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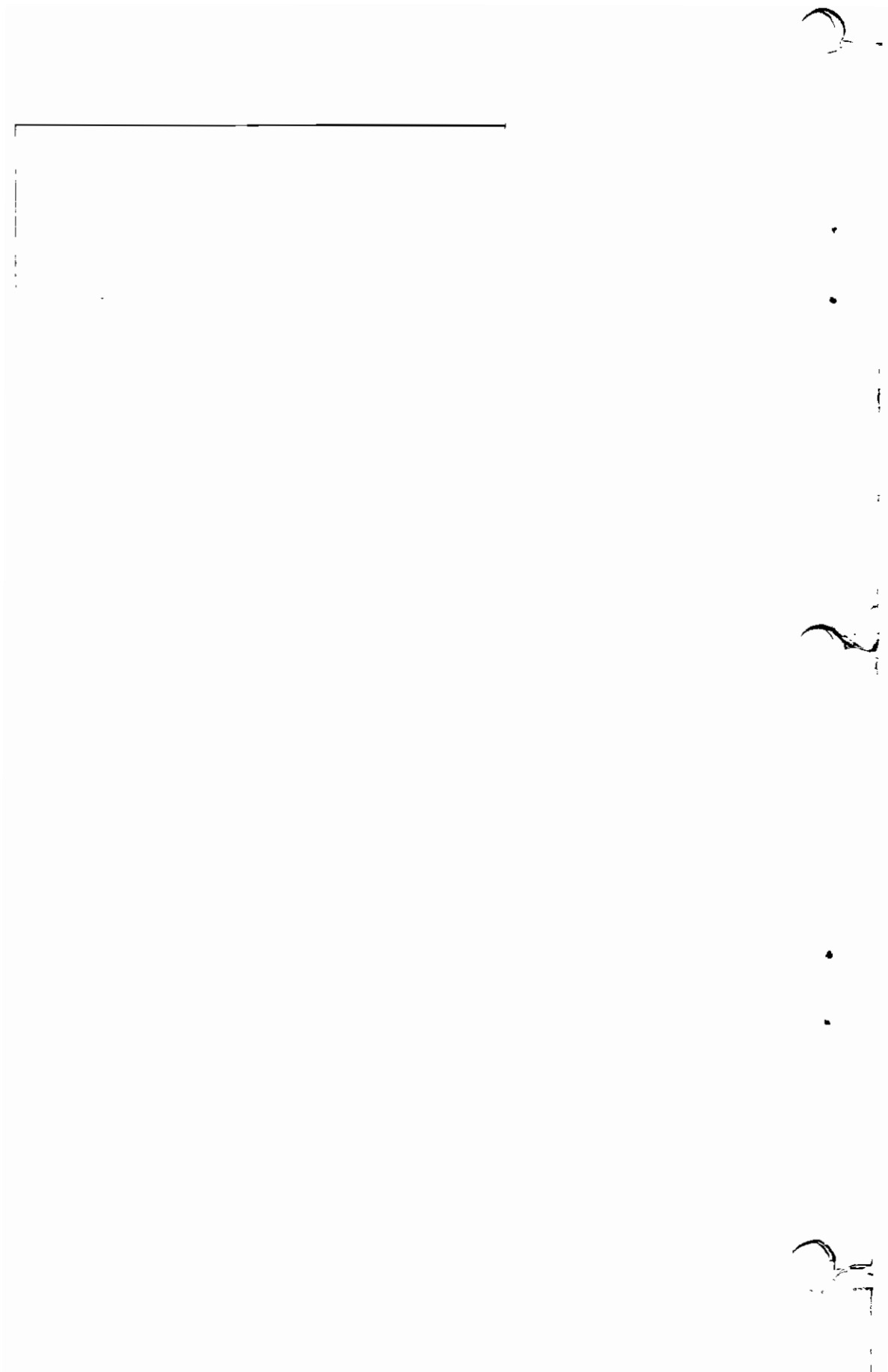
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We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our product and services and offer suggestions for familiarizing yourself with your BASIC/CAPS-11 Software. Appendix A of this document provides an overview of the BASIC/CAPS-11 Software Package, while Appendix B contains a description of DIGITAL Software Services. Appendix C is the BASIC/CAPS-11 Demonstration Package, which contains instructions for building and demonstrating BASIC/CAPS-11.

Immediately upon receipt of your BASIC/CAPS-11 Software Kit (QJ910-AN), you should read this complete document, the BASIC-11 LANGUAGE REFERENCE MANUAL and the BASIC/CAPS USER'S MANUAL. Once familiar with the contents of these, the BASIC/CAPS-11 Demonstration Package should be exercised to allow familiarization with BASIC itself.

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## APPENDIX A

### OVERVIEW OF BASIC/CAPS-11 SOFTWARE KIT

BASIC/CAPS-11 is distributed on cassette. Each kit contains the BASIC-11 LANGUAGE REFERENCE MANUAL (DEC-11-LIBBA-A-D) and the BASIC/CAPS USER'S MANUAL (DEC-11-LIBCA-A-D) and all the materials necessary to use BASIC/CAPS-11. The components of each package are inventoried on checklists attached to the outside of the kit. It is recommended that the Software Package contents be verified with the checklist. Any discrepancies should be reported to Digital's Software Distribution Center, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754.

The BASIC/CAPS-11 kit contains the following BASIC files:

<u>FILES</u>	<u>CASSETTE #</u>
CTLOAD.SYS	DEC-11-OTBAA-A-TC1
BASED.OVL	
BASEX.OVL	
BAS8K.SLO	
BASIC.SLO	
FTBLA.OBJ	
PROG2.OBJ	
PROG2.BAS	
FPMPEA.OBJ	
FPMPEI.OBJ	
FPMPPF.OBJ	
BASICR.OBJ	DEC-11-OTBAA-A-TC2
FPMP.OBJ	
BASICE.OBJ	
BASICX.OBJ	
BASICS.OBJ	
BASINT.OBJ	
FTBL.OBJ	
BASICH.OBJ	
BASING.OBJ	
FTBLG.OBJ	
PERVEG.OBJ	
GTNLPS.OBJ	
GTB.OBJ	
GTC.OBJ	

<u>FILES</u>	<u>CASSETTE #</u>
BASRO.OBJ	DEC-11-OTBAA-A-TC3
FPMP.OBJ	
BASE1.OBJ	
BASE2.OBJ	
BNOX.OBJ	
BASSO.OBJ	
BASHO.OBJ	
BASPT.OBJ	
BASINT.OBJ	
FTBL.OBJ	
PERPAR.PAL	
PERVEC.PAL	
BASINT.PAL	
FTBL.PAL	
BASINL.OBJ	
FTBLL.OBJ	
PERVEC.OBJ	
LPS0.OBJ	
LPS1.OBJ	
LPS2.OBJ	
LPS2C.OBJ	
LPS3.OBJ	
LPS4.OBJ	

BASIC.SLO and BAS8K.SLO are running versions of BASIC/CAPS-11. BASIC.SLO is a version with all features enabled for users with at least 16K words of memory. BAS8K is a version of BASIC/CAPS-11 assembled without the alphanumeric string capability and the 'PRINT USING' statement, linked to overlay itself. It is intended for 8K users and users who want BASIC to occupy the minimal memory possible. BASIC can be started as described in the BASIC/CAPS-11 User's Manual (Sections 1.1.1 and 1.1.2).

Instructions for building BASIC from the distribution kit can be found as part of the demonstration procedure that follows (Appendix C of this document).

Those files with the ".OBJ" extensions are the relocatable object modules which are linked together to form BASIC. They are used when customizing BASIC or adding assembly language functions. BASICR.OBJ, BASICE.OBJ, BASICX.OBJ, BASICS.OBJ and BASICH.OBJ are object modules for BASIC which have been assembled to include the alphanumeric string capability and the "PRINT USING" statement. BASRO.OBJ, BASE1.OBJ, BASE2.OBJ, BNOX.OBJ, BASSO.OBJ and BASHO.OBJ are object modules assembled without the optional string support, and without 'PRINT USING'. To build a BASIC with all features included follow the linking instructions in Section 5.2 of the CAPS-11 Addendum. To build a version of BASIC without string capability, follow the directions for building the 8K version. FPMP.OBJ is the floating point math package for BASIC. FPMPEA.OBJ, FPMPEI.OBJ and FPMFPF.OBJ are customized versions of that math package which support EAE, EIS and FPU hardware options, respectively. These versions may only be used with the BASIC files which support strings and require more than 8K words of memory.



To build a version of BASIC which uses one of these hardware options, use the corresponding version of the math package wherever FPMP is called for in the build instructions. FTBLA.OBJ, PROG2.OBJ, and PROG2.BAS are small programs used in the BASIC/CAPS-11 System Demonstration Package.

In addition, there are other files supplied in your BASIC/CAPS-11 kit which constitute the support routines for special purpose devices. These routines can be linked with BASIC/CAPS and CALLED by BASIC programs. The support for the Laboratory Peripheral System (LPS-11) is provided on files labelled LPSx.OBJ. The LPS routines are described in Appendix D of the BASIC-11 LANGUAGE REFERENCE MANUAL and the linking instructions are in section B.1 of the BASIC/CAPS-11 USER'S MANUAL. The support for the Graphics display GT-40 (or GT-44) is provided in files labelled GTx.OBJ. The GT routines are described in Appendix C of the BASIC-11 LANGUAGE REFERENCE MANUAL and the linking instructions are described in Section B.2 of the BASIC/CAPS-11 USER'S MANUAL. Files labelled FTBLx.xxx, PERVEx.xxx, and BASINx.xxx, are to be linked with BASIC/CAPS whenever either the GT support or the LPS support is linked.

Finally, in addition to the Binary kit described above, BASIC/CAPS-11 Source Kits and Listing Kits are available at additional fees to assist in system development or modification.



## APPENDIX B

### SERVICES

#### Training

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SPR forms are appropriate to most DIGITAL software systems and their documentation. That includes all diagnostic (MAINDEC) software as well as system programs. You may obtain blank forms from the Software

Distribution Center. You receive blank forms in your software kits, and blank forms are sent with each answer. This service is guaranteed for one year after you receive your system.

You can help by sending in fully documented problem reports or well described suggestions. Be sure to give the full configuration and software version number, and send any examples, tapes, listings, etc., to back up your report. Think of what you would need as maintainer to investigate the problem or evaluate a suggested change.

#### Digital Software News for the PDP-11

Announcements of new and revised software as well as programming notes, software problems and proposed solutions, and documentation corrections are published monthly in the Digital Software News. Filling out the CAPS-11 registration form will assure you of receiving this publication for at least one year.

#### Software Distribution Center

A PDP-11 Software Price List is available from the Software Distribution Center and contains a complete list of programs and documents currently available. You may order any item(s) directly from the Software Distribution Center by using the Software Order Form enclosed in the Price List. As noted previously, new and revised software is announced via the Digital Software News.

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The Society sponsors technical symposia twice a year (Spring and Fall) in the U.S., and once a year in Europe, Canada, and Australia. It maintains a Program Library, publishes a library catalog, proceedings of symposia, and a periodic newsletter: DECUSCOPE.

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By completing and returning the registration form included in your kit, you are eligible to order replacement or additional copies of your software at the prevailing Software Distribution Center prices plus any handling or shipping charges. You must register to be eligible. Complete and mail the form to:

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APPENDIX C  
BASIC/CAPS-11 SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION PACKAGE

INTRODUCTION

This document provides the information needed to perform a simple demonstration of BASIC/CAPS-11. The steps described are intended to provide a user who is familiar with CAPS-11 but unfamiliar with BASIC, enough information to exercise BASIC.

This package assumes familiarity with the CAPS-11 Operating System. The user should be familiar with the contents of the CAPS-11 USER'S GUIDE and, the BASIC-11 LANGUAGE REFERENCE MANUAL and the BASIC/CAPS-11 USER'S MANUAL. New users should exercise the CAPS-11 System Demonstration package before exercising this BASIC/CAPS-11 Demonstration package.

The programs that are required in the demonstration of BASIC/CAPS-11 are labeled PROG2.OBJ and PROG2.BAS. These programs are supplied as part of the BASIC/CAPS kit.

Read the following general instructions, then proceed to Step 1. Instructions for operating any of the CAPS-11 supported devices with which you are unfamiliar can be found in Chapter 1 of the CAPS-11 USER'S GUIDE.

#### NOTE

The responses listed in the demonstration do not occur immediately, but are printed when the appropriate cassette operation has completed.

If user errors occur within a section, go back to the beginning of that particular section.

User typing errors may be corrected using the standard CAPS-11 input editing techniques (RUBOUT and ↑U).

In case of errors which are not explained in this document please refer to the CAPS-11 User's Manual (DEC-11-OTUGA-A-D).

User programs which use both the line printer and terminal for output should print a blank line on the Teletype<sup>1</sup> after opening the line printer for output. (If this is not done, the user's first Teletype output statement may have its print columns off by 1 space). For example:

```
10 OPEN 'LP:' FOR OUTPUT AS FILE 2
20 PRINT
30 .
  .
  .
```

#### Conventions, abbreviations and standards used:

1. All numbers are listed in octal unless otherwise indicated.
2. The following abbreviations are used:

CTRL	- CONTROL key
CR	- RETURN key
LF	- LINE FEED key
TT	- Terminal keyboard and printer
PR	- High speed paper tape reader
PP	- High speed paper tape punch
LP	- Line printer
CT	- Cassette tape

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3. <CR> or <LF> indicates that the RETURN or LINE FEED key should be typed at that place in the dialogue.
4. <ALT> indicates that the ALTMODE (or ESCAPE) key should be typed at that place in the dialogue.
5. Text enclosed in square brackets, [], is a comment, do not type any such text.
6. CTRL/X indicates that the CONTROL key should be depressed and held down while another key, "x", is also depressed.
7. <TAB> indicates that a horizontal tab should be typed.
8. On LT33 and LT35 Teletype terminals, special characters that are produced by holding down one key and depressing another are:

↑	SHIFT/N
\	SHIFT/L
[	SHIFT/K
]	SHIFT/M
<TAB>	CTRL/I

9. The sample terminal dialogue provided in this document contains version numbers where they would normally appear. The version numbers given may not be identical to those typed by your system; this should not be considered a system or user error.

The following are instructions for building and demonstrating BASIC/CAPS-11. They include making a copy of the BASIC master cassette, and a sample linking of BASIC with an assembly language subroutine, PROG2.OBJ. PROG2.OBJ is a user function to count the number of bits set in the floating accumulator. This program has to be linked with the BASIC object modules to form the BASIC load module, BASICD.SLO. When this demonstration is complete, there will be a new cassette with BASICD.SLO. BASICD.SLO will be the special version of BASIC generated for the purposes of this demonstration, which includes an additional user function (BITS).

1. Bootstrap a CAPS-11 system and enter the date. (See Section 3.1 of the CAPS-11 User's Guide for details).

Write-protect the BASIC/CAPS-11 cassette #1 (DEC-11-OTBAA-A-TC1) by placing the orange tabs on the cassette so that the holds are uncovered. Mount this cassette on unit 1.

Depress the rewind button on cassette unit 1.

Type: R PIP<CR>

Response: \*

When the CAPS-11 system cassette has rewound, dismount it and mount a scratch cassette on unit 0, write enabled.

Type: 0:=1:<CR>

Response: \*

Dismount the master BASIC cassette from unit 1. For the rest of this demonstration, use the copy of this cassette just made with PIP. (Copies of all the BASIC cassettes should eventually be made, and all the masters stored away.)

Dismount the copy of the master BASIC cassette from unit 0 and remount it on unit 1. Mount a scratch cassette write enabled on unit 0.

Type: 0:/Z

Response: \*

Type: 0:CTLOAD.SYS=1:CTLOAD.SYS

Response: \*

Type: 0:BASED.OVL=1:BASED.OVL

Response: \*

Type: 0:BASEX.OVL=1:BASEX.OVL

Response: \*

Type: 0:PROG2.BAS=1:PROG2.BAS

Dismount the copy of the BASIC cassette from unit 1. Mount the CAPS-11 system cassette on unit 1.

Type: CTRL/C

Response: ↑C

Type: R 1:LINK<CR>

Response: \*

If your system has more than 8K of memory, GO TO STEP 3.

2. Type:

\*BASICD.SLO=1:BASRO/P,FPMP/F,BASE1/F,BASE2/F,BNOX/F/B:400/C<CR>  
,BASO/F,BASINT/F,FTBLA/P,PROG2/F,BASHO/P,BASPT/F<CR>

Response: 1?

Dismount CAPS-11 system cassette from unit 1. Mount the BASIC OBJ cassette containing BASRO.OBJ on unit 1 write-locked. For the rest of this demonstration, when reference is made to "The BASIC OBJ Cassette", it means the cassette containing BASRO.OBJ

Type: <CR>

Response: 1?

GO TO STEP 4

3. Type:

\*BASICD.SLO=1:BASICR/P,FPMP/F,BASICE/F,BASICX/F/B:400/C<CR>  
,BASICS/F,BASINT/F,FTBLA/P,PROG2/F,BASICH/P<CR>

Response: 1?

Dismount CAPS-11 system cassette from unit 1. Mount the BASIC OBJ cassette containing BASICR.OBJ on unit 1, write-locked. For the rest of this demonstration, when reference is made to "The BASIC OBJ Cassette", it means the cassette containing BASICR.OBJ.

Type: <CR>

Response: 1?

4. Dismount BASIC OBJ cassette from unit 1. Mount cassette containing PROG2.OBJ on unit 1, write-locked.

Type: <CR>

Response: 1?

Dismount cassette containing PROG2.OBJ from unit 1, remount BASIC OBJ cassette on unit 1.

Type: <CR>  
Response: TRANSFER ADDRESS: xxxxxx  
LOW LIMIT: xxxxxx  
HIGH LIMIT: xxxxxx  
  
PASS 2  
  
1?

Type: <CR>  
Response: 1?

Dismount BASIC OBJ cassette from unit 1. Mount cassette containing PROG2.OBJ on unit 1.

Type: <CR>  
Response: 1?

Dismount cassette containing PROG2.OBJ from unit 1. Mount BASIC OBJ cassette on unit 1.

Type: <CR>  
Response: \*  
Type: CTRL/C  
Response: ↑C  
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The following instructions are for running a simple BASIC program, PROG2.BAS a program which accepts a number at the Teletype, then calls the user function BITS to count the bits that are set in the floating point representation of that number. The floating point representation of 5.0 is 40640,0 (octal) and the representation of -5 is 140640,0 (octal).

Type: R BASICD<CR>  
Response: BASIC/CAPS V01-01  
OPT FNS?

If the BASIC/CAPS version message is not printed, but instead the computer halts with the RUN light off, then a write error occurred during the linking of BASICD.SLO. Go back to step 1 and re-link BASICD.SLO.

TYPE <CR>  
Response: USER FNS LOADED  
  
TERM?

If your terminal is a Teletype or parallel LA30 DECwriter, GO TO STEP 6.

If your terminal is a serial LA30 DECwriter, GO TO STEP 5.

If your terminal is a VT05

Type: 2<CR>

GO TO STEP 7

5. Type: 1<CR>

GO TO STEP 7

6. Type: <CR>

7. Response: DATE:

The DATE request enters the specified date to the system. This date is assigned to new directory entries.

Type: dd-mm-yy <CR>

Where dd-mm-yy is the day, month and year; dd is a decimal number in the range 1-31; mm is the first three characters of the name of the month; and yy is the last two digits of the year in the range 73-79. For example 11-MAR-74 is a valid response to the DATE request.

Response: READY

Type: OLD PROG2<CR>

Response: READY

Type: RUN<CR>

Response: PROG2 DD-MM-YY BASIC/CAPS V01-01

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Type: 5.0<CR>

Response: 4  
?

Type: -5<CR>

Response: 5  
?

Type: CTRL/C

Response: ↑C

STOP AT LINE 25

READY

BASIC/CAPS-11 may be run in immediate mode. Statements without line numbers are executed as soon as they are entered. (For 8K users, response to immediate mode is slightly slower, due to overlaying from cassette.)

Type: FOR I=1 TO 5\PRINT I,SQR(I)\NEXT I<CR>

Response: 1 1  
2 1.41421  
3 1.73205  
4 2  
5 2.23607

Type:

PRINT "END OF BASIC/CAPS-11 DEMONSTRATION" <CR>

Response:

END OF BASIC/CAPS-11 DEMONSTRATION

Type: CTRL/C

Response: ↑C  
STOP  
READY

Type: CTRL/C

Response: ↑C  
REBOOT?

Set switch register to 0. Mount CAPS-11 system on unit 0.

Type: Y<CR>

Response: .

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Did you find errors in this manual? If so, specify by page.

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Did you find this manual understandable, usable, and well-organized? Please make suggestions for improvement.

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Is there sufficient documentation on associated system programs required for use of the software described in this manual? If not, what material is missing and where should it be placed?

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- ☐ Assembly language programmer
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- ☐ Occasional programmer (experienced)
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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