835 Printer using landscape paper, a counterclockwise rotation is used for a DDS file.

The PAGRTT keyword does not cause an implicit page eject. If the paper is not on a page boundary, the keyword is not used, and a diagnostic message is issued.

The PAGRTT, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB
SPACEB
PAGRTT
```

SPACEA
SKIPA

The PAGRTT keyword remains in effect for the duration of the record format. If a PAGRTT keyword is not used on the next record format, it reverts back to the PAGRTT value specified at the command level.

Notes:

1. The PAGRTT keyword remains in effect for the entire page. At the end of a record format that specifies PAGRTT, the file is not changed back to the file-level rotation until the next page is processed. For example, the file does not return to rotation 0 until record E is written if the file-level parameter specifies PAGRTT(0) and you write one of the following record formats:
 - Record format A (PAGRTT (90))
 - Record format B (same page as record A)
 - Record format C (same page as record A)
 - Record format D (same page as record A)
 - Record format E (next page)
2. For files created with DEVTYPE(*SCS), if the PAGRTT keyword is specified on a record format that spans several pages, it remains in effect only for the page on which it is specified.

When a page rotates, the page length and page width are exchanged so that the length becomes the width and the width becomes the length. This exchange cannot be done under the following conditions:

- PAGRTT on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command is *DEV D or *COR.
- The font on the CRT/CHG/OVRPRTF command is *DEV D.

When the length and width cannot be exchanged, a diagnostic message is issued.

Folding and truncation support is not performed when pages rotate. That is, the BLKFOLD DDS keyword and the FOLD parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF commands are not used.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the PAGRTT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A      R RECORD1
A 02                                SKIPB(1)
A 02                                PAGRTT(270)
A      FIELD1          3A    2 01
A      R RECORD2
A      FIELD1          3A    6 01
A      R RECORD3
A      FIELD1          3A    5 01
A
```

If indicator 02 is on, RECORD1 is rotated 270 degrees. SKIPB(1) is specified so that the record starts on a new page.

When RECORD2 is printed, it will also be rotated 270 degrees because it is on the same page as RECORD1.

RECORD3 uses the PAGRTT value specified on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF commands, because it is on a new page.

PAGSEG (Page Segment) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to print a page segment.

The format of the keyword is:

```
PAGSEG(library-name | &library-name-field/ page-segment-name |
&page-segment-name-field
position-down | &position-down-field
position-across | &position-across-field
[( *SIZE height | height-field width | &width-field)]
[( *ROTATION rotation | &rotation)]
```

The page-segment-name, position-down, and position-across parameters are required.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the page segment. If you do not specify the library name, *LIBL is used to search for the page segment at print time.

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application creating the spooled file.

You can specify the library-name, page-segment-name, position-down, position-across, width, height and rotation parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- [library-name/]page-segment-name...
- [library-name/]&field1...
- [&field2/]page-segment-name...
- [&field3/]&field4...

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the PAGSEG keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the page-segment-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the PAGSEG keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the position-down, position-across, width, or height parameters as program-to-system fields, the fields must be defined as length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S, and usage P. Rotation must be defined as length with 3 and 0 decimal points, data type S and usage P.

The position-down parameter defines the vertical starting point of the page segment relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The position-across parameter defines the horizontal starting point of the page segment relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down and position-across parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

An error message is issued at print time if the page segment does not fit on the page.

Use the optional height and width parameters to specify the size of the page segment. They are specified as an expression of the form (*SIZE height width). If these parameters are omitted, then the size of the page segment is not changed (the page segment prints with the size it was originally created with).

The optional height parameter defines the height of the page segment. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.). If the height is specified, then the width parameter must also be specified.

The optional width parameter defines the width of the page segment. Valid values are 0.001 to 57.790 cm (0.001 to 22.750 in.). If the width is specified, then the height parameter must also be specified.

The optional rotation parameter allows you to specify a rotation value for the page segment. It is specified as an expression of the form (*ROTATION rotation). Valid values are 0, 90, 180 and 270.

Note: If the rotation parameter is omitted, then page segments are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file.


Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when PAGSEG is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

When PAGSEG is specified on a record format, all fields within the record format must be positioned using the POSITION keyword.

An error message is issued if a constant field is specified in a record format where the PAGSEG keyword is also specified.

You can specify the PAGSEG keyword multiple times on a record.

A maximum of 10 page segments can be used per page.

Page segments are not automatically rotated when using the PAGRTT keyword or the PAGRTT parameter on the printer file. See the [iSeries Guide to Output](#)  book for information about page segments .

You cannot specify PAGSEG at the same level as the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the PAGSEG keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1                PAGSEG(MYLIB/PAGSEG5 3.527 4.162)
A*
A      R REC2                PAGSEG(&LIB/&PSEG &POSD &POSA);
A      LIB                   10A P
A      PSEG                   8A P
A      POSD                    5S 3P
A      POSA                    5S 3P
A*
A      R REC3                PAGSEG(MYSEG 0.0 3.759)
A      R REC4                PAGSEG(YOURSEG 0.0 5.233)
A*
A      R REC4                PAGSEG(MYSEG 0.0 3.01)
A 01
A*
A
```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

REC1 prints page segment PAGSEG5 found in library MYLIB. The page segment prints 3.527 units down and 4.162 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command.

REC2 allows the application program to specify the library by setting field LIB and specify page segment name by setting field PSEG. The application specifies the page segment position at run time by setting POSD and POSA.

REC3 prints two page segments. MYSEG prints 0 units down and 3.759 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. YOURSEG prints 0 units down and 5.233 units across from the margins specified on the CRTPRTF command. Both page segments are located using *LIBL.

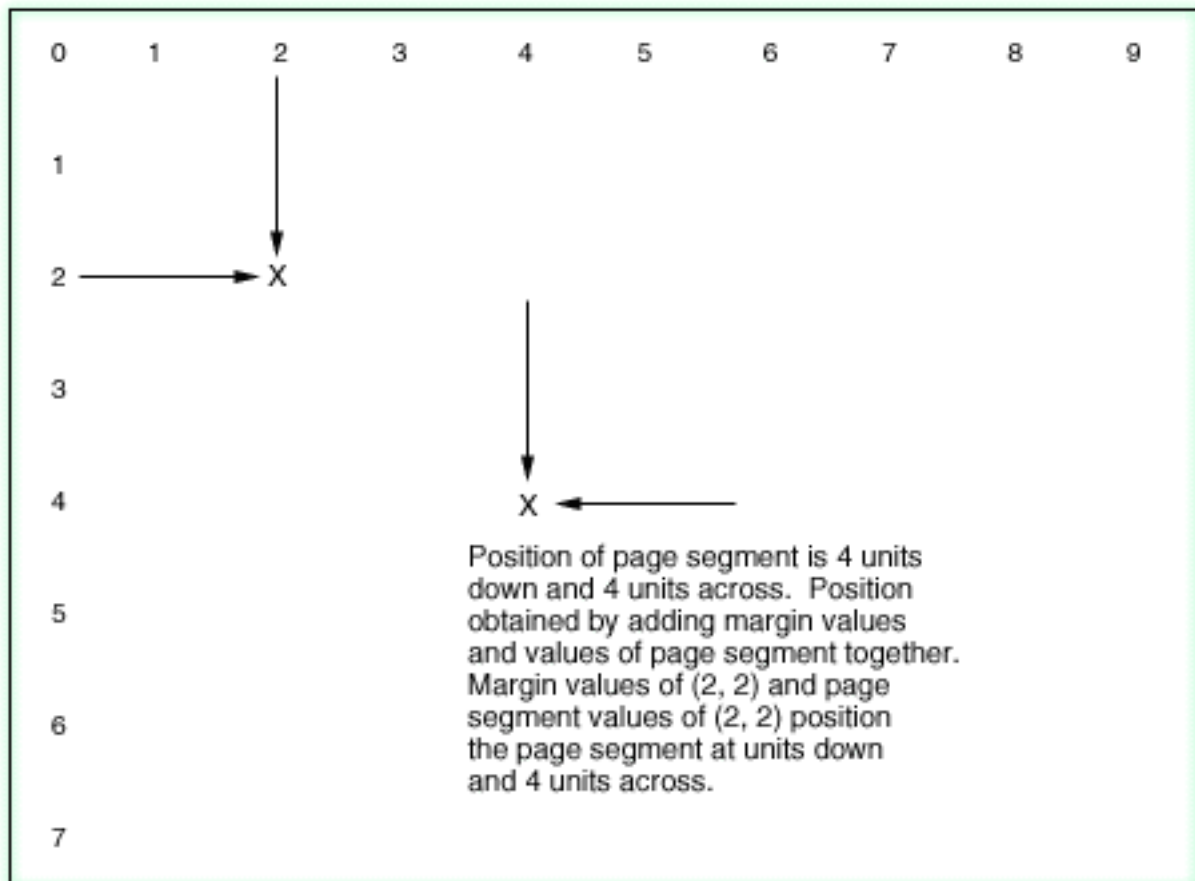
REC4 prints MYSEG only if indicator 01 is on.

Example 2

The second example uses DDS and P-fields.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
      R REC1                                PAGSEG(&MYLIB/&PAGSEG  +
      *                                &OFFD &OFFA
      MYLIB          10A P
      PAGSEG         8A P
      OFFD           5S 3P
      OFFA           5S 3P
```

The following graphic illustrates the location of the page segment using the previous DDS code. The application program specifies the library by setting field MYLIB and specifies the page segment name by setting field PAGSEG. The application program also sets a value of 2 in field OFFD and a value of 2 in field OFFA. Both the FRONTMGN and BACKMGN parameters on the CRTPRTF command are set to 2.



Related reference

[POSITION \(Position\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

Related information

[Page rotation \(PAGRRT\) parameter](#)

POSITION (Position) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to define the location of a named field on the page.

The format of the keyword is:

```
POSITION(position-down | &position-down-field  
position-across | &position-across-field)
```

The position-down parameter is required and defines the vertical starting point of the field relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

The position-across parameter is required and defines the horizontal starting point of the field relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in.).

You can specify the position-down and position-across parameters as constants, program-to-system fields, or a combination of both, as shown in the following examples:

- POSITION(3.56 6.24)
- POSITION(&field1 9.625)
- POSITION(0.5 &field2)
- POSITION(&field3 &field4)

Field1, field2, field3, and field4 are the names of program-to-system fields. The fields must exist in the same record format as the POSITION keyword and be defined as having length 5 with 3 decimal positions, data type S (zoned decimal), and usage P (program-to-system).

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the position-down and position-across parameter values. If the value specified for a parameter is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

An error message is issued at print time if the field does not fit on the page.

An error message is issued at creation time if line and position values, columns 39 through 44, are also specified.

Because the POSITION keyword allows a field to be positioned anywhere on the page, a new page is not generated by the use of the position keyword. The ENDPAGE keyword should be used to end the current page and proceed to the next page.

If the POSITION keyword is specified for a field, all fields in the record format must also have the POSITION keyword specified. Location entries in positions 39 through 44 are not allowed.

You can specify constant fields where the POSITION keyword is also specified. You just need to use a special name (*NONE).

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when POSITION is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

You cannot specify POSITION with the following keywords:

- SPACEA
- SPACEB
- SKIPA
- SKIPB

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the POSITION keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1
A      FLD1          6S 2          POSITION(2.0 1.983)
A*
A      FLD2          42A          POSITION(&FLD2A &FLD2B)
A      FLD2A         5S 3P
A      FLD2B         5S 3P
A*
```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter values.

In REC1, FLD1 prints 2.0 units down and 1.983 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command.

The application program determines the position of FLD2 by assigning values to program-to-system variables FLD2A and FLD2B.

Related concepts

[AFPRSC \(AFP Resource\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to specify an Advanced Function Printing (AFP) resource or a non-AFP resource stored in the integrated file system.

[BOX \(Box\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a rectangle.

Related reference

[GDF \(Graphic Data File\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a graphic data file.

[LINE \(Line\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a horizontal or vertical line.

[OVERLAY \(Overlay\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print an overlay.

[PAGESEG \(Page Segment\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level keyword to print a page segment.

PRTQLTY (Print Quality) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to vary the print quality within the file.

The format of the keyword is:

```
PRTQLTY(print-quality)
```

The parameter is required and must be one of the following special values:

- *STD (Standard quality)
- *DRAFT (Draft quality)
- *NLQ (Near letter quality)
- *FASTDRAFT (Fast draft quality)

The PRTQLTY keyword is allowed only on records or fields for which a CHRISZ or BARCODE keyword applies.

If you do not specify this keyword, the print quality is set by the PRTQLTY parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, and OVRPRTF commands.

If you specify PRTQLTY at the record level, it applies to all fields in that record that do not have PRTQLTY specified at the field level.

PRTQLTY is valid for IPDS printers only. If you specify this keyword in a file created with DEVTYPE(*SCS), a warning message is issued at file creation time.

If you specify this keyword in a file created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), the print quality can only change on a page boundary. If PRTQLTY is received before any data is placed on the page, the quality of the page changes. Otherwise, the keyword is ignored and a diagnostic message is sent to the application program.

If you use PRTQLTY in the same record format with BLKFOLD, CPI, or DFNCHR keyword, the file is not created.

Option indicators are allowed for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the PRTQLTY keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A          R RECORD
  A          FIELD3          10S  0  4 65BARCODE(UPCE 6)
  A                                PRTQLTY(*DRAFT)
  A
```

The UPCE bar code in FIELD3 is printed with draft quality.

REF (Reference) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level keyword to specify the name of a file from which field descriptions are to be retrieved.

The format of the keyword is:

```
REF([library-name/]data-base-file-name [record-format-name])
```

Use REF when you want to duplicate descriptive information from one or more fields in a previously defined record format. You can code the file name once on the REF keyword rather than on the REFFLD keyword with each of the field descriptions that reference the file.

If there is more than one record format in the referenced file, specify a record format name as a parameter value for this keyword to tell the IBM i operating system which record format to use, unless the formats should be searched sequentially.

The database-file-name is required for this keyword. The record-format-name and the library-name are optional.

If you do not specify the library-name, the current library list at file creation time is used. If you do not specify the record-format-name, each format is searched in order (as they are specified). The first occurrence of the field name is used.

You can specify a distributed data management (DDM) file on this keyword. When you use a DDM file, the data-base-file-name and library-name are the DDM file and library names on the source system. The record-format-name is the record format name in the remote file on the target system.

Note: IDDU files cannot be used as reference files.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Examples

The following examples show how to specify the REF keyword.

Example 1

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A          REF(FILE1)
00020A          R RECORD
```

```
00030A      FLD1      R      2  2
  A
```

FLD1 has the same attributes as the first (or only) FLD1 in FILE1.

Example 2

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      REF(LIB1/FILE1 RECORD2)
00020A      R RECORD
00030A      FLD1      R      2  2
  A
```

FLD1 has the same attributes as FLD1 in RECORD2 in FILE1 in LIB1.

Related concepts

[When to specify REF and REFFLD keywords for DDS files](#)

REFFLD (Referenced Field) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword when referring to a field under one of these conditions.

- The name of the referenced field is different from the name in positions 19 through 28.
- The name of the referenced field is the same as the name in positions 19 through 28, but the record format, file, or library of the referenced field is different from that specified with the REF keyword.
- The referenced field occurs in the same DDS source file as the referencing field.

The format of the keyword is:

```
REFFLD([record-format-name/]referenced-field-name
[*SRC | [library-name/]data-base-file-name])
```

The referenced-field-name is required even if it is the same as the referencing field. Use the record-format-name when the referenced file contains more than one record format. Use *SRC (rather than the database-file-name) when the referenced field name is in the same DDS source file as the referencing field. *SRC is the default value when the database-file-name and the library-name are not specified.

Note: When you refer to a field in the same DDS source file, the field being referred to must precede the field being defined.

Specify the database-file-name (qualified by its library-name, if necessary) when you want to search a particular database file.

If, in the same DDS source file, you specify REF at the file level and REFFLD at the field level, the particular search sequence depends on both the REF and REFFLD keywords.

You must specify an R in position 29. In some cases, some keywords specified with the field in the database file are not included in the printer file.

You can specify a distributed data management (DDM) file on this keyword.

When you use a DDM file, the data-base-file-name and library-name are the DDM file and library names on the source system. The referenced-field-name and the record-format-name are the field name and the record format name in the remote file on the target system.

Note: IDDU files cannot be used as reference files.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the REFFLD keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R FMAT1
00020A      ITEM      5      1
```

```

00030A      ITEM1      R      2REFFLD (ITEM)
00040A      ITEM2      R      12REFFLD (FMAT1/ITEM)
00050A      ITEM3      R      22REFFLD (ITEM FILEX)
00060A      ITEM4      R      32REFFLD (ITEM LIBY/FILEX)
00070A      ITEM5      R      42REFFLD (FMAT1/ITEM LIBY/FILEX)
00080A      ITEM6      R      52REFFLD (ITEM *SRC)
      A

```

Because the REF keyword is not specified, the default for lines 00030 and 00040 is to search the DDS source file in which they are specified. In line 00080, the parameter value *SRC explicitly specifies the source file. See the example in [When to specify REF and REFFLD keywords for DDS files](#) for explanations of the specifications.

Related concepts

Reference for printer files (position 29)

You specify R in position 29 to copy the attributes of a previously defined, named field (the referenced field) to the field that you are defining. If you do not specify R, you must specify the field attributes.

RELPOS (Relative Position) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level keyword to indicate that when the +n form of positioning a field is used, the fields subsequent to the first field in the line are positioned relative to the end of the previous field.

Without the RELPOS keyword, the column number calculated at compilation time is generally relative to the beginning of the line.

This keyword has no parameters.

The *+n positioning* means that, if you specify a location of a field in a record and the field is not ignored, you can specify the location of subsequent fields within that record by leaving the line number blank and specifying a plus value (+n) for position entry 42 through 44. The plus value indicates the number of spaces to be left between the end of the previous field and the beginning of the field you are defining. The plus value must be in the range of 0 through 99. If you specify a plus value, the line number entry must be blank. As soon as the positions are calculated, the real values are stored and treated as if they were hard-coded. This is a compile time function.

Specify DEVTYPE (*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when RELPOS is specified at the file level. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Note: The Print Services Facility (PSF) feature is required for printing DEVTYPE (*AFPDS) files on an IPDS printer.

| Condition | Cases | | | | | |
|--|-------|---|---|---|---|------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Else |
| Was the file-level keyword RELPOS used? | Y | Y | Y | N | N | |
| Was +n positioning used? | Y | Y | N | Y | N | |
| Was the file-level font width not known? ¹ | | | Y | Y | Y | |
| Did the previous field on the line use a file-level font? | | | Y | Y | Y | |
| Were there no DBCS characters in the previous field? | | | Y | Y | Y | |
| Is the new column number greater than the current column number? | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | |
| Runtime result: | | | | | | |

| Condition | Cases | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|---|---|---|------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Else |
| The new field is offset from the end of the previous field. | Y | | Y | Y | Y | |
| The new field is positioned from the beginning of the line. | | Y | | | | Y |

¹If the printer file FONT parameter is *DEVD, or the printer file has a FNTCHRSET or CDEFNT specified at the file level, the file-level font width is not known.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the RELPOS keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A          R REC1          RELPOS
A          FONT(1051)
A*          (1051 specifies Sonoran Serif)
A          FLD1           5A      1 10
A          FLD2           5A      +2
A*

```

FLD2 is placed two spaces to the right of the end of FLD1. Depending on the width of the characters used in FLD1, the start of FLD2 might vary. Without the RELPOS keyword, FLD2 is placed in column 17 of the line; the exception to this statement is noted in columns 3 through 5 of the previous table.

SKIPPA (Skip After) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level, record-level, or field-level keyword to specify that the printer device is to skip to a specific line number after it prints one or more lines.

The format of the keyword is:

```
SKIPPA(skip-after-line-number)
```

The parameter value is required and must be in the range 1 through 255.

If you specify the keyword at the file level, you must option it with one or more indicators. If you specify the keyword at the record or field level, option indicators are optional. The specified skip is performed after each record in the file prints.

If you specify the keyword at the record level, skipping is performed after all the lines associated with the record print and before any file-level SKIPPA keywords are applied.

If you specify the keyword at the field level, skipping is performed after the field prints.

Note: If you do not use line numbers and do not specify skip or space keywords, overprinting can result.

You can specify this keyword once at the file level, once at the record level, and once for each field.

This keyword is valid at the file level for all records, but not at the record level or the field level for records that have line numbers specified (positions 39 through 41). (The line number entries are flagged as errors.)

The SKIPPA keyword is not valid at either the field level or record level if the record format also has the BOX, ENDPAGE, GDF, LINE, OVERLAY, PAGSEG, or POSITION keywords specified.

This keyword is not allowed at the file level for files defined as DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the SKIPA keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00011A      FIELDA      132A      1SKIPA(12)
  A
```

SKIPB (Skip Before) keyword in printer files

You use this file-level, record-level, or field-level keyword to specify that the printer device is to skip to a specific line number before it prints the next lines.

The format of the keyword is:

```
SKIPB(skip-before-line-number)
```

The parameter value is required and must be in the range 1 through 255.

If you specify this keyword at the file level, you must option it with one or more indicators; otherwise, option indicators are optional. The specified skip is performed before each record in the file prints and after any file-level SKIPB operations are applied.

If you specify this keyword at the record level, skipping is performed before any of the lines associated with that record print.

If you specify this keyword at the field level, skipping is performed before the field prints.

You can specify this keyword once at the file level, once at the record level, and once for each field.

This keyword is valid at the file level for all records, but not at the record or field level for records that have line numbers specified (positions 39 through 41). (The line numbers are flagged as errors.)

Note: If you do not use line numbers and do not specify skip or space keywords, overprinting can result.

The SKIPB keyword is not valid at either the field level or record level if the record format also has the BOX, ENDPAGE, GDF, LINE, OVERLAY, PAGSEG, or POSITION keywords specified.

This keyword is not allowed at the file level for files defined as DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the SKIPB keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00022A      R RFMTPR      SKIPB(5)
  A
```

SPACEA (Space After) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to specify that the printer device is to space some number of lines after it prints one or more lines.

The format of the keyword is:

```
SPACEA(space-after-value)
```

The parameter value is required and must be in the range 0 through 255.

If you specify this keyword at the record level, spacing occurs after all lines associated with that record are printed. You can specify this keyword only once at the record level and once for each field.

If you specify SPACEA at the field level, spacing is performed after the field is printed.

This keyword is not valid for records with specified line numbers (positions 39 through 41). (The line numbers are flagged as errors.)

Note: If you do not use line numbers and do not specify space or skip keywords, overprinting can result.

The SPACEA keyword is not valid at either the field level or record level if the record format also has the BOX, ENDPAGE, GDF, LINE, OVERLAY, PAGSEG, or POSITION keywords specified.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the SPACEA keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00100A      R  RFMTPR                SPACEA(1)
00101A      FIELDA                132      1
      A
```

SPACEB (Space Before) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to specify that the printer device is to space some number of lines before it prints the next line or lines.

The format of the keyword is:

```
SPACEB(space-before-value)
```

The parameter value is required and must be in the range 0 through 255.

If you specify this keyword at the record level, spacing occurs before any lines associated with that record are printed. You can specify this keyword only once at the record level or once for each field.

If you specify SPACEB at the field level, spacing is performed before the line containing that field prints.

This keyword is not valid for records with specified line numbers (positions 39 through 41). (The line numbers are flagged as errors.)

Note: If you do not use line numbers and do not specify space or skip keywords, overprinting can result.

The SPACEB keyword is not valid at either the field level or record level if the record format also has the BOX, ENDPAGE, GDF, LINE, OVERLAY, PAGSEG, or POSITION keywords specified.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the SPACEB keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      FIELDA                25A      55SPACEB(3)
00011A      FIELDB                30      100
      A
```

STAPLE (Staple) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify that a stapling operation should be performed within the spooled file.

The stapling operation must be defined on the CORNERSTPL, EDGESTITCH, or SADLSTITCH parameters on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF commands. If no stapling is defined on the printer file, then the STAPLE keyword is ignored. If you do not specify the STAPLE keyword, the entire spooled file will be stapled according to the definition on the EDGESTITCH, SADLSTITCH, or CORNERSTPL parameters.

The format of the keyword is:

```
STAPLE([on/off-indicator])
```

When a STAPLE keyword is processed, the printer ejects a page, and all previous pages that have been stacked since the last staple operation are stapled together. This includes pages that were processed since the beginning of the spooled file, since the last STAPLE keyword was issued, or since stapling resumed after the last STAPLE(*ON) was issued.

For example, for simple printing, if the STAPLE keyword were issued at the beginning of page 5, then the previous 4 pages are stapled together. Some printers might not support the stapling of a single page.

The optional off-on stapling indicator specifies whether stapling should be turned off within the spooled file.

***OFF**

Specifies that stapling is turned off. All previous pages that were processed since the beginning of the spooled file, since the last STAPLE keyword was issued, or since stapling resumed after the last STAPLE(*ON) was issued are stapled together. STAPLE(*OFF) remains in effect until a STAPLE(*ON) keyword is issued. STAPLE(*OFF) must be specified on a record format issued on a page boundary.

***ON**

Specifies that stapling is to resume. This is normally issued after a STAPLE(*OFF) was issued on a previous record format. If stapling is currently defined as on, then this keyword is ignored. STAPLE(*ON) remains in effect until a STAPLE(*OFF) keyword is issued. STAPLE(*ON) must be specified on a record format issued on a page boundary. The STAPLE(*ON) keyword does not cause any previously processed pages to be stapled.

STAPLE is ignored at run time if it is not specified on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary when no named or constant fields are processed for a page. After a named or constant field is processed, the printer is no longer on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary again when a SKIP, SPACE, ENDPAGE, FORCE, or INVMMAP keyword is processed, which causes the printer to move to a new page.

STAPLE, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB
SPACEB
STAPLE
SPACEA
SKIPB
```

The stapling operation will cause the ejection of the current sheet of paper. When duplexing is in effect (specified on the printer file or DDS), if STAPLE is issued when starting an odd page (for example, page 5), then the previous 4 pages (2 sheets of paper) will be stapled. If STAPLE is issued when starting an even page (for example, page 6), then the previous 5 pages (3 sheets of paper) will be stapled. The back side of the third sheet of paper will be blank.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword. Only one STAPLE keyword for each record format is valid at any time.

Example

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RECORD1                SKIPB(3)
00020A      FIELD1                   10    1SPACEA(1)
00030A      FIELD2                    5    1SPACEA(1)
00040A      R RECORD2                STAPLE
00050A      FIELD1                    5    1
00060A      R RECORD3                STAPLE SKIPB(1)
00070A      FIELD1                   10    1
00080A
00090A      R RECORD4                STAPLE(*OFF) SKIPB(1)
00100A
```

The printer is not on a page boundary after record format RECORD1 is processed. When record format RECORD2 is processed, STAPLE is ignored. Because SKIPB(1) is specified on RECORD3, the printer is on a

page boundary when STAPLE is processed. All previous processed pages since the last stapling operation will be stapled together. RECORD 4 turns off stapling. All previous processed pages since the last stapling operation will be stapled together. Stapling will not resume unless a STAPLE(*ON) is issued on a another record format.

STRPAGGRP (Start Page Group) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to begin a logical grouping of pages.

Page Groups can be used for indexing and retrieving information in a document by online viewing products such as Advanced Function Printing and Content Manager OnDemand.

Pages separated with the STRPAGGRP and ENDPAGGRP DDS keywords can be indexed with the Attribute Name and Attribute Value parameters of the DOCIDXTAG keyword.

The format of the keyword is:

```
STRPAGGRP(group-name | &group-name)
```

The group-name parameter is required and defines the name of the group to be started. The group name should be unique within a document. The maximum number of characters in the group name is 250. Blanks are allowed as part of the group name.

Note: Groups of pages cannot be nested or overlapped, each group must be ended (ENDPAGGRP keyword) before another can begin.

When you specify the group-name parameter as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the STRPAGGRP keyword. It must be defined as length of 1 -250, type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

This keyword is valid with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword will be ignored and a warning message will be issued at print time.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the STRPAGGRP keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
A
A          R RECORD1
A 02          STRPAGGRP('ACCOUNT NUMBER')
A          R RECORD2          STRPAGGRP(&GROUP)
A          GROUP          50A P
A
```

In the example, RECORD1 starts a group named 'ACCOUNT NUMBER'. RECORD2 allows the application program to specify the name of group by setting program variable GROUP.

TEXT (Text) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to supply a text description (or comment) for the record format or field that is used for program documentation.

The format of the keyword is:

```
TEXT('description')
```

The text must be enclosed in single quotation marks. If the length of the text is greater than 50 positions, only the first 50 characters are used by the high-level language compiler.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the TEXT keyword at the record and field levels.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R CUSMST          TEXT('Customer Master Record')
00020A      FLD1             3 0      TEXT('ORDER NUMBER FIELD')
      A
```

TIME (Time) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword prints the current system time as a constant field 6 bytes long.

You can specify the location of the field, or name the field with the special name *NONE if the POSITION (Position) keyword is used in the record to specify the location of the fields. Also, you can specify the TIME keyword, and optionally, you can specify the EDTCDE, EDTWRD, COLOR, HIGHLIGHT, CHRISZ, FONT, UNDERLINE, or TEXT keyword. Positions 17 through 38 must be blank.

This keyword has no parameters.

The edit word '0_:_:_' (_ represents a blank) is assumed for a TIME field. You can specify another edit word or one of the user-defined edit codes (5 through 9) to change the IBM-supplied editing.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword, although you can use option indicators to condition the field specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the TIME keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A  20          1 56TIME
00020A  21          1 56TIME
      A              EDTWRD('0 &HRS&; &MINS&; &SECS')
      A
```

If the system time is 110645, the time prints as follows:

- If option indicator 20 is on, the time prints as

```
11:06:45
```

- If option indicator 21 is on (and option indicator 20 is off), the time prints as

```
11 HRS 06 MINS 45 SECS
```

Related concepts

Constant fields in printer files

Constant fields are unnamed fields (positions 19 through 28 must be blank), or fields with a special name (*NONE) when the POSITION keyword is used in the record.

TIMFMT (Time Format) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify the format of a time field. This keyword is valid for time fields (data type T).

The format of the keyword is:

```
TIMFMT(time-format)
```

The following table describes the valid time formats and their default separators.

| Format name | Time format parameter | Time format and separator | Field length | Example |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Hours:Minutes:Seconds | *HMS | hh:mm:ss | 8 | 14:00:00 |
| International Standards Organization | *ISO | hh.mm.ss | 8 | 14.00.00 |
| IBM USA Standard | *USA | hh:mm AM or hh:mm PM | 8 | 2:00 pm |
| IBM European Standard | *EUR | hh.mm.ss | 8 | 14.00.00 |
| Japanese Industrial Standard Christian Era | *JIS | hh:mm:ss | 8 | 14:00:00 |

If you do not specify the TIMFMT keyword, the default is *ISO.

If you specify the time-format parameter value as *ISO, *USA, *EUR, or *JIS, you cannot specify the TIMSEP keyword. These formats have fixed separators.

The TIMFMT keyword overrides the job attribute for a time field. It does not change the system default.

It is the responsibility of the high-level language and the application to format the time field according to the format specified for the TIMFMT keyword and use the separators specified on the TIMSEP keyword. The system does not format fields on output. The system validates the time field on input according to the format that the TIMFMT keyword specifies and the separator that the TIMSEP keyword specifies.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword, although option indicators can condition the field for which it is specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the TIMFMT keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A          R RECORD
00030A          TIMFLD1      T B 5 2TIMFMT(*ISO)
00040A          TIMFLD2      T B 5 22TIMFMT(*USA)
00050A          TIMFLD3      T B 5 42TIMFMT(*HMS) TIMSEP(' ','')
A

```

If you want to display 2 o'clock p.m., the following values appear where RECORD1 is written.

```

TIMFLD1  14.00.00
TIMFLD2  02:00 PM
TIMFLD3  14,00,00

```

TIMSEP (Time Separator) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify separator characters for time fields. This keyword is valid only for time fields (data type T).

The format of the keyword is:

```
TIMSEP(*JOB | 'time-separator')
```

The time-separator parameter specifies the separator character that appears between the hour, minute, and second values. Valid values are a colon (:), a period (.), a comma (,), and a blank (). Single quotation marks must enclose the parameter.

If you specify the *ISO, *USA, *EUR, or *JIS time-format value for the TIMFMT keyword, you can not specify the TIMSEP keyword. These formats have fixed separators.

If you do not specify the TIMSEP keyword and you specify TIMFMT as a format that does not have a fixed date separator, the TIMSEP defaults to *JOB.

If you specify *JOB or if TIMSEP defaults to *JOB, the high level language and the application handle the separator as a colon (:). On output the system converts the separator that was specified by the Time Separator Job Definition Attribute. On input, the system converts the separator to a colon (:) before it passes control to the application.

The TIMSEP keyword overrides the job attribute for a time field. It does not change the system default.

It is the responsibility of the high-level language and the application to format the time field according to the format specified for the TIMFMT keyword and use the separators specified for the TIMSEP keyword. The system does not format fields on output. The system validates the time field on input according to the format that the TIMFMT keyword specifies and the separator that the TIMSEP keyword specifies.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword, although option indicators can condition the field for which it is specified.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the TIMSEP keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A
00020A          R RECORD
00030A          TIMFLD1          T          TIMFMT(*HMS) TIMSEP(' ')
00040A          TIMFLD2          T          TIMFMT(*HMS) TIMSEP('.')
00050A          TIMFLD3          T          TIMFMT(*HMS) TIMSEP(*JOB)
```

If you want to display 2 o'clock p.m. and the time separator defined by the Job Definition Attribute is a colon (:), the following values is displayed when RECORD1 is written.

```
TIMFLD1    14 00 00
TIMFLD2    14.00.00
TIMFLD3    14:00:00
```

TRNSPY (Transparency) keyword in printer files

This field-level keyword prevents code points that you have redefined (using the DFNCHR keyword) from being interpreted as SCS printer control commands when your program sends an output operation that prints the field that you are defining.

This keyword has no parameters.

If you do not specify the TRNSPY keyword for a field in which your program passes hexadecimal data to an SCS printer, code points can be interpreted as SCS commands that affect printer operation. A code point is one of the 256 values that you can assign to a character in a character set. On the IBM i operating system, a code point is identified by a 2-digit hexadecimal number.

You must specify the TRNSPY keyword when you specify:

- The CVTDTA keyword in a printer file created with DEVTYPE(*SCS)
- A hexadecimal value (with or without the DFT keyword explicitly specified)

In a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS), you need not specify the TRNSPY keyword with the CVTDTA keyword. However, a warning message appears stating that the DEVTYPE should not be changed to *SCS.

If you specify TRNSPY in a file created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), a warning message appears at creation time.

The TRNSPY keyword is valid only when the data type is character.

When you specify the TRNSPY keyword with the CVTDTA keyword, your program can place character data in the field and the IBM i operating system converts it to hexadecimal data when the field is passed to the printer. Each pair of hexadecimal digits corresponds to a code point in the character set of your system. Using the DFNCHR keyword, you can define characters of your own design for the 5224 Printer or 5225

Printer. Also, the printed length of the field is one half the length you specify. Therefore, the length of the field must be an even number.

If you specify the TRNSPY keyword without the CVTDTA keyword, the field length you specify is the printed length.

This keyword is supported only for the 5224 Printer and 5225 Printer.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Examples

The following examples show how to specify the TRNSPY keyword.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the TRNSPY keyword with the CVTDTA keyword. When your program passes character data in a field, the IBM i operation system converts it to hexadecimal data.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RECORD          SPACEB(1)
00020A      FLD1             10      1TRNSPY CVTDTA
00030A      FLD2             20      6TRNSPY CVTDTA
  A

```

The program can pass character data in FLD1 and FLD2. The IBM i operating system converts it to hexadecimal data for the printer. Only the characters 0 through 9 and A through F are valid. Blanks are not valid.

The printed length of FLD1 and FLD2 is one half the specified length (FLD1 is 5 positions long; FLD2 is 10 positions long).

You must also specify the DFNCHR keyword with this DDS in order to print user-defined characters.

The following is how RECORD prints when the contents of FLD1 are 'C1C1C1C1C1' and the contents of FLD2 are 'C2C2C2C2C2C2C2C2C2C2':

```
AAAAABBBBBBBBBB
```

Example 2

The following example shows how to specify the TRNSPY keyword without the CVTDTA keyword. In this example, your program must pass hexadecimal data in the field.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A      R RECORD2        SPACEB(1)
00020A      FLD3             5      1TRNSPY
00030A      FLD4             10     6TRNSPY
  A

```

The program must pass hexadecimal data in FLD3 and FLD4. Only hexadecimal characters 0 through 9 and A through F are valid. Blanks are not valid. Without the CVTDTA keyword, the printed length of both fields is the specified length.

Related concepts

[CVTDTA \(Convert Data\) keyword in printer files](#)

This field-level keyword converts character data to hexadecimal data when the field is passed to the printer.

TXTRTT (Text Rotation) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to rotate any text contained in the field.

The format of the keyword is:

```
TXTRTT(field-rotation)
```

The field-rotation parameter is required and controls the rotation of the field. Valid values are 0, 90, 180, and 270 degrees.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when TXTRTT is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

CHRSIZ is handled as graphic font and cannot be used with the field-level keyword TXTRTT.

Example 1

The following example shows how to specify the TXTRTT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1
A      FLD05      10      35 15TXTRTT(90)
A*
A      R REC2
A      FLD06      7S 2      TXTRTT(270)
A      POSITION(6.5 13.8)
A
```

FLD05 in REC1 is rotated 90 degrees.

FLD06 in REC2 is rotated 270 degrees.

Example 2

The following example shows how to specify the TXTRTT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
*
      R REC1
      FLD05      16      3 5TXTRTT(0)
*
      R REC2
      FLD06      16      TXTRTT(270)
      POSITION(6 7)
```

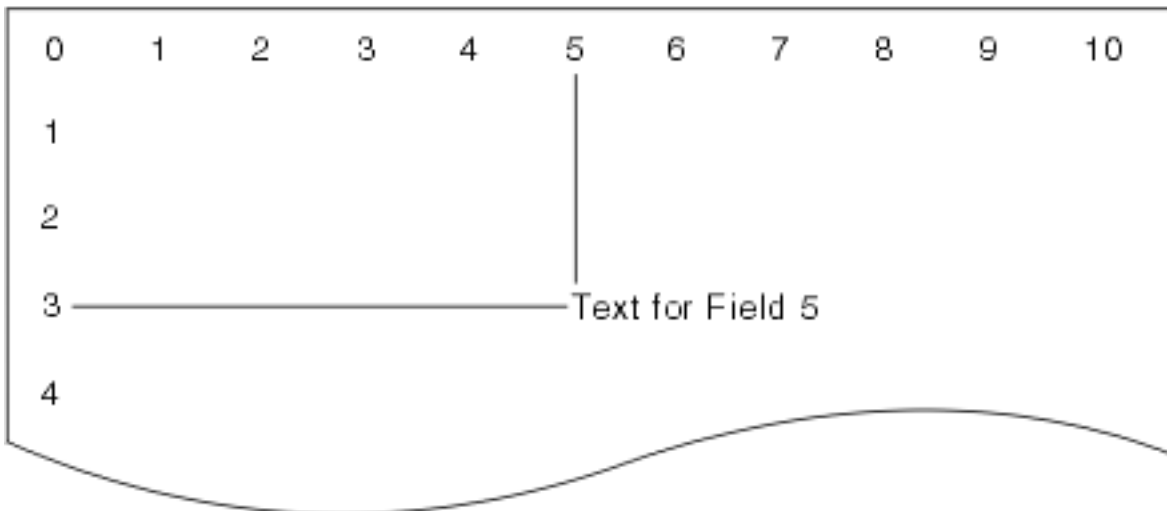
Record 1 (REC1) field 5 (FLD05), shows the coding using the row/column method of positioning. Record 2 (REC2) field 6 (FLD06), shows the coding using the absolute method of positioning.

The following diagram shows:

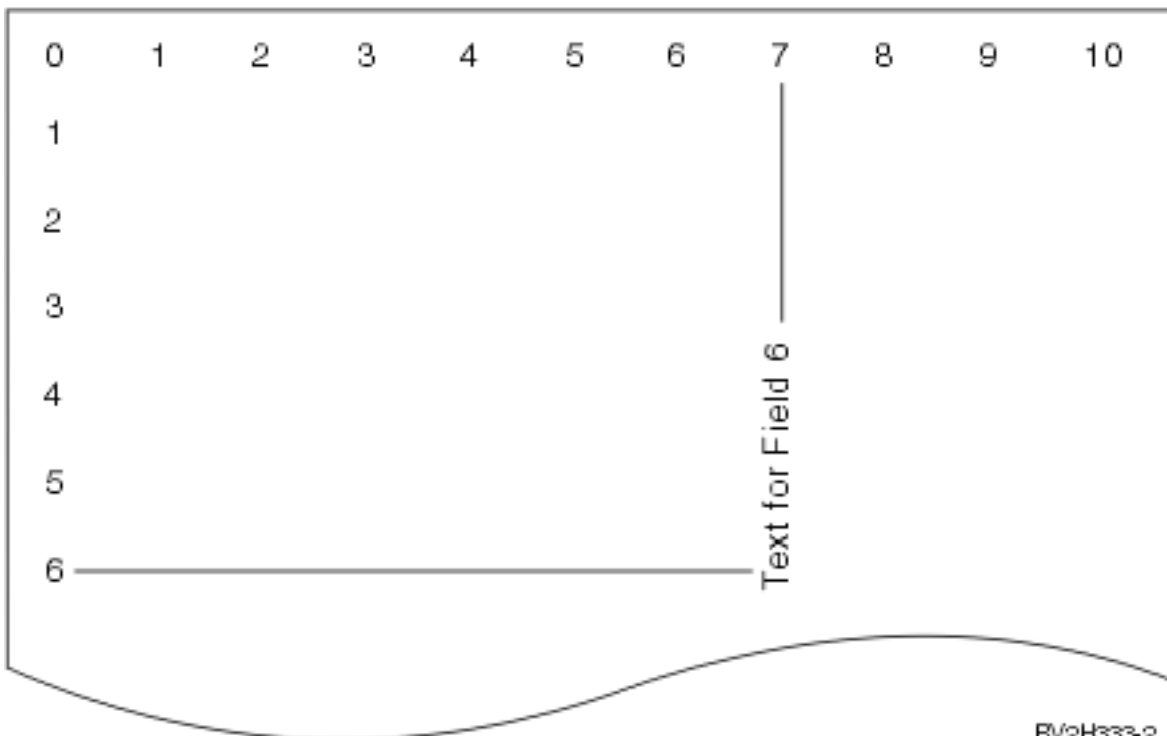
- The position of FLD05 in REC1 with the row/column method of positioning. Rotation is 0 degrees.
- The position of FLD06 in REC2 with the absolute method of positioning. Rotation is 270 degrees.

Scale and position should not be considered in this diagram.

Row/Column Method of Positioning



Absolute Positioning Method



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Text for field 5 begins in column 5 and extends along row 3. Text for field 6 begins in row 6 and extends upward along column 7.

UNDERLINE (Underline) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to specify that the IBM i operating system underlines the field when it is printed.

Specify UNDERLINE only if the printer supports underlining.

This keyword has no parameters.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the UNDERLINE keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00100A      ALLOC      R      17 11
00101A  03 04      UNDERLINE
      A
```

UNISCRIP (Unicode Text Layout) keyword in printer files

You use this field-level keyword to control the selection of text marked for complex script processing.

The keyword has two possible formats:

```
UNISCRIP
```

All of the parameters for the UNISCRIP keyword have defaults. When the keyword is provided without parameters, the default for each parameter value is used.

You can also use the keyword with one or more optional parameters. The parameters can be provided in any order.

```
UNISCRIP([*PRECHK]  [*NORMALIZE]
          [( *ICULOC 'locale_constant_string' | *NONE | &iculocale_field_name)]
          [( *PARDIR *RL | *LR | *PREV | *CALC | &paragraph_dir_field)]
          [( *ALTIPOS position_value | &alternate_inline_position_field])
```

If a parameter is not provided, the default for that parameter value is used.

Use the `precheck_data` parameter, `*PRECHK`, to request that the data be tested at print time to determine whether complex layout techniques are needed. When this optional parameter is specified, the data is first analyzed to determine whether complex text layout is required to properly present the string. If complex layout is not required, the Unicode data is not marked and is processed with traditional text-layout techniques. As such, any subsequent UNISCRIP parameters are ignored for this field. If complex layout is required or this parameter is omitted, the data is marked for complex text layout. You must have installed IBM i Option 39—International Components for Unicode (ICU)—to perform this preprocessing.

Use the `icu_locale` parameter, `*ICULOC`, to specify a locale to guide the application of the text layout functions. Most applications can determine the correct layout for the text using the Unicode code points alone. However, a small number of TrueType fonts provide substitute glyphs for specific languages, countries, or regions. For example, if a single font contains both Chinese and Japanese glyphs, a locale will be needed to access the correct character variant. The specification of an ICU locale is not recommended unless the font is known to contain such variants and the print application is limited to that language or region.

The parameter is an expression of the form `(*ICULOC value)`. The allowed values are:

- `*NONE`. No locale name is associated with the field data. This is the default.

The default locale of the presentation system is used to guide the text layout of the data.

- `locale_constant_string` is a quoted string from 2 to 96 bytes long.

The locale name must adhere to the convention used by the ICU functions used by the presentation system. In general, an ICU locale consists of one, two, or three ordered codes separated by an underscore. The first is a two- or three-letter lowercase language code from the ISO-639 standard. The locale can be further qualified by a two- or three-letter uppercase region code from the ISO-3166 standard. For each of these codes, the two-character value is used if one is defined. The third qualifier, the variant code, is an arbitrary string that is application specific.

Because the quoted string value can contain lowercase characters, its encoding must be considered in order to be correctly interpreted. If the user provides a constant string as input, the DDS compiler verifies that the source member is tagged with a (non-`*HEX`) CCSID.

The locale name can be provided in a program-to-system field. The field must be found in the same record format as the UNISCRIP keyword, and have a data type of A (character) with a length of from 2 to 96.

When the host print transform function is used to print the document, the locale name specified must be one of those provided with ICU in IBM i Option 39. If the specified locale is not found, a substitute locale is found based on the class hierarchy for defined locales.

Use the paragraph_direction parameter, *PARDIR, to specify how the overriding paragraph direction is determined. This value is used as input when the bidirectional algorithm is applied to the data. It will also be used to determine whether to place the text at the current or alternate inline position, if an alternate position is specified. This parameter can be specified as a special value or as a program-to-system field.

The parameter is an expression of the form (*PARDIR value). The supported special values and their definitions are listed as follows:

- *CALC. The paragraph direction is determined by the complex text run based on the first strong directional character that is encountered. If no such characters are found in the string, the default paragraph direction of left-to-right is used. This is the default value.
- *RL. The paragraph direction is set to right-to-left.
- *LR. The paragraph direction is set to left-to-right.
- *PREV. The paragraph direction is determined by the previous complex text run. If the field is the first complex text run for the page, the paragraph direction is determined by the text data based on the first strong directional character that is encountered. If no such characters are found in the string, the default paragraph direction of left-to-right is used.

If the parameter value is a program-to-system field, the field must be found in the same record format as the UNISCRIP keyword and have a data type of A (character) with a length of 5.

Use the alternate-inline-position parameter, *ALTIPOS, to specify an alternate position on the current line to be used in place of the current inline (across) position for text runs of different paragraph directions. This allows fields with a right-to-left paragraph direction to be right-aligned and those with a left-to-right paragraph direction to be left-aligned. The determination of which position is used as the starting point for a given paragraph direction is based on the relationship between the current inline direction and the paragraph direction. See the following examples for a discussion of how this parameter is used.

The alternate-inline-position value is applied relative to the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command. Valid values are 0 to 57.790 cm (0 to 22.750 in). The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the alternate-inline-position parameter value. If the value specified is outside the valid range, it is flagged when the spooled file is created.

The parameter is an expression of the form (*ALTIPOS value). The value can be provided in a program-to-system field. The field must be found in the same record format as the UNISCRIP keyword, and have a data type of S (numeric) with a length of 5, and 3 decimal positions. If the alternate-inline-position parameter is not provided, no additional positioning action is done; this is the default.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when UNISCRIP is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

When the UNISCRIP keyword is used on a field, the following considerations also apply. The field must have a G data type and it must use the CCSID keyword with a UCS-2 or UTF-16 CCSID and the *NOCONVERT parameter. Because the keyword offers no benefit unless a TrueType font is also applied to the data, the FONTNAME keyword (without code page parameters) is also required.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Examples

In the following examples, case is used to indicate different implicit character types for those unfamiliar with right-to-left letters. Uppercase letters stand for right-to-left characters (such as Arabic or Hebrew),

and lowercase letters stand for left-to-right characters (such as English or Russian). In storage, Unicode characters are stored in logical order. For these examples, consider the following text string: "TEXT text".

If *RL or *CALC is specified for the paragraph direction parameter, this string is rendered in the following way:

```
text TXET
```

If *LR is specified, it is rendered as:

```
TXET text
```

When alternate-inline-position is omitted, the field will be placed at the normal position and laid out in the current inline direction, regardless of the specified or calculated paragraph direction. By default, *AFPDS printer files use a left-to-right (L-to-R) inline direction. A right-to-left (R-to-L) inline direction can be achieved by specifying a value of 180 degrees for the *ROTATION parameter of the FONTNAME keyword and for the TXTRTT keyword. Assuming that the current inline position is P1 and the paragraph direction is R-to-L, then:

- If the inline direction is L-to-R, the string is rendered as

```
(P1)text TXET
```

- If the inline direction is R-to-L, the string is rendered as

```
text TXET(P1)
```

The alternate-inline-position parameter allows applications to position L-to-R and R-to-L text correctly without having to change the inline direction. It is used in the following way:

- If the inline direction is L-to-R (0 degree character rotation), the alternate_inline_position (P2) is used for a field with a R-to-L paragraph direction. The normal inline position (P1) is used if the paragraph direction is L-to-R.
- If the inline direction is R-to-L (180 degree character rotation), the alternate inline position (P2) is used for paragraphs with a L-to-R direction. The normal inline position (P1) is used if the paragraph direction is R-to-L.

When an alternate-inline-position (P2) is specified, our example string is positioned in the following manner:

- If the current inline direction is L-to-R and the paragraph direction is R-to-L, the string is rendered as

```
(P1)                text TXET(P2)
```

- If the current inline direction is L-to-R and the paragraph direction is L-to-R, the string is rendered as

```
(P1)TXET text                (P2)
```

- If the current inline direction is R-to-L and the paragraph direction is L-to-R, the string is rendered as

```
(P1)                (P2)TXET text
```

- If the current inline direction is R-to-L and the paragraph direction is R-to-L, the string is rendered as

```
text TXET(P1)                (P2)
```

If alternate positions are used throughout a document to produce a significantly different report layout for R-to-L scripts, it is very important that all fields are interpreted with the same paragraph direction. The special value of *PREV is provided for the *PARDIR parameter for this purpose. A program-to-system field can also be used to achieve this goal.

Note that Unicode bidirectional processing is not supported for either of the vertical inline directions represented by character rotation values of 90 and 270 degrees, and the alternate-inline-position is ignored.

The following example shows how to specify the UNISCRIP T keyword.

Note: By using the code examples, you agree to the terms of the [“Code license and disclaimer information”](#) on page 148.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC1
A      F1          10G    3  8UNISCRIP T
A      CCSID(13488 *NOCONVERT)
A      FONTNAME('Monotype Sans WT' +
A      (*POINTSIZ E 10.0))
A*
A      R REC2
A      CCSID(1200 *NOCONVERT)
A      FONTNAME('Monotype Sans WT' +
A      (*POINTSIZ E 10.0))
A      F2          10G    4  8UNISCRIP T(*NORMALIZ E +
A      (*ICULOC 'zh_HK') +
A      (*PARDIR *RL) +
A      (*ALTIPOS 5.77))
A      F3          10G    5  8UNISCRIP T(*PRECHK +
A      (*ICULOC &ICULOC) +
A      (*PARDIR &PARDIR) +
A      (*ALTIPOS &ALTIPOS))
A      ICULOC      20A  P
A      PARDIR      5A  P
A      ALTIPOS     5S  3P
A

```

Note: The UOM parameter on the CRTPRTF command determines the units of measure for the parameter value of the alternate-inline-position parameter.

Field F1 in record REC1 uses the default values of the UNISCRIP T keyword. The text in F1 is not pre-checked to determine whether complex text layout is required. The data in the field will not be normalized by the presentation device. The ICU locale name is provided by the presentation system. The paragraph direction is determined by the first strong directional character that is found in the text in F1. The alternate-inline-position parameter is not provided, so no additional positioning processing is done. The CCSID keyword with a UCS-2 or UTF-16 CCSID and the *NOCONVERT parameter is required. The FONTNAME keyword is also required.

Record REC2 uses the CCSID and FONTNAME keywords at the record level. These keywords are applied to each G data type field in the format. The result is that any G field with the UNISCRIP T keyword will also have the required CCSID and FONTNAME keywords.

Field F2 in REC2 uses the UNISCRIP T keyword with all the parameter values provided. The text will be normalized by the presentation device. The ICU locale for Hong Kong S.A.R. of PRC is requested. The paragraph direction is set to right-to-left. The text is positioned at 5.77 units across from the margins specified on the FRONTMGN or BACKMGN parameter on the CRTPRTF command.

Field F3 in REC2 provides some of the values for the UNISCRIP T parameters in program-to-system fields. Note that *PRECHK and *NORMALIZ E do not support a program-to-system field parameter. Because the *NORMALIZ E parameter is omitted in this example, the text is not normalized by the presentation device (the default). Because the *PRECHK parameter is specified, the text in the field is prechecked for complex text.

Related reference

[System-supplied locales and recommended CCSIDs](#)

Related information

[Unicode Normalization Forms](#)

[IBM Globalization - ICU](#)

ZFOLD (Z-fold) keyword in printer files

You use this record-level keyword to specify that a z-fold operation is performed on the current sheet.

The z-fold operation causes the current sheet to be first folded in half inwards (so the front side of the sheet is now inside the fold) along a line parallel to the reference edge. The half of the sheet furthest from the reference edge is again folded in half outwards along a line parallel to the reference edge. For example, when applied to an 11 x 17 in. sheet with the reference edge along a short side, the result is an 8.5 x 11 in. foldout.

This finishing operation is applied to each medium, or sheet.

The format of the keyword is:

```
ZFOLD(reference-edge paper-type)
```

The reference-edge and paper-type parameters are required.

You can specify the following values for these two parameters:

- **reference-edge:**

- ***BOT**

The reference edge is the bottom edge of the media.

- ***RIGHT**

The reference edge is the right edge of the media.

- ***TOP**

The reference edge is the top edge of the media.

- ***LEFT**

The reference edge is the left edge of the media.

- ***DEVD**

The reference edge is the default reference edge used by the device.

- **paper-type:**

- ***LEDGER**

The paper to be used is ledger-sized (11 x 17 in.).

- ***A3**

The paper to be used is A3-sized (297 mm x 420 mm).

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when ZFOLD is specified in the file. If DEVTYPE is changed to anything other than *AFPDS, the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued at print time.

If ZFOLD is specified for a printer that does not support z-fold operations, the value specified for FIDELITY in the printer file controls whether the file prints.

ZFOLD is ignored at run time if it is not specified on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary when no named or constant fields are processed for a page. After a named or constant field is processed, the printer is no longer on a page boundary. The printer is on a page boundary again when a SKIP, SPACE, or ENDPAGE keyword is processed that causes the printer to move to a new page.

ZFOLD, SKIP, and SPACE keywords are processed in the following order:

```
SKIPB  
SPACEB  
ZFOLD  
SPACEA  
SKIPA
```

ZFOLD is in effect only for the record format specified. For the record format in which ZFOLD is specified, the page size is changed to the size of the paper-type specified for ZFOLD: ledger or A3. After records with the specified record format are processed, the page size for the next record format (if the ZFOLD keyword is not specified) is the page size specified at the file level (CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command).

ZFOLD is in effect for just a single sheet. If consecutive sheets are to have a z-fold operation applied, then ZFOLD must be specified for each sheet. Printers can support a varying maximum number of sheets number of sheets per spooled file that have had a z-fold operation applied to them. Check your printer's hardware reference for this information.

The reference edges supported by a printer vary. Check your printer's hardware reference for this information.

Example

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
  A*
  A      R REC1                      ZFOLD(*DEV D *LEDGER)
  A*
```

When REC1 is printed, it is z-folded by the printer's post processor.

Only one ZFOLD keyword for each record format is valid at any time. Even with option indicators, specifying more than one ZFOLD keyword per record format is not valid.

The overflow line number is recomputed if you specify ZFOLD, because the page size is either ledger or A3. The new overflow line number maintains the distance between the overflow line and the bottom of the page as specified in the printer file. The overflow number specified in the printer file will be restored when processing is complete for ZFOLD. So if the file level specifies an overflow line which is 1" from the bottom of the page, the overflow line for a page on which ZFOLD is specified is also 1" from the bottom of the page.

Refer to your printer's documentation for additional information about the z-fold operation.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Note: Use of this DDS keyword causes an IBM i spooled file to be generated so that it is not correctly printed when sending the spooled file to MVS. The spooled file does not print and is held on the output queue by PSF/MVS.

CODE128 character set in DDS

This table lists the range of characters available in the CODE128 bar code-character set.

Table 7. CODE128 character set (EBCDIC)

| Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| NUL | 00 | . | 4B | i | 89 | I | C9 |
| SOH | 01 | < | 4C | FNC 1 | 8F | } | D0 |
| STX | 02 | (| 4D | j | 91 | J | D1 |
| ETX | 03 | + | 4E | k | 92 | K | D2 |
| HT | 05 | Solid vertical bar, or pipe | 4F | l | 93 | L | D3 |
| VT | 0B | & | 50 | m | 94 | M | D4 |
| FF | 0C | ! | 5A | n | 95 | N | D5 |
| CR | 0D | \$ | 5B | o | 96 | O | D6 |
| SO | 0E | * | 5C | p | 97 | P | D7 |
| SI | 0F |) | 5D | q | 98 | Q | D8 |

Table 7. CODE128 character set (EBCDIC) (continued)

| Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal | Character | Hexadecimal |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| DLE | 10 | ; | 5E | r | 99 | R | D9 |
| DC1 | 11 | - | 60 | ~ | A1 | \ | E0 |
| DC2 | 12 | / | 61 | s | A2 | S | E2 |
| DC3 | 13 | , | 6B | t | A3 | T | E3 |
| BS | 16 | % | 6C | u | A4 | U | E4 |
| CAN | 18 | _ | 6D | v | A5 | V | E5 |
| EM | 19 | > | 6E | w | A6 | W | E6 |
| GS | 1D | ? | 6F | x | A7 | X | E7 |
| RS | 1E | ` | 79 | y | A8 | Y | E8 |
| US | 1F | : | 7A | z | A9 | Z | E9 |
| FS | 22 | # | 7B | ¬ | B0 | FNC 2 | EA |
| LF | 25 | @ | 7C | ¢ | BA | 0 | F0 |
| ETB | 26 | ' | 7D | | BB | 1 | F1 |
| ESC | 27 | = | 7E | FNC 4 | BE | 2 | F2 |
| ENQ | 2D | " | 7F | | C0 | 3 | F3 |
| ACK | 2E | a | 81 | A | C1 | 4 | F4 |
| BEL | 2F | b | 82 | B | C2 | 5 | F5 |
| SYN | 32 | c | 83 | C | C3 | 6 | F6 |
| EOT | 37 | d | 84 | D | C4 | 7 | F7 |
| DC4 | 3C | e | 85 | E | C5 | 8 | F8 |
| NAK | 3D | f | 86 | F | C6 | 9 | F9 |
| SUB | 3F | g | 87 | G | C7 | FNC 3 | FA |
| SP | 40 | h | 88 | H | C8 | DEL | FF |

Unicode considerations for printer files

Be aware of these Unicode considerations for positional entries and keyword entries for printer files.

Unicode is a universal encoding scheme for written characters and text, which enables the exchange of data internationally. A Unicode field can contain all types of characters used on the IBM i operating system, including ideographic (DBCS) characters. In this topic, the term *code unit* means the minimal bit combination that can represent a unit of encoded text for processing or interchange.

DDS printer files support two transformation formats (encoding forms) of Unicode:

- **UTF-16** is a 16-bit encoding form designed to provide code values for over a million characters and a superset of UCS-2. UTF-16 data is stored in graphic data types. The CCSID value for data in UTF-16 format is 1200.

A UTF-16 code unit is 2 bytes in length. A UTF-16 character can be 1 or 2 code units (2 or 4 bytes) in length. A UTF-16 data string can contain any character, including UTF-16 surrogates and combining characters.

- **UCS-2** is the Universal Character Set coded in 2 octets, which means that characters are represented in 16 bits per character. UCS-2 data is stored in graphic data types. The CCSID value for data in UCS-2 format is 13488.

UCS-2 is a subset of UTF-16 and can no longer support all of the characters defined by Unicode. UCS-2 is identical to UTF-16 except that UTF-16 also supports combining characters and surrogates. If you do not need combining characters and surrogates, you might choose to use UCS-2.

Positional entry considerations for printer files that use UTF-16 data

These are Unicode considerations for length, data type, and decimal positions for printer files.

Positions that are not mentioned have no special considerations for UTF-16. UTF-16 also implies UCS-2.

Length (positions 30 through 34)

Specify the length of the field in these positions. The length of a field containing UTF-16 data can range from 1 through 16 383 code units. When determining the program length of a field containing UTF-16 data, consider the following conditions:

- Each UTF-16 code unit is 2 bytes long.
- Specify the program length of the field as the number of UTF-16 code units (count surrogate pairs as two code units). For example, a field containing 3 UTF-16 code units has 6 bytes of data.
- The field's default print length is equal to the field's program length, or 2 times the number of UTF-16 code units.
- After converting between UTF-16 data and EBCDIC, the resulting data might be equal to, longer than or shorter than the original length data. This depends on the target CCSID specified on the CHRID parameter of the printer file. For example, 1 UTF-16 code unit consists of 2 bytes of data. That code unit might convert to 1 SBCS character composed of 1 byte of data, 1 graphic-DBCS character composed of 2 bytes of data, or 1 bracketed DBCS character composed of 4 bytes of data.
- You can use the alternate-field-length parm on the CCSID keyword to specify the field's print length separately from the program length.

Data type (position 35)

The only valid data type for UTF-16 data is the G data type.

G (Graphic)

Type G in combination with the CCSID keyword to specify that this field contains UTF-16 data.

Normally, the field contains graphic-DBCS data if you specified G. In combination with the CCSID keyword, however, the field now contains UTF-16 data.

Decimal positions (positions 36 and 37)

Leave these positions blank when using UTF-16 data.

Keyword considerations for printer files that use UTF-16 data (positions 45 through 80)

The CCSID keyword for printer files specifies that a G-type field supports UTF-16 data instead of DBCS-graphical data.

You can specify the CCSID keyword with all keywords that a G-type field currently allows. In addition, you can use the FNTCHRSET keyword on a G-type field when you also use the CCSID keyword.

CCSID (Coded Character Set Identifier) keyword

You use this file-, record-, or field-level keyword to specify that a G-type field supports UTF-16 data instead of DBCS-graphical data. Each UTF-16 code unit (which includes UCS-2 characters) is 2 bytes long.

The format of the keyword is:

```
CCSID(UTF16-CCSID | &UTF16-CCSID-field | *REFC  
[*CONVERT | *NOCONVERT]  
[alternate-field-length])
```

The UTF16-CCSID parameter is required. Use the UTF16-CCSID parameter to specify a CCSID (coded character set identifier) that uses the UTF-16 encoding scheme for this field. You can specify the UTF16-CCSID parameter either as a number up to 5 digits long or as a program-to-system field. You must define the program-to-system field with a length of 5 and with the S data type.

You can specify a special value of *REFC instead of a UTF16-CCSID value. It is only valid on reference fields, and you must code the referenced field with a CCSID keyword that specifies a UTF16-CCSID value. Normally, the printer file CCSID keyword overrides any CCSID keyword attributes taken from the referenced field. If you specify *REFC, the UTF16-CCSID value comes from the referenced field.

The *CONVERT parameter is optional and specifies whether the UTF-16 data is converted to a target CCSID specified on the CHRID parameter of the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF commands. *CONVERT is the default. If you specify the CCSID keyword with *NOCONVERT, the UTF-16 data is not converted to the target CCSID.

If *NOCONVERT is active for a printer file whose DEVTYPE is *AFPDS, the application must also use either a TrueType font or one of the AFP Unicode migration fonts. If you do not specify either a TrueType font or one of the AFP Unicode migration fonts, the output will be interpreted as single-byte data and will probably be unprintable.

If *NOCONVERT is active for a printer file whose DEVTYPE is *LINE or *AFPDSLIN, the application must also use one of the AFP Unicode migration fonts. If you do not specify an AFP Unicode migration font, the output will be interpreted as single-byte data and will probably be unprintable.

If *NOCONVERT is active and the file DEVTYPE is *AFPDS, specify a TrueType font with the FONTNAME keyword, or specify an AFP Unicode migration font character set and code page with the FNTCHRSET keyword. If the file DEVTYPE is *LINE or *AFPDSLIN, specify the AFP Unicode migration font character set and code page in the page definition for the printer file.

If *NOCONVERT is specified for a printer file whose DEVTYPE is *SCS, a diagnostic message is issued when the printer file is used, and the UTF-16 data is converted to the target CCSID.

The alternate-field-length parameter is optional and is valid only when you specify the CCSID keyword at the field level and the *CONVERT parameter is active. Specify the alternate-field-length as the number of UTF-16 code units.

When UTF-16 data is involved in an output operation and the *CONVERT parameter is active, the data is converted from the associated UTF-16 CCSID to the target CCSID. Generally, the length of the data will change when this conversion occurs. Therefore, you can use the alternate-field-length value to specify a printed field length that is different from the default printed field length. The default printed field length of a 'G' data type field is twice the number of characters that are specified for the field length.

The alternate-field-length value can help avoid truncation of field data when the data length will be longer after conversion than the default printed field length. The alternate-field-length value can also help increase the available line space by limiting the printed field length when the data length will be shorter after conversion. The field length will still be used to define the field's output buffer length.

For example, a printer file contains the following information:

```
FLD1      10G      2  2  CCSID(X Y)
```


- X is the UTF-16 CCSID associated with the field data. Y is the alternate-field-length of this field. If you did not specify Y, then the default printed field length of FLD1 is 20 printed positions (twice the number of UTF-16 code units specified on the field length).
- If you know that the UTF-16 data is constructed from single byte data, you can specify the alternate-field-length, Y, as 5 UTF-16 code units; FLD1 has a printed field length of 10 printed positions (twice the number of UTF-16 code units specified on the alternate-field-length).
- If you know that the UTF-16 data is constructed from double-byte data, you can specify the alternate-field-length, Y, as 11 UTF-16 code units; FLD1 has a printed field length of 22 printed positions (twice the number of UTF-16 code units specified on the alternate-field-length). This allows space for the shift-out and shift-in characters.

If you specify the CCSID keyword at the field-level and either the record- or the file-level, the field-level keyword takes precedence. If the you specify the CCSID keyword at the file- or record-level and no G-type fields exist, then the keyword is ignored.

On output, field data that is longer than the specified field length is truncated.

The CCSID keyword is not valid for files whose DEVTYPE is *IPDS.

You can specify the CCSID keyword with all keywords that are currently allowed on a G-type field.

Option indicators are not valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the CCSID keyword.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A                                CCSID(13488)
00010A      R RECORD1
00020A      FIELD1      30G
00030A      FIELD2      10G      CCSID(1200 *CONVERT 6)
00010A      R RECORD2      CCSID(1200 *NOCONVERT)
00020A      FIELD3      20G
A

```

FIELD1 is assigned a CCSID value of 13488. FIELD2 is assigned a CCSID value of 1200 and has a field length of 6 UTF-16 code units (12 SBCS characters). FIELD3 is assigned a CCSID value of 1200, and the data is not converted during an output operation.

DBCS considerations for printer files

Be aware of these double-byte character set (DBCS) considerations for DDS printer files.

These functions are supported on both DBCS and non-DBCS systems.

Related concepts

[General considerations for using DBCS text with DDS files](#)

Positional entry considerations for printer files that use DBCS

These are double-byte character set (DBCS) considerations for the length, data type, and decimal positional entries on printer files.

The positions that are not mentioned have no special considerations for DBCS.

Length (positions 30 through 34)

The length of a field containing bracketed-DBCS data can range from 4 through 32 767 bytes. The length of a DBCS-graphic field can range from 1 through 16 383 characters. However, because a field cannot span a printed page, the maximum length of a field might not reach the maximum size.

When determining the length of a DBCS field, consider the following information:

- Each DBCS character is 2 bytes long.
- For DBCS-graphic fields, the length of the field is specified in number of DBCS characters.
- Include both shift-control characters in the length of the field for fields with a data type of O. Together, these characters are 2 bytes long.

For example, a bracketed-DBCS field that contains up to 3 DBCS characters, 1 shift-in character and 1 shift-out character, has 8 bytes of data:

```
(3 characters x 2 bytes) + (shift-out + shift-in) = 8
```

A DBCS-graphic field that contains up to 3 DBCS characters has 6 bytes of data:

```
(3 characters x 2 bytes) = 6
```

Data type or keyboard shift (position 35)

You must type an O in this position to make a field a DBCS-open field.

You can use DBCS and alphanumeric data in the same field. Use shift-control characters to distinguish DBCS from alphanumeric data.

Type a G in this position to make a field a DBCS-graphic field.

Related reference

[Data type for printer files \(position 35\)](#)

You can use this position to specify the data type associated with a field.

Decimal positions (positions 36 and 37)

Leave these positions blank when using double-byte character set (DBCS) data.

Keyword considerations for printer files that use DBCS

You cannot use these keywords with double-byte character set (DBCS) data fields (the data type specified in position 35 is O or G).

| | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| BARCODE | DATSEP | HIGHLIGHT |
| BLKFOLD | DFT | MSGCON |
| CDEFNT | DLTEDT | PAGNBR |
| CHRID | EDTCDE | TIME |
| COLOR | EDTWRD | TIMFMT |
| CPI | FLTFIXDEC | TIMSEP |
| CVTDTA | FLTPCN | TRNSPY |
| DATE | FNTCHRSET | |
| DATFMT | FONT | |

Do not use the IGCALTTYP and IGCANKCNV keywords on DBCS-graphic data fields (G specified in position 35).

CHRSIZ (Character Size) keyword

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to expand the printed characters to twice their normal width, their normal height, or their normal size (width and height).

Before expanding the characters, the system performs any formatting operations specified, such as those specified with the DDS keywords EDTCDE and EDTWRD.

The format of this keyword is:

```
CHRSIZ(width [height])
```

The valid values for the width and height parameters are 1 and 2. The width parameter is required; the height parameter is optional. If height is not specified, it defaults to 1.

This format is valid only on the 5553 printer.

Consider the following conditions when using CHRSIZ(width [height]):

- It can be used for both DBCS and alphanumeric data.
- It can be specified with the IGCCHRRTT keyword. The characters are first rotated, then expanded.
- It cannot be specified on a record or on a field in a record if that record also contains COLOR, BARCODE, or LPI.
- It expands characters in alphanumeric fields specified with the keyword IGCANKCNV. Characters in other alphanumeric fields are not expanded.
- If you specify CHRSIZ(1) at the field level, data will be printed in its normal width even when CHRSIZ(2) is specified for the record.
- Option indicators are not allowed with this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the CHRSIZ keyword on the DDS coding form.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A*
00020A*
00030A      R RECORD1          CHRSIZ(2 1)
00040A      FIELD1           230    20SPACEA(2)
00050A      FIELD2           80A    20SPACEA(2) CHRSIZ(1 1)
00060A      FIELD3           410    20SPACEA(2)
00070A      FIELD4           450    20SPACEA(2) CHRSIZ(1 2)
00080A      FIELD5           40A    20SPACEA(2) CHRSIZ(1)
00090A      FIELD6           25A    20SPACEA(2) CHRSIZ(2 2)
  A

```

In the example, the DBCS characters in FIELD1 and FIELD3 expand to twice their normal width when printed. The DBCS characters in FIELD2 and FIELD5 are in their normal size when printed. The DBCS characters in FIELD4 expand to twice their normal height when printed. The DBCS characters in FIELD6 expand to twice their normal size (width and height) when printed.

Related concepts

[CHRSIZ \(Character Size\) keyword in printer files](#)

You use this record-level or field-level keyword to expand the width and height of a record or field. The CHRSIZ keyword is valid only for Intelligent Printer Data Stream (IPDS) printers and only for printer files with device type *IPDS or *AFPDS specified.

DFNLIN (Define Line) keyword

You use this record-level keyword to draw a horizontal or a vertical line.

A horizontal line is drawn at the bottom of the character spaces from left to right. A vertical line is drawn on the right edge of the character spaces from top to bottom.

The format of this keyword is:

```
DFNLIN(direction start_line start_position length)
```

The direction parameter specifies whether the defined line is horizontal or vertical. The value specified must be one of the following ones:

- *VRT
- *HRZ

The start line parameter specifies the line number, from the top of the page, where the defined line starts. The possible values are 1 through 255, but the value specified must not exceed the page length value specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command.

The start position parameter specifies the position number, from the left margin of the page, where the defined line starts. The possible values are 1 through 378, but the value specified should not exceed the page width value specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.

The length parameter specifies the length in number of lines when the defined line is vertical or in number of characters when the defined line is horizontal.

The length specified must be greater than zero. For a vertical line, the sum of the length and the value of the start line parameter cannot exceed 255. Although 255 is the maximum value of this sum, valid values must not exceed the page length specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.

For a horizontal line, the sum of the length and the value of the start position parameter cannot exceed 378. Although 378 is the maximum value of this sum, valid values must not exceed the page width specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.

All parameters are required.

A warning message is issued at creation time in any of the following situations:

- The start line value specified is larger than the page length value specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.
- The start position value specified is larger than the page width value specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.
- The sum of the length and the start line value for a vertical line is larger than the page length specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.
- The sum of the length and the start position value for a horizontal line is larger than the page width specified on the PAGESIZE parameter of the CRTPRTF command.

The DFNLIN keyword can be specified more than once at the record level.

Option indicators are allowed for this keyword.

The DFNLIN keyword cannot be specified on a record that also contains keywords that are valid only on IPDS printers (such as COLOR, BARCODE, and LPI). If DFNLIN is specified with any of those keywords, a severe error (severity 30) message will be issued.

If the DFNLIN keyword is specified when a printer file is created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS), a warning (severity 10) message is issued but the keyword is not ignored at creation time. However, the keyword is ignored and a message is issued when the printer file is used.

If the DFNLIN keyword is specified with a printer file created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), the keyword is ignored and a warning message is issued.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the DFNLIN keyword on the DDS form.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A*
00020A*
00030A          R RECORD1          DFNLIN(*HRZ  4 12 20)
00040A          DFNLIN(*VRT  5 12  6)
00050A          DFNLIN(*HRZ 10 12 20)
00060A          DFNLIN(*VRT  5 32  6)
      A
```

The output of RECORD1 format is a box.

The output of the first DFNLIN keyword is a horizontal line. The line is drawn to the right from the twelfth character position on the fourth line for a length of 20 characters.

The output of the second DFNLIN keyword is a vertical line. The line is drawn down from the twelfth character position on the fifth line for a length of 6 lines.

The output of the third DFNLIN keyword is a horizontal line. The line is drawn to the right from the ending point of the second line (10 = 4 + 6) for a length of 20 characters.

The output of the fourth DFNLIN keyword is a vertical line. The line is drawn down from the ending point of the first line (32 = 12 + 20) for a length of 6 lines.

IGCALTTYP (Alternative Data Type) keyword

You use this field-level keyword to change alphanumeric character fields to the DBCS fields of data type O.

This keyword has no parameters.

Put the keyword function into effect by changing the IGCDDTA parameter value in the file description, using the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command. Fields specified with this keyword are alphanumeric character fields when you specify IGCDDTA(*NO) and are DBCS fields of data type O when you specify IGCDDTA(*YES). For example, create the file by specifying IGCDDTA(*NO) on the CRTPRTF command. When using the file to print DBCS data, override the file with the OVRPRTF command, specifying IGCDDTA(*YES). To override the printer file IGCPRTF, type:

```
OVRPRTF FILE(IGCLIB/IGCPRTF) IGCDDTA(*YES)
```

Consider the following conditions when using the IGCALTTYP keyword:

- You can specify IGCALTTYP only for character fields. Do not specify it for DBCS fields.
- You cannot specify IGCALTTYP when other keywords defined for the field depend on the data type, because the function of this keyword is to change the data type.
- Option indicators are not allowed with IGCALTTYP.
- This keyword is ignored for files created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS).
- The following keywords are not allowed with the IGCALTTYP keyword:

```
BLKFOLD  
CPI  
CVTDTA  
IGCANKCHV  
TRNSCY
```

Example

The following example shows how to specify the IGCALTTYP keyword on the DDS coding form.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8  
00010A*  
00020A*  
00030A          R  TITLER          SKIPB(3)  
00040A          FLD1             40      47SPACEA(2) UNDERLINE  
00050A  30      FLD2             40A     47SPACEA(2) UNDERLINE IGCALTTYP  
          A
```

When the IGCALTTYP keyword is put into effect, FLD2 can contain DBCS data.

IGCANKCNV (Alphanumeric-to-DBCS Conversion) keyword

You use this field-level keyword to convert alphanumeric characters to equivalent DBCS characters (Japanese only).

Each DBCS character is printed twice as wide as a printed alphanumeric character.

This keyword has no parameters.

In addition to converting alphanumeric characters, the system adds shift-control characters at the beginning and end of converted character strings.

For example, the string

```
ABCDE
```

appears as:

```
0E A B C D E 0F
```

after it is converted. Note that shift-control characters were added to the string (0E=shift-out, 0F=shift-in).

You may specify IGCANKCNV for any named field.

Consider the following information when using the IGCANKCNV keyword:

- The converted characters are printed according to the instructions specified for printing DBCS data, such as expanded characters. For example, if you specify the CHRSIZ(2) keyword, the characters converted by this keyword are doubled in width.
- This conversion does not affect other attributes of a file. For example, if you specify this DDS keyword for a field that contains floating-point data, the system leaves the data in the floating-point format. Only the printed appearance of the field changes. Also, any other attributes defined for the field are still applicable, even those that are not valid for DBCS fields.
- The following DDS keywords are ignored when you specify the keyword IGCANKCNV:

```
BLKFOLD  
CPI  
DFT  
IGCALTTYP
```

- The length of the printed string of characters expanded by the IGCANKCNV function is at least two times the length of the original string plus two positions for the shift-control characters. For example, after a string of four Katakana characters is converted, its length is:

```
10 ((4 characters by 2) + 2 shift-control characters)
```

If you specify additional characters to be included in the string, such as with the EDTWRD function, those characters also are expanded and the length of the string changes accordingly. For example, suppose you specify a 4-position field that also includes a dollar sign and a decimal point, such as:

```
$12.34
```

After the field is converted, the field length is 14. The four numbers in the field are expanded (eight positions), the dollar sign and the decimal point are expanded (four positions) and shift-control characters are added (two positions).

- The field for which IGCANKCNV is specified should not contain any DBCS data. The system does not support conversion of fields with both alphanumeric and DBCS data. If a field with IGCANKCNV contains DBCS characters, the results of the conversion cannot be predicted.
- The field for which IGCANKCNV is specified cannot be a DBCS-graphic field (a field with a data type of G).
- The system replaces unprintable alphanumeric characters before it converts them to equivalent DBCS characters as specified by the RPLUNPRT value on the Create Printer File (CRTPRTF) command.
- The output must be printed on a DBCS printer.
- A warning message appears if IGCANKCNV is specified in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS).
- For files created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS), characters in the field specified with IGCANKCNV are printed using the font identified by the IGCCDEFNT keyword.
- IGCANKCNV cannot be specified on a record or on a field in a record if that record also contains COLOR, BARCODE, or LPI.

- Option indicators are not allowed with IGCANKCNV.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the IGCANKCNV keyword on the DDS coding form.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A*
00020A*
00030A          R RECORD          CHRISZ(2) SKIPB(3)
00040A          FLDA             400      20SPACEA(2)
00050A          FLDB             80A      20SPACEA(2) CHRISZ(1)
00060A          FLDC             20A      20SPACEA(2) IGCANKCNV
A
```

The alphanumeric characters printed from FLDC are converted to equivalent DBCS characters. These converted characters are then expanded because the record was specified with the DDS keyword CHRISZ(2).

IGCCDEFNT (DBCS Coded Font) keyword

You use this record- or field-level keyword to specify the DBCS-coded font for printing named or constant fields.

The format of this keyword is:

```
IGCCDEFNT([library-name/ | &library-name-field/]
          coded-font-name | &coded-font-name-field
          [( *POINTSIZE height-value | &height-value-field
          width-value | &width-value-field)])
```

The coded-font parameter is required and must be the name of an IBM i DBCS-coded font. It can be up to 8 characters long.

Use the optional library-name parameter to further qualify the coded-font. If you do not specify the library name, *LIBL is used to search for the coded font at print time. If *LIBL is used, the system-supplied font libraries are added to the library list when searching for the requested font. Using the library-name parameter allows the coded font name to be located more rapidly. However, the library list is still used to locate the character set and code page defined by the coded font name.

You can specify the library-name and coded-font-name as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following code:

- [library-name/]coded-font-name...
- [library-name/]&field1...
- [&field2/]coded-font-name...

When you specify the library-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the IGCCDEFNT keyword. It must be defined as length of 10, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

When you specify the coded-font-name as a program-to-system field, the field must exist in the same record format as the IGCCDEFNT keyword. It must be defined as length of 8, data type A (character), and usage P (program-to-system).

To view the IBM-supplied coded font names, you can use the Work with Font Resources (WRKFNTRSC) command and specify coded fonts. The IBM-supplied coded font names all start with the characters X0.

Note: If an application uses private resources (for example, fonts, page segments, overlays, or GDF files not distributed with the system), be aware of the following information. When referencing these resources, if you specify *LIBL or you do not specify a library name, the resources must be available through the library list used by the application creating the spooled file.

Use the optional point-size parameter to further define a DBCS coded font that specifies a point size. Specify the point-size parameter as an expression in the following form:

```
(*POINTSIZE height-value width-value)
```

The height-value specifies the point size for the height of the font. The width-value specifies the point size for the width of the font. If the font is to be uniformly scaled (where the height and width are the same), then you can specify only the height-value. You cannot specify the width-value without the height-value. The valid values for this parameter are 0.1 through 999.9.

You can specify the point-size height and point-size width as constants, as program-to-system fields, or as a combination of both, as shown in the following code:

- [(*POINTSIZE height-value &field1)]
- [(*POINTSIZE &field2 width-value)]

When you specify the point-size height-value or width-value as a program-to-system field, the fields must exist in the same record format as the IGCCDEFNT keyword. They must be defined as length 4 with 1 decimal position, data type S, and usage P (program-to-system).

Notes:

1. For raster DBCS fonts, Print Services Facility (PSF) ignores the point size. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time, and it does not issue any error messages.
2. If you do not specify a point size for an outline DBCS font, then PSF cannot print the spooled file. The spooled file is held at print writer time. PSF does not do any validation at spool intercept time.

The coded font value is validated at print time. An error message is issued if the value is not valid, or when the resource cannot be located.

Specify DEVTYPE(*AFPDS) on the CRTPRTF command when you have specified IGCCDEFNT in the file. If you change the DEVTYPE parameter to anything other than the *AFPDS value, the keyword is ignored, and a warning message is issued at print time.

Option indicators are valid for this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the IGCCDEFNT keyword.

```
|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
A*
A      R REC
A      FLD1          240      2 14IGCCDEFNT(XOG16B)
A      FLD2          240      3 14IGCCDEFNT(USERLIB/XOG16C +
A                                     (*POINTSIZE 10.0))
```

FLD1 in REC specifies coded font XOG16B. *LIBL is used to locate the DBCS resource. FLD2 specifies DBCS font XOG16C from library USERLIB. FLD2 will be printed with a point size of 10.0.

IGCCHRTT (DBCS Character Rotation) keyword

This field- or record-level keyword rotates each DBCS character 90 degrees counterclockwise before printing.

Rotation allows the system to print the characters so the printout can be read vertically. Use this keyword only for printer files to be printed with 5553 printers or IPDS AFP(*YES) printers. This keyword has no parameters.

Consider the following conditions when using this keyword:

- Use IGCCHRTT only with DBCS fields (the data type specified in position 35 is O or G) or with DBCS in constant fields.

- IGCCHRRTT rotates characters in alphanumeric fields specified with the DDS keyword IGCANKCNV, but does not rotate other alphanumeric characters.
- The system ignores IGCCHRRTT if IGCCHRRTT(*YES) is specified on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, or OVRPRTF command.
- If IGCCHRRTT is specified in a file created with DEVTYPE(*IPDS), a warning message appears.
- Characters in a field specified with the IGCCHRRTT keyword are rotated 270 degrees with respect to the page for files created with DEVTYPE(*AFPDS). Only DBCS characters are rotated.
- Option indicators are not allowed with this keyword.

Example

The following example shows how to specify the IGCCHRRTT keyword on the DDS coding form.

```

|...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...8
00010A*
00020A*
00030A      R  TITLER                      SKIPB(3)
00035A      FLD1                          IGCCHRRTT
00040A      400                          47SPACEA(2) UNDERLINE
      A

```

The printer prints DBCS characters from this format 90 degrees counterclockwise. The DBCS output can be read vertically.

Additional considerations for describing printer files that contain DBCS data

Consider this information when describing a printer file that contains double-byte character set (DBCS) data.

- If you describe fields in the file as DBCS fields, the system considers the file to be DBCS even if you do not specify IGCDTA(*YES) on the file creation command.
- Specify IGCDTA(*YES) on the CRTPRTF command when DBCS data is present in the file, but is not indicated in DDS. For example, specify IGCDTA(*YES) if the file sends messages that are DBCS (DDS keyword, MSGCON).
- Each printed DBCS character is twice as wide as a printed alphanumeric character. The location of a character on a printed page, as specified in DDS, is affected by the value specified for the CPI and IGCCPI parameters in the file description. Although the system does not use the CPI or IGCCPI values to determine the printed length of a field, this value does affect the physical space used on a printed form.

The physical space occupied on a printed form is also affected by the method used to print the shift-control characters. Specify shift-control character printing in the file description (IGCSOSI parameter on the CRTPRTF, CHGPRTF, and OVRPRTF commands). The IGCSOSI value specified for the printer file is ignored for DBCS-graphic fields. These fields are printed as if IGCSOSI(*NO) was specified.

Note: DDS does not consider the values specified for the CPI, IGCCPI, and IGCSOSI parameter values when calculating the printed length. Therefore, overlapping might occur when the field is actually printed, although the problem is not indicated when the DDS file is compiled.



This information applies to constant fields with DBCS data and to named fields.

- When using the reference function in a printer file, if you refer to a field in a database file that has data type J, O, or E, DDS assigns data type O for the field in the printer file. If you refer to a field that has data type G, DDS assigns data type G for the field in the printer file.



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